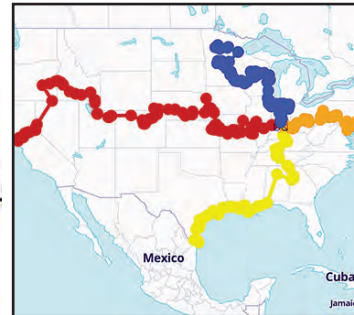




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Cathedral parishioners greatly rewarded for their patience

BY LAURIE HALLSTROM

It started eight years ago when the stove broke in the basement kitchen at the Cathedral of Perpetual Help, Rapid City, and it grew into an \$8.8 million renovation. That kitchen had been used for more than a half century — serving official diocesan and parish dinners, luncheons, Knights of Columbus pancake breakfasts, Wednesday night education suppers and Lenten Soup dinners. It served the 3,400 members of the parish during many occasions in addition to the ones just listed.

Then-Father Steven Biegler, now Bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming, was the pastor of Cathedral parish and he organized a committee to figure out what to do. As the committee studied the situation, things escalated, and they determined the 1963 kitchen was totally outdated. Then, they considered what to do about the lack of meeting rooms at the cathedral. Also, there were no bathrooms on the main floor and that made handicap access difficult.

When Bishop Biegler was named to Cheyenne, in March 2017, Father Christensen was assigned as pastor of Cathedral and took up the work already begun. In 2018, the Diocese of Rapid City began the "Living the Mission" fundraising campaign to build a new chancery and two Newman Centers. Parishes that met their quota could get a portion of the overage returned. "Inspired by the words of Bishop William T. McCarty, from his speech during the dedication of the Cathedral in 1963, the parish campaign committee chose the theme: "In Steel and Stone," wood and concrete, a church stands as an architectural witness of God's dwelling with man," said Fr. Christensen.

The initial feasibility study priced the



Fr. Brian Christensen cuts the blue ribbon officially opening the St. Joseph Hall addition to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

Rapid City. Between committee studies and construction it took eight years to create the new hall. (WRC photo by Laurie Hallstrom)

new hall and other components at \$4.2 million. By 2019, when the contract for construction was first presented, the costs had risen to \$6.4 million. Then in 2020, the churches in western South Dakota were closed for the Covid-19 Pandemic. Cathedral staff had to scramble to figure out a way to minister to parishioners sheltering in their homes. Through trial-and-error, Mass began broadcasting on Facebook and the "In Steel and Stone Campaign" was put on the back burner for a couple of years.

During the pandemic and following it, a new term became a part of the vernacular: "supply chain shortages." It was blamed for everything from empty toilet paper shelves to increases in prices across the board as manufacturers struggled to keep up with

demands and recoup losses.

Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph beginning December 8, 2020. On December 8, 2021, the late Bishop Peter Muhich consecrated the Diocese of Rapid City to St. Joseph. By then construction material prices had skyrocketed and the new addition and remodeling the cathedral basement would cost more than \$8.8 million dollars. Father Christensen decided to ask St. Joseph to be the patron of the project. Existing donors were asked to increase or extend the pledges. New donors were encouraged to join the campaign.

The Cathedral raised \$1.6 million for the diocesan campaign, Living the Mission. From "Living the Mission" the diocese returned \$320,000 to the cathedral. The

Knights of Columbus Council 1489 had a free-standing hall on E. Minnesota Street; they donated the hall to the Cathedral parish. "Eventually, the hall was sold for \$540,000 and the money was added to the cathedral construction fund. Council 1489 donated an additional \$160,000 for a grand total of \$700,000!" said Father Christensen.

Construction began on May 7, 2022. The first thing the parishioners noticed was the bulk of the south side parking lot was fenced off. They began parking across the street at the St. Thomas More Middle School and on side streets leading to the cathedral. A wooden ramp was erected for handicap worshippers on the north side of the building. A large round, baptistry,

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Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Dan Juelfs, was a speaker at the Knights of Columbus State Meeting held April 26-28 in Watertown. He has celebrated confirmation Masses including the one shown in Ft. Pierre, April 27, with more scheduled. (Courtesy photos)



Fr. Dan Juelfs, JCL
Diocesan Administrator

Your support is much appreciated

As I begin my role as Diocesan Administrator, I wish to thank all of you for your prayers and support. It is very much appreciated. I am gradually learning what I need to do in this position. I have done Confirmations in several parishes and spoke at the State Knights of Columbus Convention, and I have a few more Confirmations that are coming up this month.

Beginning with a *Vita Christi* retreat which was held April 26-28 at Terra Sancta, the diocese began a Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary for the diocese and individuals within the diocese. This was a decision of Bishop Peter who made plans with the Office of Faith Formation and Pastoral Ministries. After the death of Bishop Peter, the decision was made to continue with his plan for this event.

The Mass of Consecration will take place at Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta on May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of Mary. The evening will begin with a time of Adoration at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m. followed by an ice cream social. Traditionally, one prepares for this consecration with a 33 day time of daily prayer and reflection. Resources and information are available on the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/consecration24/. I invite you to join with other members of the diocese in this consecration. It is an opportunity to seek the support of Mary in a very public manner and to express our faith in a manner that probably most of us have not had an opportunity to participate in.

I encourage you to participate in the celebrations of Corpus Christi in your local parishes on June 2. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, we are reminded of the Real Presence of Jesus among us in the Eucharist and take the opportunities that are available to renew our own awareness of Jesus' presence.

Diocesan Administrator Calendar

May 20-July 16, 2024

Subject to change without notice

May 20-22, Monday-Wednesday
Diocesan Clergy Convocation, Terra Sancta Retreat Center

May 22, Wednesday
Noon Priest Pension/Retirement and Aid Association Board Meeting, Terra Sancta
1 p.m. College of Consultors, Terra Sancta

May 23, Thursday
8:15 a.m. Diocesan Investment Committee, Chancery
9 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council, Chancery

May 26, Sunday
2 p.m. St. Thomas More High School Graduation, Cathedral

May 27, Monday
Chancery closed for Memorial Day

May 28, Tuesday
6:30 p.m. Catholic Social Services Board, CSS

May 29, Wednesday
Rapid City Catholic School System Board Retreat, Terra Sancta

May 30, Thursday
10 a.m. Sioux Spiritual Center Board, Chancery

May 31, Friday
7 p.m. Mass, Diocesan Consecration to Mary, Holy Cross Chapel, Terra Sancta

June 4, Tuesday
8:30 a.m. Chancery Staff Mass, Chancery

June 5, Wednesday
11:15 a.m. Mass/Lunch, *Totus Tuus* Girls, Terra Sancta

June 6, Thursday
10 a.m. Chancery Cabinet Leaders, Chancery

June 7, Friday
5:30 p.m. Fr. Kerry Prendiville 40th Anniversary Celebration, St. Therese the Little Flower Church, Rapid City

June 27, Thursday
10 a.m. College of Consultors, Chancery

July 4, Thursday
Chancery closed for Independence Day

July 9, Tuesday
10:30 a.m. Chancery Staff Mass, Chancery

July 12, Friday
11:15 a.m. Mass/Lunch, *Totus Tuus* Boys Camp, Terra Sancta

July 14, Sunday
11 a.m. St. Kateri Tekakwitha Celebration, St. Isaac Jogues

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Priest Assignments

Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Dan Juelfs has announced the following priest assignments effective July 1, 2024.



Fr. Jonathan Dillon is released from assignment as Pastor of the Parishes of St. Joseph in Gregory, Immaculate Conception in Bonesteel, Sacred Heart in Burke, and St. Anthony in Fairfax and is assigned as Administrator of the Parishes of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Martin, Our Lady of Victory in Kadoka, St. Patrick in Wall, and St. Margaret in Lakeside.



Fr. Ron Garry is released from assignment as Pastor of the Parishes of St. John the Evangelist in Fort Pierre and St. Anthony in Draper and assigned as Administrator of the Parishes of St. Joseph in Gregory, Immaculate Conception in Bonesteel, Sacred Heart in Burke, and St. Anthony in Fairfax.



Fr. Janusz Korban is released from assignment as Pastor of the Parishes of St. Joseph in Faith, St. Anthony in Red Owl and St. Joseph in Mud Butte and assigned as Administrator of the Parishes of St. John the Evangelist in Fort Pierre and St. Anthony in Draper.



Fr. Joshua Lee is released from assignment as Parochial Vicar of the Parishes of St. Joseph in Spearfish and St. Paul in Belle Fourche and assigned as Parochial Vicar of the Parishes of Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City and St. Michael in Hermosa. He will also provide ministry for the Rapid City Catholic School System.



Fr. Francis Nsubuga is released from assignment as Parochial Vicar of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Rapid City and assigned as Parochial Vicar for the Parishes of St. Joseph in Spearfish and St. Paul in Belle Fourche.



Fr. Michael Oli is released from assignment as Parochial Vicar of the Parishes of St. Therese in Rapid City and St. John in New Underwood and assigned as Administrator of the Parishes of St. Joseph in Faith, St. Anthony in Red Owl and St. Joseph in Mud Butte.



Fr. Leonard Ssenyonjo is released from assignment as Parochial Vicar of the Parishes of Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City and St. Michael in Hermosa and assigned as Parochial Vicar of the Parishes of St. Therese in Rapid City and St. John in New Underwood.



Fr. Robert Kinyon will continue to serve as Parochial Vicar for Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. He will also provide ministry for the Rapid City Catholic School System.



Fr. Mark McCormick is released from assignment as Chaplain for the Rapid City Catholic School System. He will retain responsibilities as Director of Vocations and Chaplain for the Rapid City Newman Center.



Fr. Tyler Dennis is released from assignment as Pastor of the Parishes of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Martin, Our Lady of Victory in Kadoka, St. Patrick in Wall, and St. Margaret in Lakeside and assigned to Canon Law studies at Catholic University of America.

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encircled in stained glass windows, was removed piece by piece from the south side for reconstruction on the north side of the church.

St. Joseph Hall construction continued until this spring and the ribbon cutting was held May 7 — the 61st anniversary of the cathedral dedication. Throngs of Catholics gathered in the new parking lot to see Father Christensen use three-foot scissors

to cut the blue ribbon. Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Dan Juelfs blessed the building and gave the homily at the celebration of Mass. Afterwards, people were welcomed into the hall, with a brand-new kitchen, and bathrooms on the same level as the narthex.

Construction continues this summer in the basement, building permanent walls for classrooms and meeting spaces. The much-used kitchen is being turned into a Knights of Columbus room. “While the Cathedral

parish raised \$6.8 million — from 520 donors — over the last five years, more is needed to cover the inflated costs of this amazing and historic project. A new capital campaign, “In Grace and Gratitude,” will launch this summer,” said Father Christensen.

To donate to the campaign, contact the Cathedral Finance Manager, Beth Stain, at 605-342-0507.



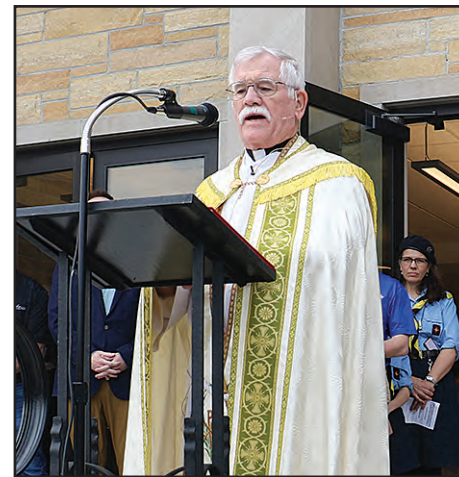
A crowd gathered to watch the ribbon cutting before Mass.



The facade of the new structure matches the stonework on the original Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



The St. Joseph Hall seating capacity is 988 people or one-third of the parish members.



Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Dan Juelfs, blessed the addition and gave the homily at Mass.



A statue of St. Joseph patron of the new hall.

(WRC photos by Laurie Hallstrom & Becky Berreth)



This project started when the stove broke in the old kitchen, now everything is up to date.



Four double-sided serving areas were set up at the reception to avoid long lines.

Diocese developing a dedicated cemetery for bishops and priests

BY LAURIE HALLSTROM

Using memorial funds given in the name of the late Bishop Peter Muhich, the diocese has platted space for bishops and priests at St. Martin Cemetery, adjacent to Terra Sancta Retreat Center in Rapid City. The St. Martin Benedictine Sisters rezoned the cemetery to the Diocese of Rapid City in March 2023.

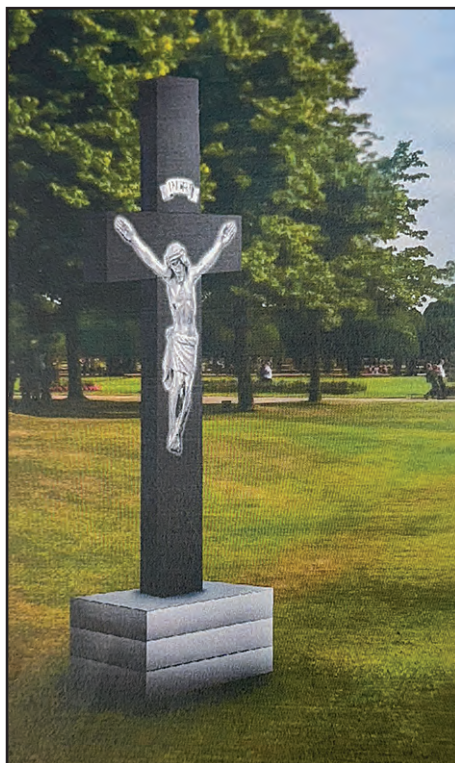
Msgr. William O'Connell died in 2015 and his grave has been the only clergy burial there since that time. It was set to the north, apart from the sister's grave sites. Recently, his grave was discovered to be over the property line, and it needed to be moved.

According to Sr. Christine Hernandez, SCTJM, chancellor for the Diocese of Rapid City, "Architectural drawings were quickly drawn up upon Bishop Peter's passing in February. The site is currently platted for 30 burial spaces. Of the 30 spaces, six are designated for bishops and Bishop Peter is in one of them, there are five left. Of the other 24 spaces, Msgr. O'Connell has been moved to one and there are 23 left." She concluded, "We are blessed to have a designated place to bury our bishops and priests."

Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Dan Juelfs, agreed, "Basically, it gives priests an option to be buried in a place that is designated as a religious site. For some their only option would be to be buried either in a parish cemetery, or to be buried in a cemetery where their family is buried. These

choices are still available for the priests, but this gives them the option of being buried with their 'religious' family — the other priests who they have served with. There is a priest section in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Rapid City, where some of the earlier priests are buried, but that space is limited. Since we own this land we have another opportunity."

There is an ongoing fundraising effort



Computer rendering of proposed crucifix at cemetery.

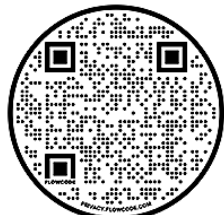
for Bishop's Memorial. To donate use the R code, or go to www.rapidcitydiocese.org/bishops-memorial-fund/. Also, there will be information at Bishop Muhich's grave.

Make Your Own Plans to attend the National Eucharistic Congress

There is still time to make plans to attend the 10th National Eucharistic Congress which will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 17 to July 21. This is the first National Congress the United States has had in 83 years and is an unprecedented opportunity for Catholics in the United States. To register and learn more about how to plan your trip to the Congress, visit: www.eucharisticcongress.org or contact Shawna Hanson at shanson@diorc.org.



(Above) Bishop Peter Muhich's gravesite now. (Below) Computer rendering of proposed headstone.

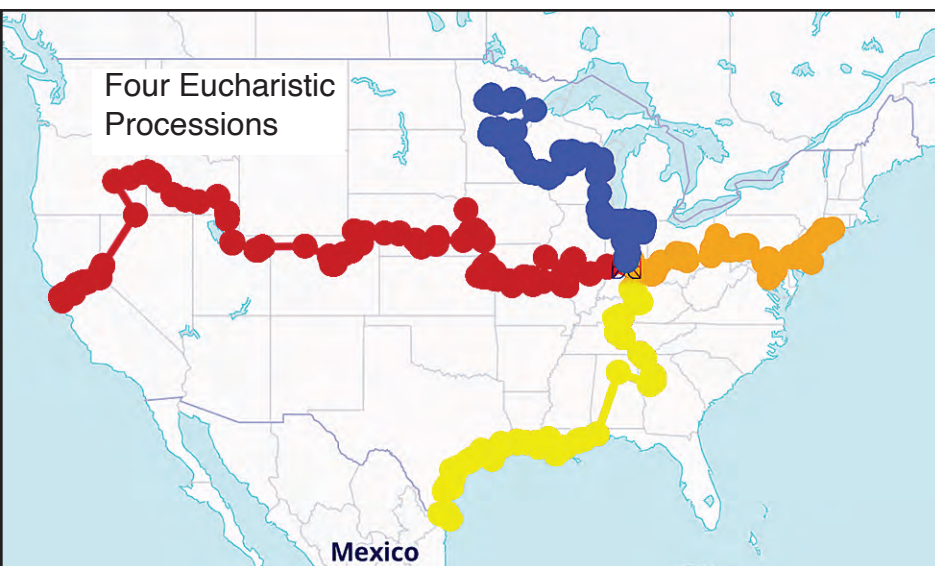


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These are the four routes the National Eucharistic Processions will take to the Eucharistic Revival converging in Indianapolis. Seminarian Blase Gebes will join the blue Marian Rte. from the north, see below; Fr. Mark McCormick will participate in the yellow St. Juan Diego Rte. from the south — see p. 7; The St. Junipero Serra Rte, shown in red travels through Nebraska — see p. 8 for details; the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Rte. comes from the east, shown in gold.

A closer walk with Jesus

By LAURIE HALLSTROM

Like other college students, seminarian Blase Gebes has a summer job. He was hired by the National Eucharistic Revival to accompany pilgrims on the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Procession. On May 16, he reported to Crookston, Minnesota.

Gebes is part of an eight-person team, walking and riding with other pilgrims along a route that will take them to Indianapolis where the National Eucharistic Congress is being held, July 17-21. He was encouraged by his vocations director, Fr. Mark McCormick, to apply for the position. Gebes, whose home parish is St. Francis of Assisi in Sturgis, just finished his sophomore year at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minnesota.

“Father Mark offered me two summer options, either spending time here in the diocese at one of the parishes or applying for this position because he knew that they were looking for a seminarian. They accepted my application and so I’m very happy,” said Gebes.

He is accompanied by one other seminarian and six lay people. “I am one of the official members and they have a big 15-

seater van with a tabernacle in it. It’s pulling a trailer and I think they have a couple of support vehicles. We’re going to travel to different churches,” he said. Their schedule varies a lot. Some days the pilgrims will only travel a mile and other days maybe 20 miles, depending on the number of stops at churches while carrying Jesus along the way.

“It is important for a seminarian to first and foremost spend time with Our Lord. Sometimes I get busy with school — I can be a ‘Martha’ at times — a lot of things keeping me busy,” he said. “My procession job is to be with Jesus. My principal responsibility will be people spending time with Our Lord. That makes it all the better — this idea of service to others as they go along.” He said pilgrims will join the procession for a couple hours, a whole day or even weeks.

“I just think it’s a great time to focus and be with the Lord,” he said.

There is an interactive map on the diocesan website www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/. It gives the stops along the way for the four Eucharistic processions. On page 8 is a list of Nebraska stops for local people who would like to join the Eucharistic procession and participate in the pilgrimage.



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Last May we started our 20 seminarians by 2025 campaign by encouraging everyone in our diocese, including our families and friends, to pray the Memorare prayer, for an increase of seminarians to the Diocese of Rapid City.

Already, this campaign is bearing fruit! Tanya Cooper, the administrative assistant for the office of vocations said, "Every day

when I check my mailbox,

I am surprised at how many 20 x 25 Memorare Campaign prayer cards we receive and each month there has been a steady increase in the number of prayer cards we receive. Seeing some of the same names of Memorare Prayer Warriors come through again and again is inspiring to me

— I know that means that the Memorares are flowing constantly. It is a blessing to know so many of you are praying for more seminarians for our diocese so fervently!" I see the fruits of this prayer as well, both in the number of young men I am visiting with, and in my own heart. Recently, in prayer, this verse from the Gospel of Matthew was placed on my heart, "*The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest,*" (Mt. 9:37-38). This is exactly what we are doing in our Memorare campaign and I am so grateful to all of you for your dedication and perseverance. But I sense the Lord may be asking us to take the next step; to be more specific in our petitions. Instead of just praying for more seminarians, generally, I invite you, as you pray the Memorare, to ask the Holy Spirit to place in your mind and heart a name of a person, who might not only have a priestly heart, but also anyone who would make a good religious brother, sister, or deacon. As we pray as the body of

Christ, seeking Our Mother Mary's intercession through the Memorare prayer, allow the Holy Spirit to place names on your heart of those you think would be a good priest, brother, sister, and deacon. For my part, I plan to have "Called By Name" cards printed up so that you will have a place to write those names down and send them to the Office of Vocations. I will follow-up with all names that are submitted to me.

As you pray for specific names, I offer this list of qualities desired in a candidate for priesthood, diaconate, or religious life which I find helpful as I pray with an open heart and ask the Lord to reveal to me those He is calling:

•HE OR SHE: Feels good about himself/herself, has average to above average intelligence, and has good physical, mental and emotional health.

•HE OR SHE: Is willing to sacrifice personal or material gain for the service of the Gospel and the Church.

•HE OR SHE: Considers a personal relationship with God as an important part of life.

•HE OR SHE: Forms and maintains healthy relationships with both men and women.

•HE OR SHE: Has an ability and willingness to talk about his/her faith life.

•HE OR SHE: Has the ability to lead and work with people of all ages.

•HE OR SHE: Has a desire to serve others and make a difference in people's lives.

•HE OR SHE: Enjoys life, people, and has a sense of humor.

•HE OR SHE: Is recognized as being approachable.

•HE OR SHE: Recognizes the importance of the Church.

Road to Indianapolis filled with exciting opportunities

BY LAURIE HALLSTROM

The buzz in the Catholic Church this summer is over the National Eucharistic Congress and the four national pilgrimages that will cross the entire United States and converge in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Fr. Mark McCormick, the diocesan vocations director and chaplain of the Rapid City Newman Center, gets to take part in this unique opportunity. While he was visiting seminarians in St. Paul, Minnesota, former Newman Club President John Vargo and his wife Samantha asked him to come to their new house for a cup of coffee.

He was unaware Samantha was working with the St. Juan Diego or southern route of the pilgrimage. She asked Fr. Mark what he was doing June 11- 22. "I looked at my calendar and I said it looks pretty free. Then she asked, how would you like to be a chaplain on the southern route for a week? I'm excited, I've never been to that part of the country," he said.

The southern route begins May 17 in

Brownsville, Texas. He will join them June 11 in Biloxi Mississippi. His trip will have many highlights. On June 12, he has Mass, a procession, Adoration, a Deo Gloria Celebration at St. Thomas the Apostle Church then a trip to the Gulf of Mexico. "I'm blessing the sea — that should be interesting," he said

June 13, he will have Mass at St. James Church and a procession to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral in Biloxi, where there will be an XLT Youth Rally. The Cathedral built in 1902 was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. It features a unique Gothic design. "I like to see the architecture of cathedrals," he said.

June 14 is a driving day to the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile, Alabama. June 15 begins with Mass there with Archbishop Thomas Rodi. "From there, we'll process to St. Mary Parish. Catholic Social Services has arranged service projects where we can evangelize in area neighborhoods." From

June 16-20, there will be driving days. "I think it will be good just to be with the Lord in the van. They've taken out the back two seats and then they built a little altar with a monstrance bolted down so that when they're traveling, as I understand it, people will see it as they drive," said Fr. Mark. "I think this is just a great opportunity for me as a priest of the Diocese of Rapid City to bring our diocese to a little part of the national stage." Along the way there will be retreat programs and pilgrim testimonials.

June 20 they will be at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville, Alabama. It is run by the Poor Clare Nuns of Perpetual Adoration. Mother Angelica, the foundress of Eternal Word Television Network, is buried there. In addition to tours, the group will have a Eucharistic Healing Service and Divine Mercy Chaplet with the nuns. "I think we are going to be featured on a couple of their shows," he added.

"It's just a great blessing to go on the pilgrimage. You know the Holy Spirit seems

to surprise us," said Fr. Mark. Following the pilgrimage, he will be riding with five seminarians, youth, and adults from throughout the Diocese of Rapid City to experience the graces of the National Eucharistic Congress.



The Chancery
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Photo of the Eucharistic Procession to open the National Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Rapid City. Held on the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022. (WRC Archive photo)



National Eucharistic Procession

On May 17, the National Eucharistic Congress launched one of the largest Eucharistic Processions in history. Four teams of pilgrims left from the north, south, east and west edges of our country and process with Jesus in the Eucharist across the country, stopping at many churches and holy sites along the way. They will spend 60 days on the road and host over 1000 events. On July 17, the four routes will converge in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the opening of the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. The western route of the pilgrimage will be traveling through western Nebraska on June 12-21, only a few hours from us! It is called the St. Junipero Serra Route. Everyone is encouraged and invited to participate in this procession by traveling a section of the route and/or by participating in one of the many events being hosted. More information on this opportunity can be found here. More information about the National Pilgrimage generally can be found at: www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org.

Emmaus moment available in Nebraska

This spring Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, will process from North, South, East and West in four routes across our country, praying for hearts to be set on fire, healed and renewed. Perpetual pilgrims will spend 60 days on the road and host events. On July 17 the four routes will converge in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the opening of the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years. The Diocese of Rapid City encourages families, parishioners, and youth groups to take part in this unprecedented National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Our closest access is the Serra Route mostly along the I-80 corridor in the Diocese of Lincoln. This will take place between June 12 and 21. For a map, registration or more information go to <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/national-pilgrimage/>.

Mountain Daylight Time

Kimball, Nebraska
Wednesday, June 12
6 - 7 p.m. MDT
Potluck dinner and Adoration
St. Joseph Church, 511 S. Howard St. Kimball, NE 69162

Sidney, Nebraska
Thursday, June 13
10 a.m. MDT
Mass in Sidney
St. Patrick Church, 1039 14th Ave., Sidney
11: a.m. - 3:30 p.m. MDT
Eucharistic Procession to Colton. This is a seven-mile Eucharistic Procession traveling altar stop in Colton, NE 69162. Bring a water bottle, sack lunch

and snacks.
Ogallala, Nebraska
Thursday, June 13
6 - 7 p.m. MDT
Potluck dinner,
7:30 p.m. MDT
Adoration
St. Luke Church, 417 E. 3rd St., Ogallala, NE 69153

Friday, June 14
8 - 9 a.m. MDT
Mass St. Luke Church, 417 E. 3rd St., Ogallala, NE 69153
9 a.m. - noon
Seven-mile Eucharistic Procession from Ogallala to Rosco, bring a water bottle, sack lunch and snacks.

Switch to Central Daylight Time

North Platte, Nebraska
Friday, June 14
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. CDT
Eucharistic Adoration at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 3301 Echo Dr., North Platte, NE 69101
Join us for time in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, June 15
8 - 8:30 a.m. CDT
Mass at St. Elizabeth Parish
10 a.m. - Noon CDT
St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery Service Project
1526-1370 W State Farm Rd, North Platte, NE 69101
Join us for a service project at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in North Platte, NE. This project is open to the public and we welcome extra hands to get all the work done quickly! Thank you!



Sunday, June 16
8 - 9 a.m. CDT
Nebraskaland Field Mass at North Platte Community College
Join us for the annual Nebraskaland Days Sunday Mass.
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CDT
Sunday Mass with Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt and Bishop James Conley at McDaid Elementary School Gym, 1002 East E Street, North Platte, NE 69101.
Bishop Hanefeldt from the Diocese of Grand Island and Bishop Conley from the Diocese of Lincoln will be the main concelebrants in this joint diocesan Mass between the Diocese of Lincoln and the Diocese of Grand Island.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. CDT
Eucharistic Procession in North Platte from McDaid Elementary School Gym, 1002 East E. Street, North Platte, NE 69101
Please join us for a short Eucharistic Procession following Sunday Mass from McDaid Elementary to Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Holdrege, Nebraska
Monday, June 17
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. CDT
Fellowship Dinner at All Saints Parish, 1204 Logan St., Holdrege, NE 68949
Join us for a fellowship dinner with the Perpetual Pilgrims!
7 - 8 p.m. CDT
Eucharistic Adoration at All Saints Parish, 1204 Logan St., Holdrege, NE 68949
Join us for time in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday, June 18
8:30 - 9 a.m. CDT
Mass at All Saints Parish
Join us for the celebration of Mass in Holdrege, NE.
9 - 10:30 a.m. CDT
Eucharistic Procession
Join us for a Eucharistic Procession through the town of Holdrege, NE.
This Eucharistic Procession will be in a loop pattern from All Saints Parish through Holdrege and end back at All Saints. Please bring water with you to stay hydrated.

Hastings, Nebraska
12:30 - 1 p.m. CDT
Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael Parish, 715 Creighton Avenue, Hastings, NE 68901
Join us for time in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
1 - 2:15 p.m. CDT
Eucharistic Procession
Two-mile Eucharistic Procession between the two churches in Hastings. Start: St. Michael's Parish, End: St. Cecilia's Parish, 301 W. 7th St. Hastings, NE 68901

This Eucharistic Procession will go from one Catholic Church in Hastings to the other. The route is slightly over two miles. Please bring water with you to stay hydrated.
2:15 - 3:15 p.m. CDT
Eucharistic Adoration at St. Cecilia Parish
Join us for time in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Divine Mercy chaplet at 3 p.m. followed by closing Benediction.

Grand Island, Nebraska
Wednesday, June 19
8-9:30 a.m. CDT
Mass with Bishop Hanefeldt, St. Mary Cathedral, 112 S. Cedar St., Grand Island, NE 68801
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. CDT
Eucharistic Procession (Transition between Dioceses of Grand Island and Lincoln
St. Ann Parish, 202 N. 5th St., Doniphan, NE 68832)
Eucharistic Procession: Bishop Hanefeldt hands the monstrance to Bishop Conley.
This will be a prayerful and beautiful transition of the passing of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage from one diocese to another across the historic Platte River in Nebraska. Please bring lots of water and a sack lunch if you are joining us for the full 12 mile Eucharistic Procession.

Doniphan, Nebraska
4 - 4:30 p.m. CDT
Eucharistic Adoration at St. Ann Parish
Join us for time in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, June 20
7 - 9 p.m. CDT
Eucharistic Adoration at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506
Join us for time in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

9 p.m. - 8:30 a.m. CDT
Overnight Eucharistic Adoration at Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506
Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night.

Friday, June 21
8:30 - 10:00 a.m. CDT
Mass with Bishop Conley at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506
Join us for Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ with Bishop Conley.
10 - 10:30 a.m. CDT
Eucharistic Procession from the Cathedral to John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. #1, Lincoln, NE 68506



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As we continue to pray for a new bishop, we join in Christ's prayer that we may all be one so that others come to know of his saving love and follow him.

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BY KATHY CORDES
ARCHIVIST

This month, I'm taking you on a behind the scenes look at the cause of canonization for Nicholas Black Elk. We, the diocesan Black Elk working committee, continue to work to promote Nicholas as "A Saint of Our Times."

The committee would like to welcome our newest members: Beverly Running Bear, St. Isaac Jogues, Rapid City; Dr. Michael Taylor, University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D.; and Damion Costello, Vermont; and Fr. Dan Juelfs, Diocesan Administrator, who has been with us since the beginning as Promoter of Justice, serving as a witness to the verification of reports matching the interviews that were conducted.

Since 2021, we've sent out 50,000 prayer cards, 50,000 of the canonization prayers, and a short pamphlet covering his life. We continue to send them out to parishes and schools all over the world. We are grateful that our printer will run a second printing soon!

Many have requested relics for Black Elk. At this time, we can only send out prayer cards and information since relics are reserved for saints. When Black Elk is determined to the level of 'blessed' in his cause of sainthood, this book and several other papers that contain his signature may become a second-class relic. There are three stages to becoming a saint; venerable, blessed and finally, sainthood. Right now,



Archivist Kathy Cordes, Fr. Dan Juelfs, and Ashley Pourier the director of the Red Cloud Heritage Center, Pine Ridge, look over a signed 1st edition of "Black Elk Speaks." The center has loaned the book to the Diocese of Rapid City for display. (WRC photo)

we are at the Servant of God stage indicating that our diocese has opened a cause for his canonization and the investigation into his holy life has been accepted by Rome.

A signed copy of "Black Elk Speaks" is now on display at the Chancery! This book is about his life as Oglala Lakota Holy Man and Catholic Catechist. It is a rare, first edition copy on loan from the Red Cloud Heritage Center in Pine Ridge; we appreciate their collaboration with our diocesan archives.

Nicholas Black Elk, pray for us! St. Kateri, pray for us! Bishop Peter, with your joyous conversations with Nicholas and intercessions for our diocese, pray for us!

Black Hills Tourist Summer Mass Guide

Belle Fourche: St. Paul Catholic Church, 855 5th St. — Sunday 9 a.m.

Custer: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 449 Harney St. — Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 8 a.m.

Deadwood: St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 760 Main St. — Saturday 6 p.m./Sunday 8 a.m.

Edgemont: St. James Catholic Church, 310 3rd Ave. — Sunday 5 p.m.

Hermosa: St. Michael Catholic Church, 13480 Hwy 40 — Sunday 9 a.m.

Hill City: St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 305 Pine Ave. — Sunday 10 a.m./Spanish Mass: Saturday 6 p.m.

Hot Springs: St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 538 University Ave. — Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Keystone: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, 1014 Madill St. — Sunday 8 a.m.

Lead: St. Patrick Catholic Church, 141 Siever St. — Saturday 4 p.m./Sunday 10 a.m.

Piedmont: Our Lady of the Black Hills Catholic Church, 12365 Sturgis Rd. (Exit 48) — Saturday 5 p.m./Sunday 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Rapid City: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd. — Saturday 4 p.m./ Sunday 7, 9, and 11 a.m. Spanish Mass: Sunday 1:30 p.m.

Rapid City: Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 520 Cathedral Dr. — Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 8, 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Rapid City: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 922 5th St. — Latin Mass in the Former Rite: Sunday 8, 10 a.m.

Rapid City: St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 221 Knollwood Dr. — Saturday 5 p.m./ Sunday 9 and 11 a.m.

Rapid City: St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church, 523 Adams St. — Saturday 4:30 p.m./Sunday 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Spearfish: St. Joseph Catholic Church, 844 5th St. — Saturday 5:30 p.m./ Sunday 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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Alexys Fernandez
Piedmont, Our Lady of the Black Hills
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Holy Week

See more online on the diocesan web-site www.rapidcitydiocese.org/initiation-sacraments/. Parishes submitted photos.



Sturgis, St. Francis

St. Isidore: Patron of Catholic Rural Life

(Editor's note: By Tim Streiff - Reprinted from "Catholic Rural Life Magazine." Text and art used with permission. For more on "Catholic Rural Life Magazine" go to catholicrurallife.org/magazine/)

When St. Isidore, patron of Catholic Rural Life (CRL), was canonized in 1622, he was included alongside a list of powerhouse saints who were known throughout the Christian world for their sanctity and leadership.

Recognized at the same Mass were St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, St. Theresa of Avila, and St. Philip Neri. What was a simple farmer from Madrid doing among saints like that? In the midst of that group, the church recognized through St. Isidore that it is just as important to love God greatly through large deeds, as it is to love God through the everyday deeds of ordinary life—even if that's very little.

St. Isidore was born in Spain around 1070 to a poor peasant family. He grew up learning how to work the land and was employed as a farmhand by a local nobleman and landowner, Juan de Vargas.



St. Isidore is the patron saint of Catholic Rural Life. (Courtesy art)

Isidore was also very devoted to Christ in the Eucharist, traveling every morning to a nearby church for Mass. He would frequently stop between the parish and the fields praying at several wayside shrines, which often made him late to his field-work. His fellow farmhands resented

Isidore's late arrival due to prayer, so they complained to their employer, who one day decided to watch for Isidore's coming. Of course, St. Isidore was tardy and was about to be chastised when two angels appeared and began helping Isidore plow the field. Immediately, de Vargas changed his mind about punishing Isidore and in the future always let others know that Isidore could do the work of three men due to divine assistance.

St. Isidore was also known for several instances of the multiplication of food. This would occur at times when he gave to the poor who weekly dined with him and his wife, St. Maria de la Cabeza, and when he shared his harvest with the animals who were hungry in winter. Even after death, the miracles attributed to St. Isidore through his devotion and hard work continued and included numerous healings and interventions.

St. Isidore is the model of uniting prayer and work together as one in a lay vocation, praying while he worked in the fields and tended the animals of his employer's farm. This is why, in 1947, Catholic Rural Life asked the Sacred

Congregation for Rites (now the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints) in Rome to declare St. Isidore the patron of American farmers and of Catholic Rural Life.

Each year, during the eight days leading up to his feast day of May 15, Catholic Rural Life hosts an online version of the St. Isidore Novena. These prayers include the singing of a hymn, a psalm connected to creation, the prayer to St. Isidore, and a reflection on the noble vocation of farming and rural living. The novena is a reminder that, like St. Isidore, those who steward the land are engaged in God's work—the vocation that was taught to Adam in the Garden of Eden. It is a reminder that all work is dignified and contributes to the social order and helps humans attain their supernatural end.

The life of St. Isidore, patron of CRL, embodies the virtues of hard work, Christian marriage, the unity of work and prayer, charity to neighbors, and always seeing God's hand in creation and every life. May all past, present, and future CRL members continue to look to St. Isidore as a rural model of virtue and holiness. St. Isidore, pray for us!



Chrism Mass

In the absence of a bishop, Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Dan Juelfs, asked Bishop Donald DeGrood of Sioux Falls if he would bless the holy oils to be used in the Diocese of Rapid City for the coming year. Chrism Mass was held March 25 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City. The three oils are: the oil of the infirm (sick), the oil of the catechumens, and chrism — which is olive oil mixed with balsam — and the bishop breathes the Holy Spirit into it. Annually during this Mass, priests renew the promises they made at their ordinations. In his homily Bishop DeGrood said, "... in the Passion of Christ, what we celebrate at every Mass is not just a memory of what happened at the Last Supper or the Passion. It comes alive and is present in every celebration we have." (WRC photo by Laurie Hallstrom)



Aspirancy Class

On April 25-28, 2024, the aspirancy class in the Deacon Formation Program attended the "What Does God Want?" retreat at Sioux Spiritual Center, Howes. Carole Brown, director of the SSC led the retreat. The purpose of the retreat was to help discern if the six men in the class are being called by God to the permanent diaconate. (Front row l-r) Nancy Sass, Deacon Greg Sass, Fr. Gary Oreshoski, and Carole Brown. (Middle row l-r) Frank Birkholt, Hot Springs; Eugene Iron Shell, Rosebud; John Talcott, Spearfish; Todd Curtis, Piedmont; Nick Trask, Wasta; (Back row l-r) Alisha Birkholt, Jennifer Iron Shell, Kimberly Talcott, and Jennifer Curtis. Also in the class are Steven and Karen Van Mullem, Ft. Pierre. (Courtesy photo)

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Sioux Spiritual Center adding a private hermitage for individual retreats

BY CAROLE BROWN

The Road Less Traveled

The last line of Robert Frost's famous poem is quite moving. "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." There are profound gifts that come with the decision to go off the beaten path to hidden places of profound beauty. The people who, by God's providence, find their way to the Sioux Spiritual Center retreat house, experience this in abundance. Each year, dozens of people find this hidden place, seemingly by accident. In the restfulness of this environment, God is able to minister to their heart in amazing ways. Together with God, they can sort out the pieces and go home in peace.

One day a man from a major city called to inquire about making a retreat. He had been struggling with some difficult personal matters, and he remembered attend-

ing one as a Jesuit high school student. Now in his 60s, and away from the church for many years, he thought — maybe I should make a retreat. So he googled "Jesuit retreat," and miraculously, of all the retreat houses in the world (several of which were within a short drive), the Sioux Spiritual Center appeared at the top of the list. The retreat impacted his life profoundly. He was reconciled with the Church, and this year his adult children were baptized.

The Sioux Spiritual Center is a unique asset for the Diocese of Rapid City. For most of its 45-year existence, its ministry was focused almost exclusively on serving Native Catholics. Since 2018, it has been welcoming all-comers, and has been discovered by people from coast to coast and everywhere in between. Everyone seems to agree — there is no place quite like it in all the world!

While continuing its ministry to native groups, the Center has expanded its offer-



SIoux SPIRITUAL CENTER, HOWES (FILE PHOTO)

ings to include 8-day Ignatian retreats, inner healing prayer retreats, Life in the Spirit retreats, and the Covenant School of Spiritual Direction. It is a great venue for parish and diocesan groups to provide their own program. This summer, construction is underway for a self-contained hermitage cabin for individuals who wish to make a longer private retreat.

Come and See!

Progress on the Endowment

In this season, we are asking the Lord to prosper the work of our hands. Two years ago, Bishop Peter Muhich expressed concern about the Center's annual budget

deficit. In order to protect its future, he encouraged the board of directors to increase its endowment to \$1.5 million. To date, the board has secured almost \$1.2 million in pledges and gifts. We are grateful for every gift we have received! With just over \$325k left to raise, we are hoping to identify 13 additional donors who would be willing to come alongside us with a pledge or gift of \$25k or more. The endowment is held by the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation. For more information, please contact Dr. Carole Brown, Director of the Sioux Spiritual Center, cbrown@diorc.org.

Polish Mass

PIEDMONT — Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek celebrated Mass in the Polish language for area Polish people on May 3. Polish Constitution Day is celebrated on May 3 each year and it commemorates the signing of the Constitution on 3 May 1791, which was one of the first modern constitutions in the world and an important moment in the history of Poland. After gaining independence in 1918, May 3 became a holiday.

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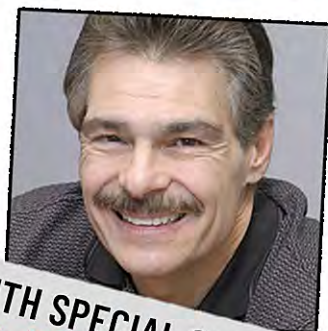
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Former Vietnam chopper pilot prays with St. Padre Pio

BY LAURIE HALLSTROM

Retired Army Colonel Gary Bridges spoke at the annual Catholic Social Services Palm Sunday Brunch, March 24, in Rapid City. He is a veteran whose family has served a combined total of 139 years of U.S. military service in the Navy, Marines and Army.

Colonel Bridges' stories of valor and sacrifice are preserved through his six published books, which he writes under the pen name Matt Jackson. The colonel's third "Undaunted Valor" book, "Invasion of Laos, 1971: Lam Son 719" is being optioned for a Hollywood movie.

"Like other school kids, I worked summer jobs," he said. At his first summer job, he didn't earn any cash. Bridges worked at a tiny airport refueling and washing airplanes in exchange for flying lessons. "At age 16, I had a private pilot's license," he said. Later, his other summer jobs included driving a cannery forklift, serving as a merchant sailor on an oil tanker, and working on a logging crew in Oregon.

After high school, the small Oregon college he enrolled in just wasn't a good fit. If he quit college his options were to enlist, be drafted, or become a merchant sailor.

His dad said, "You've got a private pilot's license. Why don't you go down and apply for that Warrant Officer flight school program and become a helicopter pilot? The next day I applied, took the exams and the physical, and was accepted."

Enlisting via the Warrant Officer candidate program, his basic training was at Fort Polk, Louisiana, in February 1968. From there he went on to flight school. The first month of flight school is called pre-flight, a combination of lectures and white glove inspections. He said, "The name of the game was attention to detail and at the time we didn't realize it but attention to detail is paramount in flying helicopters."

Starting in 1969, Bridges navigated the skies of Vietnam for 19 months piloting a Huey aircraft. His career spanned varied operations from Washington to Alaska as well as Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

In Vietnam he was assigned to an assault helicopter company with 42 pilots. They flew combat missions both taking troops in



Col. Gary Bridges is the center of interest following his address at the annual Catholic Social Services Palm Sunday Brunch, March 24. He spoke of his service as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He also discussed learning he had post traumatic stress disorder and the therapeutic benefit of writing his experiences out — which led to six books on the topic. (WRC photo by Becky Berreth)

and bringing them back, evacuating wounded and mission resupply. "Ten months into it, I decided I was going to stay in that unit and not accept the transfer back to the United States. I put an extension request in to stay another six months," he said.

At the end of his first year, he had 30 days leave in the United States, where he met his wife Bobbie. They corresponded when he went back to Vietnam. Following his tour they married 54 years ago.

"In the first 25 years of our marriage, she put up with 22 moves. She managed to see her husband and her two sons deployed to combat, and she's still hanging with me," he said.

He was asked to work at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., but he decided to retire instead of taking a desk job. "I am a muddy boots soldier," said Bridges.

The Bridges were avid sailors and spent almost every weekend on a Kentucky lake living on their sailboat. In 2015 they moved to Florida. Two years later, medical reasons led them to sell the boat. "Now what do I do? I'm not a golfer. I have a bad back from a parachute jump that went wrong. I don't like watching daytime TV. So, what's the next best thing to do? *Hello Jack Daniels*. I start drinking too much, literally. Finally, one day I had to go to the VA for a problem

and we talked to the counselor, and he asked about Vietnam. That night I was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and assigned a psychologist and a psychiatrist both.

"Now I had never believed in PTSD. I thought PTSD was a crutch for weak-minded people, was I ever wrong," he said.

Counselors asked him to write down in detail what happened in Vietnam. "I started writing. About 300 pages into this thing and I'm remembering details that are incredible. I can't remember what I had for breakfast yesterday and yet I can tell you on the 20th of June at 1400 hours in the afternoon exactly what happened in 1969. It was unbelievable but I wrote all this down and as I'm writing it, why not make this a book? That was my first book, "Undaunted Valor," said Bridges.

The counselors were looking through the pages and asked how many times he got shot down? "Nine times and I knew every time I was going to get shot down," he responded. They asked, "how did you know you were going to get shot down?" I said, "because I got up in the morning and I had a feeling. Something told me things weren't going to go well that day."

His flight crew started asking him how he felt before missions. "They didn't care about my health, they were worried about

their safety. Every time that feeling happened, it happened because my guardian angel told me," he said.

"I've got a special relationship with my guardian angel because I met my guardian angel when I was a little kid. My folks were stationed in Italy. Dad was a convert and he wanted to see every Catholic Church. We drove through the most insignificant towns, and he had to see the inside of the Catholic Church. One day we went to this little town called San Giovanni Rotondo "

It was a small town but the church was magnificent according to Bridges. After Mass he, his dad, and 10 other people were escorted back into a little room. The priest walked in and said a general blessing. Then he walked over to the young Bridges, laid his hand on his head, said something in Italian, and then left. "That priest is known as Padre Pio. He was a stigmatic. He bled from the wounds of Christ," said Bridges.

"He was an absolutely amazing man. I prayed with him every day, not so much for me, I don't take that many chances anymore in my life — except I do drive on Florida roads. I pray for a couple of reasons," said Bridges. He worries about domestic problems like drugs, immigration, and homelessness. He is also anxious about military threats from Russia, Iran, and China.

"All those problems could be overcome if we remember a few simple things. Jesus was asked what's the most important commandment and He said, 'love the Lord thy God,' and the second is 'love thy neighbor,'" said Bridges.

"I think the first one is pretty easy for all of us in this room, not so sure about the second one. It seems that the further we get from our neighbor physically, financially, politically, and racially, it becomes a lot more difficult for us to love each other," he concluded.

Jim Kinyon, outgoing Executive Director of CSS, spoke next. He commented on Colonel Bridges' extraordinary experiences and about his ability and maturity to be able to speak on the trauma he went through in his life. "The need for mental health services throughout our nation is just absolutely critical," said Kinyon. Reminding people of pledge envelopes on the table, he said, "Helping others is what we are called to do as Catholic Christians."



New Catholic Daughters Court #2805

On March 13, at Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont, the Catholic Daughters Officers for the state of South Dakota welcomed the members of the newly installed Court Our Lady of the Black Hills #2805. State Regent Judy Konechne presided over the installation proceedings and ceremony. Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek presided at the installation Mass. He was also installed as the court's chaplain. Members of the host court, St. Rita's #916 of St. Therese, Rapid City, also participated in the installation Mass. The new officers are: Vanessa Pribil, regent; Cheryl Schmitt, vice regent; Donna Schnieder, recording secretary; Julie Jensen, treasurer; Diana Bromwich, financial secretary. In addition, 15 women were installed as charter members. Jan Evans was inspired to inquire about a court in Piedmont. Fr. Wyrostek asked Donna Cannon and Cheryl Schmitt to start a court for their final VSI project. (Courtesy photo)



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Birthdays: June 7, Dcn. Craig Pearson; June 17, Fr. John Heying; June 26, Fr. Tony Grossenburg; June 27, Fr. Ed Witt, SJ.

Ordinations: June 1, 1974, Fr. Ron Seminara, SJ; June 3, 2017, Fr. Brad Held, SJ; June 4, 2011, Fr. Francis Nwakile, FJS; June 6, 1991, Fr. Mark McCormick; June 6, 1987 Fr. David Mastrangelo, SJ; June 6, 2008, Dcn. Tom Freece; June 7, 1984, Fr. Kerry Prendiville; June 7, 2014, Dcn. Robert Ackerman; June 8, 1973, Fr. Dan Juelfs; June 8, 1974, Fr. John Hatcher, SJ; June 8, 1979, Fr. Michel Mulloy; June 8, 1989, Fr. Brian Lane; June 8, 2001, Fr. Timothy Castor and Fr. Matthew Fallgren; June 9, 1988, Fr. Gary Oreshoski and Fr. Bryan Sorensen; June 9, 2000, Fr. John Heying and Fr. Andrzej Wrosteck; June 9, 2006, Fr. James Hoerter; June 10, 1990, Dcn. George Gladfelter; June 11, 1982, Msgr. Michael Woster; June 11, 1992, Fr. Leo Hausmann; June 12, 1981, Fr. Peter Klink, SJ; June 12, 1998, Fr. Ed Vanorny; June 13, 1997, Fr. Janusz

Korban; June 17, 1983, Fr. Ron Garry; June 19, 1976, Dcn. Ben Black Bear; June 19, 2014, Fr. Jonathan Dillon, Fr. Grant Gerlach, and Fr. Adam Hofer; June 20, 1987, Fr. James Lafontaine, SJ; June 24, 2022, Fr. Joshua Lee; June 25, 2003, Dcn. Larry Brown; June 26, 2009, Fr. Tyler Dennis; June 27, 2009, Dcn. Larry Kopriwa and Dcn. James Van Loan; June 29, 1995, Fr. Tim Hoag. June 29, 2023 Dcn. G.W. Ekroth, Dcn. James Hulms, Dcn. Timothy Minihan, Dcn. Brian Paulsen, Dcn. Matthew Snyder, and Dcn. Philip Thompson

Necrology: June 2, 1966, William McGuill; June 3, 1940, Bruno Suchsland; June 7, 1914, Joseph Chausee; June 8, 1952, Arthur LaFleur; June 9, 1963, Joseph O'Rourke; June 9, 1972, Francis Collins, SJ; June 10, 1982, Dcn. Max Plank; June 12, 1924, Thomas Hoban; June 12, 1936, Michael Straeten; June 14, 1975, Eugene Szalay; June 17, 1961, Walter Isherwood; June 19, 1967, Peter Price, SJ; June 20, 1946, Columban Bregenzer, OSB; June 22, 1975, Patrick McCormick; June 26, 1999, Joseph Zeller; June 26, 2018, Dcn. John Steffen; June 27, 1985, Victor Perky, SCJ.

JULY

Birthdays: July 9, Dcn. G.W. Ekroth, July 13, Dcn. Greg Palmer; July 23, Dcn. Calvin Clifford; July 28, Fr. John Paul Trask and Dcn. Steve McLaughlin; July 30, Dcn. Harold Condon and Dcn. Don Moore; July 31, Fr. Matthew Fallgren.

Ordinations: July 2, 2015, Fr. Mark Horn and Fr. John Paul Trask; July 3, 2003, Fr. Kevin Achbach; July 7, 1999, Fr. Tony Grossenburg and Fr. Brian Christensen; July 11, 1993, Dcn. Patrick Coy; July 13, 2002, Fr. Collins Igwilo; July 17, 1993, Fr. Leonard Ssenyonjo; July 18, 2009, Fr. Francis Nsubuga; July 22, 1990, Dcn. Michael Curtin.

Necrology: July 2, 1947, John McGowan; July 2, 1961, Patrick Quilligan; July 2, 1972, Edward Baffe; July 3, 1966, Clarence Biever; July 4, 1966, Joseph Vorman; July 4, 2002, Christopher Scadron; July 7, 1992, Francis Berning; July 12, 1936, Aloysius Keel, SJ; July 12, 1957, Michael Brogan; July 13, 1957, Thomas Coleman, OCD; July 17, 1957, Tarcisius Keller; July 18, 1968, Henry Dunn; July 19, 1890, William Mahoney; July 24, 1968, Joseph Golden; July 26, 1913, Robert Demeyer, SJ; July 26, 1965, William Leahy; July 30, 1917, Martin Kenel, OSB; July 30, 1965, Martin Wittman; July 31, 1939, Henry McRory.



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Fishing: 100% goes to seminarian education

By LAURIE HALLSTROM

The annual fishing tournament to raise money for seminarian education has a new hook this year. The Diocese of Rapid City will be teaming up with the Diocese of Sioux Falls and the event will include Mass and a prime rib dinner with Bishop Donald DeGrood. It will be held Monday, June 10, in Pierre on the Missouri River. For anglers on the west side of the state, 100% of the money raised goes to our seminarians education. The tournament includes prizes for bass, walleye, or other catches.

Jim Kinyon, executive director of the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation, said, "The Diocese of Sioux Falls has been doing fishing tournaments for years. They have a very, very, successful program. I think they actually do two fishing tournaments because they're so successful. They raise about \$90,000 which covers about two seminarians' schooling — which is an incredible thing."

Kinyon is the new WSDCF executive director, "Knowing that I wasn't going to start until May, there was no way for me to get organized and get everything planned. The Eastern South Dakota Catholic Community Foundation staff were generous and kind enough to say, 'Jim if you want to jump on our event, anything that comes from western South Dakota we will designate to you.'"

Kinyon said, "If you do not fish, that's okay, about 40% of the attendees who go to the Mass, the social, and dinner portion of the event do not fish. How many opportunities do you have to attend Mass in a park, celebrated under a tent by a bishop and

other clergy? It really is a 'must attend' event." Dinner can be purchased for \$30 per individual, or \$100 for immediate family. There is an option for a hot dog at \$10.

Dioceses of Rapid City Vocations Director, Fr. Mark McCormick, said there are currently nine seminarians and two discerning a vocation before the next school year. According to Kinyon the cost for each year of seminary is approximately \$50,000, and in final years of formation it can reach \$80,000

"We're learning Sioux Falls' process of success and we'll see how this goes for the first year; but I'm very, very excited to work with the Community Foundation," said Kinyon.

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How many U.S. sees are waiting for bishops?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a list of sees that are waiting for bishops. (Arch)dioceses become vacant when the Ordinary Bishop resigns, passes away, or is transferred to another See.

These dioceses are overseen by an administrator who is a priest or bishop at least 35 years old and chosen by the College of Consultors within a period of eight days following the See becoming vacant.

The pope may also appoint an apostolic administrator (typically the metropolitan archbishop, local retired bishop, or suffragan bishop) upon the ordinary bishop's death, transfer, or acceptance of resignation.

There are currently six vacant (arch)dioceses in the United States:

Diocese of Davenport - Fr. Kenneth E. Kuntz, Diocesan Administrator

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Holy Protection of Mary of Phoenix - Bishop Kurt R. Burnette, Apostolic Administrator

Diocese of Houma - Thibodaux, Fr. Simon Engurait, Diocesan Administrator

Diocese of Rapid City - Fr. Daniel Juelfs, JCL, Diocesan Administrator

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The story of Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton, 'The Rosary Priest'

BY SR. SARA KOWAL, SCTJM

It is probably fairly certain that you have heard this famous phrase: "The family that prays together stays together." However, do you know its origins?

The famous (and true!) slogan came from Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton, often referred to as "the rosary priest." Fr. Patrick was born in Ireland in 1909 to a devout Catholic family who faithfully prayed the rosary every evening together as a family. His desire for the priesthood germinated in his early childhood. When he was 18 years old, he decided to immigrate to the United States, where some of his other siblings had already moved. Before his departure, his father asked him the following: "Go down on your knees and make me a promise here before the picture of the Sacred Heart. From now on there will be nobody but yourself to advise you and to decide for you. But your first responsibility will always be to save your soul, and so I want you to promise to be faithful to Our Lord in America."

When Patrick was 20 years old, he and his brother Tom both joined the Holy Cross Fathers at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, in the hopes of becoming religious priests. However, when he was 29, he was diagnosed with an advanced case of tuberculosis and given little chance of survival. A priest friend encouraged him to ask Our Lady for a miracle: "What she asks for and insists on she obtains. She has never failed anyone who had recourse to her with faith and perseverance. Since you have your faith, why don't you use it!"

Patrick complied, asking Our Lady to heal him, and on October 31, 1939 she did. He recounts, "She didn't forget that ever since I had been a little child and could not open my mouth, I had used that power to say the Rosary; so when I needed her friendship, she was glad to give it to me." He came away also convinced that he was healed for a purpose: to foster in the heart of others devotion to Our Lady. Two years later he was ordained. Of his ordination day he relates, "That day I gave my heart and soul in love to Mary."

Over time, a dream began to grow in his heart — to reach 10 million people and get them to commit to saying a family Rosary. He knew the only way at the time to reach



Fr. Patrick Peyton dedicated the entirety of his life to encouraging families to pray the Rosary together. (Photo courtesy Holy Cross Family Ministries)

this many was through radio. He convinced a non-Christian woman at the national radio to air his Rosary program — but only if he could get a big star to join him. He made a cold call to Bing Crosby, who was convinced by the sincerity of the young priest and agreed. His first nationally broadcast radio program, on May 13, 1945, featured Bing Crosby, President Truman, Archbishop Spellman, and the Sullivan family (who had lost 5 sons in the war) all praying the Rosary. Fr. Peyton begged people to pray the family rosary and to pray for peace, famously quipping, "A world at prayer is a world at peace." The program garnered the largest following of any radio program by that broadcasting company to date!

In the years to come, Fr. Peyton became a well-known figure in Hollywood and had hundreds of Hollywood stars take part in his 22-year-old radio program. "The family that prays together stays together" became

the famous motto of the star-studded program. Radio eventually gave way to television and included stars like Grace Kelly, Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra. One of his productions included 15 films — one for each mystery of the rosary — a gift he desired to give Our Lady on the 100th anniversary of the proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Despite his international success in both film and radio, Fr. Peyton was not satisfied. He wanted to reach more families, especially internationally. In 1948, he began his first rosary campaign and

rally in the Diocese of London, Ontario. The rally was a great success, at which 80,000 families (95% of the diocese) pledged to pray the family rosary. This became the first of 540 rosary rallies that he conducted all over the world. The largest one in Spain was attended by 2.5 million people. His message at the rallies was simple: family unity comes through family prayer — "The family that prays together stays together."

After years of tireless work for the Lord and Our Lady, Fr. Peyton passed away in California on June 3, 1992. His last words were, "Mary, my Queen, my Mother." Fr. John Murphy, C.S.C., eulogizing Fr. Peyton said, "Father Pat was unique, he was charismatic, he was seemingly tireless, and in his lifetime, he did more to inspire devotion to Our Lady and the Rosary than anyone in history." His cause for canonization was

opened in 2001, and he was declared Venerable on December 18, 2017.

Ten years after the death of Fr. Patrick in 2002, St. John Paul II called for a "Year of the Rosary," promulgated an encyclical on the Rosary, and gave the Church the gift of the Luminous Mysteries. In that encyclical (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*), he gave three reasons for these initiatives: there is a crisis of the Rosary (not enough people are praying it), there is a crisis of peace, and there is a crisis in the family. Just like Fr. Peyton, the pope believed that "only an intervention from on high" would solve these deep crises of our time.

During this month of May we would be remiss not to return to this great well-spring of grace, the Rosary (and particularly the family Rosary). Countless saints have reminded us throughout history that the Rosary is the most powerful prayer after the Sacraments. Our Lady herself asks for the prayer of the Rosary in virtually all her apparitions: in Fatima, her request for a daily rosary is the only request that she repeats in every one of her six appearances. Fr. Peyton dedicated the entirety of his life to encouraging families to pray this powerful prayer together. It is as if he instinctively understood the crisis of the family that was impending in the future.

May we not ignore this treasure. May we open our hearts to the call of so many men and women in the history of the Church, inviting us to use this "weapon" to protect our spiritual lives, our families and our nations. How many miracles have come about through the recitation of the Rosary! May this be an encouragement today for you and your families to commit to praying the

Rosary. Will it be easy? Might there be resistance? Yes, it is likely that you will encounter various obstacles in taking up this powerful prayer and devotion. However, will it be worth it? Yes, it will. And we can be certain that Fr. Patrick will aid with his intercession any family that endeavors to do so because he, above all, knows its importance: "The family that prays together stays together." Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton, pray for us. For those interested in knowing more about the story of Venerable Fr. Peyton, please visit: www.fatherpeyton.org.

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Last year the first VSI hub launched in Gregory. This year the faith formation program hub moves to Timber Lake (Courtesy photo)

VSI in Rapid City and starting this fall a hub in Timber Lake

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

This fall, Holy Cross Church in Timber Lake will host a remote site for the transformatory catechesis program offered in our Diocese called *Veritatis Splendor* Institute often called VSI. St. Joseph's Parish in Gregory piloted the live-streaming delivery of VSI this past year with remarkable success. The diocese will move the hub to the north to serve more of the lay faithful with faith formation that has the power to trans-

form ourselves, our families, and our communities. *Veritatis Splendor* is Latin for "The Splendor of the Truth," an encyclical from Pope John Paul II.

Today we live at a time in which it is vital that all Catholics better understand the fundamentals of the Church's teachings. VSI shares the truths of the faith with love, revealing the truth through presentations and dialogue all in a community with other believers. LuAnn Lindskov from St. Mary's in Isabel expresses, "VSI is for all who want

to deepen their understanding of the faith and grow as evangelists and teachers." Parents have the privilege and responsibility of passing on the faith to their children but often do not feel equipped to do so. "VSI provided the foundations for me to explain the Church's teachings with more confidence. Each day spent at VSI filled my heart and soul. It is said we cannot give what we do not already have," Lindskov added.

As a graduate, Deacon Jim Hulm from Holy Cross in Timber Lake feels the VSI experience leads participants to "gain a better understanding of why we as Catholics do some of the things we do. You will be better able to defend your Catholic faith." He said, "I have grown so much closer to God and my Catholic faith, something I never knew I was missing until I got

into the program. I am not just a better Catholic because of VSI, but I am a better person overall!"

When Lynn Hahne from Holy Rosary in Trail City first read about VSI in the church bulletin, her interest was sparked. She prayed for several years, but after a personal invitation from a priest, she felt the call and God tugging at her heart to get engaged. Monthly travel and distance to Rapid City can be obstacles, which is why Lynn is excited about VSI coming virtually to Timber Lake. Lynn states, "Believe me when I say, it deepens not only your knowledge and understanding, but your relationship with the Holy Trinity." For more information about the Timber Lake hub or the Rapid City main campus, visit our website at: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/vsi.



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