



The Cincture

and

SENIOR PRIEST CONNECTION

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FROM THE VICAR FOR CLERGY



Fr. Nathan
Reesman

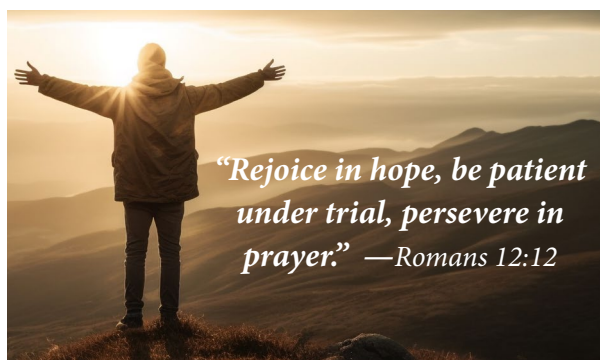
Dear friends: Praised be Jesus Christ! One of the most influential Church documents in recent history about the formation of ministers is "*Pastores Dabo Vobis*" (PDV). St. John Paul

II issued it March 25, 1992, following the synod of bishops that had met to address the topic of priesthood and vocations in the Church. Its instructions and teachings about the nature of ordained ministry continue to profoundly shape the programs for formation around the world even to today.

A groundbreaking contribution of PDV to the Church's contemporary understanding of who a deacon, priest and bishop is centers on its articulation of "human formation." (No. 43) Entering into a formation program for ordination requires a man to engage courses and contents specifically designed to

maximize his maturity as a person. PDV explains it this way: "In order that his ministry may be humanly as credible and acceptable as possible, it is important that the priest should mold his human personality in such a way that it becomes a bridge and not an obstacle for others in their meeting with Jesus Christ the Redeemer of humanity." The norms

for diaconate and priestly formation in the United States both reference and integrate this key concept of the priest (or deacon) as "bridge."



To speak specifically of priesthood, it is true to say that a critically important means of serving as a "bridge" to Christ involves the celebration of the Mass. In the sacrifice of the altar priests are bridges. The Eucharist that is at the center of this act is no less than Christ himself, and it is through the bridge of priests that this comes about. I often hear my brother priests speak of this reality and of this

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self-understanding, which is accurate.

That said, that understanding is also incomplete. While it is true that through the grace of orders, in the Mass, through the priest who is “bridge,” Christ is made truly present to the community, it is also true that if the priest is immature or lacking in qualities of basic virtue, the people will be less present to Christ. The priest is a distraction, or as PDV says, an obstacle. Similar points could be offered about deacons who, through the sacrament of orders are able to engage in some sacramental ministry, can also be obstacles if the human virtues are lacking.

I personally find this text of PDV to be a fruitful source of meditation for me because I am often all too aware of all the ways that I am an obstacle rather than a bridge. This has little to do with the way I celebrate Mass. Mass is the easy part. It is instead about everything else that priesthood requires of me. Priests and deacons, first and foremost, need to be persons with the capacity to treat everyone we meet as real persons. The sacrament of orders makes us bridges on the level of basic validity, but it does not excuse us from the daily task of seeking to be a bridge in the fullness of our humanity. It is a tall order, and it requires daily conversion, fostered by the daily awareness of how deeply Christ loves us and instills himself in us as real persons. Thank God that as the Redeemer of humanity he is so generous to us so that we can in turn be generous ourselves, as real men for others.

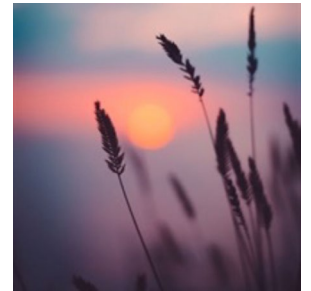
Fr. Nathan Reesman

2025 ANNUAL PRIEST RETREAT OCT. 13-16, 2025

Redemptorist Retreat Center

1800 N. Timber Trail Ln. • Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Join your brother priests for a few days of silence, prayer, reflection and relaxation at our annual priest retreat. This year’s retreat will be directed by Fr. Michael R. Simone, S.J. Fr. Simone is serving in the archdiocese as pastor at Gesù Parish in Milwaukee.



Fr. Michael R.
Simone, S.J.

Fr. Simone is a graduate of John Carroll University (B.A. 1995) and Weston Jesuit School of Theology (S.T.L. 2008); he earned a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible from Johns Hopkins University. From 2013 to 2021, he was assistant professor at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry where he taught Scripture and preaching, served

on the core faculty of spirituality studies and was chair of the Education Policy Committee. After his tertianship year in Dublin, Fr. Simone returned to the USA and served as associate pastor of Old St. Patrick’s parish in Chicago. He moved to Milwaukee in July 2024.

Fr. Simone is contributing editor at *America* magazine where he has also served as a regular columnist. He has also written for the Portuguese Jesuits’ magazine *Mensagem do Coração de Jesus* and was a contributor to the 2023 and 2025 editions of LTP’s “At Home With The Word.” Among his other publications, Fr. Simone is the author of a commentary on the *Book of Judges* for the “Paulist Biblical Commentary,” commentaries on the prophecies of Nahum and Zephaniah for the “New Jerome Biblical Commentary, Revised Edition” and the monograph “Your God is a Devouring Fire” (CBQMS 57).

The retreat will follow a schedule and format similar to past retreats with retreatants arriving Monday afternoon prior to the evening meal and departing Thursday after the noon meal. Registration for this event will be available in August 2025.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION

THE COMMUNITY OF DEACONS: MENTORSHIP AND THE WIVES' FORMATION



Deacon Dale Nees

“Scheduled opportunities for conversation and shared experiences between a candidate and a deacon, as

well as meetings between the wife of a candidate and the wife of a deacon, can mutually sustain their enthusiasm and realism about the diaconate. Some exemplary deacons should be appointed by the diocesan bishop to serve as mentors to individual candidates or a small group of candidates.”¹ (No. 219)

Diaconate Formation has incredible support from the community of deacons in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Currently we have 35 mentors available for both small group and individual mentoring. Our program has both deacons and deacon wives who help mentor the diaconal community of the future. In all, we have 22 deacons and 13 deacon wives who have been oriented to provide both the “enthusiasm and realism” that the National Directory expects from their life experience in the diaconate.

Small groups meet once a semester as a component built into our Saturday class time. Individual mentors are matched in consideration of their location to make getting together practical, but also based on how much their family may have in common as they went through their own formation. We encourage them to meet several times throughout the semester, but this is not prescriptive. We evaluate how beneficial mentoring is to the mentee both by verbal feedback following the completion of a semester and by having the mentors complete a brief update each time they meet, whether as individuals or as a small group. This is true for both the candidates and their wives. This helps us to appreciate both the effectiveness of the mentoring and recognize any formative needs on both a



personal and programmatic level.

Another facet unique to our formation program in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is the amount of involvement that deacon wives have with candidate wives beyond mentoring. They may teach workshops that give a more tailored perspective from the wives' point of view. Deacon wives help with different gatherings such as a social or a wives' Wellness Day. We even have deacon wives who are certified as Spiritual Directors who make themselves available for the spiritual

support of our candidate wives.

Since her arrival over four years ago, Maritza Espino, our associate director who now oversees the wives' formation, has built upon the foundation that had been laid by tailoring what we now offer both aspirant and candidate wives. She has not only been attentive to their unique needs but responsive to their feedback. And through building wonderful relationships with deacon wives in our community, Maritza continues to evolve a curriculum that best serves the needs of wives who are so important to living out a healthy ministry for deacons in the future. The value of this approach has been noticed by other formation programs throughout the country — Martiza recently led an online seminar on wives' formation for the National Association of Diaconal Directors on Feb. 13 of this year.

Deacon Dale Nees

¹United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States of America*: Second Edition (Washington, DC: USCCB), 119.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PRIEST PLACEMENT AND THE LAY INITIATIVE

MEETING WITH ARCHBISHOP GROB



Brenda Cline

The Parish Directors and the Priest Placement Board have been among the many groups blessed to meet with Archbishop Grob during the early days as Archbishop of Milwaukee. Our parish directors meet quarterly to stay updated

on archdiocesan initiatives and news, to share the good work of their parishes and to reflect on their lives and ministry. Our Priest Placement Board meets twice monthly to pray and prepare for the upcoming spring assignments, which will be among Archbishop Grob's first appointments! Please keep him and both groups in your prayers.

Other news from my desk ...

I have begun visiting the parishes that will be going through a pastoral transition this year. It is always great to get out into the field, as I have such great appreciation for the good work our priests, lay leaders and parishioners are undertaking. To that end, I am involved in some new work that we are titling, "The Lay Initiative." Stay tuned for a launch letter coming soon! Please also watch for the annual Archbishop's Vatican II Awards nomination letter and link, to further acknowledge the exceptional work being done in your churches and communities on behalf of the Church.

Please know of my prayers for you during these holy seasons of Lent and Easter. Thank you for your ministry!



Parish Directors: Dcn. Sandy Sites, Sandi Schmitt, Archbishop Grob, Deb Hamm, Deb Steppe, Dcn. Allen Olson, Dcn. Mike Koebel.



Brenda Cline

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27,000 THANK-YOU\$

In the previous issue of *The Cincture* newsletter, the St. Michael Priest Fund Trust asked any senior priests interested to apply for a \$1,000 continuing education grant. The funds could be used only for things that the IRS considers to be funds for professional development. Twenty-seven priests did apply, and the funds have been transferred to the Office for the Continuing Formation of Clergy. If you have any questions, please contact Dcn. Kurt Peot at 414-769-3309 or peotk@archmil.org.

HOLY DAY/HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

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

Friday, April 18 (Good Friday)

Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day)

Friday, July 4 (Independence Day)

Friday, Aug. 15 (Feast of the Assumption)

OUR 8TH ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE

William E. Cousins was born on August 20, 1902, in Chicago, and was a member of the first class to graduate from Our Lady of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, where he was ordained to the priesthood on April 23, 1927. Cousins was known for his affable presence and spirit. Pope Pius XII named Cousins to the episcopacy on Dec. 17, 1948, and he served as an auxiliary bishop to then Archbishop Stritch. He was named bishop of Peoria and installed in that post on July 2, 1952.

After six years as Bishop of Peoria, Cousins was assigned to be the eighth archbishop of Milwaukee on December 18, 1958.

Marking Cousins' time as archbishop was Pope John XXIII's announcement of the Second Vatican Council. During the council, Cousins was a member of the Commissions on Communications Media and the Lay Apostolate. He also served on several commissions before and after the council.

During his time as archbishop, Cousins worked to implement the changes directed by the council in one of the most uncertain times in the history of the archdiocese. It is speculated that his even hand spared the archdiocese the level of polarization experienced in other American dioceses of the post-conciliar time.

Cousins saw the social upheaval of the civil rights and peace movements during his episcopacy. The civil rights marches led by Fr. James Groppi resulted in much pressure on Cousins to sanction the priest and others



Most Reverend William E. Cousins, D.D.
1959 - 1977

involved. Throughout the controversy, however, he maintained his even-handed nature. Cousins strongly supported open housing and affirmed the efforts of those working on the issue, though he did not condone all of their tactics.

Cousins approved major changes in archdiocesan offices, and was known for giving priests and laity the latitude to creatively initiate programs aimed at solving the problems of the day. He also ordained the first group of permanent deacons and was a member of the Board of Governors

of the Catholic Church Extension Society, Episcopal Advisor to Serra International, and served on many committees of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Archbishop Cousins retired in 1977 and continued to maintain a schedule of episcopal duties until his health began to fail. He died on September 14, 1988, in Milwaukee. Motto: *Auxilium Meum a Domino.* "My Help is from the Lord."

Courtesy of www.archmil.org

POPE FRANCIS AND THE DEATH PENALTY

Pope Francis has changed the teachings of the Catholic faith to officially oppose the death penalty in all circumstances, the Vatican has said. The Catechism of the Church, a codified doctrine which sums up teachings, had previously stated that the death penalty could be used in some cases. It now says it is "inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."

THANK YOU, KIM!



Kim Kasten

Kim Kasten, Treasury Analyst in the Finance Office, retired April 3, 2025, after 33 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Thank

you, Kim! We wish you all of God's blessings as you embark on this new chapter, and may all the days yet to come be filled with good health and happiness. As the search for Kim's replacement continues, please direct any questions to Samantha Wright at 414-769-3327.

FROM THE VICAR FOR SENIOR PRIESTS PRAYER FOR LATER YEARS

BY SR. MOYA HANLEN, F.D.N.S.C.

All gracious God, you have given me all I am and have,
and now I give it all back to You to stand under
Your will alone.

In a special way I give You these later years of my life.

I am one of those called by You into old age,
a call not given to all, not given to Jesus,
not given to most in our world today.

I humbly ask You, grace me deeply in each aspect of
that struggle.

As my physical eyesight weakens, may the eyes of my
faith

be strengthened that I may see You and Your life
in everything.

As my hearing fails may the ears of my heart
be more attentive to the whisper of Your gentle
voice.

As my legs weaken and walking becomes more difficult
may I walk more truly in Your paths
knowing all the while that I am held in the
embrace of Your Love.

As my mind becomes less alert and memory fades
may I remain peaceful in you,
aware that with You there is no need for thought
or word.

You ask simply that I be there with You.

And should sickness overtake me and be confined to
bed,

may I know myself as one with Your Son
as he offers His life for the salvation of the world.

Finally as my heart slows a little after the work of the
years

may it expand in love for You and all people.

May my heart rest secure and grateful in Your loving
heart

until I am lost in You completely and forever.
Amen.

HERMITAGE AVAILABLE

Are you looking for a quiet place apart ... to
pause ... to reflect ... to rest?

Rieti Hermitage on the
grounds of The Sisters
of St. Francis of Assisi
in St. Francis provides
a sacred space for
solitude and prayer. It is
a studio cottage with a



screened porch, electricity, heat and water, and is
wheelchair accessible. There is a fully equipped
kitchen and a full bath. You are welcome to come
for a day of reflection or a private retreat. If you
want more information or to make a reservation,
please contact Sr. Mary Kemen, O.S.F., at 414-
744-7423 or maryk@lakeosfs.org.

A LOOK BACK



St. Nicholas Parish, Dacada

This 20 x 40 foot log church was built and established as a mission church and blessed by Bishop Henni on November 25, 1848. It was built with a half floor, which supported the sanctuary and altar. There was no stove and no pews – the people knelt on the cold ground. It has since merged with St. Mary of Random Lake, St. Patrick of Adell, and St. Mary of Cascade to become Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Random Lake.

Courtesy of <https://www.dsoll.org/our-lady-of-the-lakes-history>

CONTINUING FORMATION NEWS

We have been introducing a new electronic reimbursement process over the last few months. Our goal with this process is twofold. First, it is to speed up reimbursements for you. The second is to take advantage of the tremendous amount of information contained in each request, and disseminate what is popular to help you meet your own formational goals.


To accomplish this requires that the information be gathered and categorized in some consistent fashion. Computers can analyze information that is consistently gathered, but information that is random they struggle to analyze. The saying “garbage in garbage out” definitely applies.

The first step in gathering consistent information is a reimbursement request form we have created that not only gathers data in a consistent manner but also serves as an electronic check request form, which can be routed electronically through our archdiocesan approval process by email. For this process to be efficient, it requires you, the requester, to submit your reimbursements electronically. If your request is submitted in paper, or pdf form (essentially electronic paper), someone at the archdiocese must take your request and enter the information before your check request form can be generated. One of the biggest issues with handwritten requests can be deciphering individual handwriting

and correcting math errors. That is not an issue with the digital form.

Our goal is to process electronically submitted reimbursements when they come in and have a check back to you within three to four weeks. Paper requests will continue to be processed, but they will be slower as we have time to enter them.

The electronic reimbursement form is found at <https://www.archmil.org/offices/clergy-formation/Resources1.htm>. I recommend you bookmark this page for future use. Clicking on the text “**Continuing Formation Reimbursement Request**” will download the file to your “download” folder, typically

shown as a downward arrow on the top menu bar of browser, something like this.  Or it may show up in the bottom bar of Chrome as a tab. Either way it will be in your download folder as well. This document will open to directions on how to complete the form and submit it and your receipts.

Please always use the link included earlier to begin your reimbursements. The form will be maintained regularly with the most current updates. Any issues with the form should be reported immediately so we may address them in a timely manner.

~ *Dcn. Kurt Peot, Coordinator*

DINNER AND MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER FOR SENIOR PRIESTS

Continuing our tradition, all senior priests are invited to a reception, dinner and the concelebrated Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17. Please arrive at the Cathedral rectory beginning at 5 p.m. You can enter the rectory by using the gated entrance located at the rear of the rectory in between the garage and the Cathedral. If you are not able to do the staircase at the entrance, someone will lead you to the elevator off the Cathedral proper and bring you into the Cathedral residence.

The gathering will begin at 5 p.m. with conversation and refreshments. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. There will be ample time to conclude the meal comfortably and then head down to the sacristy to vest for the concelebration of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7 p.m. You are asked to bring an alb and white stole if you are concelebrating that evening.

If you can join us for this special celebration of Holy Thursday, please respond by contacting Terri Balash by email at tbalash@ffpmke.org or by phone at 414-469-6173 by April 10. If you plan to concelebrate, please indicate so when you respond. For any dietary restrictions, please also include the details in your message.

PENSION BENEFIT NEWS

The archbishop has approved the recommendation of the Priests' Pension Board to increase the monthly retirement benefits from \$1,890 to \$1,975 for participants in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Priests' Pension Plan.

This 4.5 percent increase is effective July 1, 2025, 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 reevaluated annually, based on the annual contributions and the earnings on the funds invested for the plan.

A link to the Priest Pension Plan Summary is [here](#).

MEDICAL NEWS FOR SENIOR PRIESTS

NEW SENIOR PRIEST RETIREE MEDICAL PLAN EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2025

The United Healthcare Group Medicare Advantage (PPO) Plan is the new medical plan for our retired priests. This plan includes everything our former plan did along with an array of additional features including wellness and clinical programs such as UnitedHealthcare® HouseCalls, post-discharge meals, transportation and in-home care through UnitedHealthcare Healthy at Home, and 24/7 provider support. This plan also includes Virtual Behavioral Health Visits, a free gym membership through SilverSneakers, and discounted hearing aids through UnitedHealthcare Hearing, to name a few.

By now, you should have received a welcome packet with a plan summary and your ID card. If not, please contact Tania Howell at 414-769-3424 or Maureen Wurster at 414-769-3423. Plan and program information can also be found at www.retiree.uhc.com after registering for an account, and by calling United Healthcare directly at 866-868-2501.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES FROM 2025 MAY BE SUBMITTED ANY TIME FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Retired priests with the United Healthcare Medicare Advantage Plan may have access to up to \$1,000 to help pay for eligible medical expenses via the Health Reimbursement Account through Diversified Benefits Services. Eligible expenses incurred from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2025, may be submitted any time throughout 2025 or by March 30, 2026.

You may submit your expenses online at www.

dbsbenefits.com after logging in to your account, or in hardcopy by completing the attached claims form and mailing it and a list of your expenses and corresponding receipts to Diversified Benefit Services Inc., P.O. Box 260, Hartland, WI, 53029.

Please contact Tania Howell at 414-769-3424 or Maureen Wurster at 414-769-3423 if you have any questions or need more information.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Fr. Andrew Kysely

Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob officially incardinated Fr. Andrew Kysely into the Archdiocese of Milwaukee effective March 3, 2025. Fr. Kysely had been a priest of the Diocese of Green Bay. He is presently the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Big Bend. We welcome Father to the presbyteral brotherhood of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and offer prayerful support for his years of priestly ministry ahead.

WEBSITE FOR THE IRS STANDARD MILEAGE RATES

<https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates>

The current mileage rate is \$0.70 per mile. Please use the link above to check for future changes. Be aware the IRS maximum rate may change midyear.

Want Gifts Discernment or Healing Ministry at Your Parish?

Any Parish in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee with a Trained Team Can Host

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Called & Gifted

Do you want everyone at your parish to live in the blessed intersection between their greatest gifts and the needs in our world they care about most?

Form a Team to help your parishioners join the treasure hunt to discern their gifts from the Holy Spirit for the mission through Called & Gifted.

Through the generous support of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, any parish in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee with a trained team receives access to the Called & Gifted online learning platform for only the cost of the participants' Workbooks.

- CSI recommends building a team of 3-10 trained leaders at your parish. Untrained leaders can support.
- Prerequisites: Called & Gifted Workshop, Personal Gifts Interview, Discernment In Depth Small Group or Experimentation with at least one charism discerned at your Personal Gifts Interview
- Offered virtually 2-3x/year or in-person in collaboration with the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis if a parish (or group of parishes) are prepared to train 40 people.
- More Info & Register: siena.org/team-training

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Healing the Whole Person

Do you want to those who struggle with anxiety, grief, anger, addiction, patterns of sin, illness, and life's other hurts to find healing and peace in the heart of your church?

Form a Healing the Whole Person team to minister to the hurting. The I AM Prayer Ministry Training provides formation on the nature and effects of wounds, as well as practical skills training to facilitate prayer for healing and host healing ministry at your parish.

Through a generous donation, any Archdiocese of Milwaukee parish with an I AM trained team and the support of your pastor receives access to the Healing the Whole Person online learning platform for only the cost of participants' Workbooks.

- JPIHC recommends training a team of at least 3 leaders at your parish. Untrained leaders can support your team.
- Prerequisites: Participating in a "Healing the Whole Person" prior to the I AM Prayer Ministry Training.
- Offered only once per year, the next I AM Training is May 5-9, 2025 at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center, Waukesha.
- More info & register: archmil.regfox.com/iam2025mke

**For more information see archmil.org/GalileeU
or contact Margaret Rhody at rhodym@archmil.org or 414-758-2218**



FROM THE OFFICE OF PARISH AND SCHOOL HUMAN RESOURCES

HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE YOUR TEAM

Recognizing and appreciating your team is crucial for building morale and fostering a positive work environment in your ministry. Organizations with cultures of appreciation have greater employee satisfaction: 81 percent of employees who are very satisfied said their company has fostered a culture of appreciation, compared to just 8 percent of those who are neutral or dissatisfied.

Here are a few keyways to express gratitude effectively:

1. Personalized Praise

Take the time to give specific, heartfelt thanks for someone's contributions. Instead of just saying "Great job," mention how their efforts directly impacted the church or ministry.

2. Celebrate Milestones

Acknowledge important milestones, whether personal (birthdays, anniversaries) or work-related (successful events or long-term service). This can be done through a brief public mention or small celebrations.

3. Create a "Thank You" Culture

Encourage a culture of gratitude by having regular moments of appreciation within the team. A "thank-you box" or short acknowledgments during meetings can help everyone feel valued.

4. Handwritten Notes

A simple handwritten note expressing appreciation can have a big impact. Take the time to write a personal thank-you to your team members for their hard work and dedication.

5. Meaningful Gifts

Small thoughtful gifts such as books, religious items or personal tokens of appreciation can show that you care beyond their work contributions.

6. Public Recognition

Acknowledge contributions during Mass or services to highlight the team's work. A public thank-you demonstrates how their efforts are integral to the mission of the church.

7. Opportunities for Growth

Show appreciation by offering opportunities for professional or spiritual growth, such as attending conferences, workshops or retreats. This shows that you believe in their potential.

8. Encourage Rest and Recharge

Offer time off or a relaxing retreat to help your team members recover from demanding seasons. Recognizing the need for balance shows care for their well-being.

By practicing these simple yet powerful gestures, you can strengthen the bond within your ministry team and ensure that everyone feels appreciated for their hard work. These acts of recognition contribute to a positive and effective workplace where your team thrives spiritually and professionally.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 2025 STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 22

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center

Learn & Grow: Gain ideas and inspiration in the areas of:

- Our shared Mission - *Father Dennis Saran*
- Great Communication - *Coming Soon!*
- Growing/Rebuilding your Stewardship Committee - *Coming Soon!*
- How to nurture a deeper understanding of the Offertory and Sacrificial Giving - *Father John LoCoco*

Register at archmil.regfox.com/2025-stewardship-workshop

Continental Breakfast at 8 a.m. Opening prayer by Archbishop Grob at 8:30 a.m.

The Workshop concludes the best way possible:
Daily Mass at Noon - *Archbishop presiding*

Registration is FREE but closes on Tuesday, July 15.

SAVE *the* DATE



2025 Spring Assembly of Priests

May 5 - 7, 2025

Osthoff, Elkhart Lake

*Presenter: Auxiliary Bishop
William Shomali*



Fall Day

FOR PRIESTS AND PARISH DIRECTORS

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center

Planning for the day has already begun.

Mark your calendars.



2025 Active & Senior Priest Retreat

October 13 - 16, 2025

Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc.

[*Click here for more information.*](#)

PRIEST *Wellness Day*

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Ascension / SE Wisconsin at Mayfair Road
(201 N Mayfair Road, 5th Floor
Conference Center, Wauwatosa).

Stay healthy and happy.

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