



The Cincture

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FROM THE VICAR FOR CLERGY



Fr. Jerry Herda

I recently posted on my Facebook page the Catholic Herald article announcing the change of vicar for clergy. I wrote: “Yea!!! I get to go back to being a Pastor.” One of our brother priests wrote a reply comment, “You have been a good pastor to the pastors.” I am very proud of the work that I have done as the vicar for clergy. Working alongside each of you has been a blessing. I have come to know each of you, not only knowing your name, but also knowing your story. I guess that is why I am looking forward to getting back into parish ministry again. I vividly remember the last Masses I had when I left St. Monica and St. Eugene; I was able to look out at the congregation gathered and I knew their stories – I had baptized their children, buried their parent or their spouse, shared a meal with them, laughed and celebrated with them. That is what we are called to do as pastors and parish directors, to love our people, to accompany them on their faith journey.

My hope is that you never forget to live out the four pillars of formation that we learned in the Seminary. To be human, to love and respect our parishioners, our staff, our family. To be spiritual,



**“Be on your guard;
stand firm in the faith;
be courageous; be strong.”**
— 1 Corinthians 16:13

to lead others to a deeper faith in God and renew our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. To be intellectual, to take time to read and think, so that we can guide others to the gift of eternal life. To be pastoral, to be a shepherd, to meet people where they are, showing care and compassion. Living out these four pillars will make you a very effective leader, but will also enrich your ministry, allowing your life to be happy, holy, healthy and competent.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Jerry Herda*

HOLY DAY/HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

Please be aware the Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center will be closed on the following days:

Friday, April 15 (Good Friday)

Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day)

Monday, July 4 (Independence Day)

Monday, August 15 (Feast of the Assumption)

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION

HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF? - T-E-C-H-N-O-L-O-G-Y



Deacon Dale Nees

It was Sunday afternoon when I received a text message from Jenni Oliva, Director of Archdiocesan Events and Special Projects. She was giving me a heads up that an



impending ice storm could affect our Tuesday evening classes. Jenni indicated that it is highly possible that the Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center building may close and that I may want to have a “Plan B” ready. In times past, our formation leadership team would have been watching the weather wondering whether in the best interests of staff, faculty and students that class should be canceled. Furthermore, based on our current curriculum we knew that if we did cancel, we would have to determine whether that content could be made up at a later date or not. Consequently, while carefully made, the decision always involved some risk. To top it off, the decision could look wise or unwise based where one lived within a geographically sizable archdiocese. Complicated? Yes. But that Sunday, I felt extraordinarily little pressure because I knew we already had “Plan B” in place. I confidently texted that fact back to Jenni.

Our “Plan B” consists of several technological approaches that have continued to expand beyond our initial experience of managing through both distance and pandemic issues. Today there is always a ZOOM session available for Tuesday and Saturday classes. The fact is, we may have up to four accounts active when wives have their formation sessions. We have state-of-the-art equipment that allows a virtual classroom experience that includes a 120-inch screen, throw-up laser projector; computer; and a Meeting Owl all-in-one 360° camera, mics, and speaker. This allows the remote participant to see the entire class and for the class and faculty to see them. Most recently, we added Flocknote as a means to alert the entire class via text messages. This allows for the most streamlined and thorough communication of anything that may arise suddenly.

There have been some learning curves, but they have been far outweighed by the tremendous relief expressed by staff, faculty and students when the most recent threat of an ice storm became reality. Our ability to efficiently shift to a virtual format in the face of treacherous travel was overwhelmingly positive. And

this benefit has not been limited to this isolated example. We have found that our innovative approach has helped in a variety of situations, including exposure to someone Covid positive, sudden family emergencies and unavoidable work travel. In all such cases we were able to deliver formation that otherwise would have been missed.

Ultimately, technology has not only provided helpful relief, but it is also an incredible blessing! I am grateful for all the help from Administrative, Finance and

Information Systems to help us make this blessing available for those discerning a vocation of service to the Church as deacons. This collaboration has helped us, as an Institute with the Pastoral Center, to be an example of service to them and their parishes!

Deacon Dale Nees

Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI
invites you to the 2022
ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE
PALLIUM
Lecture

An annual event to foster conversation and engage the
broader culture through the Catholic intellectual tradition

“Religious Liberty is Important but It’s Not Enough.”

Presented by Ryan T. Anderson
*President of the Ethics
and Public Policy Center*

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022 | 7 P.M.

Brookfield Conference Center
325 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005

Free and open to the public
Register at www.archmil.org/PalliumLecture

WELCOME DEACON JIM



Deacon Jim Matthias

Welcome to Deacon Jim Matthias. He has been hired to serve as director of Respect Life Ministries and director of Prison and Jail Ministries. He previously served as operations manager at Pro-Life Wisconsin and as operations manager at Set Ministry in Milwaukee. Jim was ordained a deacon for the archdiocese in 2018 and is assigned to St. Sebastian/St. Catherine Parishes in Milwaukee.

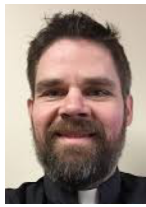
Deacon Jim will be working with individuals and groups, priests, deacons and laypersons in both ministries to

coordinate efforts and see how the archdiocese can better meet the needs of those involved in these ministries and the people they serve. His focus will be on helping the archdiocese develop a more vibrant culture of life starting at the parish level, protecting the most vulnerable in our society and coordinating care for those incarcerated in the 10 counties of the archdiocese.

If you are involved in either of these ministries, please reach out to Deacon Jim so you can be part of the improvement process. He can be reached at 414-769-3454, or email him at matthiasj@archmil.org.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAF APOSTOLATE

FR. CHRISTOPHER KLUSMAN



Fr. Christopher Klusman

Hello, my name is Fr. Christopher Klusman. I currently serve as the director of the Office of the Deaf Apostolate. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing community is a unique area of ministry and I am available to be of any support in the pastoral care that you provide them in your parish, especially during a difficult time: funerals.

The Important First Step

Your collaboration in understanding and following this process will help make a big difference. As soon as you or anyone on your parish staff finds out that at least one person is Deaf or Hard of Hearing who will attend any part of the funeral, please ask if the service of sign language interpretation is needed. Note: the official title is “interpreter” or “sign language interpreter,” NOT “translator” or “signer.” If yes, please fill out the Interpreter Request Form online at your earliest convenience, even if you have not yet planned the funeral service yet. What is needed is the date and time bracket. The earlier you inform me, the higher the chances of securing sign language interpreter(s). In the past, some parishes contacted me to inform me that they need an interpreter the next day, which was (unfortunately) too late as their schedules had already been filled up. Again, as soon as you find out, contact me ASAP so that I can quickly reach out to the interpreters!

Where can I find the Interpreter Request Form Online?

Why is the time bracket important?

You can go to the online form by clicking on this link: <https://www.archmil.org/deaf-apostolate/InterpreterRequest-Form.htm>

This form is on the www.archmil.org website. If you would like to know its location, go to the main archdiocesan page and look at the top line of phrases. Look and highlight “Ministries & Offices.” A list will pop in which you can move down to “Deaf Apostolate.” Click on that, which will direct you to another page, and scroll down to the “Links” section and click on “Interpreter Request Form.”

Again, the key component too is the time bracket (starting and ending time). Be clear (if you can at this stage) of what parts of the funeral is in need of interpreter(s), such as Visitation, Mass, Committal Service and/or Reception. While we will try to find interpreters to cover the entire shift, if there are situations where interpreter availability is limited, then we aim for priority such as the Mass first, then Committal Service second, and so and so ...

Regarding to the time bracket, it is a critical component because it determines how many sign language interpreters are needed. If the time bracket is either/less than an hour and a half, then only one sign language interpreter is sufficient. If longer than an hour and a half, at least a team of two sign language interpreters is required.

The reason for this is because research revealed that the person’s brain/body can only handle sustained on-site translating for up to an hour and a half. After that, fatigue already kicks in which compromises the ability to interpret accurately. If the time bracket is more than an hour and a half, a team of two sign language interpreters will switch off every 15-20 minutes. This does not mean the other interpreter is “off duty.” The

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other interpreter still works by listening and helping the other interpreter, but in a reduced state that allows the person to recover until switching again.

Is there a cost involved?

Yes, being a sign language interpreter is in itself an occupation, which means they work to make a living. They are trained, meaning they have a degree in interpreting from a college or university. They also have a license. Going through the Office of the Deaf Apostolate ensures interpreters provided have already received training on how to understand the Funeral Liturgy, as well as how to accurately interpret theological concepts and terminology. With that said, the average cost of an interpreter (depending on their qualifications) varies from about \$40 to \$70 an hour with a two-hour minimum. Interpreters have a two-hour minimum (which means if they work for one and a half hours, they have to charge for two hours, which is a standard for all interpreters). The two-hour minimum is sometimes waived depending on the interpreter for religious services.

The interpreters are compensated through various means, such as by family/friends of the deceased, by the parish, etc. If there is any financial hardship, please let me know as we have funds (donations from various people for this cause) that can help cover the costs.

What would be the next step?

While I search for available interpreters, having the time bracket allows me to know how many interpreters are needed. Until you (or your parish staff) have met with the party for the planning of the Mass, etc., please send the information at your earliest convenience. Parishes often have a “Funeral Planning Sheet” which would be most appreciated. Note: Readings and songs often have verses that are not easy to interpret, so advance preparation is key for clear and accurate interpreting that provides a meaningful funeral experience that brings closure to the community.

Readings: If you don’t have a “Funeral Planning Sheet,” just list what the readings are, such as: “First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9” and so forth ...

Music: Scans (or attachments) would be most appreciated since the same song, such as “Amazing Grace,” can have different versions due to a different composer, different tune, etc. For the Responsorial Psalm, please do not send just the sung response but a full Psalm since it also varies from parish to parish. Even one Psalm (such as Psalm 23) can have different variations.

Even the “Song of Farewell” should be included because, again, it varies from parish to parish.

Mass: It will help to know in advance which Eucharistic Prayer, Preface Number, Collect, etc. If a homily is already typed out, a copy would be most appreciated. At times, if a homily is only prepared before the Mass, the copy can be shared with the interpreter(s) before Mass so s/he can look through it, or even (if no typed up homily) discussed with the interpreter(s) to inform him/her of your main homily points. These come a long way so the interpreter(s) can offer a clear and well-delivered interpreted homily. If you want your typed homily returned back to you, please let the interpreter(s) know and they will do that at their earliest convenience.

Intercessions: Let us know which one, as well as which response. Names included of family, etc. are important due to how to spell names, etc.

For any other funeral events, such as the Visitation, etc., if a rosary is planned to be prayed, etc., please let us know and which mystery (Sorrowful, Glorious, etc.). Again, all of these is so that the interpreter(s) is well prepared.

The Interpreter Binder

With all the readings, music scans, etc., sent to the Office of the Deaf Apostolate, I would put together the binder for the interpreter(s) so they have everything, as much as possible of the Mass, etc. What I do is take anything that appears small in font-size and copy it to make it bigger so that the page is clearly seen by the interpreter while s/he is interpreting. That way, s/he doesn’t have to squint or bend over to read the verses, but can glance down onto the binder page and follow along accurately as s/he is interpreting. Books, such as hymnals, are not helpful because books don’t always stay open and pages can move around, etc. Sometimes there are additional factors that interfere with the listening process, such as echoes, babies crying, etc. which makes the binder a valuable tool for them.

Preparing for the Interpreter(s) Arrival at Your Parish

The location for the interpreter is of the utmost importance. The location would often be next to the ambo. If the ambo is near the altar, the ideal place for the interpreter to be is between the altar and ambo. A person/community watching the interpreter(s) “hear” through the interpreter(s). If the interpreter(s) are placed far away from the altar and/or ambo, it becomes like a tennis match, where the person/community has to look back and forth. If a Deaf and Hard of Hearing person looks away from the interpreter(s) to see a priest or lector, s/he misses whatever part is

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audible and interpreted. Then turning to look at the interpreter(s) resumes the “hearing of the message.” This does not create a pastoral environment to help them in this difficult time.

Right before the interpreter(s) is expected to arrive at your parish, please have a music stand prepared for them. Nearly in all cases, they do not need a chair as they stand during interpreting. But, if you have a team of two interpreters, a chair would be appreciated. At times, if the pew is close enough, the other interpreter would seat him/herself at the pew, so you can have that space “reserved” for him/her.

If a Deaf/Hard of Hearing Person is expected to do a reading or eulogy, etc. in sign language, letting us know in advance would be appreciated. Have a microphone ready for the interpreter(s) since s/he will do voicing. If the eulogy will be signed, an advance copy of the transcript (if possible) would also be appreciated.

Few Random and Final Things

1. Interpreters are bound by a Code of Professional Conduct (CPC). They cannot disclose information about who and

what they interpreted to others outside of the funeral event(s).

2. While I may be out of the office for various reasons a few times in the year, you will receive an automated reply indicating that I’m out of the office. Please be attentive to how long I will be gone. If I’m back the next day, then that will be okay. If I won’t be back for at least one more day, please be attentive to the information provided on the automated reply to contact a professional interpreter agency that will be aware of my temporary absence. They will assist with finding interpreters for you. It may be possible that an interpreter of theirs trained in Catholic interpreting may not be available, and other sign language interpreters who attend may be unfamiliar with the Mass, etc. If you go through them, you will have to send the Mass readings, etc. for them to prepare. The professional interpreter agency that will assist during this time is the Professional Interpreting Enterprise, referred to as “PIE.”
3. Be aware that, at times, an unfortunate thing can happen where there are no interpreters available for that specific time and date. I pray that it never happens or, if it does, it happens very rarely. If it does, I will be in communication with you and your parish about alternatives, etc.

Again, I thank YOU for all you try to do to offer the pastoral care to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in this difficult time of their lives. Often, family members and friends of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing members share how much it meant to them knowing they are included. Please know that if you have any questions or etc., don’t hesitate to contact me at: klusmanc@archmil.org. God bless you all!

NATIONAL STUDY OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS

The Catholic University of America is conducting a National Study of Catholic Priests to learn about the state of the priesthood today. Catholic University is collaborating with Gallup, an independent research organization, to conduct the study. 10,000 randomly selected priests all over the country will be invited by email or mail to participate in the study by completing the survey on a secure website. All responses will be kept completely confidential. Should you be selected to participate, please share your opinions and experiences. CUA recently sent a very similar survey to the bishops in the United States and received a response from two-thirds of them. The hope is to match or even exceed that response rate among priests.

In addition to Catholic University, several U.S. archdioceses, including New York and Washington, D.C., are supporting this study. For more information on Catholic University’s involvement in the study, and to see endorsements of this study from Cardinals Dolan and Gregory, please visit the project website at <https://catholicproject.catholic.edu/national-study-of-catholic-priests/> or contact me, Stephen White, at whitesp@cua.edu.

PENSION BENEFIT NEWS

The archbishop has approved the recommendation of the Priests' Pension Board to increase the monthly retirement benefits from \$1,640 to \$1,740 for participants in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Priests' Pension Plan.

This 6.1% increase is effective July 1, 2022, to all retirees who are on regular or disability retirement. Early retirees currently receiving a pension benefit will receive the same percentage increase. Severance pensions remain unchanged.

Future benefit changes are re-evaluated annually, based on the annual contributions and the earnings on the funds invested for the Plan.

To view a copy of the Priest Pension Summary Plan, click [here](#).

MEET BRENDA CLINE



Brenda Cline

Lenten greetings from the office of Priest and Lay Ecclesial Personnel and Placement! Having been on the job now for two months, I would like to take this opportunity to officially introduce myself.

My parish ...

Beginning in the Jubilee Year of 2000, I was blessed to serve 21.5 years in ministry at St. Joseph Parish in Grafton; for the first 11 years as director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and for the past 10.5 years as parish director.

My ministerial influences ...

I am grateful for my priest mentors and co-workers on the journey: Fr. Mike Barrett (who was my first pastor, and then my supervising priest), Fr. Steve Lampe (who was first my pastor, and then my assisting priest), Fr. Pat Wendt, who ministered to our school community, and Fr. John Yockey (God rest his soul!), who supported all of us by way of help-out. I am grateful for my “church neighbor” Fr. Patrick Burns, who was always available for emergency anointings, prayers and support, and to the Ozaukee/Milwaukee Northeast Deanery for their faithful ministry. I am also grateful for the parish directors of the archdiocese with whom I served all these years – faithful lay women, men and deacons who undertake this role out of love for the Church. I am grateful to Rick Tank for his extraordinary work in this role prior to me and for his training and support, as well as to my supervisor Fr. Jerry Herda for his ongoing guidance and mentorship. I will be forever grateful to the community of St. Joseph Parish for guiding and forming me as a leader in the Church, and to the archdiocese for preparing and supporting me in this new role.

ATHLETICS ON SUNDAY

At the Nov. 23, 2021 Priest Council meeting, a discussion was held regarding athletics on Sunday. The Archdiocesan Schools Office has a policy in place that states, “No sanctioned or organized athletic activities, including league or tournament games, practices, tryouts and scrimmages, involving elementary school and parish teams, may take place on Sundays before 12:00 noon or on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or during the Easter Triduum.”

Please make sure your school principal and athletic director are aware of and are following this policy.

My background ...

I have a bachelor's in music, a master's in management, and a master's in ministry. Prior to my career in the Church, I worked in the music publishing field. During that time, I volunteered in youth ministry at Good Shepherd Parish and joined their summer youth mission trip as an adult leader. That was my ultimate “conversion point;” and 16 mission trips later, here I am! I have served on archdiocesan committees and events for as long as I can remember; but most recently I have been on the Priest Placement Board, the Archdiocesan Synod Implementation Commission, the Clergy and Lay Ministry Continuing Formation Committees, and the Priest and Parish Director Advisory Council for the Love One Another Campaign.

Personally ...

I was blessed with a Catholic grade school education. I love spending time with my family and friends – especially my two nephews. I enjoy photography, our family farm up north, traveling and playing the saxophone.

I have a great love for Christ and his Church, particularly as it is lived out in a parish community and by all who lead in parishes. It brings me great joy to meet and serve the people of God in the various churches I now have the privilege to visit. I look forward to getting to know each of you – the priests and parish directors of this great diocese – and serving you to the best of my ability. Please call or email me any time: 414-769-3458 / clineb@archmil.org. Thank you for all you do – you are in my prayers!

2022 HEALTH WEBINARS

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee, along with Ascension Wisconsin, is making online presentations available to priests on various health topics pertinent to today's issues. Here are the topics for this year:

- JANUARY – EYE DISEASES AND TREATMENT
- MARCH – HEARING LOSS
- MAY – HEAD / NECK CANCER TREATMENTS
- JULY – DIABETES
- SEPTEMBER – CARDIOLOGY HEALTH, TREATMENT AND CARE
- NOVEMBER – TBD

Links will be available closer to the presentation date on the [Clergy Wellness page](#) of the Archdiocesan website. Previously recorded presentations are also available. Stay informed. Stay healthy.

A LOOK BACK...

(Photos courtesy of Archdiocesan Archives)



A seminarian dormitory in Henni Hall at St. Francis Seminary showing two rows of beds and a row of cupboards on one wall. A note on the back of the photo speculates on which floor this room was located in Henni Hall and concludes it was probably the 3rd or 4th floor as there is a pipe leading to a radiator above.



A single dormitory for a seminarian at St. Francis Seminary, the first room, kitchen alley, showing a bed with a crocheted coverlet, a desk, and a water pitcher and wash basin on a small table, 1901

ACTIVE ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS

Serving outside the archdiocese

Kevin Barnekow

Released for Studies
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Thomas Naidu

Associate Pastor
Azua, Dominican Republic

Pablo Cirujeda

Released to CSP Missionary
Mexico City, Mexico

Timothy O'Brien

Released to Marquette
University
Washington D.C.

Marti Colom

Released to CSP Missionary
Bogota, Colombia

Erich Weiss

Released to Military
Archdiocese
Camp Pendleton, California

Javier Guativa

Pastor
Azua, Dominican Republic

Michael Witczak

Released to Catholic
University of America
Washington D.C.

Francis Malloy

Released to Military
Archdiocese
Bay Pines, Florida

Michael Wolfe

Released to CSP Missionary
Bogota, Colombia

Bryan Massingale

Released to Fordham
University
Bronx, New York

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their
choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.



May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

from the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice
Lenten Day of
RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

The success of Pray, Reconcile and Rejoice hinges on the support and willingness of our priests to hear the confessions of those in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Can you help?

To better facilitate scheduling, each Deanery has a separate online registration page. Please see the chart below and “click” on the Deanery you wish to give your time.

[Dodge/Washington](#)

[Fond du Lac/Sheboygan](#)

[Kenosha](#)

[Milwaukee Northwest](#)

[Milwaukee Southeast](#)

[Milwaukee Southwest](#)

[Ozaukee/Milwaukee Northeast](#)

[Racine](#)

[Walworth](#)

[Waukesha East](#)

[Waukesha West](#)

Register to help at Pray, Reconcile and Rejoice – Lenten Day of Reconciliation by Friday, March 25, 2022.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jenni Oliva, Director of Events and Special Projects at olivaj@archmil.org or 414-769-3585

LASAGRADA FAMILIA 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating 40 years of relationship with La Sagrada Familia in the Dominican Republic, of sharing Faith and Friendship, of being United at the Heart in Faith and Action with our Sister parish. For information on related events or the Anniversary Pilgrimage, email wmo@archmil.org or visit www.archmil.org/LSF-40



Save the Date

FALL DAY FOR PRIESTS AND PARISH DIRECTORS

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center

NEW RECTOR OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES SEMINARY

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Excellency Jerome E. ListECKI, Archbishop of Milwaukee, appointed Reverend Luke N. Strand as the 20th rector of Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, effective June 2022.

Saint Francis de Sales SEMINARY



The Very Reverend John D. Hemsing, current rector, will be completing his term in June and has asked to return to parish ministry. Fr. Hemsing has led the Seminary during a period of significant growth and has been a decisive leader and generous spiritual father for over a decade.

Fr. Strand, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, has served as vocation director for 10 years, and concurrently as vice rector of Saint Francis de Sales Seminary for the past five years.

In making the announcement, Archbishop ListECKI stated, "This is a very positive time for the Seminary. Fr. Hemsing has devoted over 10 years of his priestly life to developing one of the greatest seminaries in the country. He passes the reigns to Fr. Strand, who is experienced and prepared to continue the remarkable legacy of Saint Francis de Sales Seminary."

Please keep Fr. Hemsing, Fr. Strand, our seminarians and the entire Saint Francis de Sales Seminary community in prayer. Please pray also for an increase in diocesan priestly vocations in the Province of Wisconsin.

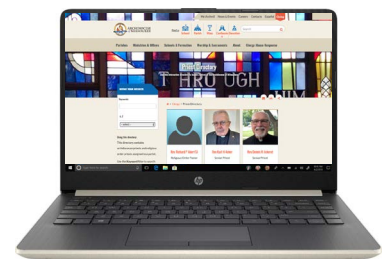
...THROUGH THE YEARS



St. Monica, Whitefish Bay – Mission Church. Bell Tower dedicated in 1929.

INTERACTIVE PRIEST DIRECTORY

[www.archmil.org/
Priest-directory.htm](http://www.archmil.org/Priest-directory.htm)



WEBSITE FOR THE IRS STANDARD MILEAGE RATES

[https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/
standard-mileage-rates](https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates)

The current mileage rate is \$0.585 per mile. Please use the link above to check for future changes. Be aware that the IRS maximum rate may change mid-year.



SUICIDE AWARENESS & PREVENTION *Training*

**Friday, March 18, 2022
9:00 am to Noon**

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PASTORAL CENTER | ROOM E-122

The seminar will address Church teaching on suicide, guidance for funerals, and support for families experiencing this tragedy. It will also better prepare you to pastorally respond by knowing the mental health factors that lead to suicide, what the warning signs might be and how to intervene.

Suicide is something that not only effects our parishioners and others but also the clergy. We will discuss how to normalize the risks to clergy, how to care for oneself and what resources the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has available for you.

Presenters will be our own Auxiliary Bishop the Most Reverend James Schuerman, Vicar for Ordained and Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Very Reverend Jerry Herda and Stephanie Delmore, MA, LPC our Victim Assistance Coordinator and Employee Support Coordinator for Parishes and Schools.

Please join us after the presentation for lunch, discussion with fellow clergy and fellowship. The cost for the program is \$10 for those attending in person, and may be paid directly from your continuing formation account.

In person attendance will be limited to 34 participants. The event will also be broadcast via zoom in order to make it accessible for any clergy unable to attend in person. There will be no cost for attending by zoom. The link to the presentation will be sent at a later date.

Register by March 11, 2022

archmil.regfox.com/suicide-awareness-and-prevention-training

Sponsored by the Office of Continuing Formation of Clergy



MARCH 11, 12, 18, AND 19

AT 7:00 PM

MARCH 13 AND 20

AT 2:30 PM

Holy Apostles Catholic Church
16000 W National Ave, New Berlin

Gather with your community
for the debut of a new musical
BY ELISA R. NECKAR & JEFFREY HONORÉ,
celebrating Mary's story and the power
of the women of God.

This fully staged show is entirely produced and
performed by parishioners. Join us as we explore
the dualities of life – joy and darkness, awe and
sorrow – and the strength required to say,
“My soul proclaims the greatness of my God!”

ALL ARE WELCOME! There will be no admission
fee or tickets for this show, but your free-will
donation is appreciated.



Full A Marian
Musical
OF *Grace*

NO GREATER LOVE

2022 Lenten Parish Missions



On March 23, 2022, Mass will be celebrated at eighteen locations throughout the Archdiocese in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. This special Mass will be the capstone to The Gift of Sunday Parish Missions, and will help the faithful enter more deeply into profound gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

Archbishop requests that you publicize the Lenten Mission in your Deanery, and encourage your parishioners to attend.

<https://www.archmil.org/Lenten-Missions>

Please contact Susan McNeil at mcneils@archmil.org or 414-758-2214 with any questions.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022 – 7:00-8:30 PM

IN ENGLISH

CITY	PARISH	PREACHER
Beaver Dam	St. Katharine Drexel	Fr. Carlos Londoño
Elkhorn	St. Patrick	Fr. Tim Kitzke
Fond du Lac	Holy Family	Fr. Brad Krawczyk
Grafton	St. Joseph	Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz
Greendale	St. Alphonsus	Fr. Ken Omernick
Kenosha	St. Anne	Fr. Paul Hartmann
Menomonee Falls	Good Shepherd	Bishop Jeffrey Haines
Milwaukee	St. Francis of Assisi	Fr. Mike Bertram
Milwaukee	St. Sebastian	Fr. Rob Kroll, S.J.
Milwaukee	Immaculate Conception	Fr. Michael Maher, S.J.
Pewaukee	Queen of Apostles	Fr. Matthew Widder
Plymouth	St. John the Baptist	Fr. Curt Frederick
Racine	St. Lucy	Fr. Mark Payne
West Bend	St. Frances Cabrini	Fr. Phillip Bogacki

IN ASL AND ENGLISH

CITY	PARISH	PREACHER
Milwaukee	St. Roman	Fr. Christopher Klusman

IN SPANISH

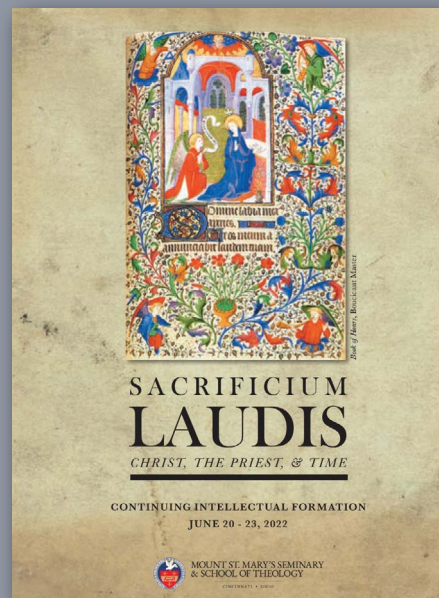
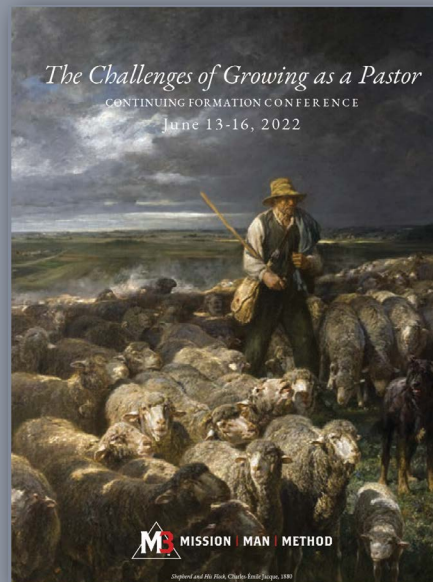
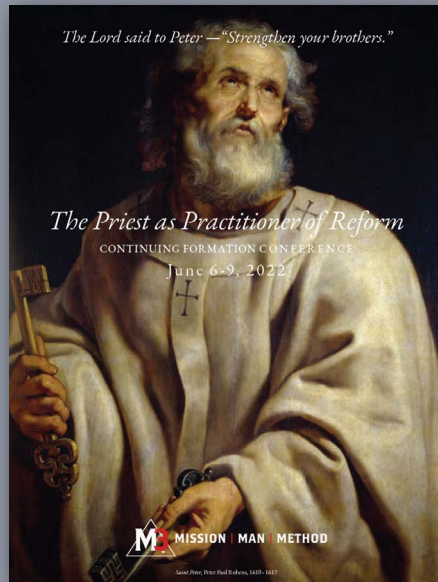
CITY	PARISH	PREACHER
Kenosha	St. Mark* <i>*Mass at 6 p.m.</i>	Fr. Max Tzul
Milwaukee	Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist	Bishop James Schuerman
Sheboygan	St. Dominic	Fr. Enrique Hernandez





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Click [here](#) for more information on all summer 2022 conferences.

<https://athenaeum.edu/category/2022-continuing-formation-conference/>



www.loveoneanothermke.org

The Love One Another Campaign Mission Statement

In a rapidly changing world, preparing our parishes and Archdiocesan ministries for the next generation of Catholics in our 10 counties in southeastern Wisconsin.

Campaign Update as of March 8, 2022:

Campaign Goal	\$150 million
Lead Gifts	\$6.5 million
Pilot Parishes	\$11.7 million (116% of \$10.1M goal)
Wave 1	\$4.0 million (19% of \$20.9M goal)
Total Pledges	\$22.3 million (15% goal)

Pilot Parish Success

The pilot wave of 10 parishes successfully concluded in December. Strong metrics were achieved for participation of parishioners. The average five-year pledge from households in this wave was more than \$6,400. Twenty-three percent of parish households made campaign pledges. The wave achieved 116% of its \$10.1 million goal. These compare favorably with similar campaigns in other dioceses.

Wave 1 Progress

The current wave of 36 parishes is off to a good start. Nearly 300 priests, deacons, and lay volunteers are active in the campaign. Together, they have secured the first 250 pledges averaging nearly \$16,000.

Lead Gifts

Archbishop ListECKI is working to secure lead gifts to the campaign. To date, his efforts have resulted in \$6.5 million.

Priests' Pledges

All priests in the Archdiocese are encouraged to give prayerful consideration to pledging financial support to the campaign over up to five years. To date, priests' pledges total \$350,000 and average more than \$7,300.

- Priests active in parishes will receive their pledge cards when their parishes conduct their campaigns.
- A letter from the Archbishop, campaign brochure, and pledge form were mailed to Senior priests and those not assigned to parishes.
- Please call the campaign at (414) 769-3459 or email loveoneanother@archmil.org if you would like to discuss or make your pledge.

Please visit the website www.loveoneanothermke.org to view the campaign video and access much more information about the campaign. Please pray for the success of the Love One Another Campaign!

CLERGY AND COMMUNITY SYMPOSIUM

The first-ever **Clergy and Community Symposium** will be held on March 24, 2022, at the Veterans War Memorial, 750 N Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee.

The purpose of this symposium is to bring faith and community leaders together to network and discuss various opportunities on how we can work together to serve our veterans. The Theme of the interactive symposium is the **“Unity of US.”** Our goal is to have an informative and collaborative conversation to discuss the different ways we can work together to help our community and veterans grow.

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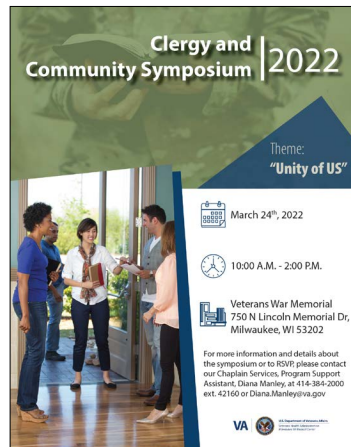


we comply with CDC guidelines. With that said, **all participants will have to RSVP for the event**, and space will be limited to the first 50 people.

For more information and details about the symposium or to RSVP, please contact our Chaplain Services, Program Support Assistant, Diana Manley, at the 414-384-2000 ext. 42160 or Diana.Manley@va.gov

Good Day,

As Chief of the Chaplain Service at the Zablocki VA, located at 5000 W. National Ave. in Milwaukee, I would like to cordially invite you to our first-ever **Clergy and Community Symposium** on March 24, 2022, at Veterans War Memorial, located at 750 N Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53202.



The purpose of this symposium is to bring faith and community leaders together to network and discuss various opportunities on how we can work together to serve our veterans. The theme of the interactive symposium is the **“Unity of US.”** Our goal is to have an informative and collaborative conversation to discuss the different ways we can work together to help our community and veterans grow.

Additionally, we plan to discuss the various programs and opportunities for veterans in your community. Our goal is to share these ideas among each other, and then compile and communicate these opportunities to veterans.

Please share this information with other faith and community leaders, nonprofit organizations and special interest groups focused on improving the community. Due to Covid-19, we are taking every precaution to ensure we comply with CDC guidelines. With that said, **all participants will have to RSVP for the event**, and space will be limited to the first 50 people.

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We look forward to learning more about your initiatives and opportunities for veterans and collaborating with you on improving our community.

Thank you for your time,

Chaplain Robert Allen, M.Edu, M.Div., MHML, BCC
*Chief of Chaplain Service
 Zablocki VA Medical Center*

THRIVING IN RURAL MINISTRY RETREAT

October 10, 2022 - October 14, 2022

Thriving in Rural Ministry is a retreat experience



CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE
 Promoting Catholic Life in Rural America

and follow-up for Catholic priests who serve in a rural setting. It is crafted to provide spiritual refreshment, rural ministry insights and support, individual leadership development, an expanded understanding of integral ecology, and fraternity with other priests serving rural communities.

Our October 2022 retreat will be hosted Oct. 10-14, 2022, at St. Benedict's Abbey in Benet Lake, Wisconsin.

Learn more about the program or register for the retreat [here](#).



THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL SPRING ASSEMBLY OF PRIESTS

May 2 – 4, 2022 • Abbey Resort, Fontana



Presenter:

Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

The deadline for early registration is March 15. You will need to click on the following two links to register for this year's assembly:

<https://archmil.regfox.com/2022-spring-assembly-of-priests>

<https://archmil.regfox.com/2022-spring-assembly-of-priests-the-abbey-resort-registration>

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SAVE the DATE

PRIEST Wellness Day

Wednesday, October 26

Ascension Wisconsin Health Center, Wauwatosa

ACTIVE & SENIOR PRIEST Retreat



October 17 - 20, 2022

Redemptorist Retreat Center,
Oconomowoc

Presenter: Fr. Thomas Suriano



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