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SENIOR PRIEST CONNECTION

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CALLING ALL PRIESTS... SENIOR AND ACTIVE



Fr. James Lobacz

As the vicar for senior priests, I rely on a Senior Priest Advisory Committee to keep me informed about trends that impact the lives of our senior priests.

One of the outcomes expressed in the Spring Assembly of Priests evaluations was the overwhelming comments by all the priests about how much participants valued the priestly fraternity. My advisory committee recommended that my office sponsor some events that are open to all priests, both active and senior, to further the fraternity between younger and older priests.

The Pabst Mansion has a storied history and part of it includes the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. In 1906, upon the death of Captain Pabst's widow, his mansion came on the market. In 1908, while Archbishop Messmer was abroad, the purchase of the mansion was arranged by his secretary, Fr. Bernard Traudt. The stable and carriage house were refitted as office space and became the beginning of the first chancery office and the home of the centralized administration of the archdiocese. For 67 years, the archdiocese used the mansion as the residence of the archbishops of Milwaukee. In 1975 it was sold to an

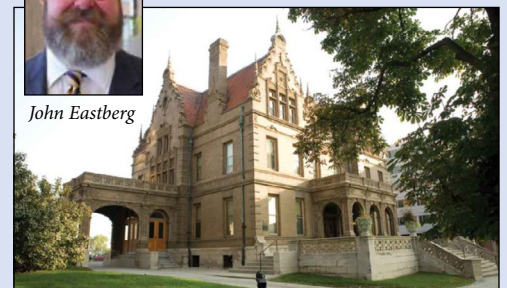
architectural preservation group.

I am happy to announce that the Senior Priest Advisory Committee invites all priests of the archdiocese to a tour, a presentation by John Eastberg, and light refreshments (including Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer) at the Pabst Mansion. A display, prepared by the archives of the archdiocese, will also be on hand sharing interesting facts about the years Milwaukee archbishops called the place home.



John Eastberg

CALLING ALL PRIESTS Priestly Fraternity Event



THE PABST MANSION

2000 West Wisconsin Avenue

Some Parking on the North Side of the Building

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

4:30 p.m. Arrival

5 p.m. Presentation by John Eastberg

5:30 p.m. Reception

The event is free but reistration required.

Call Nancy Kerns at 414-769-3594

Register by July 12, 2023

SENIOR PRIESTS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday, September 7, 2023, all senior priests are invited to the Annual Mass and Luncheon with Archbishop ListECKi.

Mass at 11:30 a.m.

followed by lunch at

St. Francis de Sales Seminary. Registration information will be published in the next newsletter.

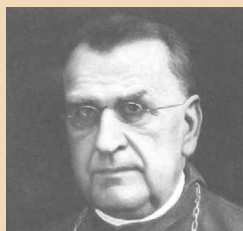


Born in Pfahldorf, Bavaria, on April 12, 1818, Michael Heiss was ordained on October 18, 1840, in Munich, Germany.

He came to Milwaukee as Archbishop Martin Henni's secretary in 1844. During his early years in Milwaukee, he erected Old St. Mary's Church and served as

its pastor. He was known to make frequent, though hazardous, visits on horseback to Catholics in surrounding cities. Henni also chose Heiss to organize Saint Francis Seminary and serve as its first rector. At Saint Francis, Heiss trained German-speaking priests to serve German Catholics of the archdiocese. Following his 12 years at the seminary, he was named the first bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse in 1868.

Amid controversy between the German-speaking and English-speaking Catholics of the



**The Most Reverend
Michael Heiss,
D.D.**

**Archbishop of
Milwaukee from
1881 to 1890**

Milwaukee archdiocese, who fought over German control of the archdiocese, he was named coadjutor of Milwaukee on April 9, 1880, and succeeded Archbishop Henni on September 7, 1881.

During his administration, Heiss stabilized the finances of the archdiocese,

introduced the parish tax, regularized the legal status of parishes, and formed the first archdiocesan school board. He also encouraged American-born women in the archdiocese to enter religious communities and allowed more English to be taught in parish schools.

Archbishop Heiss died on March 26, 1890, after nine years in office. He is buried, according to his own wishes, beneath the chapel at Saint Francis Seminary.

Motto: Gratia et Pax. "Grace and Peace"

101 AND LOTS OF FUN!



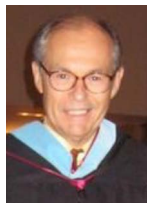
Contragulations Fr. Ed Sippel, our oldest priest, on his 101st birthday. He is excited about his upcoming 76th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. *Ad multos annos!*

When we talk about the environment, about creation, my thoughts go to the first pages of the Bible, to the Book of Genesis, where it says that God puts men and women on the earth to till it and keep it (cf. 2:15). And these questions occur to me: What does cultivating and preserving the earth mean? Are we truly cultivating and caring for creation? Or are we exploiting and neglecting it? The verb "cultivate" reminds me of the care a farmer takes to ensure that his land will be productive and that his produce will be shared..



– Pope Francis at General Audience, Wednesday, June 5, 2013

PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT



Dr. Richard Johnson

How will I organize the structure of my life without work?

- We all have needs for order and organization.
- Retirement requires that we restructure our routines.
- We need to influence our lives in unique ways that give us feelings of security and inner balance.
- Without new life-purpose, we feel the pang of loss deeply.
- The loss of ‘authority’ over our lives can create inner turmoil.
- The loss of personal empowerment breeds sadness.

Unhealthy resolution of this retirement essential means...

- Internal brokenness: no ‘field’ to run on...
- Existing without form or function: no cause or function... no personal mission.
- Floundering, lifeless, pointless, deflated.

Healthy resolution of this retirement essential means...

- Requiring you to “stir your spiritual pot”
- Seeing your life as a continuous prayer
- Dedicating your life to the ongoing mission of Jesus
- Developing a mindfulness of walking with Jesus
- Taking command of your personality as never before
- Getting to know your unique personality strengths

IMPORTANT BENEFITS INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Your Aetna Medicare Advantage (PPO) Plan, your Delta Dental plan, and your VSP Vision plan (if you have one) will renew automatically on January 1, 2024. You do not have to do anything to make that happen!

The deadline to request reimbursement of up to \$1,000 of eligible medical expenses under the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for the previous Plan year (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023), is September 28, 2023. You may submit your expenses online at www.dbsbenefits.com after logging in to your account, or in hardcopy by completing the claims form and mailing it along with a list of your expenses and the corresponding receipts to Diversified Benefit Services, P.O. Box 260, Hartford, WI 53029. A list of eligible expenses can be accessed [here](#).

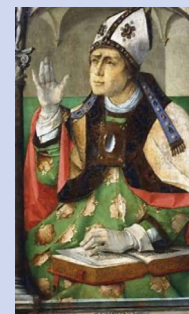
St. Raphael
Health Plan
Together in Benefits • For your Health and Well-Being

Late have I loved you,
Beauty so ancient and
so new,
late have I loved you!

Lo, you were within,
but I outside, seeking
there for you,
and upon the shapely things
you have made

I rushed headlong – I, misshapen.
You were with me, but I was not with you.
They held me back far from you,
those things which would have no being,
were they not in you.

You called, shouted, broke through my
deafness; you flared, blazed,
banished my blindness;
you lavished your fragrance, I gasped;
and now I pant for you;
I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst;
you touched me, and I burned for your
peace.



The Health Reimbursement Account is moving from a fiscal-year administration to a calendar-year administration effective January 1, 2024. This means we will have a “short” plan year (7/1/2023 thru 12/31/2023) to finish out this year. The amount you will have access to is also adjusted to \$500 per IRS regulations. Expenses for this “short” plan year must be submitted by March 28, 2024. More information and reminders will follow as we get closer to these dates and deadlines. Once the new calendar year plan begins in January 2024, you will again have access to the \$1,000 maximum.

Please contact Maureen Wurster, HR and Benefits Administrator, at 414-769-3423 or wursterm@archmil.org if you have any questions.

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SERVING PRIESTS IN EVERY SEASON OF LIFE

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For priests preparing for the transition from full-time ministry
as well as those who have recently made the transition

Making “retirement” a time of renewal

Recognizing strengths,
identifying challenges

Looking forward to life’s next chapter with purpose and meaning

August 14-17, 2023

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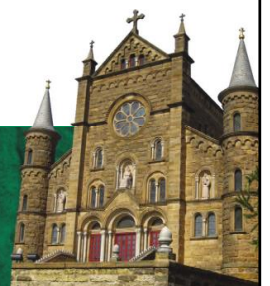
November 27-30, 2023

\$800 program fee, room and board

For more information
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SAVE the DATE

Fall Day

FOR PRIESTS AND PARISH DIRECTORS

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center

Presenter: Fr. Brian Mason

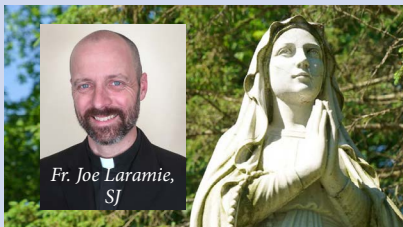


2024 Spring Assembly of Priests

May 6 - 8, 2024

Osthoff, Elkhart Lake

Presenter: Bishop Robert Barron



2023 Active & Senior Priest Retreat

October 9 – 12, 2023

Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc.

PRIEST Wellness Day

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

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

Stay healthy and happy.



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