



# 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

closes with a bang...**FIREWORKS**, that is



**ROSARY AT THE GROTTO**—After Mass and a potluck supper, parishioners and area clergy gathered in the Grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary to pray a rosary before the fireworks on Aug. 7 closing the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Lawrence Church's founding in 1847. (Submitted photo)



**CONTESTS**—Many fun gatherings have been held in St. Lawrence Parish, New Hamburg, leading up to its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including this "Judging of the Beards," contest held Feb. 19, 2022. The New Hamburg parish was founded in 1847. (Submitted photo)

New Hamburg, MO

**S**aint Lawrence Parish, New Hamburg, MO, celebrated the closing of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish on Sun., Aug. 7, with a Mass celebrated by Bp. Edward M. Rice, a social, prayer in the grotto, a potluck supper, and fireworks. The parish was founded in 1847. Its current pastor is Fr. Bala Swamy Govindu, who is also the pastor of St. Denis Church, Benton, MO.

## HISTORY

The first people to settle in New Hamburg came from the Alsace-Lorraine area of Europe, between France and Germany. They left their homeland because of religious persecution caused by the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars. Their first stop was in Massillon OH, where land prices of \$50 an acre forced them to settle elsewhere. They sailed down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi River to a place called Texas Bend where they could purchase land for \$1.25 an acre. When a malaria epidemic forced them to leave, they settled in the Benton, MO, area but were soon forced out by religious persecution. Masses were celebrated in private homes until 1847, when a donation of land enabled the Catholic community to build a log church, dedicated to

*Through the hardships of founding fathers (and mothers), the stability and growth of the St. Lawrence Catholic community is founded on its faith in God and one another.*

the Blessed Virgin Mary. From 1869-1904, the log church was also used to house a parochial grade school.

The present church building was begun in 1853 and dedicated in 1859. The design was based on the memory of church in Schirrhein, Germany. In 1858, the church was named St. Lawrence in honor of the patron saint of the son of Wendolin Bucher, who donated the land upon which the church was built.

## 'MOTHER CHURCH'

On May 10, 1864, Confederates burned the church and other buildings and records of the church were lost. It was rebuilt after the Civil War. In 1871, Catholics in

the community of Kelso formed their own parish, as did Catholics in Benton and Oran in 1904. Chaffee Catholics formed a parish in 1907. New Hamburg is considered the "Mother church" for Scott County and still occupies the central geographic position of these five Catholic churches. ©TM

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**PIONEER DRESS**—Many fun gatherings have been held in St. Lawrence Parish, New Hamburg, leading up to its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including this "Best Looking 'Pioneer'" contest held Feb. 19, 2022. The New Hamburg parish was founded in 1847. (Submitted photo)



**175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**—Father Bala Swamy Govindu, pastor, and Bp. Edward M. Rice showed off the cake at the parish potluck supper on Aug. 7 marking the close of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the founding of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in New Hamburg, MO. (Submitted photo)

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COME, AND  
YOU WILL SEE

Bp. Edward M. Rice

# Three new seminarians for the diocese

In my last column, I shared my thoughts on the importance of Catholic identity and the integrity of life required of a teacher in our Catholic schools. Notice that I didn't say, "Catholic teachers," but teachers in our Catholic schools. The reality is that we do partner with non-Catholics in the faith formation and education of the students in our schools. How can that be? First, by the integrity of their lives, as with a Catholic teacher, they strive in their moral and civic life to be intentional disciples of Jesus. Then, by a spirit of openness—i.e., not being an obstacle to what the Catholic school is trying to accomplish—forming our students as intentional disciples of Jesus in our Catholic faith.

In this column, I would like to highlight and offer my profound thanks to the many volunteers that serve their parish as PSR directors, catechetical leaders, catechists, youth directors, RCIA leaders and catechists. I hope each of you is recognized on the local level on **Catechetical Sunday**, which is celebrated Sept. 18 this year! If you think passing on the faith is difficult, try passing on the faith when you have one shot every week in a PSR program! Many who volunteer as catechists and directors of parish programs are just that: volunteers. For all that you do—I thank you!

## FREE FORMATION

Whether you are a teacher in a Catholic school or teaching in one of the PSR programs, or simply have the desire to grow in your faith, I hope everyone knows the many resources that are



**NEW SEMINARIANS**—The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau recently accepted three new seminarians (from left to right): Jesse Thompson, Trey Ringgold, and Wyatt McFall. (Photos by Bruce Stidham/The Mirror)

available to them through the Online Catechetical Institute from Franciscan University. All these courses are FREE of charge, thanks to the generosity of the Missouri Knights of Columbus. Franciscan University is constantly putting out new programs to help in the faith formation of our young people and adults. More information, including how to register, can be found on p. 14 of this issue of *The Mirror*! And let us not forget the three-year Eucharistic Revival that we have entered into. The USCCB Website has many resources as well. And, a good number of our parishes participate in "Formed," a Catholic App that focuses on Catholic movies for all ages, Bible study, and sacramental prep materials. I constantly tell all of our teachers, principals, catechetical directors, and youth ministers that they share in my work in forming people in the faith. And that is the way it should be. That's the role of the laity. Hopefully our priests are nurturing our people who in turn, nurture the faith in others. And when that happens, as it does here in southern Missouri, the faith grows. I'm not naïve and I know we have our challenges, and the greatest challenge is to move forward in faith. Thanks for all

you do.

## NEW SEMINARIANS

I am so pleased that we have **three new candidates** that have entered into formation and formal discernment for the priesthood, God willing. One of the young men, Jesse Thompson, from St. Cecilia Parish, Kennett, MO, is in formation as he finishes his degree at Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH. The other two men are both from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Springfield. Trey Ringgold is in an internship at St. Vincent de Paul, Cape Girardeau, while Wyatt McFall is in Conception Seminary, Conception, MO. These three men, along with the three returning seminarians, bring us up to six total seminarians for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, which is just under 25% of our goal of having **25 seminarians by the year 2025**.

I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of our vocation promoters throughout southern Missouri, from Joplin to Cape Girardeau. They will be a blessing to Fr. Scott Sunnenberg, our diocesan Director of Vocations & Seminarians, as he continues to work with young men discerning God's will in their lives. The

three-year Eucharistic Revival should also result in a revival of vocations.

*Some important dates to remember:*

**Fri., Sept. 9, is International "Buy a Priest a Beer Day"**

**Wed., Sept. 14, Project Andrew Dinner, Immaculate Conception Parish, Springfield, 6:30 p.m.**

**Sun., Sept. 25, Priesthood Sunday, nation-wide**

**event coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International**

**Tue., Sept. 27, Project Andrew Dinner, St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Joplin, 6:30 p.m.**

**Sun., Oct. 9, Deacon Sunday**

**Nov. 6-Nov. 12, National Vocations Awareness Week**

**Sun., Nov. 6, Project Andrew Dinner, St. John Vianney Parish, Mountain View, 4:30 p.m.**

**Sun., Nov. 7, Project Andrew Dinner, time & location TBD**

**Nov. 12-14, 2022, Fall "Encounter with God's Call," visit to Conception Seminary, Conception, MO**

**Feb. 4-5, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is Feb. 2, 2023 (celebrated in parishes Feb. 4-5)**

Let us continue to pray for the renewal of marriage and family life as well as for vocations to the priesthood and life as a consecrated religious. ©TM

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Obispo Edward M. Rice

# Tres nuevos seminaristas para la diócesis

**E**n mi última columna, compartí mis pensamientos sobre la importancia de la identidad católica y la integridad de vida que se requiere de un profesor de nuestras escuelas católicas. Fíjate que no he dicho “profesores católicos”, sino “profesores de nuestras escuelas católicas”. La realidad es que nos asociamos con los no católicos en la formación de la fe y la educación de los alumnos en nuestras escuelas. ¿Cómo puede ser eso? En primer lugar, por la integridad de sus vidas, como con un maestro católico, se esfuerzan en su vida moral y cívica por ser discípulos intencionales de Jesús. Luego, mediante un espíritu de apertura —es decir, no siendo un obstáculo para lo que la escuela católica intenta lograr— formar a nuestros alumnos como discípulos intencionales de Jesús en nuestra fe católica.

En esta columna, me gustaría destacar y ofrecer mi profundo agradecimiento a los muchos voluntarios que sirven a su parroquia como directores de PSR, líderes de catequesis, catequistas, directores de jóvenes, líderes de RICA y catequistas. Espero que cada uno de ustedes sea reconocido a nivel local el **Domingo Catequético** que este año se celebra el 18 de septiembre. Si crees que transmitir la fe es difícil, intenta transmitir la fe cuando tengas una oportunidad cada semana en un programa de catequesis parroquial! Muchos de los que se ofrecen como catequistas y directores de programas parroquiales son sólo eso: voluntarios. Por todo lo que ustedes hacen, ¡les doy las gracias!

## FORMACIÓN GRATUITA

Tanto si eres profesor en una escuela católica como si enseñas en uno de los programas de catequesis parroquial, o simplemente tienes el deseo de crecer en tu fe, espero que todos conozcan los muchos recursos que están a su disposición a través del Instituto Catequético Online de la Universidad Franciscana. Todos estos cursos son gratuitos, gracias a la generosidad de los Caballeros de Colón de Missouri. La Universidad Franciscana está constantemente sacando nuevos programas para ayudar en la formación de la fe de nuestros jóvenes y adultos. Puedes encontrar más información, incluyendo cómo inscribirte, en la página 14 de este

número de *The Mirror*. Y no olvidemos el Renacimiento Eucarístico de tres años en el que hemos entrado. El sitio web de la USCCB también tiene muchos recursos. Además, un buen número de nuestras parroquias participan en “Formed”, una app católica que se centra en películas católicas para todas las edades, en el estudio de la Biblia y en materiales de preparación sacramental. Constantemente les digo a todos nuestros maestros, directores, directores de catequesis y ministros de la juventud que comparten mi trabajo de formar a las personas en la fe. Y así es como debe ser. Ese es el papel de los laicos. Es de esperar que nuestros sacerdotes nutran a nuestro pueblo, que a su vez nutre la fe de los demás. Y cuando eso ocurre, como ocurre aquí en el sur de Missouri, la fe crece. No soy ingenuo y sé que tenemos nuestros retos, y el mayor reto es avanzar con fe. Gracias por todo lo que ustedes hacen.

## NUEVOS SEMINARISTAS

Estoy muy contento de que tengamos **tres nuevos candidatos** que han entrado en formación y discernimiento formal para el sacerdocio, si Dios quiere. Uno de los jóvenes, Jesse Thompson, de la Parroquia Santa Cecilia, Kennett (Missouri) está en formación mientras termina su carrera en la Universidad Franciscana, Steubenville (Ohio). Los otros dos hombres son de la parroquia de Santa Isabel Ana Seton, en Springfield. Trey Ringgold está en prácticas en San Vicente de Paúl, Cape Girardeau, mientras que Wyatt McFall está en el Seminario de la Concepción, Conception (Missouri). Estos tres hombres, junto con los tres seminaristas que regresan, nos llevan a un total de seis seminaristas para la Diócesis de Springfield-Cape

Girardeau, lo que supone algo menos del 25% de nuestro objetivo de tener **25 seminaristas para el año 2025**.

Me anima el entusiasmo de nuestros promotores vocacionales en todo el sur de Missouri, desde Joplin hasta Cape Girardeau. Serán una bendición para el P. Scott Sunnenberg, nuestro director diocesano de vocaciones y seminaristas, mientras sigue trabajando con los jóvenes que discernen la voluntad de Dios en sus vidas. El Renacimiento Eucarístico de tres años debería dar lugar también a un renacimiento de las vocaciones.

*Algunas fechas importantes para recordar:*

**Viernes 9 de septiembre: Día Internacional “Compra una cerveza a un sacerdote”**

**Miércoles, 14 de septiembre: Cena del Proyecto Andrés, Parroquia Inmaculada Concepción, Springfield, 6:30 p. m.**

**Domingo 25 de septiembre: Domingo del Sacerdocio, evento a nivel nacional coordinado y patrocinado por el Consejo de Estados Unidos de Serra Internacional**

**Martes, 27 de septiembre: Cena del Proyecto Andrés, Parroquia San Pedro Apóstol, Joplin, 6:30 p. m.**

**Domingo 9 de octubre: Domingo del Diácono**

**Del 6 al 12 de noviembre: Semana Nacional de la Conciencia Vocacional**

**Domingo, 6 de noviembre: Cena del Proyecto Andrés, Parroquia San Juan Vianney, Mountain View, 4:30 p. m.**

**Domingo, 7 de noviembre: Cena del Proyecto Andrés, hora y lugar por determinar**

**12-14 de noviembre de 2022, Otoño “Encuentro con la llamada de Dios”, visita al Seminario de la Concepción, Conception (Missouri)**

**4-5 de febrero: la Jornada Mundial de Oración por la Vida Consagrada es el 2 de febrero de 2023 (se celebra en las parroquias el 4 y 5 de febrero)**

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## ANOTHER WALK THROUGH: ‘WALKING TOGETHER’

by Bishop Emeritus John J. Leibrecht



Before his retirement in 2008 as the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Bishop John Leibrecht wrote a standing column in *The Mirror* entitled, “Walking Together.” At the end of each article, Bp. Leibrecht would normally share a funny story referencing his travels

to the schools, or time with friends, family, or other bishops. *The Mirror* has decided to share a few of these in an ongoing series entitled, “Another walk through: ‘Walking Together.’” We hope you enjoy them.

**August 21, 1987** After the recent Marian Days Mass with the Vietnamese at Carthage on Saturday evening, Fr. Barnabas Thiep told the people that it happened to be my birthday. With that, they began singing. When they finished, a person next to me leaned over and asked: “Bishop, when was the last time you had 30,000 people sing ‘Happy Birthday’ to you?” On the front of one of the birthday cards I received was the statement: “Age Is Something To Be Proud Of.” The inside of the card read: “You must be very, very, very, very proud!”

**September 11, 1987** A father told me recently he realized he was getting older because what his daughter said she was learning in history class he had studied as current events.

**September 18, 1987** My brother, Fr. Robert Leibrecht, is pastor of a parish which has almost 200 baptisms each year. After the baptism of seven infants last Sunday, which had been more hectic than usual, one of the sponsors said, “Father, I’m convinced parish priests earn EVERY cent of what little they are paid.”



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**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES**  
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**THE EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE**  
*of Santarém*

During the national three-year Eucharistic Revival, The Very Rev. Shoby Chettiyath, V.G., the diocesan Vicar General, will write a series of articles exploring the various Eucharistic Miracles of the World. A companion for readers in this series is, "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World," an international exhibition designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, the Servant of God. All rights reserved; used with permission. More information may be found at <http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html>.

This most important Eucharistic Miracle we highlight in this article took place on Feb. 16, 1266, in the city of Santarém, of the District of Fatima in Portugal. The fact remains that the consecrated host has been preserved for more than 750 years, intact and drenched in Blood, in the church of St. Stephen of the Holy Miracle.

The most ancient documents describe how the miracle happened: A young wife suffering from the infidelity of her husband in the sacrament of marriage, consulted a sorceress to regain his faithfulness and save her marriage. The Sorceress told her to go to the church and steal a "consecrated Host"

to use for sorcery. The desperate woman went to the Church of St. Stephen to attend the Mass and after receiving Holy Communion, took it out of her mouth and wrapped it in a veil that immediately became stained with Blood. The unfortunate woman, overcome with fear and confusion, rushed home and locked the miraculous Host in a trunk. In the middle of the night, a bright light coming from the trunk woke the wife and the unfaithful husband. When she explained to him what she had done, the couple knelt in front of the trunk and repented.

In the early morning, the parish priest was informed of the event and came to the couple's house to take the Host and carry it back to St. Stephen's Church in a solemn procession, followed by a crowd of religious and faithful. The Host continued to bleed for three more days. Then later the priest kept the Host in a wax pyx at the church and soon word spread, bringing many to visit the church to witness.

In 1340, when a priest opened the

tabernacle, he found the wax pyx was broken into many pieces: in its place was a crystal vase containing the Blood mixed with the wax. The Sacred Host is now preserved in an 18th century Eucharistic throne above the main altar.

"Throughout the centuries, on various occasions the Host gave new emissions of Blood, and in some cases various images of Our Lord were seen in the Holy Eucharist. Among the witnesses of this prodigy is St. Francis Xavier, the apostle of the Indies, who visited the shrine before going on the missions. Every year since the miracle occurred, on the

second Sunday of April, the precious relic is processed from the home of the couple to the Church of St. Stephen. The couple's home became a chapel in the year 1684."

Numerous studies and canonical analyses were carried out on the relics. The Host changed into bleeding Flesh and Blood flowed out of the Blessed Sacrament. Both relics are preserved to this day in the Church of St. Stephen in

*The woman stole the Host and hid it in a linen cloth that immediately became stained with Blood.*



*Pedro Crasbeeck, Print of 1612 that shows exactly the glass ampulla in which was miraculously found the Host of the miracle.*

Santarém. Some Popes granted plenary indulgences to this Eucharistic miracle: Pius IV, St. Pius V, Pius VI, and Pope Gregory XIV. Still today, it is possible to admire these precious relics in the Church of St. Stephen of Santarém. ©TM

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**KNIGHTS DONATE BIBLES TO STUDENTS**

Council #14096 presented each fifth grader in St. Mary Catholic School a Bible. Blessing the Bibles was Father Brian Straus, after reminding the students that the true source of wisdom can be found in the Bible. (Submitted photo)

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**SUN., NOV. 6, 2022 | 4:30 PM**

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808 State Highway Y  
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**MON., NOV. 7, 2022 | TBD**

Location TBD | Cape Girardeau



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Belleville, IL**—The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and the St. Clair Mental Health Board Suicide Prevention Alliance will hold two programs at the Shrine: **Question, Persuade, Refer Suicide Prevention Training**, Wed., Sept. 7, 6-7 p.m., in the Shrine's Guild Center. Training is free and is for anyone who wants to know how to help someone who is struggling with thoughts of suicide. Due to space limitations, registration is required. For more information or to register, go to [snows.org/vigil](http://snows.org/vigil) or call (618) 394-6281. There will be a **"We Remember You" Candlelight Vigil** for those who have died by suicide and their loved ones, on Wed., Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m., at the Shrine's Lourdes Grotto. The cost for both programs is free.

**Branson**—The Knights of Columbus will co-host an American Red Cross Blood drive, **Branson Area Battle of the Badges**, Fri., Sept. 23, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, located at 202 Vaughn Dr. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767, or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter BRANSONHERO.

**Kimberling City**—Our Lady of the Cove Catholic Church, located at 20 Kimberling Blvd., will have its **Fall Garage Sale**, Fri., Oct. 7, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sat., Oct. 8, 8 a.m.-12 noon. Clothing, furniture, appliances, and much more! For more information, call the church office, (417) 739-4700.

**Leopold**—St. John Parish Council of Catholic Women will host the **Hotze Mission Breakfast** at the Knights Hall, Sun., Oct. 16, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fried potatoes, pancakes, fruit, and drink, all for a good will donation. There will also be a bake sale. Proceeds to support the foreign missions in honor of the three Hotze brothers. For additional information, please call Geri, (573) 208-6445.

**Marshfield**—The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) will host a **Rummage Sale**, Thu., Oct. 6, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., Oct. 7, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sat., Oct. 8, 8-11 a.m., at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, located at 515 E. Washington. Donations of clean & working household items, jewelry, clothing, toys, outdoor items, holiday décor, and antiques will be accepted on Mon., Oct. 2 and Tue., Oct. 3, at the parish hall behind the church. We are unable to accept televisions, computers, exercise equipment, or paint/chemicals. Proceeds will be used to fund the many charities supported by the PCCW.

**Scott City**—St. Joseph Catholic Church will have its **Annual Fall Dinner**, Sun., Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the St. Joseph School gym. Served buffet style, menu includes kettle beef, chicken & dumplings, chicken & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, dessert, tea & coffee. Cost: adults, \$14; \$7 for children, ages 6-12; children under age 5: free. Carry-out available; the country store and bakery shop will be open.

**Sikeston**—The Knights of Columbus will host its **Annual Chicken Fry** as a drive-thru event, Sat., Sept. 17, 4-7 p.m., at the Knights Hall, located on East Tanner St. Menu includes fried chicken, baked beans, slaw, potato salad, and dessert. Tickets are \$12 and are available from K of C members or Women of St. Francis Xavier members, or pay when you pick up.

**Springfield**—The **38th Annual St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Harvest Home Festival** will be held Fri., Sept. 9, 5 p.m.-midnight and Sat., Sept. 10, 4 p.m.-midnight at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, located at 2200 Republic Rd. This year's festival includes children's games, rides & inflatables, laser tag, mechanical bull ride, bingo, kid's talent show, live music, BBQ, fair food, Filipino food on Saturday, silent auction, and more!

**Springfield**—Beginning Experience of Springfield is offering an eight-week support program, **Coping with Life Alone**, designed to help individuals work through the trauma of losing a spouse through death or divorce. The program will begin Thu., Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, located at 2200 W. Republic Rd. Beginning Experience programs offer strength and growth through a community of friendship, support and prayer. The program's trained facilitators have themselves experienced separation, divorce, or the death of a spouse. The cost is \$30, financial assistance is available for those in need. To pre-register, call Diane, (417) 859-0175 or (870) 688-8829; or Barb, (417) 827-3641; or Donna, (417) 529-1085.

**Springfield**—Springfield Area Perpetual Adoration in Holy Trinity Parish Chapel will suspend Adoration for the Labor Day holiday weekend beginning at 8 a.m. on Thu., Sept 1, until 1 p.m. on Tue., Sept. 6. Adorers & substitutes are needed to fill additional hours each day, Monday through Friday. For more information, or to sign up, contact Marilyn Gibson, (417) 224-4043.

Parishes and organizations are invited to submit notices of future events to be printed on a space-available basis. There is no fee.

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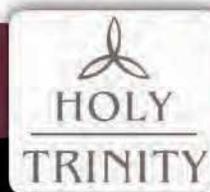
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Fr. Brian Nolan

A priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Fr. Brian Nolan is a radio host for Catholic Review Radio; is on the leadership team of the Catholic Spiritual Mentorship Program in Kansas City, KS; is the Chaplain for "Encourage," a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions or gender dysphoria; works with Project Rachel, and is currently pastor of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Baltimore, MD.

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### CLARIFICATION

Clarification is needed in the article, "Kissinger elected State Deputy of the MO Knights of Columbus," on p. 8 of the Aug. 19 edition of *The Mirror*. Deacon Michael Fritz serves part-time in Sacred Heart Parish, Conway, and in St. William Parish, in Buffalo. However, his home parish is Holy Trinity in Marshfield.



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**CONSTRUCTION**—The “new” St. John Chapel at then-St. John’s Hospital is seen being constructed in this circa 1951 archival photo. The 70-year-old sacred space is in need of restoration and seeks support for its efforts. (Photo courtesy of Mercy)

**“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you.”**  
**Matthew 11:28**

Springfield

## HISTORY OF THE CHAPEL

In September 1952, then-St. John’s Hospital moved from its second location in Springfield at Main and Nichols streets to its current location on Cherokee, where a new hospital chapel was dedicated by the Sisters of Mercy.

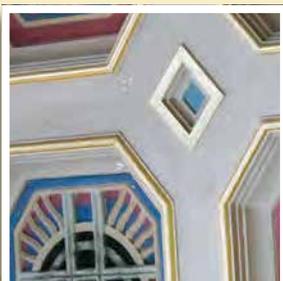
Located on the sixth floor, St. John Chapel is open to visitors of all faiths and is said to be one of the largest hospital chapels in the US. As a core expression of the healing ministry of Jesus, the chapel is a shelter of prayer and service to all who seek solace and support in times of crisis and need, as well as in times of celebration and worship. It includes many fine works of art including a mural of the risen Christ that dominates the sanctuary, greeting all who come for prayer. Many aspects within the chapel were imported from around the world, including the leaded glass windows, made

of imported German glass that relate to the history of salvation. The vaulted ceiling of the chapel is hand painted and recounts the mysteries and history of Christianity.

Since its opening almost 70 years ago, St. John Chapel has only undergone one major renovation, and currently: The chapel’s gold relief and painted ceiling tiles need a complete restoration. Additionally, new sprinkler and sound systems are needed to improve safety and to ensure a more meaningful experience for visitors.

## IN CELEBRATION & THANKSGIVING

On Sept. 23, Mercy Health Foundation, Springfield, will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of St. John Chapel with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward Rice. After Mass, fellowship and the recognition of generous donors who have made this venture possible will take place, including recognizing the Mercy Springfield Auxiliary, which has pledged \$1,000,000. ©TM



**GOLD RELIEF**—Since its opening almost 70 years ago, St. John Chapel in Mercy Springfield has only undergone one major renovation, and currently: The chapel’s gold relief and painted ceiling tiles need a complete restoration. Additionally, new sprinkler and sound systems are needed to improve safety and to ensure a more meaningful experience for visitors. (Photo courtesy of Mercy)

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SCAN ME

# Vital resources shared during recent Deanery Ministry Leaders Meetings

by Paula Wright

Springfield, MO

Each fall, the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau schedules a series of Deanery Ministry Leaders Meetings held in each of the seven Deaneries throughout the diocese. For a period of one week, the Offices of Evangelization, Faith Formation, Family Life, and Youth Ministry meet with the pastors, PSR, and youth ministers of parishes by Deanery groups. These meetings offer an opportunity to present Bp. Edward M. Rice's initiatives to parish teams. The primary focus of these meetings is faith formation within the diocese. They also provide an opportunity for parish leadership to meet, form relationships, and foster collaboration with each other.

The Fall Ministry Meeting for Deanery 4 was held at The Catholic Center, in Springfield, on Wed., Aug. 17, 2022. The 2022 theme for this series of gatherings was, "Encountering Christ...Growing in Holiness Through the Eucharist," which fits nicely into the national three-year Eucharistic Revival that was launched in June of this year.

The meeting began with reflective faith-sharing and a Scripture reading (Jn 6:51-58) led by Lynn Melendez, diocesan Director of Evangelization, Family Life, and Youth Ministry. She reminded the attendees to begin each one of their own meetings in prayer, that the meetings are "not just" a business meeting.

This led into discussion and presentation of the National Eucharistic Revival: what it is, and our own "Encountering the Eucharist: East to West Diocesan Pilgrimage" that will be undertaken by Bp. Edward Rice beginning in late September. Melendez deployed suggestions for families, PSR classes, and youth groups on how to encourage attendance in the pilgrimage and the "why" of having it.

Sister Janine Tran, CMR, diocesan Director of Faith Formation, provided packets on how to lead a Holy Hour with specific step-by-step pointers and engaging handouts geared toward young children as well as older children and teenagers.

"With these guides ready-to-go for the children, I hope you consider doing a Holy Hour for the children in the next three to six months," Sr. Tran said. "Wouldn't it be beautiful to have our children be with the Eucharistic Jesus? As Blessed Carlo Acutis said, 'When we face the sun, we get a tan ... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints.' And don't we want our children to become saints?"

Leadership from St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Ozark, shared how they hold a youth Holy Hour once a month for the youth group during their regularly scheduled meeting

time. Other suggestions from the group included beginning PSR with Eucharistic adoration, maybe not for an entire hour, but to help educate and initiate reverence and love of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist during exposition.

## Leaders informed are formed

Melendez reviewed various ongoing faith formation resources for the ministry leaders and parishes. These included the Online Franciscan Catechetical Institute at Steubenville, formation in the Theology of the Body curriculum, and the upcoming Evangelization & Discipleship Summits to be held Sat., Sept. 24, in Springfield, and on Sat., Oct. 15, in Cape Girardeau (see the schedule on p. 2 of this edition of *The Mirror*). Discussion centered around how best to use these resources as a parish or individual.

Information was presented and discussion began with regard to the Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK) Testing for the PSR and religion classes in Catholic schools. The ARK Testing program provides an assessment tool for both at home and class resources. Based on findings, the diocese will be better informed in utilizing the resources needed to improve faith formation, as well as to identify what is currently impactful and helpful. Communication channels for staying informed were presented; specifically, that text messaging will be used for reaching the ministry leaders.

## World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day 2023, will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, July 29 – Aug. 7, 2023. Scholarships and funding support are available through the Youth Endowment Fund to help enable youth to attend the event. In addition, requests for funding from the Youth Endowment Fund may also be made for Confirmation retreats, guest speakers, and other parish-based or Deanery-based faith-formation events. The suggestion was made for parishes within a given Deanery to partner to best utilize funding and to sponsor regional events with greater reach.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer. After the Springfield Deanery 4 Ministry Leaders Meeting, the presentation team traveled to St. Mary Parish, in Pierce City, for an afternoon Deanery 2 Ministry Leaders Meeting. These collaborative and informative gatherings are made possible through annual contributions to the Diocesan Development Fund: Thank you! ©TM



**FALL MINISTRY LEADERS MEETINGS**—Parish leadership in Deanery 4 of the diocese met in the Pallotti Center at The Catholic Center, Springfield, on Aug. 17. A series of these meetings have been held in each of the seven deaneries of the diocese, offering an opportunity to present Bp. Edward M. Rice's faith formation initiatives to parish teams. (Photo by Paula Wright/The Mirror)

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023



**The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau is planning a pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal, in 2023.**

Anyone ages 16-35 is invited to attend. Youth under the age of 18 must travel with an adult chaperone (25 years of age or older).

Established by St. John Paul II in 1986, World Youth Day is recognized annually within individual dioceses and parishes worldwide. However, every three years, World Youth Day becomes an enormous international gathering of Catholic youth and young adults in a designated country. On Aug. 1-6, 2023, that gathering will take place in Lisbon, Portugal.

The pilgrimage is not an easy one. Participants are met with overwhelming crowds of hundreds of thousands and even millions of people. Waiting in lines for public transportation, for food, and for restrooms will test the patience and perseverance of most. But those small sacrifices of comfort lead to great blessings! The "universal Church," the Catholic Church vibrantly comes alive and powerful encounters with Jesus take place all throughout the pilgrimage.

The five days that make up World Youth Day include the celebration of Mass every day, daily access to the Sacrament of Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in churches throughout the host city, catechesis sessions led by bishops and other prominent international Catholic speakers, international music concerts and plays, and more. Young people excitedly experience prayer, music, worship, and artistic presentations in various languages with unique cultural distinctions.

One of the highlights of World Youth Day is an outdoor candlelit prayer service with a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament led by the Pope. To witness over one million youth and young adults on their knees in the dirt, silently adoring Jesus, is a powerful faith experience.

If you would like more information about this trip, please scan the QR code on the advertisement found on p. 13 or check the diocesan Website at: <https://dioscg.org/wyd/>. Some financial assistance will be available for youth and young adults through the diocesan Youth Endowment Fund. For more information about the pilgrimage and financial assistance for the pilgrimage, please contact Lynn Melendez by Email, [lmelendez@dioscg.org](mailto:lmelendez@dioscg.org) or by phone (417) 866-0841.

# 'YOUR SPIRIT MAKES ME FEARLESS'



**FEARLESS**—The theme for the 2022 Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conferences in July was “Fearless.” 547 youth from 29 diocesan parishes and missions participated in the conferences. Of those, 265 received grant assistance from the diocesan Youth Endowment Fund. (Photo by Grace Tamburo/The Mirror)

by Grace Tamburro

Springfield, MO

**E**xcited and on fire for the Lord, hundreds of youth groups from across the Midwest made the pilgrimage to Springfield, MO this past July to attend Steubenville STL Mid-America Youth Conferences. This conference took place on the campus of Missouri State University over the course of two weekends, July 8-10 and July 15-17, in JQH Arena, where the young adults had the opportunity to encounter Christ in a pivotal way while connecting with their peers on a deeper, spiritual level.

For the Diocese of Springfield-Cape

Girardeau, six parishes with a total of 89 participants attended the July 8-10 conference; youth from 23 parishes participated in the July 15-17 conference, with a total of 547 participants. Of that total,

265 of those attending received grant assistance from the diocesan Youth Endowment Fund.

“Steubenville helped me in discerning the priesthood,” said one conference participant. “I have grown so much this weekend. Each time I go, I fall in love with Christ all over again. During Saturday adoration,

I feel like Jesus is walking the aisles quietly speaking to me.”

“EACH TIME I GO, I FALL IN LOVE WITH CHRIST ALL OVER AGAIN”

The conference theme, ‘FEARLESS,’ set the tone for an intentionally-liberating experience for the attendees to open their hearts and minds to receive not just the wisdom of the clergy gathered or the sage advice from the many

◀ **FEARLESS**—Bishop Edward M. Rice posed for a photo with youth from Christ the King Mission Church, in Bunker, MO, during the Steubenville 2022 youth conferences. (Photo by Grace Tamburo/The Mirror)



**STEUBY & SUBWAY**—Youth from St. Peter Middle School and St. Mary Parish, in Joplin, posed for a photo at the Steubenville 2022 youth conference with Bp. Edward M. Rice, Margie Black, and Fr. Brian Straus. On the way home, the group had lunch at Subway, on National in Springfield, which is owned by Fr. Straus' parents. Father Straus showed the group how he spent many years before becoming a priest, as he donned a Subway hat, gloved up, and made all of the sandwiches! One hungry fan said, “He’s pretty good at this... and the priest thing.” (Submitted photo)





**STEBENVILLE 2022**—Youth from St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Ozark, were among the 547 participants from the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau at one of two Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conferences held in July in Springfield. (Photo by Grace Tamburo/The Mirror)



**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION**—Father Chris Martin of the Archdiocese of St. Louis processed with the monstrance through JQH Arena during Steubenville 2022 for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. (Photo by Grace Tamburo/The Mirror)



**STEBENVILLE 2022**—Youth from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Cape Girardeau, were among the 547 participants from the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau at one of two Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conferences held in July in Springfield. (Photo by Grace Tamburo/The Mirror)

renowned speakers, but the very real grace, mercy, and understanding that comes only from a relationship with God.

Students heard from a variety of both national speakers, like Chris Stefanick, Bob Rice, and Cooper Ray, and local voices like Rachel Leininger, Kyle Huelsing, and Fr. Chris Martin, from St. Louis, MO.

Bishop Edward Rice makes a point to gather all groups from the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau each weekend to speak to them directly. This year's talk with them centered around building steps to holiness, inspired by Blessed Carlos Acutis' "5 Steps to Holiness." Bishop Rice challenged the young parishioners of our diocese to start by getting committed to at least TWO steps of holiness: never missing Sunday Mass and regularly receiving the sacrament of confession. Those two things alone are the perfect place to start!

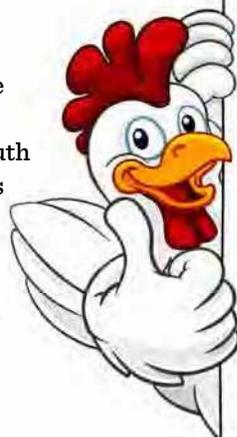
During the high points of the conference, the Eucharistic Procession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, it was impossible to miss the tears of joy and expressions of faith at the pure

and simple beauty of Christ's true presence over everyone as they prayed, sang, and were in community together. Those who have attended Steubenville will tell you what an unforgettable experience it is. New friendships form, walls get broken down, and there's a shift in perspective and maturity as attendees allow themselves to be open and learn about how to live out their faith. How much better can one weekend get?

When asked about what he was looking forward to most at this past conference, Bishop Rice responded, "I'm excited for the kids to grow in their faith and draw closer to Christ—that's what it's all about!"

Make plans now to attend next summer's Steubenville STL Mid-America Youth Conferences in Springfield, MO, on July 7-9 and July 14-16, 2023

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*Ex 32:7-11, 13-14;  
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;  
1 Timothy 1:12 - 17;  
Lk 15:1-32*

If we are looking for a theme that runs throughout the readings on this Sunday, we can find it proclaimed in the Alleluia verse taken from 2 Corinthians 5:19. In all of the Scripture passages on this day, we see so clearly that “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”

In the first reading, as Moses was leading the people of Israel away from Egypt, they so quickly lost sight of the power of God who had set them free. They began to worship a calf, calling an idol their “God.” The one, true God tells Moses, “Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them.”

Moses pleads on behalf of his people, and God hears his prayer. God does not punish his people for their sin, although they did deserve to be punished. But, “God was reconciling the world to himself.”

In the Gospel passage, St. Luke tells the famous parable that we all know so well – the story of the “prodigal son.” In this passage, Jesus relays the story of a young man who had turned his heart away from his father to the point that he demanded “the share of your estate that should come to me.” This division of the father’s wealth should happen only when he has died. But, to this youngest son, the father was essentially already dead.



## SCRIPTURE WISDOM

Fr. Glenn Eftink

So, the father divided his estate among the younger son and his older brother. But, the younger son left home and spent every dime that he had inherited until he had nothing left.

In his extreme poverty, the younger son decided to return to his father and to beg him to accept him, not as his son, but as one of his many hired workers.

But, the father immediately welcomes his lost son home. When the older son sees how his brother is treated by his father, he becomes angry at his father. The father then brings peace to his whole house by seeking mercy for his older son, and reminding him that his younger brother, “Was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

These two Scriptural passages can easily hit home with us, because we all have family members, friends, or co-workers that have also turned away from God, or worship the idols that are so common and accepted in our world today, or who have left their family aside. We see people in our own lives who are spiritually “dead,” or who have chosen other things to take the place of God, as the Israelites had done in the desert.

Yet, when we hear today’s second reading proclaimed from the First

Book of Timothy, the story becomes even more personal to us.

### MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION

In this passage, we hear St. Paul tell us about his own life. Here is the story of St. Paul the Apostle, who is considered the greatest preacher in the history of the Church, who brought the Gospel to the Gentiles and spread the message of Christ more widely into the world.

Here is the personal witness of St. Paul, who says to us, “I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant.”

This is St. Paul – who was once known as Saul. Saul was the Pharisee who presided over the martyrdom of the first Christian who laid down his life for Christ, St. Stephen. Saul was the man on his way to Damascus to arrest all of the Christians in the city when he was struck down by Christ himself, and heard the voice of Jesus asking him, “Why are you persecuting me?”

The conversion of Saul, who became St. Paul, literally shocked the entire Christian community at that time. His conversion changed St. Paul’s view of life, too. And so he says, “Beloved: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry.”

It happens every now and again that each of us runs into a young man who could well be called to become a good priest immersed in the Heart of Christ, and who could lead others on the path of sanctity as we move through this passing world. How often they resist the call to pursue a possible

vocation simply because they do not feel worthy to follow Christ. The fact is that none of us are worthy to follow Christ. Hopefully none of us have the past reputation of Saul. But all of us can say in all honesty with St. Paul, “This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these, I am the foremost.”

These words of St. Paul are humbling. They give me hope as a priest, someone who is called by Christ to do what he asks of me to serve his Church. I am called to be not only one who is reconciled by Christ, but also one who has been given the power of Jesus to be the minister of reconciliation in the confessional – to impart the power of the cross on the prodigal sons and daughters who come home and are not afraid to say, “Father, I have sinned against heaven.”

How I hope—God willing—that one day soon we will see lines forming in front of every confessional. How this world would be transformed, just to see each person return once again to the mercy of God. What a manifestation of joy it would be to see that all hearts can understand this timeless proclamation that “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting TO US the message of reconciliation.” ©TM

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Last year, the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau donated \$72,411.21 to the collection. In 2022, the Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer in Carthage and Nazareth Hermitage in Ava received a combined total of \$172,334.28 in financial support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious.

“I am continually heartened by

the generosity of US Catholics,” said NRRO Executive Director Sr. Stephanie Still, a member of the Sisters of the Presentation of San Francisco. “Even in difficult times, they find a way to give back to those who have tirelessly served our Church and our world.”

Hundreds of US religious communities face a large gap between the needs of their older members and the funds available to support them. Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—known collectively as women and men religious—served for little to no pay. As a result, many communities now lack adequate retirement savings.

At the same time, health-care expenses continue to rise, and an increasing number of older religious require specialized services. NRRO data shows that 24,924 women and men

religious in the United States are older than 70. The total cost for their care exceeds \$1 billion annually.

To help address the deficit in retirement funding among US religious orders, Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the Retirement Fund for Religious collection in 1988. Distributions are sent to each eligible order’s central house and provide supplemental funding for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Donations also underwrite resources that help religious communities improve eldercare and plan for long-term retirement needs.

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are financially autonomous and thus responsible for the support and care of all members. While many dioceses hold separate appeals for their retired diocesan priests’ fund, the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection is for members of US religious orders and benefits both men and women religious. The 2021 appeal raised over \$28 million, and funding was distributed to

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## OBITUARY | Sr. Mary Roch Rocklage, RSM



St. Louis

**S**ister of Mercy Mary Roch Rocklage, died Tue., Aug. 23, following a lengthy illness. She was 87.

“Sister Roch,” as she was affectionally known, was the modern-day

foundress of Mercy’s health care system. Born Antoinette Marie Rocklage, Sr. Rocklage devoted her life to helping others and bringing people together. She was known for her humble but tenacious leadership style – a blend of compassion and bold innovation, always considering others before herself.

“We must have deferential regard for those we serve and create an environment of deep respect,” Sr. Rocklage would say many times throughout the years. “Compassion means staying in the moment with the individual or group and experiencing with them what they are going through.”

Sister Rocklage’s dedication to health care began in 1954, when she studied nursing under the Sisters of Mercy at St. Xavier University in Chicago, taking her first vows as a Sister of Mercy in 1957.

Sister Rocklage advocated for health care on a national level, serving as board chair of the American Hospital Association and a term as the board chair of the Catholic Health Association. In 1990, she testified before Congress on behalf of the Catholic Health Association in favor of a national health program and discussed health care with then-President George W. Bush in 2002. Her passion was “health care access for all, no exceptions.” In recognition of her exceptional leadership and service, Sr. Rocklage was inducted into Modern Healthcare’s Healthcare Hall of Fame and received numerous awards, including the American Hospital Association Distinguished Service Award, the Catholic Health Association Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Missouri Hospital Association Career Achievement Award.

In her earlier years, she served various Mercy communities in nursing and leadership roles, including administrator of St. John’s Mercy Medical Center, now Mercy Hospital St. Louis, and administrator of the Sisters of Mercy St. Louis Regional Community.

Sister Rocklage was later appointed to lead hospitals across seven states. Under her leadership and vision, the Sisters of Mercy Health System, now Mercy, was formed in 1986, with Sr. Rocklage serving as its first president and chief executive officer. She led in that role for 13 years before serving as chair of

the Mercy board for the next 22 years.

“This is a tremendous loss for Mercy and all who loved Sr. Roch,” said Steve Mackin, Mercy president and chief executive officer. “She inspired us through her visionary and principled leadership and was a constant source of joy to everyone around her.”

One of Sr. Rocklage’s favorite inspirations was: “Live fully, love deeply, commit totally, enjoy life immensely.”

Consistent with her lifelong commitment to medicine, Sr. Rocklage chose to donate her body to science. A private service will be held for the Sisters of Mercy and immediate family. A public memorial service for friends, Mercy co-workers and others who wish to celebrate her life will be held Sept. 13, at 10 a.m., in the Von Gontard Conference Center at Mercy Hospital St. Louis.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish to donate in her honor may do so at <https://give.mercyhealthfoundation.net/campaign/in-memory-of-sister-roch/c397104>. ©TM

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### DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE

## on Sacred Music and Ministries for the Mass

Saturday, September 17, 2022, 9:00 am-2:30 pm

Notre Dame Regional High School, Cape Girardeau

Saturday, November 5, 2022, 9:00 am-2:30 pm

Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield



All current and potential parish Music Leaders, Choir Members, Musicians, Readers, Server Trainers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Liturgical Coordinators, Sacristans, and those interested in the liturgical life of the parish are invited!



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Denis McNamara, Ph.D. is Associate Professor and Executive Director of the Center for Beauty and Culture at Benedictine College. He holds a BA in the History of Art from Yale University and a PhD in Architectural History from the University of Virginia. From 2000 to 2019 he was a faculty member at the Liturgical Institute of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake. He served as Associate Professor of Sacramental Aesthetics, Academic Director, Liturgy Director, and Music Director.

Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$10 per person. Advance registration is requested. Register at [https://dioscg.formstack.com/forms/liturgical\\_conference](https://dioscg.formstack.com/forms/liturgical_conference) or scan the QR Code.

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4. Click on "create a new account" in blue lettering
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# Encountering the Eucharist, East to West

## *Diocesan Pilgrimage*

The Corpus Christi processions held on June 19 served as the launch of the three-year *National Eucharistic Revival* in our diocese. Bishop Rice will make a pilgrimage across the diocese called, “**Encountering the Eucharist, East to West,**” traveling to a parish in each deanery from **Sept. 25 through Oct. 1**. Bishop Rice will begin with morning Mass at each location, then expose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration throughout the day. School classes, families, and other parishioners are invited to sign up for a 30- or 60-minute time period of Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament. The Parish will close with Solemn Benediction at the end of the day.

### Encountering the Eucharist Pilgrimage Schedule:

**Deanery 4**                      **Sun., Sept., 25**                      **St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield**

*Parish Mass at 5 p.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction 7 p.m.*

**Deanery 5**                      **Mon., Sept., 26**                      **Sacred Heart, Willow Springs**

*Parish Mass at 9 a.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction at 6 p.m.*

**Deanery 1**                      **Tue., Sept., 27**                      **St. Peter the Apostle, Joplin**

*Parish/School Mass at 8:15 a.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction 6 p.m.*

**Deanery 2**                      **Wed., Sept., 28**                      **St. Mary, Pierce City**

*Parish/School Mass at 8:15 a.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction at 7 p.m.*

**Deanery 3**                      **Thu., Sept., 29**                      **Sacred Heart, Bolivar**

*Parish Mass at 8:30 a.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction at 6 p.m.*

**Deanery 7**                      **Fri., Sept., 30**                      **Sacred Heart, Poplar Bluff**

*Parish/School Mass at 8:30 a.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction at 7 p.m.*

**Deanery 6**                      **Sat., Oct. 1**                      **St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau**

*Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m.; Adoration continues until closing Benediction at 7 p.m.*

“ I encourage your parishioners to visit, especially those who are unfamiliar with Eucharistic Adoration or have never been. Together, let us do whatever we can do to bring more of our faithful to a personal encounter with our Lord in the Eucharist.

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