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Bishop Donald E. DeGrood
Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of
Sioux Falls

Our current reality

“Praise the Lord, for he is good.”
(Psalm 136)

Today we find ourselves in a culture deeply immersed in, and divided by, ungodly humanistic ways of thinking and acting through relativism, secularism, individualism, partisanship and political unrest, war, and acts of violence carried out on the most vulnerable in our midst. These ungodly ways of thinking and acting ultimately cause harm to ourselves, the common good, and harmony. In such trying times, it is important that as Catholics we remember God is good and he desires good things for us individually and as a society. Truly, his goodness prevails despite all the cultural problems we experience *if* we allow God to be alive in us and our culture.

The Christendom culture that once existed in America and many parts of

the world no longer exists. In a 1974 television interview, Archbishop Fulton Sheen predicted the end to the Christendom culture in which our economic, political and social life were inspired by Judeo-Christian values and instructed by Christian morals. Many of our problems today confirm Archbishop Sheen’s prediction: our culture is no longer built on the Judeo-Christian ethos that it once was.

Sadly, Christ’s Church, intended, inspired and guarded by Jesus himself, yet entrusted to humans, is not immune to cultural influences. For example, registered households of Catholics in our diocese have decreased 6 percent since 2010, even while the general population in Eastern South Dakota grew 12 percent. In that same period, total Sunday Mass attendance has decreased 26.1 percent. As Catholics, we need a reawakening—a renewal and intensification of living our faith in the Church and the world.

Our response

“Rise, and do not be afraid.”
(Matthew 17:7)

It is time to rise from our slumber, from any complacency, fear, distractions, ungodly cultural values or indifference so the grace of God in us can be unleashed in the Church and world. We do this by living dynamic *Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship through God’s Love*. This requires rejecting ungodly humanistic ways of thinking and acting, and asking God to renew us in a world so longing for peace and happiness

that will only be found in and through him. It will require spending time and energy developing a deep personal relationship with God and reaching out to others in our parishes and Catholic institutions. This will require a co-responsibility of parishioners in the life and mission of the Church and world in new and increased ways.

Building a future full of hope

“[Y]ou will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes.” (Acts 1:8)

When gathered with the apostles at the Last Supper, Christ assured us that the Holy Spirit would be with us always. We know we are not orphaned, as Jesus instructed, and the Holy Spirit will come to us, as Jesus promises (Jn 14:16-18).

At the encouragement of many, I directed the enlistment of a firm specializing in guiding dioceses undergoing a planning process. The decline of parish vibrancy in many parishes (sensed in many ways and seen in the Current Reality data report) and the decrease in numbers of priests available to lead parishes was at the forefront of why I enlisted the firm’s help. However, it has become clear that a planning process can also facilitate renewal in our parishes, leading to structures that better support our clergy and staff to promote their personal health, happiness and holiness.

Therefore, as bishop, I write to ask for your participation in this planning process. Please, therefore, take time to review the current reality information provided on our diocesan website. There you will find demographic, sacramental, financial and other data that help paint a picture of who we are as Church today. Our current reality is meant to explain “why” we need to make intentional changes, to plan a new structure.

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- 1 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*
- 3-6 Clergy Days, Arrowwood Resort Cedar Shore, Oacoma
- 8 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*
- 9 10:00 Confirmation, St. Martin, Emery, St. Mary, Alexandria, St. Stephen, Bridgewater, at St. Mary
- 2:30 Confirmation, St. John, Plankinton, St. Mary, Stickney, St. Peter, White Lake, at St. John
- 15 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*
- 16 8:30 Mass at St. Therese, Sioux Falls
- 22 4:30 Confirmation, Holy Rosary, Kranzburg, St. Francis de Sales, Estelline/Castlewood, St. Mary, Clear Lake/Gary, at Holy Rosary
- 23 1:30 Confirmation, St. Thomas More, Brookings
- 27 12:00 Diocesan Finance Council, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 29 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*

NOVEMBER

- 1 12:00 Solemnity of All Saints, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 2 3:00 Catholic Community Foundation Executive Committee, Catholic Pastoral Center
- 3 Catholic Community Foundation Board Meeting, Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- 5 4:00 Stational Mass, Cathedral of Saint Joseph*

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A tale of two model cities

By Laurie Stiegelmeier

Community, unity of vision, and the best use of priests' gifts and talents—these are qualities reported in areas of the Sioux Falls Diocese where a model with fewer pastors and more associates is being explored. Mitchell and Yankton are two of these “model” cities.

While all priests can say Mass and confer sacraments, a pastor is the one who is ultimately responsible to make decisions, next in line after Bishop DeGrood. “Associates,” sometimes called “vicars,” are priests who share in the ministry and duties of the pastor. They aid the pastor in making and executing decisions for the good of the people they are entrusted with.



Holy Family Parish, Mitchell



Holy Spirit Parish, Mitchell

Mitchell

The parishes of Holy Family and Holy Spirit in Mitchell are served by religious priests from the Pro Ecclesia Sancta Community. Father Cesar Valencia serves as pastor and Father Yamato Icochea serves as parochial vicar for both parishes. Pro Ecclesia Sancta means “for the holy Church.” Their charism is to live and promote holiness in the Church through work with families and youth.

Religious priests differ from diocesan priests in that they can serve in any diocese where a bishop accepts them. “Religious communities are very helpful to the Church,” Father Yamato said. “That’s how it’s been since the beginning—dioceses and religious communities working together in different but complementary ways, sharing charisms and gifts with each other.”

He points out that religious communities are a package deal, a family of brothers and sisters who help each other. One example is that twice a month the priest from the formation house in Sioux Falls assists the parishes in Mitchell.

In addition to having the Pro Ecclesia Sancta religious community presence, having one pastor and one parochial vicar allows Holy Family and Holy Spirit to share a common mission and the same way of doing things. The model also provides more opportunities for Catholics in Mitchell to share time together and get to know each other. While each parish has its own culture (working with the poor or evangelizing youth), coming together under one pastor allows them to share their strengths. “It allows us to be one big Catholic community rather than two competing parishes,” Father Cesar said.

The priests also benefit from knowing the whole Catholic community rather than those of just one parish. “Everywhere we go in Mitchell, we know all the Catholics,” Father Yamato said. “It is easier for pastoral work in taking care of the souls in the city.”

The main reason for combining two parishes under one pastor is the lack of priests; it’s a way to use available resources in a better way. Before combining under one pastor and one vicar, there were three priests in Mitchell, serving 1,400 parishioners in two parishes and a school. However, combining does not mean there is less work. For example, Father Cesar finds that all communication takes double effort to ensure both parishes and Father Yamato are always informed.

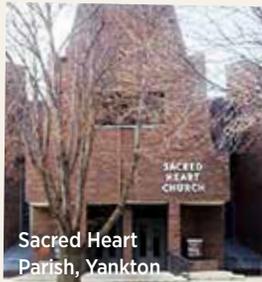
Challenges are faced and being addressed. Shared meetings and recreation are planned between the staff of both parishes who don’t often see each other. Uniformity in the ways of doing things can be challenging if one parish feels they are being asked to change to the way the other parish does things. And continuity with homilies due to alternating weeks can be another challenge. “Sometimes I forget what I said to each parish,” Father Yamato said. However, along with the challenge there is richness in getting the viewpoint of more than one priest.

Father Cesar and Father Yamato equally share the number of Masses and sacraments while making use of the talents of each: Father Yamato has more experience in pastoral care of the homebound, RCIA and with college students, while Father Cesar has more administrative experience.

“We are on the same page in everything that we do,” Father Yamato said. “We know what to expect from each other when we’re in the same religious community. We work as a team. It would be difficult for two priests with completely different goals, but we have the same charism.”



St. Benedict Parish, Yankton



Sacred Heart Parish, Yankton

Yankton

“It’s an interesting model—I’ve been living it for about a year,” Father Tom Anderson said of being pastor of both Sacred Heart and St. Benedict parishes in Yankton, with associate priests Fathers Nick Haiar, Thi Pham and Bob Lacey. “I like it in the sense of having brother priests around. It’s been the best time of my priesthood, just being with men.” Thursday dinner meetings, joined by other deanery priests, are especially beneficial in promoting community.

Unity of vision is another benefit for both priests and parishioners; two different parishes with two different priests would have two different visions.

“Sharing one pastor removes a lot of the challenges because one person makes decisions,” Father Anderson said. “This is especially important with a shared school system; unity of vision and purpose can make needed changes happen more quickly.”

In addition, there is stability of vision because the model leans toward pastors remaining in parishes six to 10 years while associates may be reassigned more often.

Father Anderson said the pastor needs to recognize each associate priest’s gifts and use them in ways that bring them joy.

“This model allows priests to be in roles that are life-giving, where they are comfortable and joyful,” he said.

Filling roles where they are gifted allows Father Pham’s genius for liturgical and community events and Father Lacey’s attentive listening and experience with the military to be shared with parishioners of both parishes.

Along with benefits there are also challenges. It can be more difficult for priests to make deep connections with all parishioners. Father Anderson uses the example of a priest who used to be present to all K-12 students. Now one priest may be better at connecting with elementary students and another with high school.

“It takes a lot of humility on our part to say ‘as long as someone is being Christ to those people, it doesn’t have to be me.’ It’s an adjustment,” Father Anderson said. “There can be a temptation to be jealous of my brother priest, because I might see a group of people connecting to him instead of me. That gets resolved by taking it to prayer and recognizing that whatever good my brother priests do for the Lord is good for me and good for the Church.”

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Pastors of more than one parish also face the challenge of delegation.

“We priests are tempted to do it all, but we can’t,” Father Anderson said. “Imagine going from 1,000 families to 2,000—it’s simply impossible to do what you used to do or to do it in the same way. If a priest isn’t able or willing to delegate, he will burn out.”

Delegation requires a lot of humility and focus. “I no longer can do what I used to do, and I have to let go of some things,” Father Anderson said. “It’s important for me to spend time building fraternity with associates instead of going out and having meals with families. I have had to die to myself because I like going to dinner with families.”

Other dioceses in the nation have utilized this model out of necessity. In our diocese, in addition to providing more opportunities for priests to work together, Bishop DeGrood is looking for places and opportunities for priests who are stressed by administrative responsibilities.

“One of the jokes between priests is that they didn’t realize how good they had it as associates,” Father Anderson said, adding that there are two types of priests who may want to be associates: young priests who aren’t ready for a pastorate and experienced priests who need a rest from administrative duties.

Back to the beginning

While we can see this model at work in the urban settings of Aberdeen, Mitchell and Yankton, it may look slightly different in rural areas or areas where rural and urban parishes may be connected by a pastor and associate priests. However, we can look to our biblical roots to see the beginning of this model.

“The precedent is very clear in the Book of Acts,” Father Anderson said. “The apostles looked around and wondered, ‘Why are we doing this when there are other people who can? It’s better for us to focus on the Mass and the word.’ That’s how deacons (which means ‘servants’) came about. There was a delegation of authority, talents and responsibilities right from the very start of the Church.”

The example of the Twelve Apostles is a good model to follow. Let us be open to the possibilities just as they were.



SET Ablaze

PLANNING
A NEW

UNLEASH THE FIRE OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT

STRUCTURE FOR OUR DIOCESE

By Renae Kranz

We are living in a time of great division, a time when serious religious practice is often looked down upon by the rest of the world. Our culture has become more secular, more hostile. We can no longer go with the flow of our society and expect to grow in our faith, or even have any faith at all. The age of Christendom is gone; the age of apostolic mission is here.

What does that mean for us?

For many of us, it will first mean rethinking what we prioritize in our lives. Do we spend too much time on everything except our faith? Do our lives center around sports, work, social media, material gain, pleasure or the pursuit of perfection? Have we made *comfort* our god?

This is not what God wants for us, and it's definitely not what he made us for. We were made to be in a relationship with him and in community with those around us. The center of our lives is meant to be God and his Church, our families (the domestic church) and the Catholic community that surrounds us. But that's not all.

Living in an age of apostolic mission means we must work harder at being Catholic, much like the apostles did. They had little to no advantage when it came to evangelizing the world in their time, and yet they did it. They put God smack dab in the center of everything they did, and those who came into their orbit saw it and wanted it for themselves.

They reached out to people in surrounding areas and converted thousands of people, people who were completely unfamiliar with the Gospel (not unlike today). That's what apostolic mission looks like. And now it's our turn.

Our culture no longer thinks with a Christian ethos or Christ-centered

mind-set. It's absolutely foreign to many. We are the new disciples on apostolic mission. This means we must look at everything with new eyes: our diocese, our parishes, our families and our own hearts. We must become missionary disciples who have been *Set Ablaze* with the love of the Holy Spirit.

Part of this "looking at everything with new eyes" means we have to plan carefully for the future of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. If you did not read Bishop DeGroot's column at the beginning of this issue of The Bishop's Bulletin, please read it now and then come back and continue with this feature. If you have already read his column, keep reading and I will try to fill in some of the gaps as to what the next six months to two years of structural and pastoral planning will look like.

WHY NOW?

This is the key question every Catholic should be asking: Why are we doing this now?

Along with the data collected by various diocesan offices earlier this year, we also already know some key realities about our diocese and the parishes and Catholics in it. Let's take a look at some of the "why's" when it comes to discerning a new path.

We are a diocese with a rich history of faithful and resilient Catholic people committed to the Church, their faith, their families and the local parish.

Since the establishment of the diocese in 1889, rural and urban parishes have dotted the landscape of Eastern South Dakota. Over the course of our history, some 302 parishes have been erected. Today, 117 remain—a sign of continuous change. Though the parish landscape has changed, the faith of the Catholics in those parishes has remained an enduring legacy of the prairie we inhabit.

The Catholics east of the Missouri River have shown time and again that no matter what life throws at them, they find a way to unite with those around them and sustain their faith and their commitment to each other as people of God. Whether a new parish is being built in a growing area, or parishes are connecting to each other to share a pastor, the people in them have done their best to support their church, each other and their families.

We have strong financial positions in most of our parishes with a culture of good stewardship and a need for facility maintenance.

South Dakota Catholics are generous and careful with their money. This has left most parishes in strong financial positions; however, many of our facilities (parishes, rectories and schools) are in need of repair and constant upkeep. This can strain parish finances if there is not enough money left over or if planning is not in place to take care of the many Catholic buildings around the diocese.

As a diocese, we have all been invited to enter a life of missionary discipleship where we are healthy, happy, holy and hard-working faithful Catholics developing "fires"—pockets of missionary discipleship being practiced by the clergy and faithful.

God created us in his own image, and as he invites us into a relationship with him, we must also invite others into that relationship—the work of missionary discipleship. If we embrace the changes needed with boldness and an open heart, we can follow where the Holy Spirit is leading: to healthy, happy and holy lives where we unleash the

fire of the Holy Spirit into our parishes and pastorates.

A clear need to invigorate the spiritual, pastoral and sacramental life of parishes and parishioners across the diocese and to disrupt a decade of downward trends in Mass attendance, reception of sacraments, and Catholic school enrollment.

For decades now, many Catholics have left the Church or have reduced their

faith life to one hour on Sunday morning. This isn't enough to sustain vibrant parishes and communities. Continuing down this path will only get us more of the same. Even as our population in Eastern South Dakota grows (up 12 percent), Catholics registered in parishes are down

6 percent and enrolled in schools are down 7.4 percent. As baptized Catholics, we have a responsibility to disrupt these trends through our own efforts to share our faith.

We break those trends by recommitting ourselves to our Catholic faith, realigning our priorities by placing God back at the center of our lives, and bringing the vision of missionary discipleship to life in our diocese. Only by revitalizing our parishes and families can we become the missionary disciples God wants us to be. This vision needs committed Catholics spread throughout the diocese helping others come to know Jesus.

A need for parishes to welcome, integrate and evangelize all peoples and cultures.

Have you ever heard someone new to the Catholic Church say they didn't

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feel welcome at first? Yeah, me too. Even as a very welcoming state, we sometimes fall down on this and don't always help new people (especially of cultures different than ours) feel like they belong. It can be a deterrent to joining the Church or to really becoming part of the parish community.

We can do better. Jesus welcomed all to his table. Let us redouble our efforts to make others feel welcome and invite them to become full members of our parish families.

There is a decline in active participation from laity in the local ministry of the church.

We all have busy lives, but we have for too long left the work of the parish to the priest or a small handful of dedicat-

ed people. This comes back to where we place our priorities. Are we putting God first when we do everything *except* help at our parish? It should be one of the first things we make time for.

Find time for your parish, in whatever capacity fits your gifts. There will be opportunities for all of us in the new pastorate structures. In the words of St. Francis, "It is in giving that we receive."

There is a need to develop local parish culture and identity independent of the priest or pastor serving.

Because of the lack of involvement from laity in parishes (and at times an inability of priests to delegate), local parish culture and identity independent of the priest currently serving can

become stifled.

This can cause much upheaval whenever an assignment change occurs because the parish does not have a firm foundation among its parishioners with which to more easily transition from one priest to another.

A structure of our priests serving alone with a focus on administration over pastoral ministry is not healthy nor sustainable.

This is a well-known situation in our diocese, especially if

you're in a rural parish. We've seen our priests alone and isolated in some areas, while in other areas they are overly involved in administrative work rather than spending more time doing things such as visiting parishioners or hearing confessions. If we are to develop healthy, happy and holy priests (and therefore parishioners), we need to find ways to reduce these situations.

We acknowledge our need to organize our parish structures in ways that provide stability over at least 10 years.

If we don't make major structural changes and plan for our future, we will find ourselves in crisis within 10 years. Twenty-nine (29) of our priests currently serving in the diocese will be eligible for retirement in 10 years. Structural changes to pastorates (one or more parishes organized with a single pastor and associate priests) now will set us up for less upheaval in parishes in the years to come.

We will also need to rethink our definition of "parish." We will be stronger as a united Catholic community if we can let go of divisions between towns due to things like sports and other forms of competition between parishes and see each other instead as fellow missionary disciples in a world in need of the message of the Gospel.

Secularism in our world today is diminishing God's presence and importance in our lives and is supported by our government's efforts to supplant the role of the family and limit the presence of faith in our society.

This is a disheartening fact in the culture of our country. The diminishment of faith and God has not made our country better, and replacing the family with government will only lead us to tyranny. If we wish to be able to practice our faith and grow our

Heavenly Father,

Send forth your Holy Spirit! Set our hearts, minds and wills ablaze with the fire of your Divine Love. Help us to receive your love, delight in that love, and then share it with others.

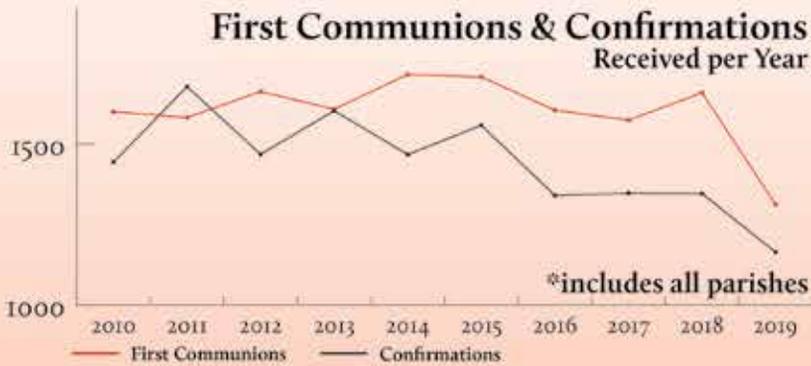
Renew us and our diocese through a great outpouring of your Holy Spirit as we seek to know and embrace your holy will. As we share our ideas for the future of our diocese, guide our thoughts, words and actions so they are a reflection of your goodness in all things.

May we trust and rely more fully upon You, so that your holy will is accomplished in and through each of us as your beloved sons and daughters.

May we be filled with faith, hope and charity as we discern new ways to live as Catholics. Inspire us to live as dynamic Lifelong Catholic Missionary Disciples, so we can assist You in passing on our beloved Catholic faith to present and future generations.

Amen.

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Total Sunday Mass attendance decreased **26.1%** from 2010-2022

Population of South Dakota since 2010 grew

12%

34,223

Registered Catholic Households in 2021

Registered Catholic Households since 2010 decreased

6%

The largest generational cohort of Eastern SD's entire population is Gen Z*, totaling

23.6%

*born 1999-2016

While overall giving to the parishes of the diocese remains flat,

median income has gone up

70 Diocesan Priests
5 Religious Order Priests
serving 117 Parishes & 3 Newman Centers

57
Median Priest Age

29
Priests Eligible to Retire in 10 yrs

Diocesan Ordination Rate



1.5 priests per year

families freely, we must turn to our Lord and each other to strengthen families and in turn our culture.

A good place to start in changing the culture is to increase our own knowledge and understanding of our faith, especially in areas where our culture is at odds with the Church. This renewing of our desire to learn can position us to help others understand and move toward conversion of thought, especially when it comes to topics around life, sexuality and science.

As numbers of priests have declined, sufficient practical experience gained during time as an associate has been limited due to priests being asked to take on roles as pastors sooner to fill assignments that would otherwise have been left open.

At times, priests have been hurried into roles they may not have been fully ready for, or they were not given the ideal training ground to perform well as a pastor. This often happened under the pressure to fill parish assignments rather than leave them open. It's a cycle that has hit rural parishes especially hard.

A new structure of priests working together, where their strengths can be used to their best advantage, will build priests up and put parishes in a position to thrive.

There is duplication of ministry, services, staffing and resources across parishes within reasonable drive times.

Parishes near each other (especially those sharing a priest) have often kept their own secretaries, councils and other services. This has increased the heavy load of administration on priests, which sometimes prevents them from spending adequate time on sacramental and ministerial duties.

With a new structure of larger parishes, it is possible to share staff or councils, or even ministries and communication efforts, which can ease the load on priests and parishioners alike.

WHAT CAN WE HOPE FOR?

Catholic dioceses around the country (and even in Europe) are making major structural changes to disrupt trends similar to what we're seeing in our own diocese. As a Church, we must face this head on to bring the fruitful results of vibrant parishes and Catholics *Set Ablaze* with the fire of God's love. This is what we are striving for as communities of Catholics:

- A new chapter of our rich tradition with new structures, a new call, new energy, and a focus toward growth rather than decline.
- Missionary discipleship, which needs to be clear, nurtured, supported and guided, is the compelling vision for the life of the Church.
- Healthy, happy, holy and hard-working priests and parishioners engaged in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as missionary disciples.
- The use of parish and pastorate ministry and evangelization to reset the Catholic parish as a center of life for the faithful and the community

- Engaging, welcoming and impactful liturgies prayed in churches filled with people.
- Engage the local faithful who are most impacted by pastoral planning and know the parish best.
- Increase in vocations: priesthood, the diaconate, consecrated life and holy marriages.
- Reduce duplication of ministry, services, staffing and resources where reasonable through collaboration and delegation so priests can focus on pastoral ministry.
- Intentional development of newly ordained priests and the cultivation of assignments well-suited for their ongoing formation.

WHAT WE WON'T DO

There are a few parameters we have set of the things we will *not* do during this process:

- Knowingly or willingly violate canon or civil laws or diocesan policy.
- Leave clergy, staff and lay faithful feeling unsupported or without development or resources.
- Use technology to replace full, active participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Mass.

To see the Current Reality report and offer your input for the planning process, visit setablazesf.org

- Protect the status quo in one area while ignoring clear facts and trends, or use influence or reputation to protect another area from making necessary changes that are asked of all.
- Exceed three weekend Masses per priest, not including funerals and weddings.

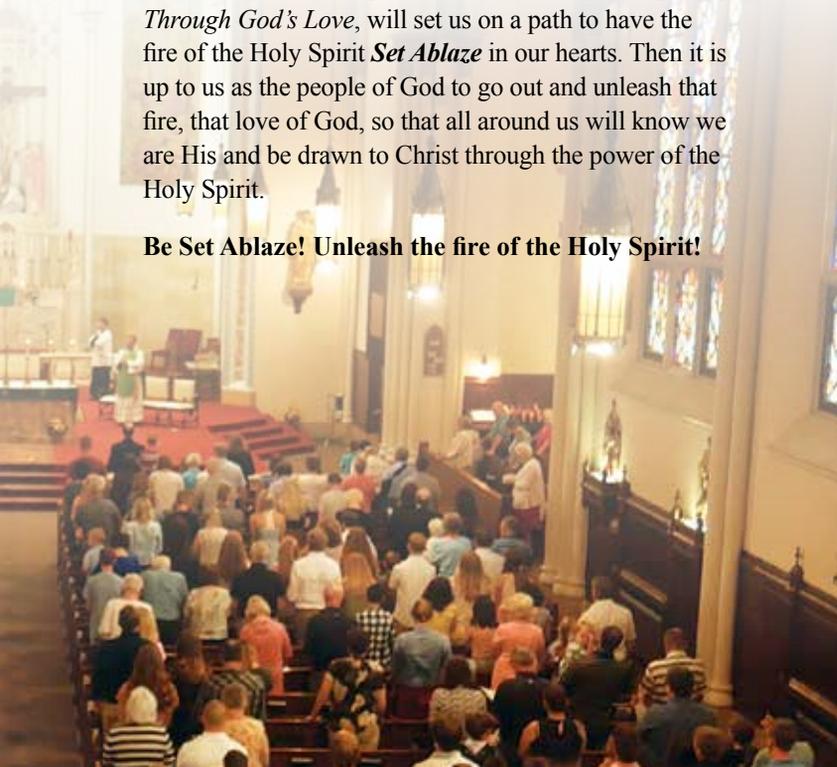
A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

This is a time for all of us as Catholics who love God to come together and answer the call of our time. This call is one of apostolic mission, of a renewed faith and commitment to what Jesus said when he called us to the Great Commission: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19).

This will not always be easy and likely will push us out of the comfort we have grown accustomed to, but Jesus tells us over and over in Scripture to “be not afraid.” In fact, right after his transfiguration, the apostles with him had fallen to the ground in fear. Jesus says to them, “Rise, and do not be afraid” (Mt 17:7). He says this to us now as well. We must rise from our slumber, allow the Holy Spirit to *set us ablaze* with fervor for our faith, and then unleash that fire of the Holy Spirit so that others may be converted.

The changes we will be making, coupled with continued efforts toward *Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God’s Love*, will set us on a path to have the fire of the Holy Spirit **Set Ablaze** in our hearts. Then it is up to us as the people of God to go out and unleash that fire, that love of God, so that all around us will know we are His and be drawn to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Be Set Ablaze! Unleash the fire of the Holy Spirit!



▶ *Bishop’s column continued from page 2*

In October, I will be asking for your insights on a proposed new structural model for parishes so that further refinements and improvements to the design can be made before it is finalized. The model, a reflection of the “what” has been designed, is based on data, specific parameters, and the input of our clergy and lay members of our Diocesan Pastoral Council. It will benefit from your input, and the model will not be finalized until after your feedback has been provided.

After the completion of a structural plan for the pastorates of our diocese later this year, a pastoral planning process will begin in the summer of 2023. Pastoral planning will involve all parishes as they exist today and, relying on local parishioner input, will create a plan for when, where and how often Masses and other ministries will occur within the new pastorates. More information will be provided on how pastoral planning will be carried out beginning in July 2023 when the structural plan is finalized and announced later this year.

Conclusion

With the help of the Holy Spirit and your active cooperation, God can renew the Church, make it one that has been **Set Ablaze** by God’s love, and goes out into the world to **unleash the fire of the Holy Spirit** by sharing the goodness of God with others. Reflecting on the great wisdom offered to us by St. Thomas Aquinas, it is my hope that we as a diocese might journey through this planning process in a way that teaches us how our passion (desires) should be governed by reason (what is prudent), enlightened by faith (what God has revealed through Scripture and tradition), and motivated by love (with charity).

As we plan for our future, I ask for your prayers. So that we might be unified in our prayer, I have written a prayer and asked pastors to pray it frequently in our parishes at appropriate times as local customs allow.

I look forward to receiving your insights through our diocesan website so our structural and pastoral planning process may enjoy the benefit of broad consultation and your insights. Thank you most especially for joining me in praying for our diocese and this planning process. May God bless us abundantly as we journey together on a path of renewal in the diocese.

An apostolic Church is filled with joy and hope

By Father Jim Mason

All of us are searching for purpose and meaning, and Jesus is the answer! The two pillars of humility and confidence can guide us to a deeper relationship with our Lord.

Humility means recognizing our dependence on our savior, Jesus Christ. Confidence means a boldness that is not rooted in ourselves but in Jesus, who makes all things possible. Can I live with humility, even though I am not in control of my life, my family, the future, our Church, nation and world? Can I see this current time of confusion and uncertainty as an opportunity to grow in faith, hope and love and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and his Church?

In the seminary during the Easter season, an image came to me of being in the empty tomb. I was witnessing to the resurrection of our Lord when Mary Magdalene came in and invited me to go with her and share the good news of the resurrected Lord with the apostles. I politely declined, explaining that I needed to stay in the tomb to continue to provide witness. She left.

A little later, Peter and John came into the tomb and asked me to come with them to the upper room. I declined, explaining my mission was to witness to anyone who might come by. I realized this meant I would miss Jesus in the upper room that evening, Pentecost, the ascension and all of the evangelization in the Book of Acts.

I thought I had found my ministry. I even developed a website for this ministry at www.emptytombministry.org. You see, I truly believe in the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the outpouring of the

Holy Spirit and birth of the Church. But I thought I needed to stay in the tomb to provide that witness. Then, suddenly, the stone rolled back, and I was in the dark, by myself, and I woke up.

I realized this has been much of my priesthood—waiting for others to come to me. Ignoring the invitation by Mary Magdalene and Peter and John to go to spread the good news. You see, the cave is convenient and comfortable, but if we choose to live there, it can be deadly.

This describes much of the Catholic Church and her parishes in the West today. Unless we find a way to get out of our empty tombs, we will not survive. Part of this will mean moving from a Christendom mindset and lifestyle to the reality of living in an Apostolic Age like the early Church.

What is meant by Christendom? Christendom is economic, political and social life as inspired by Christian principles. In Christendom, because institutions are strong and well-founded, they tend to be taken for granted and therefore to lose their originating Christian spirit.

Consider the apostles just after the ascension of Christ. If they had feared their lack of resources and people in which they were to fulfill their Master's words, "Go and make disciples of all nations," they would have been sunk in discouragement.

But they were not discouraged. They were filled with joy and hope.

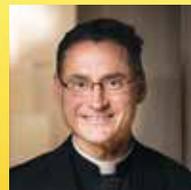
They had great confidence in their Lord, in their message, and in the creativity and fertility of the Church. They knew their task was to be used by the Holy Spirit to grow the Church, and they knew the graced means by which it was to grow. And it did.

Apostolic mode means the Church must make its way against the current of the wider society by communicating a counter-imaginative vision. Society needs a profound conversion of mind such that it sees everything differently. In an Apostolic Age, there are fewer resources and the cultural challenge of articulating faith, both individually and institutionally, can seem daunting.

The Church in these new apostolic times needs to have the same confidence in the power and goodness of the message she bears, in its life-changing potency, and its power of regeneration and growth.

People need to be convinced that Christ is the answer—the purpose and meaning of life—and the only true hope for a troubled world. They need to see and experience that obedience to the Gospel provides perfect freedom, that holiness leads to happiness, that a world without God is a desolate wasteland, and that new life in Christ transforms darkness into light. We need to witness this good news in our daily lives through our words and actions just like the Twelve Apostles.

Times are trying and also exciting. If we are tempted to discouragement or despair, simply recall the witnesses of the early Church, knowing that God always provides the grace needed to sustain us.



Father Jim Mason is pastor at Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls and vicar for clergy for the diocese.

Father Paul Rutten

Father Paul Rutten is known in many areas of the diocese as a sometimes quiet but also engaging priest. He was ordained June 21, 2002, and has served at St. Mary, Aberdeen; Pius XII Newman Center, Brookings; St. Paul, White; Immaculate Conception, Watertown; and St. Mary, Sioux Falls, along with time as vocations director for the diocese. He grew up on the north end of Sioux Falls under the shadow of the spires of the cathedral and has nine siblings, including a brother who is also a priest (Father John Rutten).

Q How did you get your call to the priesthood?

During my last years of college at South Dakota State University, I felt that even though I had all the things I wanted, I was still lacking something. The diocese had an Operation Andrew Dinner where the bishop gathers with young men for a time of prayer, a meal and a discussion around discernment. It was there that I realized I could at least give the seminary a shot and still stay on track to get a degree. I had thought about the priesthood off and on throughout my life, but never really gave it serious thought until then.

Q What did you do before the priesthood?

I went to seminary straight out of school so I never had a career of sorts before becoming a priest.

Q Is there a particular part of Catholicism that really fascinates you?

I have always been drawn to the mystery of the Eucharist. To this day, it still humbles me to think Jesus Christ allows himself to be made present in what was a piece of bread and a cup of wine. Even as a kid, I was always drawn to Mass and the opportunity to receive Communion.

Q Who was most influential in your life?

There were a lot of people who have been influential in my life. For sure,

my parents. They had a deep faith that helped them navigate the challenges of life, and it was evident to me and others that Jesus Christ was more than just a historical figure, but he was the one who had changed their lives and continued to change their lives. As I have gotten older, I have realized many aspects of my life were formed by witnessing their own lives and how they responded to the ups and downs of life.

Q What's your favorite part of being a priest?

Celebrating Mass.

Q What's the most challenging thing?

For me, it is the fact that you rarely have an empty to-do list. There is always something to do or something that needs to be done. I like to start and finish a project, but as a priest you often are the one who starts it, but someone else finishes it. Or you have to finish what someone else started. Which I know is scriptural, but it still doesn't make it easy!

Q Who is your go-to saint? Why?

St. Joseph. There are so many ways in which he fulfilled God's will for his life and continues to aid the Church and me. I also like the fact that we have no recorded words of St. Joseph. I can be pretty quiet from time to time, and so it is nice to know there are saints out there who didn't have to say much on their way to heaven.

Q What do you do in your spare time?

I belong to a gym and try to get out for a walk on a regular basis. I do like to hang out with family and friends, so I try to do that as much as possible.

Q What is something most people don't know about you?

Calling BINGO makes me nervous!

Q How can your parishioners and people of the diocese best help you be a great priest?

Pray for me. Take seriously their own call to grow in holiness and to gain a deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Catholic faith. I desire for the parish to be a place where people's faith comes alive and they are enriched and encouraged to continue this journey that began at their baptism.

Q If you could have supper with anyone from history (besides Jesus), who would it be and why?

Father Georges Lemaitre, the Belgian priest who came up with the Big Bang theory. It would be fascinating to listen to him explain deep theories of science and at the same time a deeper appreciation for the faith and all it informs.

Curious about a particular religious vocation? Visit sf catholic.org/vocations to learn more about discerning God's call for your life.

How is the unblemished lamb connected to Jesus?



How can I explain the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist when people ask about it?



Last month, we turned to the New Testament, focusing on the key passage in the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel in which Jesus introduces the idea of the Eucharist to his disciples. This month, we are going to look at the moment when Jesus introduces the Eucharist itself to the apostles: the Last Supper.

It was at the Last Supper that Jesus celebrated the Jewish Passover meal, but in a way that transformed it into the event that commemorates the *New Covenant*, which he was about to establish (it might be helpful to read June's column in which we looked at the Passover meal in the Old Testament).

Before we look at the Last Supper in particular, I want to look at how the Passover was celebrated in Jesus' time.

First, the location. As you may recall, the first Passover (in Egypt) was celebrated in the homes of the Israelites ... they had to mark the doorposts and lintels of their homes with the blood of the lamb. In the first century, though, the official sacrifices of the Jewish people were offered in the Temple in Jerusalem; so in the case of the Passover, the lambs had to be sacrificed in the Temple and eaten somewhere within the city. The centralization and restriction of the Passover to one location was in fact already anticipated in the time of Moses, before the Israelites had even entered into the promised land (see Deuteronomy 16:5-7).

Not only did the Passover have to be celebrated in Jerusalem, with the lamb sacrificed in the Temple, but only the ordained priests, the Levites, could offer the sacrifice. In addition, the time of the sacrifice was also specified, as also indicated in the same passage from Deuteronomy—it had to be at sundown.

According to the first-century Jewish historian Josephus, each year in Jerusalem at the Passover, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., over a quarter of a million Passover lambs were sacrificed in the Temple. A quarter of a million! Think about how much blood must've been poured out by the priests at the Passover! For the Jews who celebrated the Passover in that time, the sacrificial nature of the Passover was vividly clear.

One other fascinating tidbit to note about the sacrifice of the Passover lambs: according to both Jewish and Christian records, the lambs were sacrificed by being skewered through the shoulders and through the torso—in the form of a cross! In effect, the Passover lambs offered in the Temple in the first century were crucified.

Having looked at some of the features of the Passover in the first century, let's now focus on the Last Supper. Again, it's the celebration of the Passover, when the exodus from Egypt is recalled in a way in which the Jews understood that saving work of God's to be present to them so that they might participate in it.

As we read it in the Gospels, what we find in the Last Supper is described as the Passover: the disciples ask Jesus where they should celebrate the Passover, and they prepare it at his direction (Mt 26:17-19). Not only that, but the details we are given about the Last Supper by Matthew, Mark and Luke reveal that it had some of the central features of the Passover: the blessing, breaking and presentation of unleavened wafers of bread; the blessing and distribution of cups of wine; the chanting of some of the Psalms.

But there is a notable omission, or rather, a notable replacement: in his celebration of the Passover, Jesus omits the unblemished lamb, the Passover sacrificial victim that was consumed during the meal. Instead, he offers himself as the unblemished lamb, the sacrificial victim to be consumed under the appearance of bread and wine.

We see this identification of Jesus with the bread and wine explicitly in the Last Supper narratives: this is my body, this is my blood. But it's not just his blood, it's his blood of the covenant. He's pointing back to our first Old Testament root of the Mass, to the establishment of the covenant at Mount Sinai and its renewal under Josiah and then Ezra. It was in the blood of the sacrifice at Mount Sinai that the Old Covenant was ratified, and it is in the blood of Jesus' sacrifice that the New Covenant is ratified. And just as the people received the blood of the Sinai sacrifice, so too did they receive the blood of Jesus' sacrifice.

So in the Last Supper we see that Jesus is establishing a New Covenant with a new paschal victim: himself. He is the unblemished lamb that is consumed in the ratification of the Covenant, in which the people become God's own.

Be sure to check out the additional resources at [sfatholic.org/answer](https://www.sfatholic.org/answer).

If you have a question you need an answer to, email rkranz@sfatholic.org.

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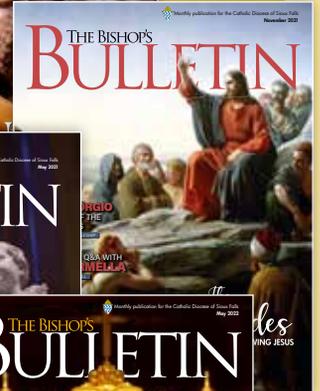
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Marijuana use doesn't lead to human flourishing

By Emily Leedom

A few weeks ago, my husband and I loaded up our kiddos for an afternoon bike ride.

As we got to the park, we noticed two young people, about 18, laying out on the picnic table with the smell of marijuana in the air. They didn't acknowledge us, or really anything for that matter. They simply stared at the sky as if they were a thousand miles away.

"Mommy, are they sleeping?" my 5-year-old asked. There was a hint of fear in her voice.

We played for a bit and eventually got back on our bikes to head home. But my little girl's question continued playing in my head. *Are they sleeping?* The question carried far more weight than my little girl knew. It's difficult to explain the desolation I felt in these young people's presence. It broke my heart. There was a massive void where there should have been lively conver-



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sation, young people dreaming about their future, movement of able bodies, play, laughter, music, contemplation, *something*.

I recalled the "pot heads" I knew in high school and remember feeling quite indifferent about their drug usage. It wasn't for me, but it wasn't hurting anyone so who cares? But observing these two young people while out for a family bike ride started turning something in me.

As the executive director of The Lourdes Center, I am deeply interested in what helps people flourish—and what doesn't. So, I got curious about how marijuana affects the human person.

Humbly, I admit, I had no idea how harmful marijuana is. I quickly discovered studies that have linked marijuana usage with depression, anxiety, suicide planning and psychotic episodes. For individuals who begin using before the age of 18, the rate of addiction is one in six. Research also shows that users have increased relationship problems, poorer educational outcomes, low career achievement and less life satisfaction. Yet, usage is continuing to rise across all demographics, while its perceived risk is steadily declining. The industry is set to profit \$33 billion this year, and its growth rests on the narrative that marijuana is harmless.

We are being lied to.

As faithful Catholics, we have the responsibility to cultivate a society that promotes authentic human flourishing

Bishop Donald DeGroot and Bishop Peter Muhich of Rapid City recently issued a statement encouraging Catholics to vote "No" on IM 27, which would legalize the use of marijuana for any purpose in South Dakota. The bishops' entire statement can be found at www.sdcatholicconference.org.



and rejects that which harms. As I observed those two young people laying on the picnic table that day, I inherently knew that this wasn't "the good life." I ached for them to be present to one another, to the beautiful day, to my three little girls who squealed with contagious delight on the swings 10 yards away.

It seems, to me, that "recreational" marijuana is just another vice on a very tired list of things we humans often grasp at to fill the void. One more thing we use to escape the glorious cross of being human instead of exercising the heroic virtue to pick it up and follow our Lord. We are sleeping.

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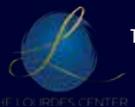
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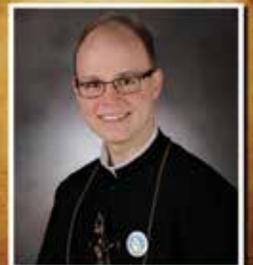
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WATERTOWN – Ronald and Marilyn Kasuske celebrated their 60th anniversary on Sept. 15. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and are members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish.



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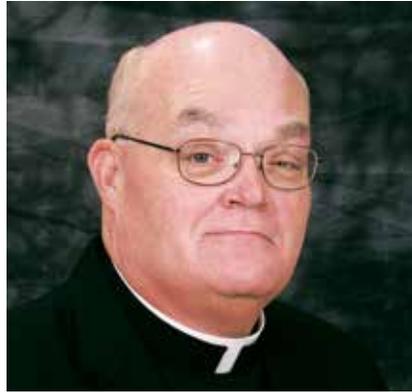
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Father Kenneth Bain dies at 69

Father Kenneth Bain, 69, died Aug. 25, 2022, at Avera Prince of Peace in Sioux Falls. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 1 at St. Mary Church in Sioux Falls. Burial was in St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Garretson.

Kenneth Bain was born on March 3, 1953, in Fredrick, South Dakota, to Lesley C. and Marie E. (nee' Daly) Bain. After graduating high school in Fredrick, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps, earning an honorable discharge in May 1974. He enrolled at the University of South Dakota and studied criminal justice.

Shortly after graduating from college, he was appointed as Moody County sheriff and was the youngest sheriff at the time. A tragic automobile accident that he was responding to as sheriff in 1982 would later be credited as the moment that he began to reconsider his professional career in law enforcement and to discern a calling to the priesthood.



In 1985, Kenneth attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minnesota. Afterwards, he enrolled at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he would receive priestly formation. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Sioux Falls on May 31, 1990, at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

Father Bain served as an associate or sacramental minister at St. Mary, Christ the King and St. Lambert parishes. He also

served as a chaplain at McKennan Hospital. He would go on to serve as pastor at the parishes in Ramona, Oldham, Arlington, Clark and Willow Lake. Father Bain would later serve at St. Benedict Parish in Yankton, at St. Rose of Lima, Garretson, and at St. Joseph the Workman, Huntimer.

Beginning in 2015, Father Bain offered substitute chaplaincy ministry in Sioux Falls. In addition to parish work, Father Bain was involved with the Boy Scouts of America, serving as the diocesan chaplain.

Father Bain was perhaps best known for his witness of accepting the suffering that his body demanded of him without complaint and with a focus on the needs of others.

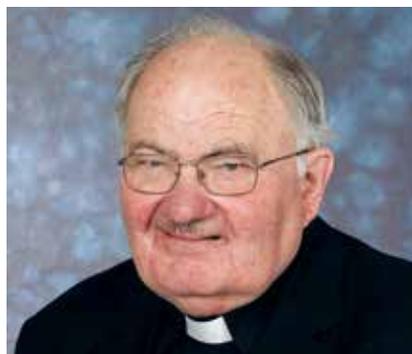
He is survived by one sister, Gerry (Harlan) Krier, and brothers Dr. Jim (Claudia) Bain and Mike Bain. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother Ronald and his twin sister Karen Cooper.

Father William Osborn dies at 82

Father William (Bill) Osborn, 82, died Aug. 25, 2022, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 29, 2022, at Holy Trinity Church in Huron. Burial was in St. Martin Cemetery in Huron.

William Allen Osborn was born on Aug. 13, 1940, in Huron to Harold and Genevieve Osborn. He graduated from Miller High School in 1958 and entered St. Jerome's College minor seminary in Kitchener, Ohio. Afterwards, he entered into priestly formation at St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. On March 13, 1966, he was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

Father Osborn served at many different parishes during his years of assigned ministry. He fulfilled multiple assignments



at St. Anthony in Hoven and also served at Groton, Bristol, Lily, Conde, Turton and Doland parishes in between. On more than one occasion, Father Osborn provided coverage for brother priests making sabbatical. He served as pastor at Ramona, Arlington, Oldham, Tabor and Redfield prior to his retirement from assigned ministry in 2011.

In retirement, Father Osborn provided substitute ministry all across the diocese, a sign of his immense love and support for his brother priests. He also provided a priestly presence at St. Peter's rectory in Colman. He would eventually become a member of the Avera Prince of Peace community while still offering ministry to those he encountered.

In addition to parish work, Father Osborn was active in the Koinonia movement, offering sacramental ministry and spiritual guidance to its members for many years.

Father Osborn is survived by his sister Mary (Francis) Campbell and his brother Daniel (Cheri) Osborn, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Relic for the revival coming to the diocese



Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis was an Italian teenager who used technology to spread devotion to the Eucharist before his death from leukemia in 2006 at age 15. He offered his sufferings for the Church and for the Holy Father, and Pope Francis has called him a role model for

young people. He was beatified in 2020 and is one of the intercessors for the National Eucharistic Revival, a multi-year initiative by the bishops of the United States to reinvigorate devotion in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

A relic of Blessed Acutis will be making its way through our diocese. See the schedule below and visit sf catholic.org/eucharisticrevival for more information.

- 10/22 Aberdeen
- 10/23 Sioux Falls (Christ the King)
- 10/25 St. Thomas More Newman Center, Vermillion
- 10/26 Mitchell

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Recitation of the Rosary

Oct. 7 – The Rosary is recited for the faithful departed on the first Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

Rosary Coast to Coast

Oct. 9 – All are welcome to attend the annual Rosary Coast to Coast event at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. The event is sponsored by the Legion of Mary and Knights of Columbus.

Right to Life Fundraiser

Oct. 10 – A Sioux Falls Area Right to Life fundraiser will be held from 5-8 p.m. at Piz-za Ranch on 41st Street in Sioux Falls. Join us for a meal or call in your order (605-271-8646) and mention Sioux Falls Area Right to Life. Proceeds from the event will help provide pro-life educational materials while helping women and children. For additional information, call 605-743-0777.

American Heritage Girls Craft Fair

Oct. 22 – St. Lambert Parish in Sioux Falls is hosting the American Heritage Girls craft fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is free and food concessions will be available.

Catholic United Financial free event

Oct. 22 – Catholic United Financial is offering a free event at John Paul II Elementary in Mitchell from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate our Catholic heritage, exercise our common unity through recognizing our volunteerism and learn about topics that impact us daily: faith, finances and service. The keynote speaker will be Kelly Wahlquist speaking on “Gather, Nurture, Send: A Systematic Approach to Formation with an Organic Twist.” In this talk, we examine how we can be an attractive invitation to others to encounter Christ by how we live our faith with renewed confidence, conviction and hope.

Search for Christian Maturity Retreat

Nov. 4-6 – Registration is now open for the November retreat at Holy Spirit Church, Sioux Falls. Search is a student-led Catholic retreat. The weekend features talks, skits, music and opportunities to encounter Christ in the sacraments. All high school and college-age students and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact us by phone 605-371-1478 or by email SiouxFallsSearch@gmail.com. Visit the Search website for more information and to register! www.siouxfallssearch.org

Mass for those who have lost an infant

Nov. 12 – St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls will be celebrating Mass for those who have lost an infant at 10 a.m.

Pray at Minnehaha County Courthouse with the Jericho Wall group

Tuesdays – In Joshua 1:14 fighting-age men are called to go to Jericho’s wall to fight for the women and children. Today we are called to step out for our faith. Men are meeting on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at the Minnehaha County Courthouse to pray the rosary for our women and children. We are asking for men to join us. If you have questions, call Paul at 605-201-5428. Women are welcome.

Help for parents who have lost a newborn or pre-born child

If you’ve lost a child due to miscarriage, still birth or shortly after birth, The Angel Lee Cronen Memorial Fund is available to assist you in dealing with your loss by helping you secure a proper burial for your child. Most parents don’t know what to do when faced with this situation and are often unable to pay for the services involved. This fund exists to help during this difficult time. For more information, contact Deacon Bill Radio at 605-336-7390 or dcnwilliamradio@sfcatholic.org.

Traditional Latin Mass available

The Traditional Latin Mass, or the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, is offered every Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. Dominic Parish in Canton. The Latin Mass is also offered on most holy days of obligation and principal feasts of the Church year at 7:30 p.m. St. Dominic Church is located at 800 E. Walnut St. For more information, please call 605-764-5640 or email Father Lawrence at frmartinlawrence@sfcatholic.org.

Sacred Heart Monastery

Oct. 7 – Online Lectio Divina at 10 a.m., Fridays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Meet online for *Lectio Divina*, a time for praying with the Gospel of the following Sunday. To register any time, contact group leader, Sr. Penny Bingham, OSB at pbingham@yanktonbeneditines.org or 605-668-6023. Include your email address.

Oct. 15 – Monthly Contemplative Mornings. Meeting on the third Saturday of the month, from 9-11:15 a.m. Contact Sr. Doris at 605-668-6022 or doberembt@yanktonbeneditines.org or visit yanktonbeneditines.org/retreats-contemplative-mornings.

Supervision for active spiritual directors – Please contact Sr. Jeanne Ranek at jeanne.ranek@yanktonbeneditines.org for more information.

Parish Dinners

Oct. 9 – St. Boniface, Idylwilde, annual fall supper. Serving 4-7 p.m. Menu includes broasted chicken, cheesy hash brown potatoes, corn, salads, dessert and pies. Adults \$13, children ages 5-12 \$7, ages 4 and under are free.

Oct. 17 – St. Peter the Apostle, Platte, annual fall bazaar. Serving from 5-8 p.m. at Platte Community Center on Main Street. Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, sides, pies. Bingo, raffle, country store, cake walk and various games for kids.

Oct. 30 – St. George, Hartford, annual fall dinner. Serving 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Menu includes roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Country store and raffle.

Oct. 30 – St. Joseph the Workman, Huntimer, annual soup and pie supper at Taopi Hall in Colton. Serving 3:30-6:30 p.m. Bake sale and country store.

The Lourdes Center

A God Who Knocks – The Lourdes Center will be offering a four-week series entitled *A God Who Knocks* beginning Tuesday, Nov. 1 and concluding Nov. 22. The program will run from 6-8 p.m. The series unpacks the process of healing emotional wounds and invites participants into greater freedom. For more information, visit thelourdescenter.com or contact tlc@sfcatholic.org.

Grief Retreat – The Lourdes Center will be offering a grief retreat at St. Ben’s Catholic Church in Yankton on Nov. 14 from 6:30-9 p.m. This retreat is for any adult who has lost a loved one through death. There will be a presentation, activity, small group discussions and adoration in the church at the conclusion of the evening. To register, please contact Tara Arens at sacredheart@yanktoncatholic.org or call 605-665-3655.

Holiday Grief Program – The Lourdes Center is honored to host: “He is Stable” - A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace on Dec. 6 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Sioux Falls. The evening will include presentations from individuals who have experienced grief, along with a beautiful candle lighting ceremony. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate to follow! Register by calling 605-988-3775 or emailing tlc@sfcatholic.org.



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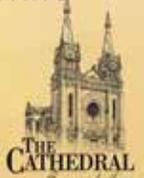
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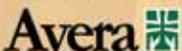
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