



# The Cincture

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## SENIOR PRIEST CONNECTION

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### FROM THE VICAR FOR CLERGY



Fr. Nathan  
Reesman

Dear Friends: Praised be Jesus Christ! Know of my daily prayers for the diaconate community and for the presbyterate of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, most especially for our perseverance in grace and holiness.

Persevering in grace and holiness as one lives out a vocation in sacred orders in the Church obviously does not occur in isolation. When one is ordained as a deacon, either to live in that state permanently or to enter later into the priesthood, one enters the order of the diaconate. The same is true for priests. Priests are members of an order. Likewise, for those who enter into the order of the episcopacy. In a way that is both maddening and mysterious, the Lord leads each of us who are ordained through a lifelong process of cultivating both a personal

and a communal identity within our order. Each of us is unique and unrepeatable as deacon, priest or bishop in a particular place, era, and known by our personal name. There will always and forever only be one “Fr. Nathan Reesman,” or “Dcn. Jim Starke,” etc., etc. At the same time, sacred orders are only rightly understood and lived if

*“They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles’ wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.” — Isaiah 40:31*



each member of his order truly sees himself as belonging to a group. There is no such thing, ontologically, functionally, relationally, socially, as a cleric in

isolation. I don’t rightly understand myself as a deacon or a priest apart from other deacons or priests.

All this by way of supporting and encouraging the regular practice of deacons and priests gathering together for support and fraternity. As we reconfigure our meetings in deaneries according to new guidelines, one

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of the primary reasons for having deanery meetings as priests is simply to be together. That is the chief business item. I am edified to hear of the regular ways that the deacons gather in various districts or locations, joined by wives, or widows, or longtime supporters of the vocation lived out in our archdiocese. I am edified to hear of the ways that priests make regular times to get together, to share a rectory residence and to host gatherings for other priests with open invitations for all to come. In addition to the critically important gatherings of only priests, and only deacons, as time passes, it would be helpful for the deans to explore ways the priests and the deacons of their territories can gather socially together when it seems opportune. We collaborate within our respective grades of sacred orders as well as between the grades. All of this builds community. All of this aids in perseverance of grace and holiness in our personal, and communal, vocations.

**Fr. Nathan Reesman**

## 2025 ANNUAL PRIEST RETREAT OCT. 13-16, 2025

### Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc

This Advent, the Church returns to Matthew's Gospel in the Sunday readings. This retreat will place attention on Matthew's spiritual message, that Jesus is the beloved Son who gives his own Father to be our Father as well. Day by day, we will explore that message by engaging with Matthew's accounts of Jesus' birth and Baptism, his ethics and prayers, his parables and miracles, and his Passion and Resurrection. Listening to Matthew recount these events can provide useful insights to any who will pray and preach on the Sunday readings in the coming liturgical year.

Join your brother priests for a few days of silence, prayer, reflection and relaxation at our annual priest retreat. This year's retreat is titled "That You May Be Children of Your Heavenly Father," directed by Fr. Michael R. Simone, who is currently serving in the archdiocese as pastor at the Church of the Gesù in Milwaukee.

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.

### ACTIVE PRIESTS

The retreat center will handle all reservations and special dietary and room requests for active priests. Please download the form from the archdiocesan [website](#) and submit with your payment to the retreat center.

### SENIOR PRIESTS

Contact Nancy Kerns at 414-769-3594 to make your reservations. Please DO NOT contact the retreat center directly.

All reservations must be completed prior to Sept. 26, 2025.

## 10 OLDEST & 10 YOUNGEST PRIESTS

### OLDEST

### YOUNGEST

1	Erwin Matt	Michael Courchaine
2	Robert Bales	Michael Lawinger
3	John Richetta	Michael Malucha
4	Paul Lippert	Nicholas Dhein
5	Donald Zerkel	Zachary Galante
6	Walter Vogel	Kevin Tanel
7	Donald Schmidt	Aaron Siehr
8	Joseph Haas	Charles Luke
9	Robert Gosma	Dominic Lazzaroni
10	William Whalen	Brady Gagne

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION

### PREPARING FOR A FORMATION YEAR OF HOPE



*Deacon Dale Nees*

“Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come.” (Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year 2025)

The first Jubilee in the Catholic Church was proclaimed in the year 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII, and since then, one has been held every 25 years. Pope Francis encouraged us to find “hope in God’s grace” as well as “to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us.” In Diaconate Formation, both hope-filled perspectives are essential to ensuring that we continuously improve as a program and stay in tune with the needs of those God sends us to form as servants.

This was the first summer in nearly 17 years that provided a window of opportunity to manage a list of important projects, as well as prepare for our next semester in fall. Though I am speaking from the perspective of the formation program, I am also anticipating our men and their families had a similar experience at home, additionally incurring a greater opportunity for family fun. If this is proven true, we can expect to see good things coming from our transition from trimesters to a traditional semester format, which our Formation & Family Committee affirmed would reflect our commitment to a family life perspective.

We also hope that acquiring various items to use while preparing for rites such as Baptisms and Christian Funerals, will offer a more realistic experience when learning to administer them. We are extremely grateful to have been granted Love One Another funds to support forming men whose future ministry will offer other families Christian hope.

Finally, I see optimism in the number of men inquiring into Diaconate Formation. Our next aspirant class will



begin in September of 2026. But this means that the discernment sessions this fall are critical for men, and their wives if married, to attend if they hope to finish the remaining steps of the process on time. Following receipt of a certificate of completion for the discernment series, inquirers still must interview with a canonist, receive a formal endorsement by their pastor (should they be suitable and ready), and complete a rigorous application

by April 1, 2026, to be reviewed by our committee on admissions. Those interested may sign up for discernment sessions using the following link: <https://archmil.regfox.com/diaconate-discernment-and-information-sessions2025>.

*Dcn. Dale Nees*

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS



Top Row, (left to right): Bishop James Schuerman, Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob, Very Rev. Luke Strand  
Middle Row, (left to right): Rev. Aaron Siehr, Rev. Timothy Sanchez, Rev. Michael Malucha  
Front Row: Rev. Brady Gagne



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PRIEST PLACEMENT AND THE LAY INITIATIVE

## SUMMER PHOTO LOG



Brenda Cline

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then hopefully these photos will help tell the story of “Summer 2025” in the Priest Placement and Lay Initiative offices:

▶ 5.27.25

The Madonna Della Strada Chapel at Loyola University, where I attended a National Lay Ministry Conference.



◀ 6.10.25

Archbishop Grob presiding at Mass for the launch of the Lay Initiative.

▶ 6.10.25

Down to O'Hare to pick up Fr. Francis Assisi from Sri Lanka, whom we welcome as associate pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope, St. Bernadette, St. Catherine, Blessed Savior and St. Margaret Mary Parishes, Milwaukee.



◀ 6.11.25

Welcome back to Fr. Gerardo Carcar after a year of immigration processing, on the feast of his parish, St. Barnabas, West Allis.



◀ 6.14.25

“Chicago Celebrates Pope Leo XIV” Mass at Rate Field in Chicago — home of the White Sox.

▶ 6.19.25

We bid a fond farewell and thank you to Fr. Jim Lobacz at his retirement. Pictured here with the Senior Priest Advisory Board.

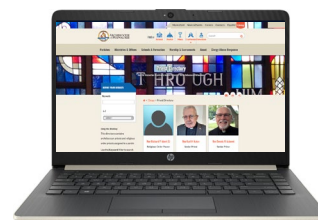


▲ 7.22.25

Road trip to UW-Whitewater to tour and visit with Warhawk Catholic Campus Ministry, along with a stop at St. Patrick Parish in Whitewater.

I look forward to seeing many more of you. Know of our prayers for you as you lead your parishes into the fall season!

## INTERACTIVE PRIEST DIRECTORY



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

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER TO THE CLERGY OFFICE STAFF



Jill Winkler

Hello, my name is Jill Winkler. I am excited to begin in my new role as Clergy Wellness Advocate. My educational and professional experience is as a social worker. I completed my master's degree in social work at UW-Milwaukee in 2001. My professional experience has mostly been in medical social work. Places of employment have included Children's Hospital of WI, Columbia St. Mary's and Fresenius Kidney Care. In these roles I have worked in the emergency department/trauma center, pediatric intensive care unit and neonatal intensive care unit. I have also served as a prenatal care coordinator at Columbia St. Mary's in their OB/GYN Residency Clinic along with guiding patients thru dialysis at Fresenius. This experience has given me the opportunity to work

with children and adults throughout many stages of their lives and help guide them through many different types of life events. I have been a lifelong Catholic. I grew up in Janesville and attended St. Patrick Catholic Church with my parents and two sisters. I currently live in New Berlin and attend Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton with my husband, 16-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter. My son and daughter will be a junior and a freshman this year at New Berlin Eisenhower HS and keep my husband and I very busy. We can be found many times at either a soccer field or a volleyball court! Our 3-year-old cockapoo also fills in our time with many walks and games of fetch. I'm looking forward to working with and meeting everyone and am honored to have the opportunity support our senior priest population.

## WELCOME TO OUR ARCHDIOCESE



Fr. Francis Assisi Sebamalai

I am Fr. Francis Assisi Sebamalai, the new associate pastor at St. Bernadette Parish. I was born Feb. 14, 1978, in Mannar, Sri Lanka, and was ordained a Catholic priest in 2007. Since then, I have been blessed to serve in various pastoral ministries across Sri Lanka and internationally.

I hold a bachelor's degree in theology and a doctorate in philosophy from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, where my research focused on Aristotle's concept of friendship and its relation to human happiness. In addition to Tamil and English, I speak Italian fluently, have working knowledge of German and Sinhalese, and have studied Latin and Greek.

Over the years, I have ministered in Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Canada, New Zealand, England and the United States — mostly during summer holidays or short pastoral assignments. These experiences have enriched my ministry and broadened my pastoral outlook.

I have also published in the fields of philosophy and spirituality and recently completed a postgraduate diploma in psychology.

Until recently, I served as a professor of philosophy and

formator at the National Seminary in Kandy, Sri Lanka. After nearly six years in formation work, I felt called to return to full-time parish ministry. I am grateful to be here and ready to serve wholeheartedly.

## A LOOK BACK



### **St. John the Baptist, Monches**

*Established in 1843, a log church that served as home for the congregation of St. John the Baptist until construction of this building began in 1917. The new church was consecrated by Archbishop Messmer in April 1920 and shared a long history with St. Columba in Lake Five (now merged with St. Hubert, Hubertus, and St. Mary, Richfield, to become St. Gabriel) before merging with St. Clare in North Lake in June 2006 to become St. Teresa of Calcutta, North Lake.*

*Courtesy of <https://www.stteresaofcalcutta.org/history>*



## NEWS FROM MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP

# CONTINUING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR PASTORS AND PRIESTS

Even as we enjoy the warmth of summer, our focus is already shifting to the upcoming season of development opportunities for our clergy. We're excited to announce the future schedule for our **Priest/Pastor leadership workshops** designed to support your growth in management and leadership skills.

We are highlighting two ongoing development opportunities: **Missionary Leadership for Pastors and Multi-Parish Management workshops**. These programs are tailored to provide practical skills, foster collaboration and address the unique challenges of pastoral ministry today.

## MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP FOR PASTORS

We're thrilled to announce the dates for the second cohort of our **Missionary Leadership for Pastors** workshops! Following the successful completion of the first cohort, the next series will begin Wednesday, **Jan. 14, 2026, and conclude Wednesday, July 8, 2026**. All workshops will be held at the **Mother Mary of the Church Pastoral Center** on the second Wednesday of each month.

These workshops are specifically designed to equip both current and future pastors with the essential tools, skills and connections needed to excel in the role of pastor. Missionary Leadership for Pastors features facilitated discussions, creating a collaborative and supportive environment for sharing best practices and learning from your peers. The comprehensive curriculum covers a wide range of vital topics, including staff leadership, effective communication, financial management and change management, to name a few. Attendees will also have invaluable networking opportunities to connect with central office staff and fellow priests.

While these workshops are offered as a continuing development opportunity for all priests, attendance is highly encouraged for first-time pastors and parish administrators. Priests with at least one year of parish work experience will also find these workshops incredibly beneficial for their ongoing professional growth.

## MULTI-PARISH MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Ever feel like you need an extra set of hands (or maybe a few more hours in the day) when you're overseeing multiple parish communities? You're not alone! Join us for a **Multi-Parish Management Workshop Friday, Oct. 17, at St. James the Less Parish in Mukwonago**.

This workshop is specifically designed for pastors who are mastering the art of shepherding multi-parishes. Think of it as a support group, but with less handholding and more practical solutions for those unique challenges and surprisingly delightful opportunities that come with leading multiple flocks.

Through shared experiences (and maybe a few commiseration sessions over coffee), you'll quickly discover you're not the only one trying to remember when each parish finance council is scheduled. Our collective goal is to uncover ingenious solutions to common hurdles and swap best practices, ultimately empowering you to more effectively serve your diverse congregations. We'll have guided discussions covering topics like change management, communication strategies and the benefits of a joint pastoral council.

Are you willing to share your experiences and learn from your brother Pastors about the unique challenges of leading multi-parishes?

Register here: [Multi-Parish Management Workshop](#)

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding these workshops.

Yours in Christ!

**Tom Fredrickson**

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## HOLY DAY/HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

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

**Monday, Sept. 1** (Labor Day)

**Thursday, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 28** (Thanksgiving)

## 2025 FALL DAY FOR PRIESTS AND PARISH DIRECTORS

The 2025 Fall Day for Priests and Parish Directors will be held Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center. The day begins at 9 a.m. with a gathering and light fare and refreshments available. Opening Prayer will be at 9:15 a.m.

This year's theme is "There is Hope — Compassionate Care and Support for Parents." We will be joined by the following guest speakers covering topics such as Walking with Moms in Need, Project Rachel, infertility issues, adverse diagnosis, miscarriage, infant loss and rites/pastoral care.

- Krys Crawley
- Tori Franke
- Fr. Brad Krawczyk
- Dcn. James Matthias
- Doug Ulaszek
- Dr. Lauren Weasler

Lunch will be offered with Archbishop Grob concluding the day. If you have not yet registered for the event, please click [here](#).



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Bishop of Brownsville, Texas

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pallium-lecture-2025](http://archmil.regfox.com/pallium-lecture-2025)



## ...THROUGH THE YEARS



### **St. Joseph, Lyons**

The first members of the congregation bought four lots for \$100 in the name of Archbishop John Martin Henni in 1869, but it wasn't until 1870 that construction of a building began. In 1880, a 70-foot steeple was added to the church, with a bell purchased from St. Mary Catholic Church in Burlington. This church stood where the current church is now and was disassembled when construction of the new church building began in 1910.

Courtesy of <https://www.ourblcc.org/st--joseph-history>

## PARISH FINANCE OFFICE

### Signing Contracts

The pastor/parish administrator/parish director is the canonical administrator of the parish, and he/she is entrusted with the administration of the parish's temporal goods. (Can. 1281 §1) As such, at the parish, he/she is the only person authorized to sign legally binding contracts. (Can. 1290) He/She may not delegate this authority to associate pastors, business managers, trustees, council members, etc. For further information, please contact [chancery@archmil.org](mailto:chancery@archmil.org).

### Signatories on Bank and Investment Accounts

In the State of Wisconsin, the authority for bank and investment account signatories follows both canon law and Wisconsin civil law under statute [187.19](#). Under Wisconsin civil law [§187.19](#) Roman Catholic church, each parish is incorporated as a nonprofit religious corporate with a board of directors, including the diocesan bishop, the vicar general, the pastor and two lay trustees. Furthermore, c. 532 states, "In all juridic affairs the pastor represents the parish according to the norm of law. He is to take care that the goods of the parish are administered according to the norm of cc. 1281-1288." Corporate roles within a parish include:

Role	WI Civil Law Status	Canon Law Status
<b>Bishop</b>	President of corporation; board member	No regular parish signatory role, but holds oversight authority
<b>Vicar General</b>	Board member; may act in bishop's stead	Support/oversight
<b>Pastor/Parish Administrator/Parish Director</b>	Vice President; primary authority over funds	Canonically, main administrator and signatory
<b>Lay Trustees</b>	Treasurer and secretary, selected by congregation; serve as officers	May serve according to bylaws; must act within legal authority

The pastor and the two lay trustees have signatory authority over parish bank and investment accounts. No parish staff or business manager may sign without explicit canonical and civil authorization.

## NOTES FROM COMMUNICATIONS

### SAVE THE DATE: October 11 & 12

We have long supported the USCCB National Collections, which we refer to as "Combined Collections." Stay tuned for resources coming in early September to support the collection in October.

### Beyond the Bulletin

Hello! My name is Kelsey DeMarais,



Kelsey DeMarais

and I'm excited to be in the director of external communication role for the archdiocese! Part of my focus is to be a resource to parishes, especially as it relates to their communication strategies. Please stay tuned for future newsletters and Save the Date

for the first Parish Communication Workshop being planned for Tuesday, Oct. 14. The day will be designed for parish staff who are responsible for all things communications related (bulletin, website, social media, etc.). Reach out to [demaraisk@archmil.org](mailto:demaraisk@archmil.org) with questions and suggestions. To God be the Glory!



## PRIEST PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES

As ordained ministers, the IRS offers a number of tax savings opportunities to priests. To take advantage of these tax savings opportunities, however, requires priests to follow documentation guidelines.

Priests are reminded to work with their parish business managers to ensure proper documentation is submitted.

Reminders:

- 1) Submit receipts for expenses within one month of incurring the expense.  
Tip: A best practice is to submit expenses monthly.
- 2) Restaurant receipts require that the names of the people participating in the meal are listed, along with the business purpose. Receipts should be itemized, showing what was purchased (a credit card receipt is not adequate support).
- 3) The mileage tracking log should include the date of each trip, starting point and destination, business purpose of the trip, and total miles per trip (or odometer readings).

- 4) If expenses are not substantiated, any reimbursements could be taxable.

**The list of allowable professional expenses & professional expense tracking workbook can be attained by contacting Parish & School Financial Consulting at [parishfinance@archmil.org](mailto:parishfinance@archmil.org)**

Note: The parish needs to reconcile submitted receipts to the remaining professional expense allowance using a workbook such as the one linked above. Many priests are now tracking expenses using software, such as Expensify. Please work with your parish business manager to ensure data may be shared between the software and the parish for record keeping.

**Faithful Finances: Priest Compensation; Online training video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYb7762dsRY>

If you have any questions, please contact Parish & School Financial Consulting at [parishfinance@archmil.org](mailto:parishfinance@archmil.org).

**Rob Kratoska, CPA, CMA**

**Director of Parish & School Financial Consulting**

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### THE APOSTOLATE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

## THE APOSTOLATE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER MAGAZINE

Established in 1920 by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, The Little Flower Magazine, have been dedicated to spreading devotion to Thérèse, to prepare for her canonization in 1925, and to build a national shrine in her honor.

Today, the *Apostolate of the Little Flower* magazine carries on the mission by serving as the official publication of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower in San Antonio, Texas.

This publication is currently working on a collection of stories to share with their readers the impact St. Thérèse has had on our priests with the following questions:

1. How has St. Thérèse played a role in your priestly vocation? Both before ordination and in your life as a priest today?
2. Would you like a free subscription to this magazine, the *Apostolate of the Little Flower*?

Priests that are interested in submitting their story and / or receiving a free subscription of our magazine can send their story, along with their name, mailing address, and diocese to:

**Br. Vladimir Guadalupe of Sts. Louis & Zélie, OCD**  
**906 Kentucky Ave**  
**San Antonio, TX 78201**  
[Vladimir.guadalupe@CarmeliteFriarsOCD.com](mailto:Vladimir.guadalupe@CarmeliteFriarsOCD.com)

## TRIBUNAL NEWS X2

The Tribunal is starting an extensive, eight-session training program in mid-September for individuals interested in becoming field advocates. Field advocates would assist parties in preparing and submitting cases and then work with them throughout the process as a liaison with the Tribunal. Training will cover everything that a field advocate would be expected to do during any given case.

Qualities that make a good field advocate include:

- Practicing Catholic in good standing.
- Attention to detail.
- Willingness to learn.
- Ability to follow the directions of the Tribunal.
- Willingness to ask for help from the Tribunal.
- Commitment to attend all training sessions in person.

If you know of someone who you think would be a good fit for this new program, please talk to them, let them know about the training program and the qualities we will be looking for. If they are willing to take the next steps towards beginning training, please send an email to Anna Marie Chamblee at [chambleea@archmil.org](mailto:chambleea@archmil.org).

Please keep in mind — if the people you have identified are married, they must be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

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You will remember from your recent assembly that the Tribunal has a new application form for those seeking a Declaration of Invalidity. At the assembly, you were given the new forms in both English and Spanish. We will not accept any submissions on the old forms after **September 1, 2025**. Any old forms received after that date will be sent back with a new form to complete. Please remind anyone you are currently working with of this deadline.

The new application is online in both English and Spanish and should be used with any case that you are beginning at this time. If you need paper copies, we are happy to mail them to you.

For any questions, please email Zabrina Decker at [deckerz@archmil.org](mailto:deckerz@archmil.org).

## SAVE THE DATE



*Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice*

**DAY of**  
*Reconciliation*

**Wednesday,  
March 25, 2026**

**For this Sacramental Event to be  
a SUCCESS we need your help!**

Archbishop Grob has asked all priests to dedicate March 25, 2026, to this Sacramental Event; please do not schedule any funerals, parish/cluster/school reconciliation services, or meetings that will take priests away from helping on this day.

Help us promote *Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice* by using the promotional materials that will be sent to all parishes in early 2026.

***Questions? Contact Jenni Oliva, Director  
of Events and Special Projects at***

**414-769-3585 or [olivaj@archmil.org](mailto:olivaj@archmil.org)**

## JOIN US FOR THE 2025 VATICAN II AWARDS

On Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025, various individuals will receive the Archbishop's Vatican II Award for Distinguished Service for outstanding contributions to the Church and society. A prayer service and awards ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee, followed by a dessert reception in the Cathedral Atrium.

All are welcome to attend! Visit [www.archmil.org/Vatican2Awards](http://www.archmil.org/Vatican2Awards) for more information.

**Leadership in Education**  
Chad Griesel

**St. John Paul II Award for Youth & Young Adult Leadership**

Aracely Osorio  
Nicholas Gross

**Leadership in Families**  
Katy Robbins

**Pope Benedict XVI Award for Leadership in Scholarship & Academia**  
Al McCauley

**Leadership in Liturgy and Worship**  
Nicholas Carrao

**Pope Francis Award for Missionary Leadership**  
Susan Haertel

**Leadership in Administration**  
Dave Grunwaldt

**Leadership in the Priesthood**  
Father Charlie Conley  
Father Ryan Pruess

**Leadership in the Church**  
Maureen Rotramel

**St. John XXIII Award for Spirit of the Council**  
Keith & Shiloh Buchman

**Leadership in the Permanent Diaconate**  
Deacon Luis Peña

**St. Paul VI Award for Leadership in Peace & Justice**  
Terry Ashley

## MILWAUKEE SOUTHEAST AND MILWAUKEE NORTHWEST DEANERIES TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL SACRAMENTAL RECORDS DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Pastors, administrators and parish directors from parishes in the Milwaukee Southeast and Milwaukee Northwest deaneries are asked to drop off their sacramental registers at the Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, when they attend Fall Priest Day. Those not attending Fall Priest Day should contact the Archives to make other arrangements.

Every year, the designated deaneries bring sacramental registers to the Archdiocesan Archives to be digitized for

preservation purposes. Specific instructions and information will be sent in August. Information about the project should be shared with any parish staff who handles sacramental registers. Parishes incur no costs for this service, and it is an important step in

preserving permanent sacramental records.

The Archives staff thanks you in advance for your cooperation. If you have questions, contact Amy Lisinski at 414-769-3431 or [lisinskia@archmil.org](mailto:lisinskia@archmil.org).



### PAPAL X FEED

*Wherever we are, let us try not to miss any opportunity to love. This is the vigilance that Jesus asks of us: to get used to being attentive, available, and sensitive to one another, as He is with us at every moment. #Angelus Aug 10, 2025*



# Does Your Parish Have a Process to FORM DISCIPLES?



## EMMAUS 90

Emmaus 90 is a local, turn-key, low-cost formation process for parishes ready to grow a culture of discipleship.

Whether you're launching small groups, reviving parish life, or simply seeking to help your people pray and live their faith more intentionally, Emmaus 90 offers a simple and powerful path forward.

**This 90-day journey — from New Years to Easter 2026 — is modeled after the disciples on the road to Emmaus and equips Catholics to:**

- Pray daily with Scripture
- Reflect on their prayer with a Guidebook Journal
- Engage in Thursday night Formation Sessions with national and local speakers via Zoom or on-demand
- Form small groups to share faith
- Grow through weekly challenges in faith and discipleship
- Accompany others in authentic community

### WHO IS IT FOR?

- Small groups and parish communities
- Families and friends growing together
- Disciples who want to help others
- Individuals seeking a deeper faith
- Anyone curious about the Catholic faith

### FREE LEADER FORMATION PROVIDED THIS FALL

- Discipleship Ministry 101
- School of Prayer
- Art of Accompaniment
- Small Group Facilitation Skills
- How to Invite Others into the Journey

Parishioners may register individually (no cost to the parish) or parishes may order materials in bulk at a discount.

**Available in English, Spanish, and ASL**



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content for  
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## SAVE *the* DATE



### 2026 Spring Assembly of Priests



**May 4 - 6, 2026**

**Osthoff, Elkhart Lake**

Presenters: Fr. Steven Avella &  
Fr. Luke Strand



## Fall Day

FOR PRIESTS AND PARISH DIRECTORS

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center

**Theme: "There is Hope –  
Compassionate Care  
and Support for Parents"**



**2025 Active &  
Senior Priest  
Retreat**

**October 13 - 16,  
2025**

Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc.

[Click here to register.](#)

## 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.*

**Theme: "A Future with Hope"**

Speakers: David Galbis-Reig M.D, DFASAM, Tim Miller, MA, MS,

LPC-IT, SAC-IT, Rev. Chuck Hanel, and Rev. Jim Lobacz.

*Registration opening soon.*

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