

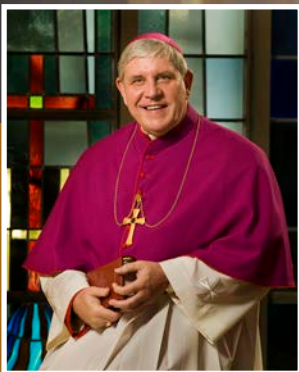


THE DEDICATED
Ministry & Leadership
of the

MOST REVEREND
JEROME E. LISTECKI

11TH ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE





Since his installation as Archbishop of Milwaukee on January 4, 2010, the Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI has led the archdiocese with a calm, steady and humble presence in southeastern Wisconsin. Building the Church brick by brick through his quiet and unassuming approach, it is sometimes easy to forget the accomplishments of this spiritual leader in our Catholic community. Let's take a look at what God has accomplished through his leadership.



PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

On the day of Archbishop ListECKI's installation, January 4, 2010, there were 33 men studying for priesthood at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary. Later that year, the Archbishop would ordain five men as priests. In the ensuing years, including ordaining nine men in 2024, the Archbishop has ordained 73 men as priests. Under Archbishop ListECKI's leadership, Saint Francis de Sales Seminary has grown to become the regional seminary for all the dioceses in Wisconsin, and several other states. Seminary enrollment is 84, with 47 of the men in formation for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

CULTIVATION OF LAY LEADERS

Archbishop ListECKI has consistently recognized the importance of lay leadership within the Church. Under his leadership, lay men and women parish directors have led parishes; the archdiocesan finance council has been strengthened and empowered to provide counsel and transparency; the archdiocesan pastoral council has been revitalized; Cor Jesu through Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology has provided lay people a road map to advanced theology degrees; and local membership in the Equestrian Order has tripled.

ORDER OF CATECHISTS

The Order of Catechists is another example of lay leadership cultivated in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The Order of Catechists was established by Archbishop ListECKI on November 24, 2019, to raise up the ministry of catechesis in the spirit of the New Evangelization. Through the order, the Archbishop has identified and publicly recognized individuals who have dedicated themselves to the ministry of catechesis and brought them together for mutual support and broader service within and on behalf of the archdiocese.





RECLAMATION OF THE PASTORAL CENTER

Once it was clear that the central offices of the archdiocese would stay at the pastoral center, Archbishop ListECKI initiated the renewal of the building. Dealing with a 70-plus-year-old building has its challenges. Through the generosity of a donor, the archbishop's wing was reopened. Carpet and paint upgrades were made. The building was renamed after Mary Mother of the Church, and a statue of Mary Mother of the Church was commissioned and installed in front of the Pastoral Center. The building has become so busy with the work of the Church hosting meetings, conferences and trainings that it now is in need of additional investment due to the high level of use.



RECOGNITION OF DEDICATED LEADERS

Shortly after his arrival in Milwaukee, the Archbishop established several ways to recognize men and women who roll up their sleeves to get things done and also provide leadership in the parishes, schools and organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. First, he created the “Johnny” award, acknowledging an individual’s service to the archdiocese and presenting a framed portrait of St. John the Evangelist, patron of the archdiocese. Next, he began the annual Lenten Luncheons for Catholic Charities, where an individual, an organization and a religious order was recognized for their charitable work and presented with the “Treasures of the Church” award, which features a drawing of St. Lawrence with the poor. The Seton Award is presented annually to a school leader and parish leader who embody support of Catholic Schools and features a portrait of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Lastly, the Archbishop expanded the annual Vatican II Awards with Awards named after Popes John XXIII, Paul VI, Benedict XVI and Francis, recognizing individual work in the Spirit of the Council, Justice and Peace, Academia and Missionary Leadership.





SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Seton Catholic Schools is a first-in-the-nation innovation born under the leadership of Archbishop ListECKI. By gathering the urban schools into a mini-system in which resources are shared and Catholic identity is emphasized, students in Seton schools achieve higher academic results and learn to serve God in their community and the world.



COMMITMENT TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

“Every parish has a school,” has been Archbishop ListECKI’s encouragement. During his time in Milwaukee, school enrollment has remained steady, the Parental School Choice program has expanded, and two new high schools and two new elementary schools have opened. Knowing the parochial school model is unsustainable, Archbishop ListECKI directed the creation of

regional systems of schools, including Siena Catholic Schools, Racine, and Seton Catholic Schools, Milwaukee. The creation of the annual Catholic Schools Walk and the expansion of the Catholic Schools Dinner are two events that build community around the mission of Catholic Schools to educate the whole child, mind, body, spirit and soul.







“THIS WILL
BE FOR US
*a new
Pentecost.*”

| ARCHBISHOP LISTECKI |



ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

As the archdiocese was engaged in bankruptcy proceedings, Archbishop ListECKI called an archdiocesan Synod in 2014, the first one held since 1987. With a focus on Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" the Synod brought together voices from the entire archdiocese to establish a vision and priorities for the next 10 years. In June 2024, the archdiocese will celebrate the Synod's 10th anniversary, review the fruits of the synod and rededicate itself to the continued implementation of its pastoral priorities.



FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY AND THE CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

In 2010, the year of Archbishop ListECKI's arrival in Milwaukee, the Catholic Stewardship Appeal raised \$6.7 million. Under his leadership, including through the ensuing five years of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding, the Appeal grew every year, until the economic downturn of post-pandemic 2021. The Appeal peaked in 2020, raising \$9.4 million, supporting the spiritual, pastoral, educational and charitable mission of the archdiocese.



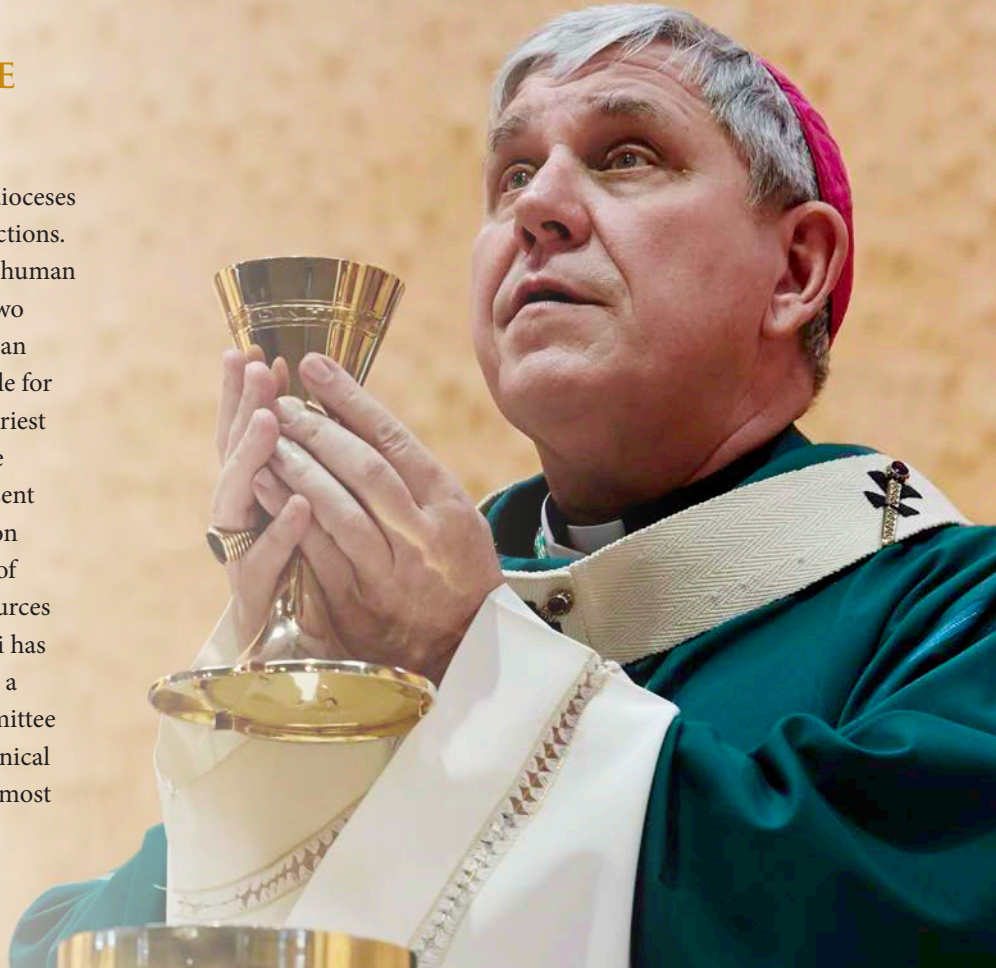
LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Love One Another capital campaign was launched in January 2020 with an ambitious and courageous goal of \$150 million to provide stability for parishes and the Catholic Church's work in southeastern Wisconsin for the next generation of Catholics. A few months later, the campaign was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic, but relaunched under the Archbishop's leadership in July 2021. The campaign is on pace to reach its goal, making it the largest campaign in archdiocesan history – a testament to people's confidence in the leadership of Archbishop ListECKI and the state of the archdiocese.



STRENGTHENING THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

The archdiocese is consistently among the top dioceses contributing to national and international collections. Archbishop ListECKI has also generously shared human resources for the greater goals of the Church. Two diocesan priests have gone on to become diocesan bishops. Several priests have been made available for work at the USCCB and Holy See. A diocesan priest works nationally to support and increase female vocations in religious life. The archdiocese has sent several priests and lay people for advanced canon law and theological degrees, enhancing the life of the archdiocese, and providing specialized resources for the work of the Church. Archbishop ListECKI has served in national leadership roles, including as a member of the USCCB Religious Liberty Committee and most recently as Chair of the USCCB Canonical Affairs and Governance Committee, one of the most important conference committees.





OUTREACH TO CLERGY ABUSE SURVIVORS

Although the Archdiocese of Milwaukee had been supporting survivors of clergy sexual abuse of minors for decades before his arrival, Archbishop ListECKI made decisions to ensure that such support remained a priority. He established a Therapy Fund for abuse survivors and their families. He personally meets with any abuse survivor who requests such a meeting. He committed himself to follow the recommendations of

the Diocesan Review Board regarding fitness for ministry for accused clerics. He meets regularly with his Community Advisory Board and ensures that every parish, school and institution adheres to archdiocesan Safe Environment policies and protocols. The Archbishop also established the annual Mass of Atonement to continue the Church's path of reconciliation and resolution.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Archbishop ListECKI reluctantly closed parishes to the public celebration of Mass. Then, 10 weeks later, after providing guidelines for the safe public celebration of Sunday Mass, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee became one of the first dioceses in the country to resume Sunday Mass. In addition, The Catholic Comeback matrix helped parish leaders resume sacramental celebrations, in-person religious education and other parish ministries and activities. While most other schools remained closed to in-person instruction, Catholic Schools creatively worked with families to provide safe and effective options for in-classroom learning, meaning students were able to stay at grade level and not fall behind in their learning levels.



CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING

On January 4, 2011, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee filed its petition for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy law, with the intention of providing fair and equitable compensation for any survivors of clergy sexual abuse of a minor. The proceeding lasted five and one-half years. During that time, the Archbishop's motto of "Prayer and Patience" allowed for a resolution that provided more than \$30 million in compensation for abuse survivors. His leadership allowed the Church of southeastern Wisconsin not only to continue, but strengthen its dedication to the spiritual, educational and charitable mission of the archdiocese.



175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

From November 2018 to November 2019, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee celebrated its 175th Anniversary. Events were held throughout the year. Celebratory Masses were held; Archbishop Listecki, who then led a procession to St. John's Cathedral for Mass, recreated a commemoration of the arrival of Bishop Henni on the Milwaukee River; 175 miles of hiking and biking paths that wound past parishes across the archdiocese were created; and "Seven Days of Service" focused on the charitable presence of the Catholic Church in the community.





DEDICATION TO COMMUNICATION

From the beginning of Archbishop ListECKI's tenure, he has made communication a priority. He oversaw the construction of a radio and television studio, which ended up being used extensively during the COVID-19 pandemic to share messages with the faithful. His prior experience hosting a Chicago radio show made him a natural fit when the opportunity for a weekly stint on Relevant Radio came about. The Archbishop tours Milwaukee-area radio stations each year during the Christmas and Easter seasons doing live interviews about faith and happenings in society. He writes a weekly "Love One Another" email blog that's read by 10,000 people, and records a weekly "The Good News" social media video on topics ranging from Holy Days to his favorite movies. In 2020, the Catholic Herald newspaper was awarded the Best Diocesan Newspaper by the Catholic Media Association.



