



# The Cincture

## FROM THE VICAR FOR CLERGY - WORDS OF THANKS

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Fr. Jerry Herda

In this season of Thanksgiving, there are so many things and people to be thankful for. Do we take the time to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to our God for all that he has done for us, do we take the time to express words of gratitude to the many people who help us on our journey of life? Today in my role as Vicar for Clergy, I wish to share with you my words of thanks.

I am thankful for:

- The abundant blessings God has given to each of us
- The Clergy Department staff that does such great work
- Our priests and deacons who love their people
- Those who came before us, laying the foundation for the work we do
- The increase in vocations & for all our seminarians
- Our parish directors, who quietly do an outstanding job
- All who step up to be temporary administrators & temporary parish directors
- The long hours our bishops put in each day,



***“God will put his angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go.” — Psalm 91:11***

- especially during confirmation season
- Our deacon formation program and the men & their wives in the program
  - All of the senior priests who continue to give so much of their time
  - The People of God who radiate lives of holiness
  - The Eucharist – the presence of Christ in our midst
- May the blessings of our almighty God continue to be showered upon each and every one of us.

***Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Jerry Herda***

### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

We wish to offer our many thanks to Jenni Oliva (Diocesan Events and Special Programs), Jenny Michaels (Diaconate Formation), Jenny Moyer (Parish & Schools Human Resources) and Margaret Rhody, Emily Burds, Pete Burds & Doug Ulaszek (Evangelization & Catechesis) for their assistance with set-up and hospitality during this year’s Fall Day for Priests and Parish Directors. May God bless you for your kindness.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PRIEST & LAY ECCLESIAL PERSONNEL AND PLACEMENT

## IN PRAISE OF PRIESTS



Rick Tank

As I prepare to retire at the end of this year, ending 32 years with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, my mind is drawn often to those special priests who guided me along the way. Without them, I never would have become Catholic, never would have been married as a Catholic and never would have come to work

for the Catholic Church. Once hired, the priestly fellowship and relationships often guided my ministry and sustained me in the rough patches of life. Allow me to reflect back on a few of the men who provided a pastoral path for me to follow.

**Fr. Bob** was an Irish-born priest serving in a small borough of London. When a young American college kid approached him after Mass one day and inquired about being confirmed in the Catholic faith, he could have brushed me off, told me to wait or put roadblocks in my way. Instead, he listened, asked questions and told me we could meet weekly at the local pub for formation. With his guidance and support, I was confirmed as a Catholic later that year in London.


**Fr. Dennis** is also of Irish ancestry, and is an American priest of the LaCrosse Diocese. As my fiancé and I contemplated marriage, we decided to have the ceremony in my wife's home parish in Greendale. However, we were both away in college and needed to take marriage preparation there. We talked with a number of priests, but they were not interested in helping if we were not going to be having the wedding with them. When we approached Fr. Dennis, he opened his heart to us and made time to teach us about Catholic love and commitment. By his acceptance, he became a lifelong friend.

**Fr. Bob** was, at the time, the Vicar for Clergy for another diocese in the United States. I met him as a member of the National Association of Church Personnel Administrators (NACPA). I was a new and inexperienced human resource director for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and needed to learn a lot about the Catholic Church. As a Board member of NACPA, he took me under his wing and got me involved in the organization, allowing me to connect with peers all over the country. He talked me into running for a Board seat, which furthered my connection to the Church on a national level. On a personal level, he also encouraged my running, and we ran two marathons together. He remains a dear friend even after his retirement from full-time ministry as a priest.

Along with these three examples are numerous examples I could cite of priests locally. The priest who spent time listening

to my challenges as we took hikes through the Kettle Moraine; the priest who offered a listening ear when I struggled with my father's death; the priest who came and blessed our home when we first moved into the area; and the priest who shared food and bits of his culture from his home country.


These are my personal examples, but listening to hundreds of parishioners over the years at parish consultations, I heard so many similar stories from them. Catholics have been blessed with many priests who have allowed themselves to be present to their parishioners at all stages of life's journey. For myself, and on behalf of so many others, I say thank you for your efforts. Your openness and understanding that we are all at different steps on the spiritual path is a real blessing. Thank you for listening, caring and leading us back to Christ.



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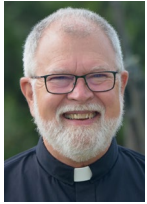
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*Archbishop of Milwaukee*

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## CONTINUING FORMATION UPDATE



Deacon Kurt Peot

After a long hiatus due to the COVID Pandemic and retirements, the Office of Continuing Formation of Clergy is happy to announce the return of in-house formation opportunities in Spring of 2022. Subjects under consideration, but not limited to, include:

- How to Pastorally Respond to Addiction
- Collaborative Ministry: The Presbyterate and the Diaconate

- Preaching to a Divided Community

More information and final details will be forthcoming – please stay tuned!

We also wish to ask your assistance. If you have subjects you feel need to be addressed or you feel would deepen your ministry, please send them to us. We welcome your suggestions. Please contact me at [peotk@archmil.org](mailto:peotk@archmil.org) or 414-769-3309. Your assistance is truly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you this spring.

## VILLA ST. FRANCIS

Looking for a Catholic assisted living community in Milwaukee? Villa St. Francis offers affordable assisted living and memory care on Milwaukee's south side. We have one bedroom and studio apartments with private baths available, and we offer Catholic Mass. Inquire at 414-649-2893.

Villa St. Francis is dedicated to providing quality, person-focused living, where dignity and self-worth are valued, lives are enriched and relationships celebrated. The care we provide is a continuation of the ministry of Jesus and inspired by St. Francis of Assisi and Blessed Mother Angela Truszkowska.

Everything we do is out of respect for the inherent dignity of each person who lives here. Creating a compassionate environment where all feel welcomed, supported and cared for is at the heart of what we do.

The long-held core values of the Felician Sisters: respect for human dignity, compassion, solidarity with the poor, transformation, and justice and peace are tested every day in our service to the residents of Villa St. Francis. We remain committed to providing the highest level of care and compassion to our residents. Visit us at [www.villastfrancis.org](http://www.villastfrancis.org)

## TOOLBOX WORKSHOP

There are always new things to learn as a pastor/parish director, regardless of how long you have been serving in that capacity. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is committed to supporting the growth of our priests and parish directors through a defined sequence of leadership training offerings.

You are invited to grow as a leader through participation in the upcoming “Toolbox for Pastoral Management.” This week-long workshop offered in partnership with the “Leadership Roundtable,” is designed to provide Catholic pastoral leaders with practical tools for pastoral management in Catholic parishes.

This intensive training will take place at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, 7335 S. Lovers Lane Road, Franklin, WI, beginning with 5 p.m. dinner on Sunday, January 9th, and running through Noon lunch on Thursday, January 13, 2022.

Rich Harter, Director of Missionary Planning and Leadership, is coordinating this experience. If you want more information or desire to register, please contact him soon at [harterr@archmil.org](mailto:harterr@archmil.org) or 414-758-2215.

## HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR FLU SHOT YET?

Under the St Raphael Health Plan, (SRHP), flu shots are covered at no cost to you. Because of the Broad Network expansion, SRHP members may go just about anywhere to get their flu shot when they use their CVS Caremark ID card. Flu shots are also covered at no cost under the medical plan, but the providers are limited to Costco, Meijer, Walgreens, Walmart, Sam's Club and physicians' offices.

For our retired priests on the **Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO Plan**, members can get their flu shot at Costco, CVS, Meijer, Sam's Club, Walgreens, Walmart and physicians' offices. It is always a good idea to confirm that the pharmacy you want to use is part of the Aetna network and that it accepts Medicare.

Questions? Contact our HR Benefits Coordinator, Maureen Wurster (414-769-3423, [wursterm@archmil.org](mailto:wursterm@archmil.org)).

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

The Love One Another Campaign is a bold plan to:

- Strengthen every parish.
- Increase vital ministries serving thousands each year.
- Support education and formation for our children.
- Grow charitable outreach of the Church to those in need.
- Support our priests, deacons, seminarians and lay ministers.

### Campaign Update:

After relaunching the effort in August, the Love One Another Campaign has received pledges totaling over \$12 million.

All parishes in the Archdiocese will participate in the campaign in waves between now and June 2023. The first wave of 10 pilot parishes is conducting their campaigns now, testing the campaign plan and serving as leadership examples for all the other parishes.

The pilot parish wave has secured pledges totaling nearly \$8.6 million toward the wave goal of \$10.1 million. This is 85% of goal pledged to date from the first 12% of pilot parish households to respond to their invitations to prayerfully consider making their best pledges. There is every indication

the pilot parish wave will be successful.

Archbishop ListECKI is leading an effort to secure lead gifts to the campaign. To date his efforts have resulted in nearly \$3.3 million in lead gifts and several other prospective lead gift donors have made significant verbal commitments.

### Priests' Pledges

Archbishop ListECKI made the first pledge to the Love One Another Campaign. All priests in the Archdiocese will receive a letter from the Archbishop encouraging their financial support of the campaign.

**Priests active in parishes** will receive their pledge cards when their parishes conduct their campaigns. **Senior priests and those not assigned to parishes** will receive a pledge form with the Archbishop's letter.

Our dedication and commitment through our contributions to this campaign will have a significant impact on so many important ministries—helping our local Catholic communities and beyond.

***Please pray for the success of the Love One Another Campaign.***



## PARISHES BY WAVES

### **Pilot**

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee  
 St. Francis Borgia, Cedarburg  
 St. Alphonsus, New Munster  
 St. John the Evangelist, Twin Lakes  
 St. John the Evangelist, Greenfield  
 Good Shepherd, Menomonee Falls  
 St. Monica, Whitefish Bay  
 St. Joseph, Grafton  
 Sacred Heart, Racine  
 St. Joseph, Lyons  
 St. James, Menomonee Falls\*  
 (\*wave has not been determined)

### **Wave 1**

St. John the Baptist, Clyman  
 St. Mary, Lomira  
 St. Matthew, Horicon  
 Holy Family, Reeseville  
 St. Columbkille, Columbus

Annunciation, Fox Lake  
 Sacred Heart, Horicon  
 Sons of Zebedee: SS. James & John, Fond du Lac  
 Shepherd of the Hills, Eden  
 St. Joseph, Waupun  
 Our Lady of the Holyland, Mount Calvary  
 St. Anthony of Padua, Kenosha  
 St. Anne, Pleasant Prairie  
 Gesu, Milwaukee  
 Mother of Good Counsel, Milwaukee  
 St. Mary Magdalen, Milwaukee  
 St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, Milwaukee  
 St. Matthew, Oak Creek  
 Congregation of the Great Spirit, Milwaukee  
 Blessed Sacrament, Milwaukee  
 Holy Assumption, West Allis

Divine Savior, Fredonia  
 St. Charles Borromeo, Burlington  
 St. John Nepomuk, Racine  
 St. Joseph, Racine  
 St. Mary, Racine  
 Our Lady of the Lakes, Random Lake  
 St. Thomas Aquinas, Elkhart Lake  
 Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls  
 St. Catherine, Sharon  
 St. Mary of the Hill, Hubertus  
 St. Frances Cabrini, West Bend  
 Holy Angels, West Bend  
 Immaculate Conception/St. Mary, West Bend  
 St. Luke, Brookfield  
 St. Jerome, Oconomowoc  
 St. Anthony, Pewaukee  
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, New Berlin

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**Wave 2**

Holy Family, Fond du Lac  
 St. Catherine of Siena, Ripon  
 St. James the Apostle, Kenosha  
 St. Mary, Kenosha  
 Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Kenosha  
 St. Peter, Kenosha  
 St. Elizabeth, Kenosha  
 St. Eugene, Fox Point  
 St. Benedict the Moor, Milwaukee  
 St. Francis of Assisi, Milwaukee  
 St. Robert, Shorewood  
 Holy Family, Whitefish Bay  
 St. Martin de Porres, Milwaukee  
 All Saints, Milwaukee  
 St. Bernadette, Milwaukee  
 Our Lady of Good Hope, Milwaukee  
 Sacred Heart Croatian, Milwaukee  
 St. Sebastian, Milwaukee  
 St. Joseph, Wauwatosa  
 St. Anthony, Milwaukee  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Milwaukee  
 St. Hyacinth, Milwaukee  
 St. Paul, Milwaukee  
 St. Roman, Milwaukee  
 St. Veronica, Milwaukee  
 St. Vincent de Paul, Milwaukee  
 Prince of Peace, Milwaukee  
 Nativity of the Lord, Cudahy  
 Divine Mercy, South Milwaukee  
 St. James, Franklin  
 St. Mary, Hales Corners  
 St. Charles Borromeo, Milwaukee  
 St. Gregory the Great, Milwaukee  
 Our Lady of Lourdes, Milwaukee  
 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Milwaukee  
 St. Therese, Milwaukee  
 St. Rita, West Allis  
 St. Martin of Tours, Franklin  
 St. Vincent Pallotti, Milwaukee  
 St. Rafael the Archangel, Milwaukee  
 Mother of Perpetual Help, West Allis  
 St. John XXIII, Port Washington  
 St. Louis, Caledonia  
 St. Edward, Racine  
 St. Lucy, Racine  
 St. Paul the Apostle, Racine

St. Rita, Racine  
 St. Sebastian, Sturtevant  
 St. Thomas Aquinas, Waterford  
 St. Clare, Wind Lake  
 St. Richard, Racine  
 St. Patrick, Racine  
 St. John Evangelist, Kohler  
 St. John the Baptist, Plymouth  
 St. Clement, Sheboygan  
 St. Dominic, Sheboygan  
 Holy Name of Jesus, Sheboygan  
 St. Andrew, Delavan  
 St. Peter, East Troy  
 St. Patrick, Elkhorn  
 St. Benedict, Fontana  
 St. Francis de Sales, Lake Geneva  
 St. Patrick, Whitewater  
 St. Boniface, Germantown  
 Holy Trinity, Newburg  
 St. Dominic, Brookfield  
 St. John Vianney, Brookfield  
 St. Bruno, Dousman  
 St. Mary's Visitation, Elm Grove  
 St. Paul, Genesee Depot  
 St. Catherine, Oconomowoc  
 St. Anthony, Menomonee Falls  
 St. Mary, Menomonee Falls  
 St. Joan of Arc, Nashotah  
 St. Joseph, Waukesha  
 St. Mary, Waukesha  
 St. William, Waukesha  
 St. John Neumann, Waukesha  
 Queen of Apostles, Pewaukee  
 St. Teresa of Calcutta, North Lake

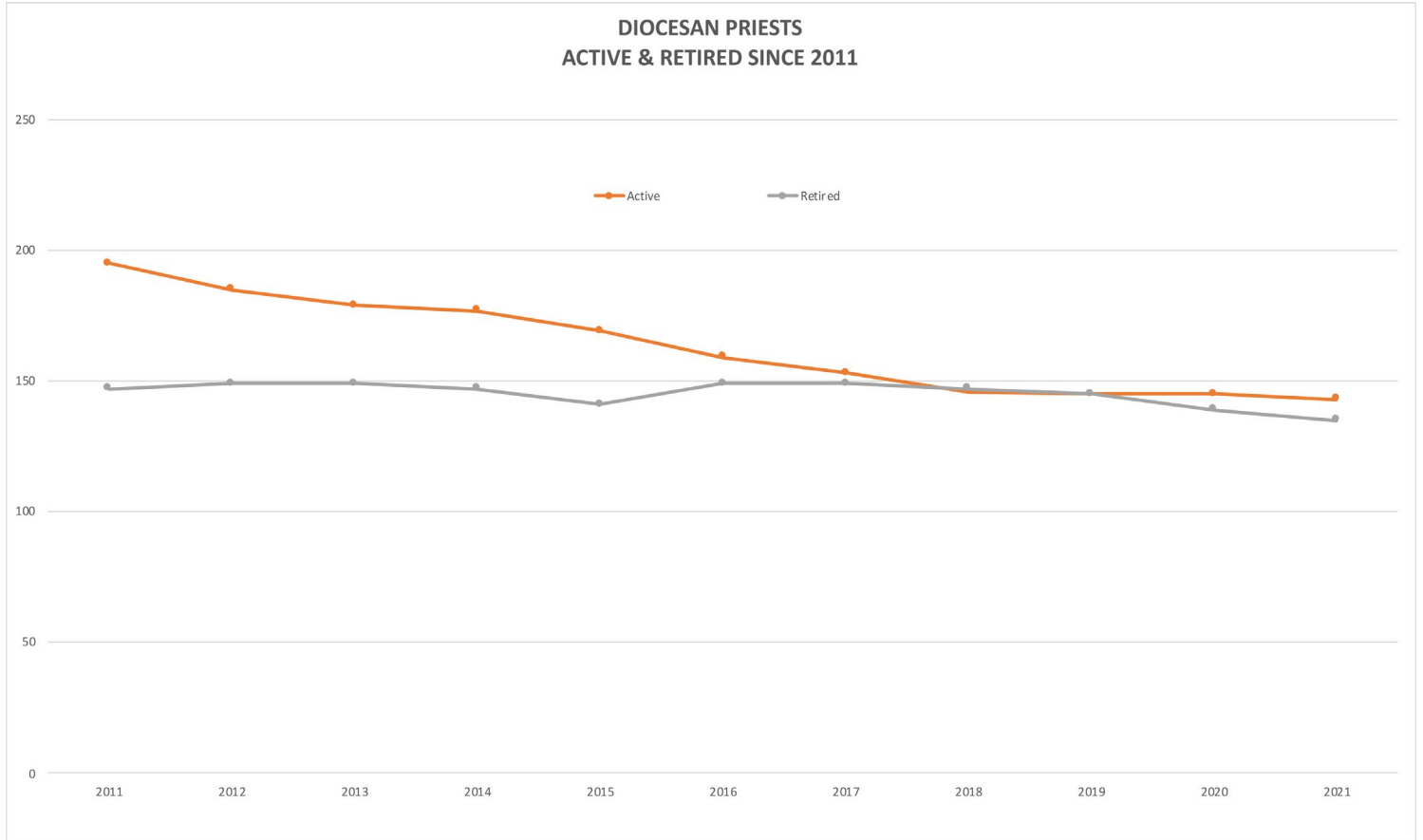
**Wave 3**

St. Andrew, Lomira  
 St. Mary, Mayville  
 St. John, Hartford  
 St. Theresa, Mayville  
 St. Katharine Drexel, Beaver Dam  
 St. Matthew, Campbellsport  
 St. Francis Xavier, Kansasville  
 St. Mark, Kenosha  
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Kenosha  
 St. Therese, Kenosha  
 St. John the Baptist, Kansasville  
 Holy Cross, Bristol  
 Old St. Mary, Milwaukee

St. Michael, Milwaukee  
 Ss. Peter and Paul, Milwaukee  
 Three Holy Women, Milwaukee  
 Our Lady of Divine Providence, Milwaukee  
 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Milwaukee  
 St. Catherine, Milwaukee  
 St. Margaret Mary, Milwaukee  
 St. Bernard, Wauwatosa  
 Christ King, Wauwatosa  
 St. Jude the Apostle, Wauwatosa  
 St. Pius X, Wauwatosa  
 Blessed Savior, Milwaukee  
 St. Adalbert, Milwaukee  
 St. Augustine, Milwaukee  
 Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Milwaukee  
 Immaculate Conception, Milwaukee  
 Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee  
 Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Francis  
 St. Stephen, Oak Creek  
 St. John Paul II, Milwaukee  
 St. Alphonsus, Greendale  
 St. Florian, West Milwaukee  
 St. Matthias, Milwaukee  
 St. Rose, Milwaukee  
 St. Augustine, West Allis  
 Lumen Christi, Mequon  
 Immaculate Conception (St. Mary), Burlington  
 St. Mary, Union Grove  
 St. Robert Bellarmine, Union Grove  
 Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Sheboygan  
 Immaculate Conception, Sheboygan  
 St. Peter Claver, Sheboygan  
 St. Peter, Slinger  
 Resurrection, Allenton  
 St. Michael, Kewaskum  
 Holy Trinity, Kewaskum  
 St. Lawrence, Hartford  
 St. Kilian, Hartford  
 St. Gabriel, Hubertus  
 St. Joseph, Big Bend  
 St. Agnes, Butler  
 St. Theresa, Eagle  
 St. Charles, Hartland  
 St. James, Mukwonago  
 St. Leonard, Muskego  
 Holy Apostles, New Berlin

## ACTIVE AND RETIRED PRIESTS

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Number of diocesan priests that are:</b>											
<b>Active</b>	195	185	179	177	169	159	153	146	145	145	143
<b>Retired</b>	147	149	149	147	141	149	149	147	145	139	135



### UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS



### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

*November 2020 - November 2021*

- Rev. John Simon
- Rev. Stephen Malkiewicz, OFM
- Rev. Thomas Brundage
- Rev. Herbert Schubert
- Rev. Jeffrey Prasser
- Rev. John Pulice
- Rev. Joseph Coerber
- Rev. John Yockey
- Rev. Russell Witon
- Rev. Melvin Macoskie
- Rev. James Cera
- Rev. James Loehr



More information at:  
[catholicextension.org/parish-partners](http://catholicextension.org/parish-partners)

# join the movement

This Lenten season, we asked parishes, Catholic schools, religious education classes, and other community groups to **partner with us to help poor Catholics right here in our own country** – in places where faith is strong, but resources are scarce. We were blown away by the response we received.

Thanks to the generosity of our partners, communities across the country now have the supplies, staff, and support they need to make their **faith come alive**. From remote villages in Alaskan “bush” country to the island of Puerto Rico, these partnerships are making a big difference for poor Catholic populations across the nation. **Read on for ways your group can make a difference!**



**Pictured above:**  
*Students help fundraise for a Catholic faith community in need.*



## faith in action

One Chicago-area parish and Catholic school dedicated their longstanding “Lenten Almsgiving” to help St. Luke’s Church in rural Arkansas turn a former farmer’s co-op into a church, parish hall, and classrooms for religious education.

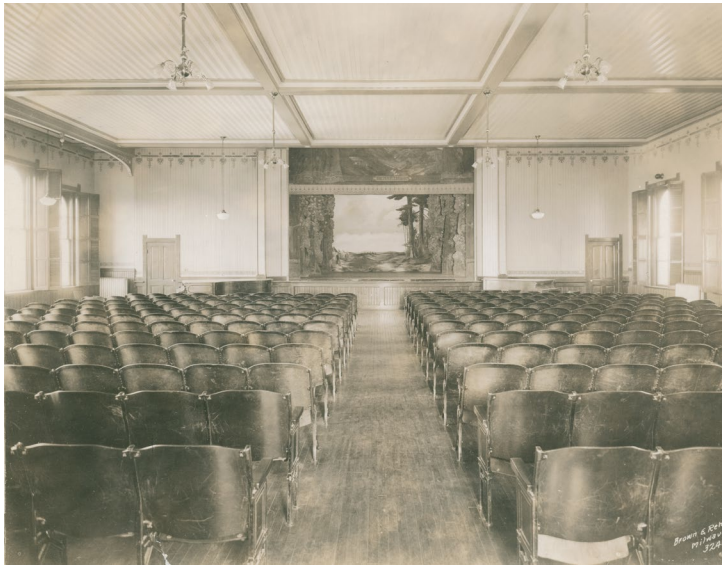
“In this church, parishioners feel affirmed and respected,” said the pastor of the Chicago parish. “They feel a sense of solidarity and connection. They are so grateful for our gift that they were brought to tears.”

**Pictured left:**  
*The grateful St. Luke parish*

**Want to get involved?** Contact Natalie Donatello at (312) 795-6057 or [ndonatello@catholicextension.org](mailto:ndonatello@catholicextension.org).

# A LOOK BACK...

(Photos courtesy of Archdiocesan Archives)



An interior view of the old auditorium at St. Francis Seminary, as seen from the back of the room, c.1890.

# ...THROUGH THE YEARS



St. Hyacinth Parish in Milwaukee, photo taken in 1883 parish dedication. Notice how the Southside neighborhood is still pretty spread out.

## The Power of Passionate Preaching while Presiding at the Funeral Rite

### Annual Preaching Conference



**JOIN US! Jan. 3-5, 2022**

*"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4*

- Want inspiration? Presentations will address preaching at the funeral Mass or service at a funeral home, wake/vigil services, bereavement, and working with funeral directors as well as hospice nursing personnel.
- \$125.00 includes all presentations and meals. Lodging is additional.
- Learn more and register at: [shsst.edu/PreachingConf](https://shsst.edu/PreachingConf)
- Questions? Contact Deacon Steve Kramer, D. Min., Director of Homiletics: [skramer@shsst.edu](mailto:skramer@shsst.edu), 414-858-4767



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# SAVE THE DATE



*Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice*  
**12 HOURS of**  
*Reconciliation*

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**  
**8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**As you plan to participate in Pray, Reconcile, Rejoice:**

**12 Hours of Reconciliation**

**please keep in mind the following:**

- Clear Your and the Parish Calendar
- Do Not Schedule Any Meetings
- Do Not Schedule Any Funerals

Help is needed all over the Archdiocese. If you are willing and able to drive to a different deanery, please do so.

This is not the occasion for school, Christian Formation or Youth Ministry Confessions; this is also not a time for Communal Penance services.

In order to make this Sacramental Event a great success, all priests are needed to assist.

**Registration will begin in early January 2022**





# Save the Date

## 2022 SPRING ASSEMBLY OF PRIESTS

May 2 - 4, 2022 • Abbey Resort, Fontana



**Presenter:**  
Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

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## HOLY DAY/HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

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

**Wednesday, December 8th (Immaculate Conception)**

**Friday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)**

**Friday, December 31st (New Year's Eve)**

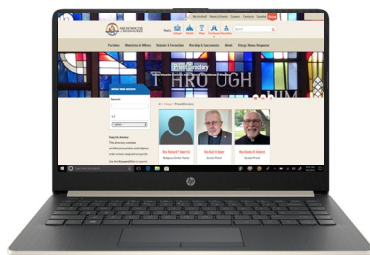
## WEBSITE FOR THE IRS STANDARD MILEAGE RATES

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

The current mileage rate is \$0.56 per mile. Please use the link above to check for future changes. Be aware the IRS maximum rate may change mid-year.

## INTERACTIVE PRIEST DIRECTORY

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