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FROM THE VICAR FOR CLERGY



Fr. Jerry Herda

The formation we received during our seminary training, but even now in our priesthood, is made up of the four pillars: Human (love/respect), Spiritual (openness to God), Intellectual (read, think, articulate), and

Pastoral (be a shepherd, help others get to heaven). It is easy to think that once you are ordained a priest, your formation is complete. That is the farthest thing from the truth. We as priests, as well as our parish directors, need to re-ignite these four pillars of formation in our lives.

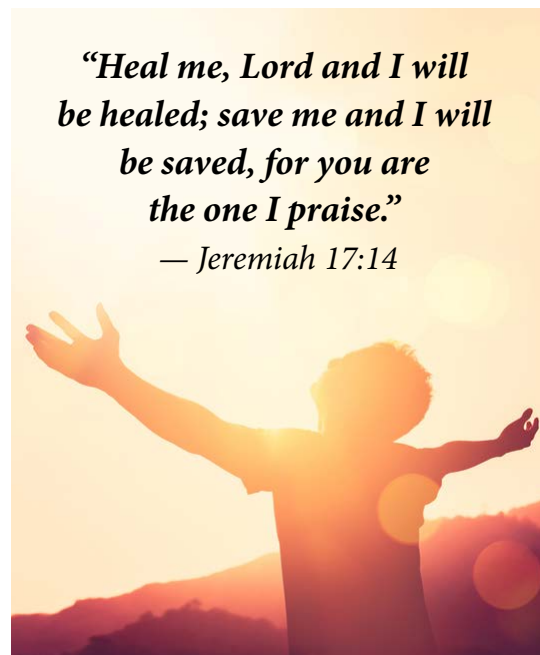
Too often we suffer from “**Acedia**”— spiritual or mental sloth; apathy; lack of motivation; not finding God as desirable. Sloth is one of the deadly sins and when we experience spiritual sloth, we are on our way to killing our relationship with God. A few questions to ask yourself:

- Are you praying?
- Do you have a spiritual director?
- Do you have a group of priests that support you?
- Do you go to confession?
- Do you take care of yourself?

As human beings, we are constantly being formed. Each day, each experience we have helps to form us into the person we are today. Our life, our formation needs to have a balance; it needs to include Human formation, having healthy relationships, spending time with friends and family. It needs to include Spiritual

“Heal me, Lord and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.”

— Jeremiah 17:14



formation, growing in our personal and communal relationship with the Lord. It needs to include Intellectual formation, taking the time to better ourselves, educating ourselves and becoming the best we can be. It needs to include Pastoral formation, where we love our people, guiding them in the ways of faith and walking with our parishioners through all the joys and sorrows of life.

The goal for each of us should be to become holy, healthy, happy and competent priests and parish directors and the best way to achieve this goal is re-ignite the four pillars of formation in our lives.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Jerry Herda

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION

THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA IN DIACONATE FORMATION



Deacon Dale Nees

Aloha is one of the most well-known Hawaiian words. This word not only can be used as a greeting, but also a farewell or good-bye. But there really is much more to this term which dates to the early 19th century.



[Alo] means “presence” and [Hā] means “breath.” Together the word is translated “The presence of breath” or “breath of life.”¹

For me that is a beautiful way to articulate how I feel as we approach September 2022. You could well say that for me this is a special “Aloha” moment. Why? This is when Diaconate Formation says hello to a new group of men, along with their wives if married, beginning their Aspirant Path in Diaconate Formation. It is closely followed by our formal farewell, as an initial formation program, to those deacon candidates selected for ordination. The rhythmic inhale and exhale for four years of forming these men and their families to serve the People of God in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

“Legend says the spirit behind aloha was taught to the Hawaiian children long ago as a way of life embodied in the following acronym:

- A: ‘Akahai,’ meaning kindness, to be expressed with tenderness
- L: ‘Lokahi,’ meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony
- O: ‘Oluolu,’ meaning agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness
- H: ‘Haahaa,’ meaning humility, to be expressed with modesty
- A: ‘Ahonui,’ meaning patience, to be expressed with perseverance”²

My hope is that through our accompaniment of those discerning a diaconal call, those in diaconate formation, and those anticipating their post-ordination stage of diaconal formation that we faithfully nurture a like spirit during our time together. And, that this will inspire those ordained as to continue to embody it in their diaconal ministry.

I was moved by the *Roberts Hawaii* account of comments made by “Queen Lil’uokalani, the last monarch of Hawaii, ‘Aloha is to learn what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.’”³ This is reminiscent of our mantra to “trust the process.” I believe the spirit behind aloha is alive and well in Diaconate Formation. And we are not afraid to hold its authentic meaning close to our hearts as we welcome another group of aspirants and bid farewell to our senior deacon candidates.

Deacon Dale Nees

¹The Spirit Behind Aloha: Roberts Hawaii

²Ibid

³Ibid



BALLPARK DAY OF FAITH

All priests are invited to the 2022 Ballpark Day of Faith on June 26. You are welcome to concelebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the parking lot at American Family Field and then stay for the tailgate and ball game. Even if you cannot make it for the Mass, you are still welcome to come to the 1:10 p.m. Brewers game. Thanks to the generosity of a wonderful donor, your ticket to the ball game is free. If you are interested in attending either the Mass and/or the game, please contact Jodi Bowers (414) 769-3484 by June 10th.

HOLY DAY/HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

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

- Monday, July 4 (Independence Day)**
- Monday, August 15 (Feast of the Assumption)**
- Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)**

AN APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERYTHING!



Brenda Cline

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

The 2021-2022 placement season is nearly complete! Please join me in praying for all those who will be transitioning to a new appointment, along with the communities they will serve.

I had the opportunity to meet so many priests and parish directors these past five months, and am inspired by the Spirit-filled energy and dedication present in our Church leadership! I also enjoyed the opportunities I had to meet with so many of our parish staff and leaders. As unique as each parish is, I was pleasantly surprised to see so much commonality among the parish consultations: the people of our archdiocese are proud of their parishes; they want to see their churches continue to rebound from the pandemic; they want to attract more families and young people; and they want their churches to be a vibrant and visible presence of Christ in their local communities – and beyond. Thanks to each of you, I believe we are up for the challenge!

I would like to acknowledge the Priest Placement Board for their generous hard work this year. Our twice-monthly meetings certainly require an intense time commitment, but words do not do justice to the level of prayer, creativity, wisdom, and insight that these priests bring to the table — with the Holy Spirit to guide us! When you see them, please thank: Fr. Jerry Herda, Fr. Tim Kitzke, Fr. Javier Bustos, Fr. Pat Heppe, Fr. Ryan Pruess, Fr. Rafael Rodriguez, Fr. Luke Strand, and Fr. Carlos Florez. I would also like to thank Nancy Kerns for keeping us organized. Stay tuned to your email this summer to partake in the election process for the Priest Placement Board.

Please also watch your email for the Vatican II Awards nomination form sent last week. We need your input to raise up and celebrate the good work of the Church in our midst! Who on your staffs and in your communities have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the Gospel, by their leadership, education, communication, worship, and in so many other areas? Which youth and young adults in your communities are leading the way, as an example for all? Please take ten minutes to nominate someone! Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 22nd for the 2022 Vatican II Awards and Prayer.

With summer finally in range, I wish you a joyous conclusion to the Easter Season, and some time for rest and relaxation. Please know of my prayers for you and your ministry! Thank you for all you do.

PATIENT TRUST

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress

that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—

and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;

your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,

let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on,

as though you could be today what time

(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)

will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing

that his hand is leading you,

and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself

in suspense and incomplete.

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ
excerpted from *Hearts on Fire*

2022 HEALTH WEBINARS

If you were unable to log in to the May 18th Clergy Wellness webinar, all presentations can be viewed by visiting the Wellness Council page of the archdiocesan website or by clicking [here](#).

Topics for future presentations are listed and links will be made available closer to the presentation date.

End of Life Planning - Start the Conversation

A video series has been produced to help provide guidance on specific end of life topics. These videos as well as other resources are on the Wellness Council page of the archdiocesan website or by clicking [here](#).

ENHANCED HR SERVICES COMING YOUR WAY



Jenny Moyer

It is with pleasure that I share with you Sue Gorski will be moving to Parish and Schools Human Resources this summer. Sue has served as the Director of Human Resources with the Central Office at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for over 20 years and is a seasoned HR professional.

How does this impact you? Human Resources is an area that continues to challenge parishes and schools. With this expansion, our goal is to meet with parish and school leaders to proactively assist you in reviewing and refining your HR

policies and practices.

The HR reviews encompass current compliance with local, state, and federal HR laws and regulations, recruitment and onboarding practices, handling of employee relations issues, and administration of compensation and benefits. The desired outcome of the reviews is that you and your staff, entrusted with these responsibilities, will possess more confidence in administering the HR function. Perhaps then it won't be "oh, no, HR is here. What did we do wrong?" Instead, it will be - "I am happy you are here, I have questions about..."

CATHOLIC EXTENSION MISSION IMMERSION TRIP

Thanks to a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. Catholic Extension has been able to take priests, deacons, and lay leaders throughout the country on Mission Immersion Trips to the various Mission Dioceses we support. We cover all of the expenses and handle everything for you. [Here is the website for our program](#), which includes a short video with testimony from guests who traveled with us on a trip. Some of the best stories of the Church happen in these under resourced areas, and we have been serving them for over a century. Below are the dates and locations for future trips.

June 14-16 – Visiting the Catholic Dioceses of Puerto Rico. Visiting parish communities that are still recovering from

Hurricane Maria and several earthquakes. We will also have an opportunity to focus on Laudato Si' through our visit to the Rainforest on the island.

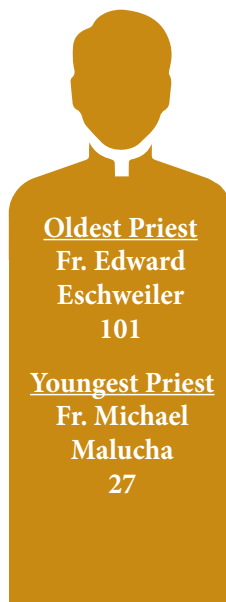
July 26-28 – Diocese of Yakima, Washington. Witnessing the work of migrant ministry in a very rural, isolated area of the country. Bishop Joseph Tyson from the diocese will be with us. [Here is an article](https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/seminarian-immersion-program-yields-harvest-pastoral-experience) on our recent visit to the Diocese of Yakima, which featured a priest from the Diocese of Brooklyn: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/seminarian-immersion-program-yields-harvest-pastoral-experience>

August 9-11 - U.S. southern border, Dioceses of El Paso, TX and Las Cruces, NM.

ALL OF OUR PRIESTS BY AGE

Years Old	Number of Priests	Years Old	Number of Priests
100+	1	60 – 69	47
90 - 99	14	50 – 59	27
80 - 89	47	40 – 49	25
70 - 79	81	30 – 39	34
		25 – 29	4

Happy Birthday to our Centennial Priests
 101 - Fr. Edward Eschweiler - May 27
 100 - Fr. Edward Sippel - July 2
 100 - Fr. John Rausch - July 23



RECORDING OF FUNERALS IN PARISH SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

All Catholic funerals at which a priest, deacon, or other authorized parish minister officiates, even if not celebrated in the parish church but rather at a funeral home or cemetery, are to be entered into the parish death register. It does not matter whether the person had any ties/membership to the parish. If the priest/deacon officiates then it should be recorded in the parishes' register.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE PRIEST PLACEMENTS FOR SPRING 2022

PARISH	PRIEST / PARISH DIRECTOR
Pastor / Administrator / Parish Director	
Gesu, Milwaukee	Fr. Benjamin Osborne, SJ
St. Catherine of Siena, Ripon	Diane Nowinski
St. James, Menomonee Falls	Fr. John Hemsing
St. Joseph, Grafton	Fr. Nicholas Baumgardner
St. Matthias, Milwaukee	Fr. Jerry Herda
St. Martin of Tours, Franklin	Fr. Andrzej Sudol, SCJ
St. Therese, Milwaukee	Fr. Thomas Varkey, SAC
Shared Pastor / Administrator / Parish Director	
Blessed Sacrament, Milwaukee/St. Francis de Sales Seminary	Fr. Glenn Powers
Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls; St. John Evangelist, Kohler	Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel
Prince of Peace; St. Raphael; St. Vincent de Paul, Milwaukee	Fr. Fabian Rodas, FMM
St. James, Mukwonago; St. Therese, Eagle	Fr. Jordan Berghouse
St. Mary, Mayville; St. Andrew, Leroy; St. Theresa, Theresa (<i>as of 9/1/22</i>)	Fr. Joseph Dominic, SAC
St. Monica, Whitefish Bay; St. Eugene, Fox Point	Fr. Mark Payne
St. Rita; Holy Assumption; St. Augustine, West Allis	Fr. Gerardo Carcar
St. Roman; St. Charles Borromeo, Milwaukee	Fr. Gideon Buya
Our Lady of the Lakes, Random Lake; Divine Savior, Fredonia	Deb Hamm
Kenosha-Racine County Line Catholic Parishes (<i>St. Robert Bellarmine, Union Grove; St. John the Baptist, Paris; St. Francis Xavier, Brighton; St. Mary of the Assumption, Kansasville</i>)	Deacon Anton Nikolai
Associate Pastor	
Gesu, Milwaukee	Fr. Thomas Anderson, SJ
Holy Family, Fond du Lac	Fr. Michael Malucha
Holy Family, Fond du Lac	Fr.. Pedro Ruiz
St. Charles, Hartland	Fr. Ariel Orozco
St. Francis Borgia, Cedarburg	Fr. Matthew Ferch
St. Martin of Tours, Franklin	Fr. Son Thai Nguyen, SCJ
St. John Vianney, Brookfield	Fr. Marco Valentini
Shared Associate Pastor	
Blessed Sacrament, Milwaukee/St. Thomas More High School	Fr. Alex Nwosu
Holy Assumption; St. Rita; St. Augustine, West Allis	Fr. Matthew Kirk
Prince of Peace; St. Raphael; St. Vincent de Paul, Milwaukee	Fr. Alejandro Umul, FMM
St. Peter, Slinger; Resurrection, Allenton; St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence	Fr. Russ Arnett
St. Monica, Whitefish Bay; St. Eugene, Fox Point	Fr. Tonny Kizza
St. Francis Cabrini; Immaculate Conception/St. Mary, West Bend	Fr. Kevin Harmon
Family of Four Parishes (<i>Old St. Mary; Three Holy Women; SS Peter & Paul; Our Lady of Divine Providence, Milwaukee</i>)	Fr. Carlos Londono

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 JUBILARIANS!

CLASS OF 1947 (75 YEARS)

John Rausch
Edward Sippel

CLASS OF 1957 (65 YEARS)

Robert Bales
Edward Griesemer, SCJ
Dennis Klemme
Edward Wawrzyniakowski
Donald Zerkel

CLASS OF 1962 (60 YEARS)

Hugh Birdsall, SDS
Gerald Brittain
Daniel Murphy
R. Thomas Venne

CLASS OF 1972 (50 YEARS)

Dennis Dirx
Jerome Kienzle
Ronald Kotecki
Norman Oswald
Paul Raczynski
John Van Abel

CLASS OF 1982 (40 YEARS)

Fred Alexander, OCD
Stephen Lampe
Michael Moran

CLASS OF 1997 (25 YEARS)

Cliff Ermatinger

CLASS OF 2012 (10 YEARS)

Yamid Blanco Ariza
Juan Camacho Porras
Jorge Enrique Hernandez
Castellanos
Brad Krawczyk
Ryan Pruess
Jacob Strand
Carlos Zapata Munoz

CLASS OF 2022

Matthew Ferch
Kevin Harmon

Matthew Kirk
Tonny Kizza
Ariel Orozco
Pedro Ruiz

RETIREMENTS

*Well done, good and
faithful servants!*

Loyola Amalraj
Thomas Biersack
Thomas Eichenberger
Brian Holbus

*Eternal rest grant unto
them. O Lord...*

John J. Pulice
June 4, 2021

Joseph H. Coerber
June 23, 2021

John G. Yockey
July 28, 2021

James Krasman, OFM
August 23, 2021

Keith Brennan, SDS
September 9, 2021

Russell F. Witon
September 25, 2021

Sergius Wroblewski, OFM
September 21, 2021

Melvin H. Macoskie
September 29, 2021

James B. Cera
November 1, 2021

James P. Loehr
November 6, 2021

Reginald T. Foster, OCD
December 25, 2020

Loren Nys, SDS
December 26, 2021

Richard K. Thibodeau,
C.Ss.R.

January 16, 2022

James M. Ernster
March 6, 2022

► PRIEST PLACEMENT (continued from page 5)

Special Assignments

- Judicial Vicar – **Fr. Mark Payne**
- Moderator of the Curia – **Fr. Phillip Bogacki**
- Rector, Saint Francis de Sales Seminary – **Fr. Luke Strand**
- Vice Rector, Saint Francis de Sales Seminary –
Fr. John Baumgardner
- Faculty, St. Francis de Sales Seminary; Sacred Heart
Seminary & School of Theology – **Fr. John Paul Mitchell**

Priest Retirements – Thru December 2022

- Fr. Loyola Amalraj
- Fr. Tom Biersack
- Fr. Thomas Eichenberger
- Fr. Lawrence Frankovich, OFM
- Fr. Brian Holbus
- Fr. Terence Langley, SCJ



COMING SOON... SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD

Spiritual Motherhood is a program that offers faithful and prayerful women an opportunity to commit to spiritually adopting a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Done anonymously, Spiritual Mothers will support their priest-son through her personal prayer and sacrifice and will do so for as long as she lives. This hidden vocation within a vocation is for women in every state of life — single, married, widowed, lay or consecrated religious.

If you know of a woman in your parish who would be interested in learning more about this or being the liaison at your parish, please have them contact Jodi Bowers in the Clergy Office (bowersj@archmil.org / 414-769-3484).

A LOOK BACK...

(Photos courtesy of Archdiocesan Archives)



Seminary football team, 1930s.

SAVE *the* DATE

FALL DAY FOR PRIESTS AND PARISH DIRECTORS

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center

PRIEST *Wellness Day* “Spiritual & Emotional Wellness”

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

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

Stay healthy and happy.

INTERACTIVE PRIEST DIRECTORY

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



CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, the following were ordained to the Transitional Diaconate by Bishop James T. Schuerman at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee. Please keep these men in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their ordination to the priesthood in May 2023.



(l-r) Deacon Michael Courchaine, Deacon Joseph Heit, Rev. Luke Strand, Bishop James Schuerman, Very Rev. John Hemsing, Deacon Kevin Tanel, Deacon Kenneth Anyanwu, Deacon Ryan Ackmann

On Saturday, May 21, 2022, Fathers Matthew Ferch, Kevin Harmon, Matthew Kirk, Tonny Kizza, Ariel Orozco, and Pedro Ruiz were ordained at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee. Please keep these newly ordained in your prayers.



Back row (l-r): Rev. Luke Strand, Very Rev. John Hemsing
Middle row (l-r): Rev. Matthew Kirk, Rev. Ariel Orozco, Rev. Matthew Ferch, Rev. Pedro Ruiz
Front Row(l-r): Rev. Kevin Harmon, Archbishop Jerome Listecki, Rev. Tonny Kizza

GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT MAKES THRIVING IN MINISTRY POSSIBLE

By Sr. Pam Biehl

Project Coordinator, Collaborative Parish Leadership Project
Cardinal Stritch University

Time management is one of those topics we all struggle with in parish ministry no matter how well organized and best intentioned we are. There are just days when the “to do” list is too long, the unexpected happens and everything seems overwhelming.

We might find ourselves asking: how do I find the time to do all that God has called me to do? How do I balance my work and my personal life? If we look at time management as *organizing your time so that you use it more effectively* here are 10 small ways to “organize your time” so that there is not only less stress in your day, but you find yourself thriving in your ministry.

1. CREATE MARGINS IN YOUR SCHEDULE. Make a “margin” appointment in your schedule for an hour or two at least once or twice a week. This is a time to transition, evaluate or simply take a breath. It can also provide space for the unpredictable in your week.

2. HANDLE YOUR MAIL ONLY ONCE. Take time to open, read and handle your mail all at the same time.

3. THERE ARE 3 PARTS IN A DAY – MORNING AFTERNOON AND EVENING. WORK ONLY TWO OF THE THREE. That will help you to keep from doing 12 hour days all week.

4. LEARN HOW TO “BE PRESENT” FOR A PARISH EVENT. Walk in the front door and zig zag your way to the back door. Spend a minute or two talking to people on the way and everyone will have seen you, but you have only been actually “present” for about 15-20 minutes.

5. CHECK EMAIL NO MORE THAN TWICE A DAY. Sounds impossible but this is one of the best ways to manage your time.

6. MAKE SURE MEETINGS RUN NO LONGER THAN 75 MINUTES. This not only makes for an efficient meeting but speaks loudly of your respect for volunteers.

7. STOP IN FOR THREE MINUTES TO VISIT A CLASS, BIBLE STUDY, ETC. Supporting parish programs and the staff and volunteers who run them is very important, but you can do that easily and quickly by just stopping in now and then to greet everyone without attending the program.



8. TRY TO FIND 30-60 MINUTES OF UNINTERRUPTED TIME DURING THE DAY. It is amazing what you can accomplish when you are not interrupted. Set an appointment with yourself for an hour every day and tell your secretary so she can help you protect that time.

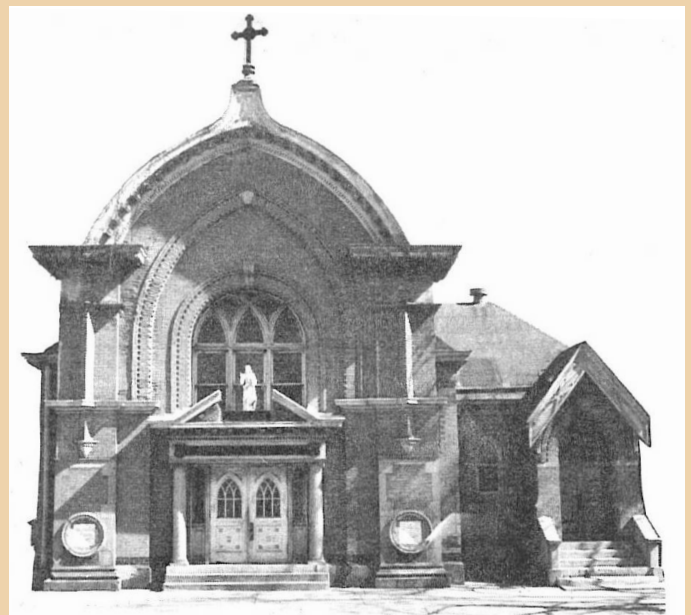
9. DON’T ANSWER YOUR CELL PHONE JUST BECAUSE IT RINGS. Think twice before you answer the phone and remember some things are important but not urgent.

10. MAKE A “TO DO “LIST FOR THE DAY/ WEEK. This is a good way to stay focused on what needs to be done for the day, especially if it’s something you don’t like doing.

It is important to remember that it is the people we serve who matter the most. We know there will be times when our schedule will be full of appointments and meetings, and our ministry will seem overwhelming, but if we work to improve how we manage our time it will help us to thrive in our ministry and not just survive.

Article from the Collaborative Parish Leadership Project Newsletter – April 2022 #10

THROUGH THE YEARS...

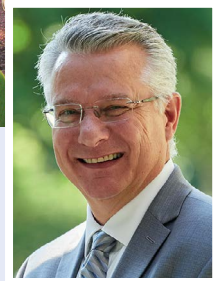


The original building of St. John the Evangelist Parish on S. 9th Street and W. Mineral Street in Milwaukee before moving to S. 84th Street & W. Cold Spring Road in Greenfield.

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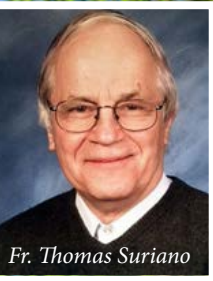
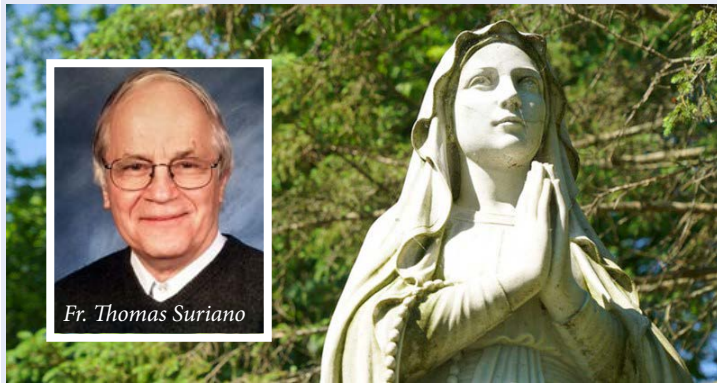


2023 SPRING ASSEMBLY OF PRIESTS



Dr. Dan Scholz

May 8 – 10, 2023 • *Abbey Resort, Fontana*
Presenter: Dr. Dan Scholz



Fr. Thomas Suriano

ACTIVE & SENIOR PRIEST *Retreat*

October 17 - 20, 2022
Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc
Presenter: Fr. Thomas Suriano
Registration opening August 2022

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