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On Election Day, let us protect life and the common good

By BISHOP SCOTT BULLOCK

What great nation has statutes and ordinances that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today? (Deuteronomy 4:8)

The greatest of the prophets of the Old Testament, Moses, reminded the people that their greatness as a nation was evident because of the just laws that governed their common life. For laws by their nature codify shared values by which a nation chooses to govern itself for the common good. Two potential laws on this November's election ballot challenge us to determine, as South Dakotans, whether we will in fact choose to govern ourselves in ways of justice that will truly reveal greatness in us, or fail in this noble aim.

We are indeed drawing near to an important election, with its expected drumbeat of political ads on behalf of candidates and ballot measures. It's often the case that campaign ads are uninformative and not very edifying. The combative tone of our political culture, especially on social media, causes some Christians to want to withdraw entirely from politics, thinking that it is too worldly, corrupt, or "dirty." We are all tempted to say, "I can't wait until this is over!" This sentiment can lead to an excessive distancing of ourselves from our political process, longing for a return to a level of peace once the elections are over. And yet, the two measures that are currently on the ballot threaten not a return to anything resembling normalcy, but instead along a course that will markedly change our way of life as South Dakotans.

In the face of such a possibility, our



calling cannot therefore be to flee the political realm, but rather to engage it, to enlighten and transform it with the truths of the Gospel. St. John Paul II wrote, "*Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of life even in its temporal phase.*" (*Evangelium Vitae*, 2). While our gaze is ultimately fixed on things eternal, this does not make things of this world — such as politics — unimportant or beneath our dignity. On the contrary, it is precisely man's "supernatural vocation" that helps us understand human dignity and reminds us of our serious duty to protect it. That duty extends to our involvement in public life.

In the November 5 election, there are indeed two ballot measures that could have a profound impact on the dignity of human life and the common good of

South Dakotans. I will share brief reflections on each of these.

The first is Initiated Measure 29, which proposes to legalize marijuana for so-called "recreational" purposes. Many people have become convinced that marijuana is a harmless drug. Yet a growing body of evidence contradicts this belief.

In states that have legalized recreational marijuana, the following effects have been documented: increased rates of drugged driving accidents and fatalities; increased marijuana-related calls to poison-control centers and visits to emergency rooms; and increased marijuana use by minors, which can be particularly harmful to their physical and mental health. The U.S. Surgeon General has warned that use of marijuana during adolescence is associated with a host of negative effects: impaired learning; poor school performance; increased rates of school absences and drop-outs; more suicide at-

tempts; and higher risk of mental health problems, including psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia. When our society condones these damaging effects, none of us will be left untouched.

The experience of Colorado, one of the first states to legalize marijuana, was the subject of a 2023 pastoral letter by Archbishop Samuel Aquila of Denver. Archbishop Aquila writes, "In Colorado, we are now a decade into this experiment. As more studies come out ... we now have an overwhelming amount of data that reinforces what we have known to be true all along: the legalization of marijuana and cultural acceptance of drug use have been disastrous to our society." With a legalization of marijuana in South Dakota, we have no reason to believe that the effects will be any less disastrous in our families and communities.

This year, in addition to South Dakota, proposals to legalize recreational marijuana are on the ballot in North Dakota and Florida. The Catholic bishops in both states have urged the faithful to oppose marijuana legalization. I join Bishop Donald DeGrood of the Diocese of Sioux Falls in likewise urging West River Catholics to vote "no" on Initiated Measure 29.

The second is Amendment G, the proposal to add a "right to abortion" to the state constitution. It has often been said a society will be judged by how it treats its weakest and most vulnerable members. Children in the womb are certainly weak and vulnerable, yet Amendment G will by the fact of its adoption overturn all laws in

Thank you to all for the beautiful ordination



Bishop Scott Bullock
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Surgite Eamus
**"Rise, let us be
on our way."**

Dear friends of my new diocese,

Thanks so much for the extraordinarily warm welcome to West River and the Diocese of Rapid City! I am so grateful for all who offered the generous gift of their time and talent surrounding the beautiful ordination on September 23 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City.

My guests were awed at the beauty of the liturgies and, equally, the beauty of the hospitality offered them by so many.

While it's always risky to thank individuals (and risk missing someone), I am grateful first of all to Pope Francis for the extraordinary honor and gift of the appointment as Bishop of Rapid City and to his nuncio to the United States, Cardinal Christophe Pierre, who spoke a message of encouragement to me at the ordination. Thanks also to Archbishop Bernard Hebda of St. Paul/Minneapolis, who I first met while we were in seminary together. His presence at the ordination was so meaningful and so beautiful. Thank you also to the generous staff of the Cathedral, under the leadership of Fr. Brian Christensen, for their many hours

dedicated to the preparation and celebration of the ordination. Because of their efforts, I was able to enter prayerfully into the experience of the ordination.

Thanks also to all those on the ordination Committee who made a loving gift of their time to prepare for the two days of celebration. One of the leaders of the committee told me ahead of time, "We want this to be the best ordination celebration of any in our country!" I believe they succeeded — and I am grateful!

Finally (but certainly not less important!), thank you for the many of the Diocese of Rapid City who attended either the Vespers prayer the night before the ordination, or the ordination itself. Your impressive numbers spoke loudly of your support and affection! The encouraging sign of your presence and faith will sustain me in the years to come as your bishop!

As a new bishop, the significance of daily Mass has gained increased meaning to me. It is clear that, each time I "do this in remembrance" of the Lord, I offer the sacrifice of the Mass for all the people of the Diocese of Rapid City. Know that this powerful intercession will be offered daily. Please continue to offer your prayers for me, that the Lord who has called me to this awesome honor will make fruitful my imperfect efforts for his perfect mercy and grace. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

+Bishop Scott Bullock

Watch the ordination Mass at
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Bishop's Calendar

October 18 — November 19, 2024

Subject to change without notice

October 18, Friday

11:15 a.m. Mass and Lunch with priests on Retreat, Terra Sancta, Rapid City
5:30 p.m. Faithful Citizenship Dinner/Presentation/Discussion, St. Joseph Hall, Cathedral

October 19, Saturday

Noon Lunch, Awards Ceremony, Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers with the Rapid City Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, St. Michael, Hermosa
7 p.m. Mass, Installation of Pastor Fr. Michael Oli, St. Joseph Church, Faith

October 20, Sunday

11 a.m. Celebration of Marriage Mass/Lunch, Terra Sancta, Rapid City

October 22, Tuesday

10 a.m. College of Consultors Meeting, Chancery

October 24, Thursday

10 a.m. Sioux Spiritual Center Board Meeting, Chancery
1:30 p.m. Cause for Canonization of Nicholas Black Elk Working Group Meeting, Chancery

October 25, Friday

8:30 a.m. Chancery Staff Mass, Chancery
5 p.m. Catholic Social Services Annual Gathering, Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City

October 26, Saturday

5 p.m. Pre-Confirmation Meeting, Confirmation Mass, St. Michael in Watauga

October 29, Tuesday

Noon Deanery 3 Meeting, St. Patrick Church, Wall

November 1, Friday, All Saints Day

8:30 a.m. Staff Mass, Chancery
5:30 p.m. Mass, Cathedral

November 3, Sunday

8 a.m. Mass, Installation of Pastor Fr. Jonathan Dillon, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Martin
1 p.m. CT Mass, Pastoral Visit, St. Charles Borromeo Church, St. Francis
5 p.m. CT Mass, Installation of Pastor Fr. Ron Garry, St. Joseph Church, Gregory

November 4, Monday

10 a.m. CT Deanery 4 Meeting, Christ the King, Presho

November 5, Tuesday

10 a.m. College of Consultors Meeting, Chancery

November 7, Thursday

10 a.m. Chancery Cabinet Leaders, Chancery

November 9, Saturday

4 p.m. Mass, Pastoral Visit, St. Patrick Church, Lead
6 p.m. Mass, Pastoral Visit, St. Ambrose Church, Deadwood

November 15, Friday

5 p.m. Rapid City Catholic School System Cavalier Event, The Box Elder Events Center

November 17, Sunday

9:30 a.m. Pre-Confirmation Meeting, Confirmation Mass, Cathedral
7 p.m. Mass with SDSM&T Students, Newman Center, Rapid City

November 18, Monday

5 p.m. RCCSS Board Meeting, Chancery

November 19, Tuesday

2:30 p.m. Deanery 2 Meeting, St. Francis of Assisi, Sturgis
5:30 p.m. Real Presence Radio Banquet, Best Western Ramkota, Rapid City

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South Dakota that are intended to protect them.

Passage of Amendment G would impose an abortion law that is far more radical even than what was in place under Roe v. Wade, enshrining in our constitution the right to an abortion at any stage of a pregnancy. Many common-sense laws, such as a requirement that women be informed about the risks of abortion before obtaining one, would be deemed unconstitutional under the language of Amendment G. Laws that prevent women from being

pressured or coerced into abortions they do not want would also be thrown out by Amendment G.

Pope Francis has said, "Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection." Jesus himself told us that whatever we do to the "*least brothers (and sisters) of mine*," we do to Him (Mt 25:40). Understood correctly, our vote on Amendment G is a referendum on

whether we welcome or reject Jesus in the vulnerable child in the womb.

Let us come to the defense of God's precious gift of life in the least of us, the child in the womb, by voting "no" on Amendment G.

In the Gospel of John (10:10), Christ tells us, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Our Church desires that all men, women and children experience this abundant life, which allows them to truly flourish as human beings. As South Dakotans, we have been given the right through our

votes, to determine the laws that will govern us. As people of faith, in the upcoming elections with potentially disastrous laws in the balance, **we simply cannot "sit this one out."** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will endow the voters of South Dakota with the wisdom they need to see these two ballot measures for what they are—laws that threaten and undermine human flourishing—and reject them. On Election Day, let us all do our part to pursue the greatness that comes from a state where just laws protect life and seek the common good.

St. Mary Parish, Isabel

On Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 29, Fr. Brian Lane was thanked for his service to the Lord with a cake. *(Courtesy photo)*



Timber Lake, Trail City and Isabel

Edge and Life Teen Youth Formation students had a Eucharistic Procession with a Rosary walk on Main Street in Timber Lake on Oct. 2. *(Courtesy photo)*



Hunt for Seminarians

The annual Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation pheasant hunt, was held Oct. 3-4, at St. Huberts Hideaway, Dallas. Sixty guests attended the Thursday dinner and 11 hunters went out on Friday. Before the hunters left that morning, Bishop Scott Bullock celebrated Mass. In addition to the dinner and hunt, a silent auction was also held to raise money for seminarian education. *(Photo by Clark Ekroth)*

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October 27, Sunday

St. Joseph Church Fall Dinner

St. Joseph, Spearfish (844 N. 5th Street)

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November 3, Sunday

Mother Butler & St. Isaac Jogues

66th Annual Bazaar

Mother Butler Center, Rapid City (231 Knollwood Drive)

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Food concessions, vendors, raffle, games.

Piedmont Fall Festival & Turkey Dinner

Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont

(12365 Sturgis Rd)

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Turkey dinner and carnival.

Country store open following all Masses.

November 10, Sunday

Fellowship Dinner & Country Store

Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City (4500 Jackson Blvd.)

8-9:30 a.m. Country Store with doughnuts and coffee.

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Ham dinner

November 5, Sunday

All Saints Church Fall Bazaar

All Saints, Eagle Butte (109 Heritage Ave.)

11 a.m. Roast Beef/Ham Dinner

Adults \$10 ~ Kids \$5 ~ Children under 5 eat free

1 p.m. Auction ~ Games for kids



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November

Ordinations: Nov. 1, 1995, Dcn. Calvin Clifford.

Birthdays: Nov. 6, Fr. Jonathan Dillon; Nov. 8, Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek; Nov. 10, Fr. William Zandri and Fr. Peter Klink, SJ; Nov. 24, Fr. Janusz Korban and Dcn. Robert Hrabe ; Nov. 28, Dcn. John Osnes; Dcn. Brian Paulsen.

Necrology: Nov. 1, 2005, Dcn. Lawrence Kocer; Nov. 4, 1955, Francis Guessen; Nov. 4, 1997, Joseph Sheehan, SJ; Nov. 7, 1958, James Keller; Nov. 10, 1981, Thomas Healy; Nov. 14, 2015, Dcn. Claude Sauer; Nov. 15, 1961, William Kingsley; Nov. 17, 1902, Michael Quinlan; Nov. 18, 1973, Michael Costigan; Nov. 20, 1950, Louis O'Connor, SJ; Nov. 20, 1965, Eugene O'Connor; Nov. 21, 1945, Berthold Brown, OSB; Nov. 21, 1978, Ralph Villwock; Nov. 22, 1996, Christian Keeler, SJ; Nov. 24, 1989, Patrick Igoe; Nov. 25, 2014, Dcn. Vern Rath; Nov. 28, 1915, Bishop John Stariha; Nov. 29, 2003, Andrew Staricek; Nov. 29, 2006, William Pauly, SJ. Nov. 28, 2014, Peter Kovarik.

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Max Vetch ordained a transitional deacon in Rome

(Editor's note: This is an excerpt from an interview Becky Berreth conducted with transitional Deacon Maxwell Vetch. To see the video of the diaconate Mass in St. Peter Basilica go to <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/live/>. To read the full interview go to <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/>)

WRC: When did you first think about the priesthood?

Max: I'd say the first time that I seriously considered the priesthood is probably while I was already in seminary. The steps to considering the priesthood realistically were gradual.

First things first, go to visit a seminary. Second thing, let's start asking the question, which I think is out of order for most people. It's not like I never knew what seminary was about, so I wasn't oblivious of it.

WRC: Did you have a moment when you thought, "I am called to the priesthood?"

Max: I wouldn't say that there was a par-

ticular moment. Maybe looking back on it in years to come I'll be able to see it.

When I made the transition between philosophy and theology school, this was a time where things were getting a little bit more serious. I was going to say, "yes, I'd like to keep going." It was probably a lot more of the thought.

WRC: What has your experience in Rome been like?

Max: It was shocking to go there. I was excited. I was a little reluctant to say, yes. I was fearful. Father Mark basically said, "Bishop wants you to discern this so take some time to pray on it."

Having been there four years, there are certain cultural things that are still hard to get used to — like the lack of air conditioning — I love it in a lot of different ways than I love South Dakota.

WRC: How would you describe your prayer life now?

Max: My relationship with the Lord is through friendship. I think friendship with Jesus is how I've seen my relationship with



Max Vetch was ordained a transitional deacon in Rome on Oct. 3. (PNAC photo)

God primarily. There's been different elements that have come in, but I think that that's kind of the basis of my personal spirituality.

Friendship is a deep thing that entails

constant conversation with each other, that entails spending time together ... I remember who God is and who I am in this relationship and then to allow him to keep leading me forward.

WRC: How did the diaconate ordination affect you?

Max: As soon as the Mass started I was overwhelmed with emotion. I felt so loved it hurt. I couldn't believe the gift I was freely being given. There is nothing I have done or will do to deserve to be ordained and participate in Christ's identity as servant. I felt the weight of this so much during the Mass.

WRC: What are you looking forward to most in this last year of your formation?

Max: I think one thing that I'm really looking forward to is serving the students. So, I am a chaplain to the University of Mary study abroad campus. I'll be the head chaplain from the seminary. I did it last year, but to be able to serve them as a deacon, it'll be great because I'll be able to preach, lead adoration and all that kind of stuff.

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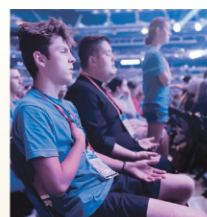
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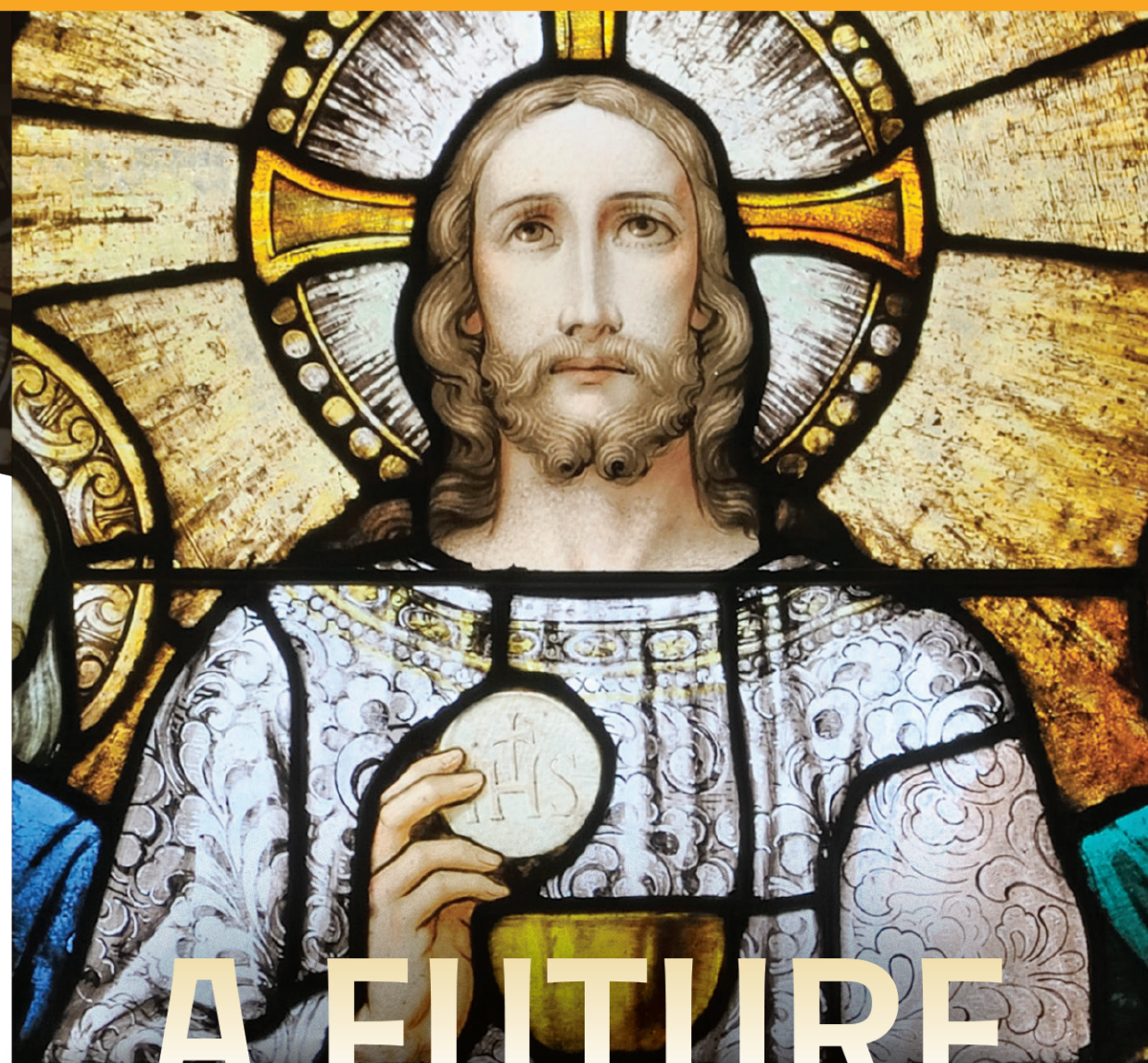
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- **Brody Wegner,**
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It has been a long-standing tradition at major seminary, at the North American College in Rome, that those who have completed their first year of studies remain for the summer, typically, in Europe. “The Lord, however, had different plans” said diocesan seminarian Dillon Johnson after his trip to Cambodia. “I saw the beauty of mission and experiencing the world. And yet, I was reminded that my mission is the Diocese of Rapid City. This is the place the Lord has called me to serve, hopefully, as His priest one day. I will never forget the encounters and experiences and I know the Lord will use them one day to aid my ministry. He is so very good.”



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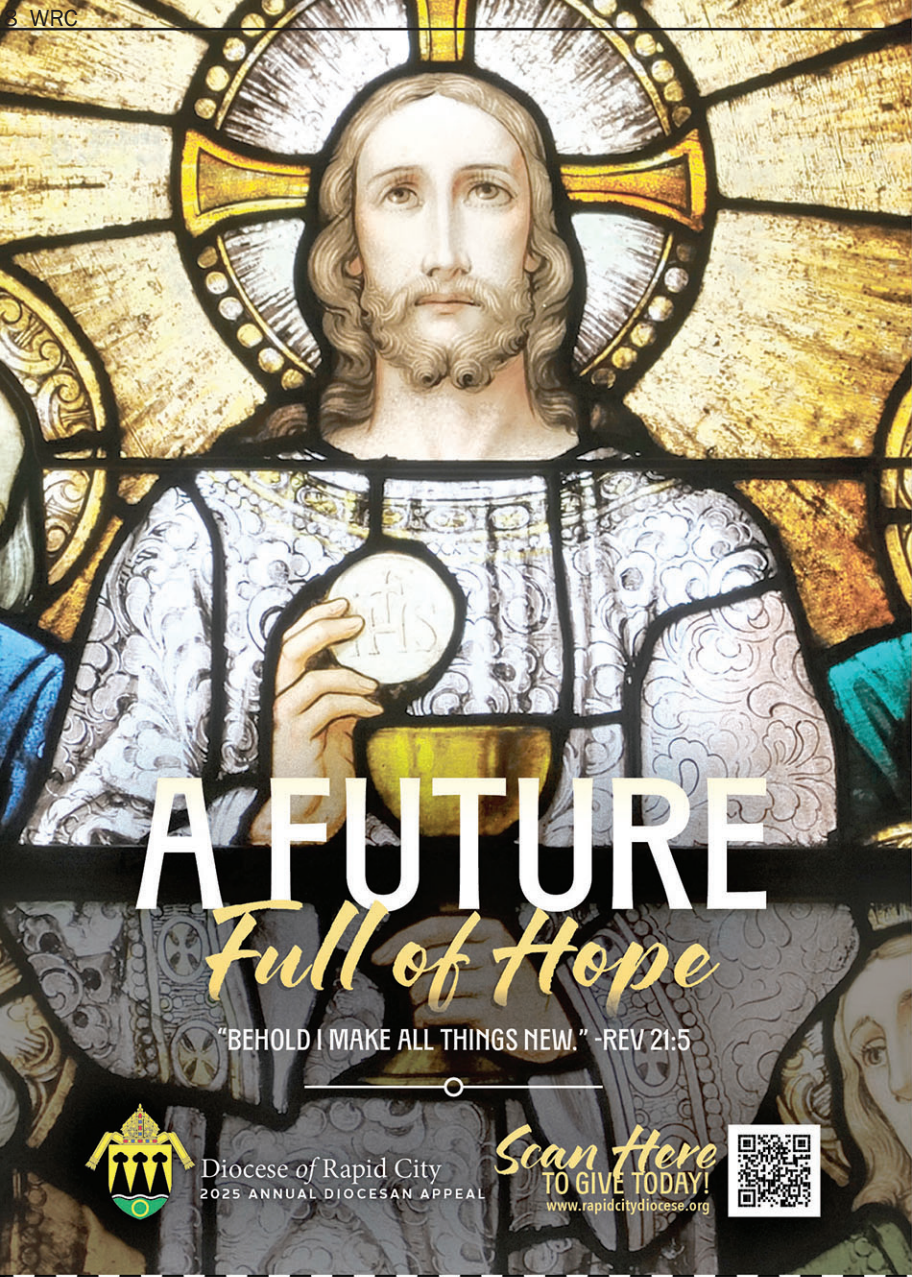


STRENGTHENING *Our Families*

“**M**ackenzie Oster from St. Anthony's in Buffalo signed up for the Veritatis Splendor Institute (VSI), immediately, her heart was deeply impacted by all that she was receiving each weekend. “I can't say enough amazing things about how God has worked in my life this last year thanks to the VSI.” Her excitement and personal transformation left an impact on her husband Mark's heart - so much so, that after a few months of questions and conversations, Mark began his journey toward joining the Catholic Church. Joyfully, Mark entered the Church this past April at the Easter Vigil. He now encourages his own family to go to Church and deepen their relationship with the Lord.



Your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal builds **A Future Full of Hope** by leading others to encounter Christ and be transformed in Him, so that they may live His love in their families and pass on the Faith in the domestic church.



Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ!

As the new Bishop of Rapid City, allow me, first of all, to thank you for your warm welcome to Rapid City and your extraordinary outpouring of prayerful support, both at the recent ordination and since I was first introduced as a “bishop-elect” back at the end of June. I am filled with joy and anxious to join the entire Church of Rapid City in our common mission to serve our Lord!

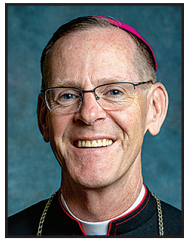
At Vespers on the evening prior to the ordination, I spoke of the episcopal motto that I had chosen to guide my new life as a bishop, *Surgite eamus* (“Rise, let us be on our way”), the very words of Jesus to his disciples when he was confronted with his betrayers in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mt. 26:46). There is extraordinary hope in these words! Jesus, using the word “rise,” invites us all to the fullness of life that comes when we follow him through his Cross to the Resurrection. Most amazing is that Jesus says, “Let us be on OUR way,” a consoling word that he shares his mission with us and will be with us at each step to the resurrection.

On the previous pages, you will find information about how we come together to fund life-giving ministries and programs that provide “A Future Full of Hope” through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your selfless generosity in sharing the Lord’s work in our diocese strengthens families, faith, and formation, supports our clergy and vocations, and provides hope and healing for our brothers and sisters in need throughout western South Dakota.

We can be the hands and feet of Christ in a world that desperately needs the hope and joy only he can give! I invite you to prayerfully consider how you can share in the work of our diocese by making a gift to serve Christ’s mission in the Church.

Your gift to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal will be the answer to someone’s prayers and build “A Future Full of Hope” for our families, parishes, and communities. On behalf of the many who will benefit from the Annual Diocesan Appeal, know of my gratitude for your generosity!

Through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, may our Lord fill us with his love, conform our hearts to his will, and, by a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit, bless our every effort.



Sincerely,

+ Scott E. Bullock

Most Reverend Scott E. Bullock
Bishop of Rapid City

Diocese of Rapid City Annual Diocesan Appeal 2025

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Events

Faithful Citizenship Fall Conference

Friday, October 18 – 5:30-8:30pm Cathedral St. Joseph Hall | Cost: \$20 Join us for an evening of reflection on Catholics engaging the public square with the Gospel. Special presentations by Bishop Scott Bullock and Cameo Anders.

For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/faithfulcitizenship/>.

Life in the Spirit Retreat

Friday-Sunday, October 18-20, at the Sioux Spiritual Center, Howes. This retreat focuses on the activation of all our baptismal gifts and prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This retreat is open to all Catholics. Cost is \$120.

For more information or to register, visit www.sioxspiritualcenter.org/retreats.

Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 19, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 1049 Howard St., Sturgis. The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary will lead the retreat, "Loving Jesus with the Heart of Mary." For more information contact Effie Murphy 856-906-

8616. Registration at 8 a.m. Retreat from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Opportunity for Reconciliation begins at 2:30 p.m. Fee \$10, financial assistance available.

Cursillo Movement of Diocese of Rapid City

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Christmas Open House

Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Cross Chapel at Terra Sancta (2101 City Springs Rd, Rapid City) Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus with carols, candles and cookies at our annual Christmas Open House! The concert features Michelle Skoog, with special guest Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, singing Christmas carols and other songs. Following the concert, enjoy Christmas cookies and other goodies prepared by Chef Jeff and his team. Freewill offering at the concert, and then bring your own container and make a donation to take some of the Christmas goodies home with you!

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Creating Honey

Fifth graders Brooks Mitzel, London Two Bulls, and Simon Honeycutt, use a centrifuge to spin honey off of the frames from the St. Elizabeth Seton honey bee hives. Fifth grade teacher Brenda Mizenko and beekeeper Spencer Crawford removed the frames from the hives the last weekend of September and the students uncapped the honey. The honey was then drained into a bucket and placed into a greenhouse to separate the wax from the honey. (WRC photo by Becky Berreth)



St. Francis Pet Blessing

Seventh grader Kaylin Menkhous poses for a photo with her cat at the annual St. Thomas More Middle School pet blessing on Oct 4, to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Deacon John Osnes presided over the blessing which included dogs, cats, and a Guinea pig. (WRC photo by Becky Berreth)

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The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City, was filled with 1050 people at the episcopal ordination Mass. (WRC photo by Jacques Daniel)



Apostolic succession is passed on through the laying on of hands. Co-consecrator Bishop William Joenson, Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa, is on the left; Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis was the principal consecrator; at the right is Co-consecrator Bishop Donald DeGrood, Diocese of Sioux Falls; and master of ceremonies, Cathedral Rector Fr. Brian Christensen. (WRC photo by Laurie Hallstrom)



Bishop Steven Biegler, Diocese of Cheyenne, Wyoming, about to lay hands on Bishop Bullock. Bishop Steven was a priest in this diocese. (WRC photo by Laurie Hallstrom)

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Episcopal Ordination

(At left) September 23 Bishop Scott Bullock was ordained the 10th Bishop of Rapid City by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Here the new bishop is seated for the first time in the *cathedra* (chair of episcopal authority).

(Below) The new Bishop Bullock blesses the people as he recesses out of the cathedral. (WRC photos by Jacques Daniel)

See more ordination photos at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/ordination-bishop-bullock/>.

