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Different types of holy fathers

By BISHOP SCOTT BULLOCK

During my recent time in Rome with some 200 other new bishops from around the world, I had an opportunity on a warm afternoon to have some lunch outdoors at a favorite restaurant.

After the meal was underway, a young couple arrived at the restaurant with their two young children, a daughter of about four years old and an infant son in a carriage. The father was a very large man, with prominent tattoos on his arms. While an initial perception might have led one to wonder about this large man's tenderness, his actions quickly overcame any doubt about this good father.

The man's large hands worked tenderly to position his son in the carriage, making sure he was shaded from the sun. In a final kind gesture, the father located a small battery-powered fan, clipped it on this carriage, and sent a soothing stream of moving air across the body of his son.

Later, amid the meal, the little boy began to fuss and softly cry. The father, this good father, this holy father, reached down to touch and soothe the child, who did soon become peaceful. While I have no knowledge about this father's faith, what I could see was a good, holy father, in that he was other directed and concerned for his son. Since we see the height of holiness in the heavenly Father,

who directed Himself totally towards his children in sending his Son Jesus out of eternal concern for them, I think I can say that this human father acted with a holy instinct.

The next encounter with a holy Father was with THE Holy Father, as we call him, Pope Leo XIV. St. Peter's Square, with an estimated capacity of 300,000 persons, was filled to overflowing with pilgrims from all over the world, who had gathered for the canonization of two saints who died in their youth, Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis.

Some 20 minutes before the Mass of Canonization began, Pope Leo emerged humbly from the central loggia of the Basilica and went to the microphone to welcome everyone with warm words of hospitality. He then invited the throng to enter into the sacred work ahead, to celebrate the great Mass of Thanksgiving for the two radiant saints, Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati.

The Holy Father was a true father to the many young people who gathered in the square when, after greeting them specifically before the Mass, he said to them in the homily, "Dear friends, Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces. They encourage us with their words: 'Not I, but God,'

as Carlo used to say. And Pier Giorgio: 'If you have God at the center of all your actions, then you will reach the end.' This is the simple but winning formula of their holiness. It is also the type of witness we are called to follow, in order to enjoy life to the full and meet the Lord in the feast of heaven."

His invitation was that of a true father, cautioning his "children" not to squander their lives but, instead, to live the fullness of life (cf. Jn 10:10) by choosing to set God at the center of all their lives and to find the fullness of life along the path of holiness.

Finally, we new bishops had a meeting with the Holy Father on September 11 when he greeted us warmly as a father and then invited us to be good shepherds and fathers to the people of our dioceses: "... the Church sends you (to your diocese) as caring, attentive pastors, who know how to share the journey, the questions, the anxieties and the hopes of the people; pastors who wish to be guides, fathers and brothers for the priests and for sisters and brothers in faith.

Dear friends, I pray for you, that the breath of the Spirit may never be lacking, and that the joy of your Ordination, like a gentle fragrance, may spread to those you will serve." The Holy Father reminded us to be holy fathers to the people we serve by calling upon the one who called us to this



October 11, Bishop Scott Bullock is vested to join the procession for the canonization of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio. (Courtesy photo)

service, the Holy Spirit, to fill us with the love we need for this sacred work.

Holy fathers ... the kind father at the restaurant ... the Holy Father himself, who wishes for the fullness of life for the youth gathered for the canonization of two heroic youth...and the holy fathers that, with the help of the Holy

Spirit, all the new bishops aspire to be. Let us pray for all our fathers — those who head families, those who head spiritual families of dioceses, our bishops, and the Holy Father in Rome — that we might all receive the love of the Father through the Holy Spirit and share that love for the life of all God's children!

CSS launches new program aimed at helping seniors

Catholic Social Services launched a new program directly serving seniors called St. Anne's Aging Services. According to Program Director, Katie Murphy, the first big push is to spread the word to the community about this new and completely free service. She has connected with various services around town that serve the elderly, has spoken at a senior center, enrolled the program on Helpline Volunteer Connections, and delivered posters to the Rapid City area parishes.



KATIE MURPHY

"Our first group of four volunteers will be trained at the end of September," she said.

The program is two-fold: a volunteer network and a home-share option. St. Anne's needs three types of people to suc-

ceed: 1) Volunteers whose training is provided. They make regular (weekly) home visits, do light housework, meal prep, drive to appointments, and provide companionship to a 62+ person living in their home

2) Those seeking affordable housing are employed or student adults looking for significantly reduced rent and willing to give five-to-seven hours of weekly assistance back to the home-owner. St. Anne's runs background checks on all participants, drafts agreements, and provides ongoing support to ensure it is a safe and positive match for both parties.

3) Seniors (62+) people who could use a helping hand whether from a volunteer visit once a week; or a house-mate to share a room in their home which entails renting a space in exchange for extra monthly income plus help with light housework.

So far, in just the first 3 weeks since the program launched, two seniors have reached out wanting a volunteer to visit and there are two separate senior homeowners

who are seeking a home-share renter match. In order to share one's home, the space must include a bedroom and bathroom access; other shared space such as kitchen, laundry, garage etc will be negotiated in the written agreement. St. Anne's writes the agreement along with the home-share match to include all the details and agreed upon service hours. Catholic Social Services performs the background checks.

"The ideal situation is a person who has extra space, could use a little extra help and is trying to age in place," said Murphy. "There is also chronic loneliness happening now, especially with seniors, and the older population is only growing. We are trying to access the population who just need a little non-medical help. The home sharing option is in exchange for lower-than-average rent, typically \$400 to \$600 per month."

"In the match making process we meet with the homeowner, do a house assessment, and ask what they would like in a renter. Sometimes it's snow removal, gardening, cleaning, or laundry. Other times we have heard they would like a couple meals prepped during the week, their groceries picked up, or help with walking and cleaning up after pets. One of the first women we heard from wanted help lifting her heavy water softener salt bags."

In government senior assistance programs there are rules people may not quite fit. "We are trying to meet the gap where people are aging in place yet need some assistance, but should not have to pay for it," said Murphy.

To form the new program the CSS staff studied 62 nationwide home sharing programs, both religious and secular based, and they joined the National Shared Housing Network. "We have not found this type of home sharing program for the elderly in Rapid City," she said. "We are excited that it helps the homeowner with extra income, and also may help younger people with affordable housing crisis in Rapid City."

In the research phase they obtained a study by Elevate (an economic growth program) and learned that, based on average income, in the Rapid City area median rent should be no higher than \$850 a month. In reality, rentals start at more than \$1,100 and the vacancy for affordable housing is only 1%.

The program begins in the Rapid City metro area but as the program grows there will be room for expansion.

To learn more about the program, visit cssrapidcity.com or or call CSS at 605-348-6086



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St. Therese Fall Festival

532 Adams St., Rapid City

September 28, 2025 ~ 10:30am-1:30pm

Roast Beef Dinner

complete with large salad and dessert bar!

Pre-sale tickets through Sept 26 (Tickets at the door \$2 more!):

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Bake Sale, Raffle

All proceeds to a new elevator

Jail Ministry Needs Postage Stamps

One meaningful Advent tradition is to provide a Christmas Card for each inmate to send to a loved one. As you can imagine, this gesture is most appreciated by the men and women we serve. A card may be the only item they can gift to a spouse, parent, or child this year. Our ministry members are from all parishes in Rapid City. We ask you for a donation of postage stamps for these cards. The jail population is around 650 people, so any number of stamps donated is helpful. Please leave them with your church office in an envelope marked "Jail Ministry" or mail them directly to us here:
 Hope For New Life Jail Ministry, c/o Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd
 Rapid City SD 57702. *Thank you so very much. We wish you a blessed Advent!*

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Bishop's Calendar

September 16 - October 17, 2025
 Subject to change without notice.

- September 16, Tuesday**
 5 p.m. Pre-Confirmation Meeting &
 6 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick, Wall
- September 17, Wednesday**
 9 a.m. Rapid City Catholic School Mass, Cathedral
- September 18, Thursday**
 6:30 p.m. Bishop's Film Series, "City Lights," Cathedral
- September 20, Saturday**
 5 p.m. Cavalier Fundraiser for Rapid City Catholic Schools, The Box Elder Events Center
- September 27, Saturday**
 5:30 p.m. Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Hunger Banquet, Cathedral
- October 9-10, Thursday-Friday**
 Western S.D. Catholic Foundation Bishop's Pheasant Hunt for Seminarians,
 St. Hubert's Hideaway, Dallas, S.D.
- October 11, Saturday**
 5:30 p.m. Mass, Gala Fundraiser for St. Carlos Acutis Newman Center, Cathedral
- October 12, Sunday**
 11 a.m. Mass and Native American Day Celebration, St. Isaac Jogues
 3 p.m. Mass, Youth Rally, Terra Sancta
- October 13, Monday**
 Chancery closed for Native American/Columbus Day
- October 13-17, Monday-Friday**
 Diocesan Priests Retreat, Terra Sancta
- October 16, Thursday**
 6:30 p.m. Film Series, "The Other Side of Hope," Cathedral

BISHOP'S HUNT & DINNER

A Fundraiser for Seminarians

October 9-10, 2025
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FALL FESTIVALS

September 21, Sunday

Holy Cross Fall Bazaar

St. Joseph Center, Timber Lake

(511 E. Street)

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ~ Roast Beef Dinner

Silent Auction, 50/50 Door Prizes, Bingo,
Fish Pond, Cake Walk

October 5, Sunday

St. Francis of Assisi Fall Bazaar

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Sturgis

(1049 Howard St)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ham and Turkey Dinner

Adults \$15, Youth (8-16) \$10,

Children (4-7) \$5

Country Store, Cake Walk, Games, Raffle

Parish Garage Sale, Oct 3-4, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

October 26, Sunday

St. Joseph Fall Dinner

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

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Adults \$12, Children (5-12) \$6

Dine in, Takeout, Delivery

November 2, Sunday

Mother Butler Center

67th Annual Bazaar

Mother Butler Center

(231 Knollwood Drive)

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

\$10 Stroganoff or Chicken Noodle Soup

Vendors, Silent Auction, Raffle, Games

November 2, Sunday

Piedmont Turkey Dinner

Our Lady of the Black Hills Church,
Piedmont (12365 Sturgis Rd)

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Turkey Dinner
and Carnival

Country store open following all Masses

Sacred Heart Church Bazaar

Sacred Heart Church, Pine Ridge

(40 Hwy 18)

Doors Open at 12:30 p.m. ~ 2 p.m.

Auction ~ 6:30 Family prize

Game Booths, Prizes, Raffle, Bake Sale,
White Elephant

November 9, Sunday

Fellowship Dinner and Country Store

Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City

(4500 Jackson Blvd)

8 a.m. Country Store

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Ham dinner

November 23, Sunday

Turkey Bingo

Christ the King Church, Porcupine

(500 Our Lady of Lourdes Ln)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Hot Food plate ~ 1 p.m. Bingo



2026 WSDCF grant applications due Oct. 1

The Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation was formed to help the Diocese of Rapid City, parishes and Catholic organizations with funding in Western South Dakota. Award winners for 2025 were given a total of \$1,140,829.24 on July 28. Grant requests run from \$1,000 to \$38,000, with the average being \$15,000. (Above) 2025 Awardees.

According to Executive Director Jim Kinyon, "Organizations must submit an online application to the Foundation, summarizing their grant request by Oct 1." The application forms and rules are online at <https://wsdcf.org/wsdcf-grants/>. The grants are approved by the WSDCF Distribution Committee at the end of October then voted on by WSDCF board in November. Grant awardees are informed by Dec. 31. The distribution of checks will take place in July 2026.

Here is the Grant Training video link, <https://vimeo.com/1117255295>. For help applying for a grant contact Communications & Events Director Sarah Bakker, at 605-721-6843.

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‘Rise, let us be on our way’ **Fr. Mark McCormick:** Director of Vocations

The theme for this year’s vocation poster comes from the episcopal motto of Bishop Scott Bullock, *Surgite Eamus*, which translates as “*Rise, let us be on our way*” (Mt 26:46). These two Latin words, *Surgite Eamus*, according to Bishop Bullock, explain in the words of Jesus a call that, “spurs us to a life of fullness found through the Paschal Mystery of Jesus’ death and resurrection.”

This fullness of life is why Jesus came in the first place, as we read in Jn 10:10, “*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*” We are meant to live a life of abundance, a life of more, in the grace of Jesus. However, this is easier said than done. It seems that we are always fighting against our tendency to do our own will rather than doing the will of God the Father.

Think about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane in the Gospel of Lk 22:42-46. “*Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done. And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, ‘Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.’*”

God the Father sees the humanity of Jesus, who is struggling with whether to follow his own will or the will of his Father. Jesus, in immense agony and pain, is encouraged by the Father who sends an angel to strengthen his Son. Now strengthened, Jesus is able to rise and move forward to Jerusalem with the heart and mission of the Father.

Spurred on by the Father’s love for him and supported by the angel’s presence, Jesus does what he sees the Father doing, as we hear in Jn 5:19-20, “*Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.*”

Just as the Father spurred on Jesus, so Jesus spurred on his disciples to rise from their sorrow and to move with him to Jerusalem to face his suffering, passion, death

and resurrection. In the end, the disciples themselves, face their own passion with humility, love and obedience to do the will of Christ in their lives.

At the beginning of September, Pope Leo XIV canonized St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis, who both proclaimed to the world in their own ways *Surgite Eamus*, “*Rise, let us be on our way.*”

At their Canonization Mass on Sunday, September 7, Pope Leo XIV said: “Both Pier Giorgio and Carlo cultivated their love for God and for their brothers and sisters through simple acts available to everyone: daily Mass, prayer, and especially Eucharistic Adoration. Carlo used to say, ‘In front of the sun, you get a tan. In front of the Eucharist, you become a saint!’ And again, ‘Sadness is looking at yourself; happiness is looking at God. Conversion is nothing more than shifting your gaze from below to above; a simple movement of the eyes is enough.’”

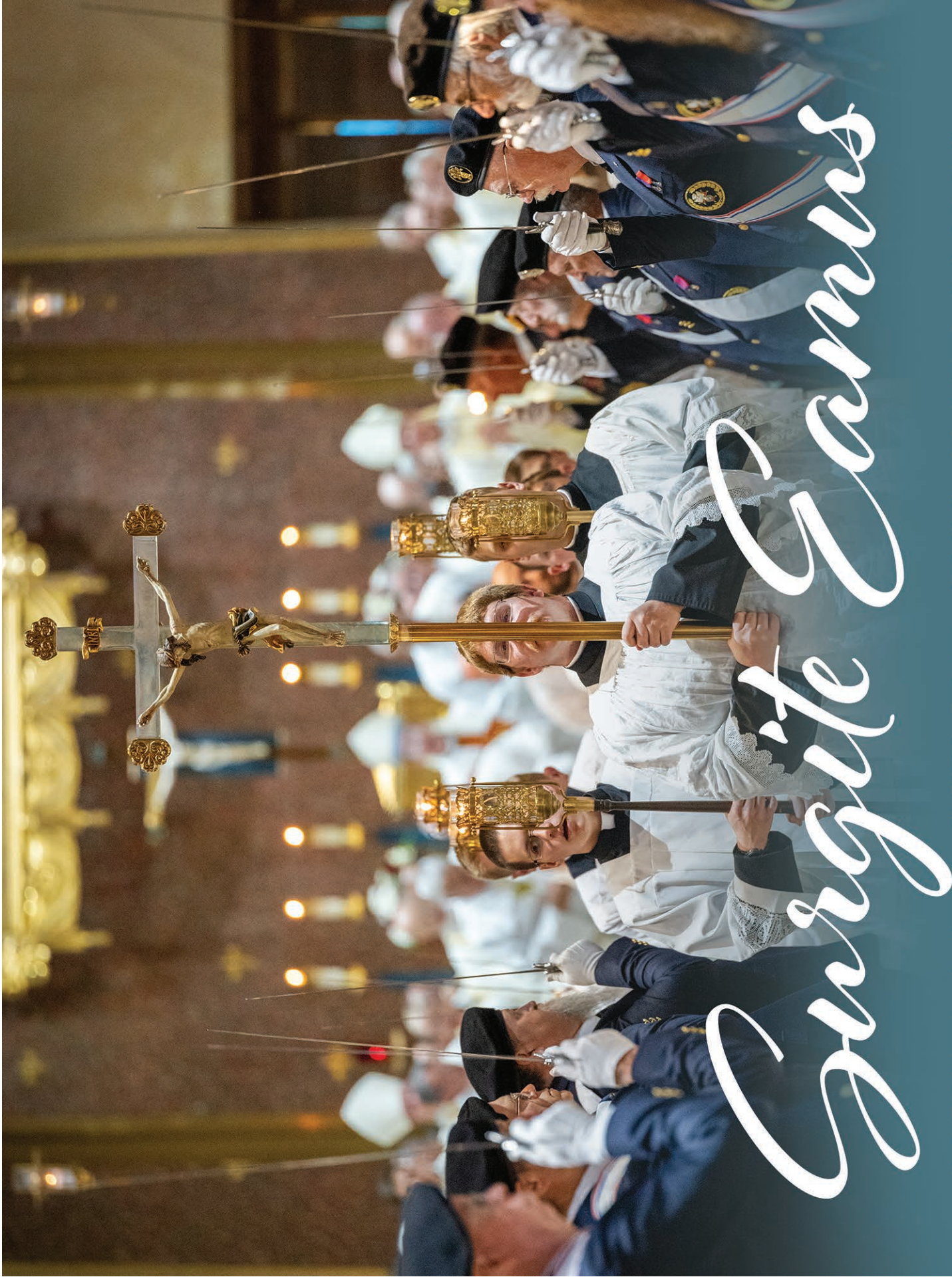
This past summer, I heard our Shepherd, Bishop Bullock, several times shout out *Surgite Eamus!* — to rise and move forward in Christ, to be on our way. Whether that was at the Encounter Conference in Toledo, *Quo Vadis* Day in Piedmont, or on the *Sodalitas* hike up Black Elk Peak, hearing the words *Surgite Eamus* became a source of encouragement. They were words that reminded us there is always more to receive in Christ Jesus.

This month, in all our encounters, let us proclaim to one another *Surgite Eamus!* Just as God the Father did for Jesus, just as Jesus did for his disciples, and just as the saints and Bishop Bullock do for us.

Surgite eamus!



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RISE, LET US BE ON OUR WAY

“In the Garden of Gethsemane, Christ said ‘yes’ to the Father’s will, accepting the cross for our salvation. This ‘yes’ is our model: to accept God’s will even in suffering, trusting in His love. The cross is the sign of love which does not seek its own advantage, but gives itself entirely for the life of others. To embrace the cross means to enter into this mystery of love, to share in it, to live it in union with Christ.”

-Pope St. John Paul II

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'We stepped out in faith' Fr. Mark McCormick: Director of Vocations

On Saturday, August 2, we had our first Bishop's Dinner, *Surgite Eamus*, for Seminary Education. The Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation in cooperation with the Office of Vocations hosted this inaugural Bishop's Dinner at St. Joseph's Hall at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We had two main goals for this dinner: to give the people of our diocese an opportunity to meet our seminarians — to visit with them in person and to raise funds for Seminary Education in our diocese.

Our hope was to raise \$43,200.00, which would cover the cost for one seminarian's education for a year. In the end, we were able to raise a little over \$30,000.00. We were also hoping for 400 people to fill St. Joseph Hall. However, we ended up with 140 this inaugural dinner. Even though we did not make either of these goals in this first year, I believe Bishop Bullock's *Surgite Eamus* Dinner for Seminarian Education was spirit-led and spirit-filled.

We stepped out in faith. We tested the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we hear in 1 Jn 4:1, "*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God.*" As St. Paul teaches in Galatians, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (5:22-23). The Holy Spirit is alive when these gifts of the Holy Spirit are activated and being manifested in events and in lives of people.

Here are a few testimonies of those who attended the first Bishop Bullock *Surgite Eamus* Dinner. I think their words witness how the Spirit is at work.

"The highlights of the evening were the introductions of our diocesan seminarians and religious and their honest and moving testimonies. The joy of the Lord is their strength. These young men and women shared their conviction of the Lord's call in their lives and their courage to pursue the priesthood and consecrated life. It was inspiring to see how God is working in each of their lives. The Holy Spirit is evident and moving in their lives. The evening was a celebration of young people who are authentically living God's love and seeking to do His will. They are uplifting." — Gail Wingert, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City.

"We recently had the honor of attending the first *Surgite Eamus* dinner hosted by Bishop Scott Bullock, a beautiful evening dedicated to supporting the formation of future priests and consecrated religious. The event brought together clergy, families and faithful supporters united in their commitment to religious vocations. We heard inspiring testimonies from our seminarians and consecrated religious men and women and had the opportunity to witness their deep dedication to serving Christ and his Church. It was a meaningful reminder of the vital role we all play in nurturing the next generation of spiritual leaders. 'Rise, let us be on our way.'" — Jem and Kelly Kjerstad, St. Patrick, Wall.

"The *Surgite Eamus* Dinner was a wonderful evening to just celebrate the gift of vocations in our diocese. A few of us brought our sons to spend face-to-face time with our seminarians, priests, and Bishop Scott. It was great to visit with them about their vocational discernment and school, but it was a greater gift to witness their camaraderie and their palpable joy to share their lives with Christ and his Church. Any evening ending with our priests and seminarians singing 'Salve Regina' is just great." — Tara Ulmer, St. Joseph, Spearfish.

"Our family attended the dinner for the seminarians hosted by WSDCF and Bishop Bullock. It was a beautiful event, and we were blessed to get to know the seminarians better than we have before. We are blessed in this diocese to have the support of our parishes and community to support these beautiful young men as they walk toward God in their vocations." — Lenorr Snyder, St. Michael, Hermosa.



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Second Annual
Surgite Eamus
Dinner
August 1, 2026

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Two new people serving in Pastoral Ministries/Faith Formation Office

Avery Porch is the Young Adult Coordinator. She grew up in Frederick, Maryland, moved to Rapid City in 2020. She graduated from Belmont Abbey College and has worked in several fields, including communications, fundraising, and customer service management. She will coordinate the *Sodalitas* young adult program. Avery attends the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City.



Peggy Sue Mutchler is from Keystone. She joined the team this August. She will be serving as the Program and Events Coordinator. The responsibilities of this position include working with Sr. Sara to coordinate the other events of the Office of Faith Formation (ex: Deanery Days, PMD, Refuel, Catechetical Kick-off, etc.) and the diocesan youth events (ex: Youth Rally, Going Deeper Retreat, Steubenville, and Totus Tuus). She is working nearly full-time, working 4 days each week.

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator Irene Lee. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-209-3418 (cell). Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities.

In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children, young people, and vulnerable adults by priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated.

The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.



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Lord God,

We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send the Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations in our youth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Seminarians Assist Lemmon Celebration

At St. Mary Church in Lemmon, they celebrated the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug. 14, accompanied by three of the diocesan seminarians. Fr. Adam Hofer took a selfie of the group. Dillon Johnson was there this summer as part of his pastoral assignment. Gabe Fanning has family in this area and was up visiting them.

Blane Schriock is from Watauga, one of the local parishes, and so he came over to assist with the Mass as well. After Mass, the parish had a barbecue downtown at the community center; it was followed by the Lemmon movie theater showing a documentary "Radiating Joy" about Michelle Duppong. She is a woman from the Diocese of Bismarck whose cause has been opened for sainthood. The celebration was tied to the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the church building on September 7.

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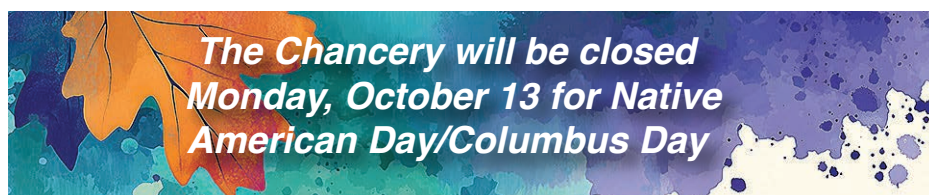


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October

Birthdays: Oct. 9, Fr. Gregory Bartholomew, FSSP; Oct. 10, Dcn. Charles Loehr; Oct. 15, Fr. Tim Hoag; Oct. 21, Fr. Christianus Henrik, SCJ; Oct. 23, Dcn. Philip Thompson; Oct. 27, Dcn. Richard Olsen; Oct. 28, Fr. Gary Oreshoski and Dcn. William White; Oct. 29, Fr. M. Ari Saputra, SCJ. **Ordinations:** Oct. 6, 2012, Fr. Gregory Bartholomew, FSSP; Oct. 8, 2020, Deacons Richard Olsen, Robert Hrabe, and William White; Oct. 14, 1998, Fr. Christianus Hendrik, SCJ; Oct. 24, Dcn. John Osnes; Oct. 28, Dcn. Paul Keller. **Necrology:** Oct. 6, 1973, Peter Kelly; Oct. 9, 2011, Brian Fawcett; Oct. 10, 1955, Harold Fuller, SJ; Oct. 13, 1954, William Connaughton; Oct. 14, 1906, Peter Rosen; Oct. 14, 1953, Godfrey Nau; Oct. 14, 1962, James Shannon; Oct. 14, 1967, Hubert MacDonald; Oct. 14, 1988, Bernard Shanley; Oct. 14, 2013, Dcn. Ken Hill; Oct. 16, 1920, Aloysius Menne, SJ; Oct. 16, 1940, Bernard Strassmaier, OSB; Oct. 16, 1955, Fr. Joseph O'Connell; Oct. 16, 1982, William Renn, SJ; Oct. 17, 1907, James Gleeson, CSC; Oct. 18, 1997, Dcn. Reno Richards; Oct. 21, 1929, John Edgeworth; Oct. 23, 1942, Paul Kinney; Oct. 24, 1917, Charles Goergen; Oct. 24, 1975, George Stroh, SJ; Oct. 26, 1921, Arthur Belknap; Oct. 26, 2009, David Orians; Oct. 27, 1947, Amandus Boelaars; Oct. 28, 1954, Eugene Buechel, SJ; Oct. 30, 1975, Robert Whiteside; Oct. 31, 1929, Henry Groethe, SJ



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Fr. William Zandri, 79, _____

Father William "Bill" Andrew Zandri, 79, Rapid City, passed away on August 18. He was born November 10, 1945, to Levio and Mary (Dowling) Zandri in Ridgefield, Connecticut.

He attended Carmelite schools throughout his childhood in Middletown, CT, North Adams, MA, and near Niagara Falls in Ontario, Canada. Following school, Fr. Bill joined the Army as a medic. After being discharged, Fr. Bill studied theology at the St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, FL. There, he received his Master of Divinity. His family moved to South Dakota and he followed. He was a deacon upon arriving in South Dakota; he was ordained Jan. 3, 1984. He served at several parishes including: Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Blessed Sacrament

Church, and St. Theresa the Little Flower all in Rapid City; St. John, New Underwood; St. Margaret, Lakeside; and St. Patrick, Lead. He was a chaplain for Rapid City Regional Hospital, BH Rehab and Ft. Meade VA Hospital.

He is survived by his brother John Zandri and his sister Ann Zandri.

August 22, Mass of Christian Burial was held at the cathedral with Bishop Scott Bullock presiding. Interment is at Black Hills National Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rapid City Catholic School System.



FR. BILL ZANDRI

Deacon Michael Leo Curtin, 90, _____



DCN. MIKE CURTIN

Michael Leo Curtin was born September 22, 1934, in Bridgewater, to James and Opal (Wiblemo). He passed into eternal life on September 1.

He grew up in rural South Dakota, and graduated from Lake Andes Independent School in 1952. He then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1973. During his enlistment he served all over the world including Ellsworth AFB. He married Wilma Joyce VanderVoort on October 17, 1956. They were married 66 years at the time of Wilma's death in 2023.

They had four children, Mickey, Theresa, Cathy, and Patty. After retiring from the

USAF, they moved to Spearfish and attended Black Hills State College, receiving a BA in 1980 and MA in alcohol and drug abuse counseling in 1987. He worked for BHSC in Veteran's Affairs and at the VA in Hot Springs.

He was ordained a permanent deacon July 22, 1990. He served the church for many years at St. Isidore Parish in Colome.

He is survived by son Michael (Mick) Curtin, Eureka Springs, AK; daughters Theresa (Gary) Groenewold, Idaho Falls, ID; and Patricia Thompson, Pierre, SD. Mass of Christian Burial was held September 8, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Burial is at Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis.

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The 2025-26 FOCUS missionaries at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Rapid City, pose for a photo with a cardboard cutout of Pope Leo on the first day of school. (L-R) Kevin Baltzer, Joe Allen, Abigail Mason, and Cassidy Nelson. (Courtesy photo)

FOCUS Missionaries to minster at SDSM&T

Joseph Allen, Team Director
Originally from Nebraska
Number of years with FOCUS: 4
What is your overall vision for the team FOCUS team: I want to speak about one of the characteristics of St. Carlos Acutis because it aligns perfectly with FOCUS, zeal. Here at the Newman Center, the students are faithful. They are devoted to Jesus in their Holy Hour, and daily Mass. We want to be the catalyst to move them to the next step of being zealous — willing to enter into pain and suffering. We want to enter into the lives of the engineers and students on campus and bring them closer to Christ and as a FOCUS team, removing obstacles that block them from going into this deep faithfulness.

Abigail Mason
Originally from Illinois
Number of years with FOCUS: 2
How do you see last year's leaders stepping up this year? How do you encourage that? By continuing to walk with the female leaders, I help equip them to lead other women. Currently, one of those women is walking with two other women, who will soon each be leading other women. By fostering a close relationship with all the women in this chain promotes authentic friendship and ongoing encouragement. Living an example of a Christ-like life is more caught than taught.

Kevin Baltzer
Originally from South Dakota
Number of years with FOCUS: 3
What do you hope to build on from last year: I hope to build on Protestant outreach

(as I am a convert) and to build ecumenical dialogue. I would also like to continue teaching through any Papal Encyclicals the Pope has to offer for group study. Last year, I did Pope Francis's *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us) as a study and many students enjoyed it!

Cassidy Nelson
Originally from North Dakota
Number of years with FOCUS: 1st year
And how did you become involved in Focus?

My sophomore year I met one of the FOCUS missionaries at the Newman Center at North Dakota State University, and she told me about all that they had going on. I continued because of the invitations through that missionary.

How did you decide to become a FOCUS missionary?

When I heard that FOCUS was something that was even possible for people to do. I was like, "Wow, why wouldn't people want to be a missionary? This seems so much fun? You're leading Bible studies. You're walking with students."

What was your reaction to your placement? I graduated with a degree in elementary education. I thought it was funny because my degree has nothing to do with engineering. So, right away when I opened my letter, I thought, "Lord, you obviously had me going to this place for a reason, and you have given me gifts and abilities and talents for the specific placement."

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