



THE Cathedral Courier

Weekly Bulletin for the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia

2 November 2025



Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

ALL SOULS' DAY • BOUGUEREAU • 1859

HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

7:30 AM
10:30 AM

SATURDAY

9:00 AM
6:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

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Please notify the parish of address changes.

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

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*Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community.
We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese,
and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.*

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Friday: 11:00 am to 11:45 am
Saturday: 11:00 am to 12 Noon

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with the priest as well as the necessary preparation.

Marriage

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make an appointment with the priest.

Holy Orders

If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, or religious brother or sister, please contact Fr. John Soplinski, the Diocesan Director of Vocations at jsoplinski@dwc.org or (304) 233-4121.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill or who are preparing for surgery should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.



Visit the Sacraments page at www.saintjosephcathedral.com for more information.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Our Sunday Masses are live-streamed and archived for later viewing at www.dwc.org/mass.
While this is a valuable resource for those unable to attend in person due to health or other serious reasons, please remember that live-streamed Masses are not a substitute for the in-person celebration.



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Masses & Schedule

November 2 - 9, 2025

SUN 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed All Souls' Day

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Holy Father's Intentions
7:30 am Mass for the Celebrant's Intentions
9:00 am Book Club (*Cantina*)
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)
10:30 am Mass for All of the Faithful Departed
6:00 pm Sung Evening Prayer for the Faithful Departed

MON 3 Optional Memorial of St. Martin de Porres

12:05 pm Mass for + Diego & Vera Imbroscio
7:00 pm Infant of Prague Novena

TUE 4 Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo

12:05 pm Mass for + Elizabeth Wilson

WED 5 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for + Patty Ryan
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph

THU 6 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for + Champan/Owens Family
7:30 pm Catholics in Recovery (*St. Alphonsus*)

FRI 7 Weekday in Ordinary Time First Friday

11:00 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for + Chris Collinvitti
12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins
4:00 pm Holy Hour of Reparation & Benediction
6:00 pm Evening Prayer for the Faithful Departed

SAT 8 Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass for + James Evangelist
11:00 am Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for + William Lestini

SUN 9 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)
10:30 am Mass for + Joseph & Josephine Turziano

The Rosary is prayed Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. and on Saturday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us as we pray especially for an increase in vocations in our diocese.

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Today, the Church invites us to pray in a special way for all our beloved dead as we observe All Souls' Day. We remember that death is not the end, but the passage to eternal life. Yet, many souls are still in need of our prayers, that they may be purified and come fully into the joy of heaven. Let us especially remember those who have no one to pray for them. Our prayers, our sacrifices, and the Holy Mass offered for the dead are great acts of love and mercy.

This Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., we will celebrate a special Evening Prayer for the Faithful Departed here at the Cathedral. During this liturgy, we will pray by name for our parishioners who have died over the past year. I encourage you to join us for this solemn and beautiful time of prayer as we commend them to God's loving care and renew our hope in the Resurrection.

This Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate the conclusion of our annual Infant of Prague Novena. These past nine Mondays have been a true blessing. Thank you to everyone who came to pray. To mark the closing evening, we will welcome Bishop William Walter-scheid of Pittsburgh as the celebrant and homilist. I warmly invite you to join us as we finish this Novena with devotion and thanksgiving, asking the Lord to bless our parish and all who carry heavy burdens in their hearts.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. And may Christ our Risen Lord comfort us with the promise of eternal life.

In Christ,
Father Pen

Attention Readers: New Workbooks

The new Workbook for Lectors, which begins with the First Sunday of Advent on November 30, is now available in the Cathedral Sacristy. Please stop by before or after Mass to pick up your copy and use it as a helpful resource in your preparation.



EVENING PRAYER *for the Faithful Departed*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
6:00 PM

Featuring music by
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•
THE VOICES OF FREEDOM
OF WHEELING PARK HIGH SCHOOL

*Join us for this special evening of prayer and music as we remember
our beloved deceased family members, friends, and parishioners.*

New Ministry!

We invite the men of our parish to consider serving in a new volunteer "greeter support" ministry before Masses.

To ensure that those arriving at church are welcomed into an atmosphere of peace and safety, the volunteer would assist the greeters in the event of any confusion or discord. On the rare occasion that the greeters need assistance, the volunteer would be expected, with support from the parish staff, to respond to the situation at hand.

Along with the greeters, the volunteer would need to be visible in the narthex of the church approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Once Mass begins, the volunteer would go to your seat as usual.

One volunteer is required for the Saturday 6pm Mass and one for the 10:30 am Mass, in addition to special Masses (e.g. Holy Days of Obligation, Easter Vigil, etc.). A rotation of volunteers would be assigned to the Mass that each volunteer attends on a regular basis.

If you feel called to this ministry and would like more information, please contact Tyler Greenwood at tgreenwood@dwc.org or by calling the parish office at 304-233-4121.

ANNUAL NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Hope Does Not Disappoint



Week 9 - November 3
"Renewed Hope in Christ
and His Church"

Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid
Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh

Nine Consecutive Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

- November 2** - Evening Prayer for the Faithful Departed, 7pm
- November 4** - St. Gianna Pro-Life, 6pm at St. Alphonsus
- November 5** - Finance Council Meeting, 5pm
- November 7** - First Friday Adoration, 12:45pm-5pm
- November 24** - Mass of Gratitude, 12:05pm
- November 27** - Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9am
- November 30** - First Sunday of Advent
- November 30** - Thanksgiving Potluck, following 10:30am

Kids Winter Wear Drive

The annual Kids Winter Wear Drive (formerly Coats for Kids) runs now through November 8. We are collecting new or gently worn coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for Youth Services Systems (YSS). Please place donations in the bin at the back of the Cathedral. This drive is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 504. Thank you for your generous support!

Cathedral of St. Joseph
THANKSGIVING
Potluck
NOVEMBER 30
Following 10:30 Mass in the
Great Hall at Wheeling Central.
LAST NAMES A-H
SALADS
LAST NAMES I-Q
SIDE DISHES
LAST NAMES R-Z
DESSERTS
Please bring
non-perishable
food items
for our
FOOD DRIVE!

Upcoming Second Collections

This Weekend: Cathedral Maintenance Fund, which goes to help repair and maintain our Cathedral Church

Next Weekend: Archdiocese for Military Services, which provides pastoral care to Catholics serving in the military

COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

October 26, 2025

Envelopes: \$1487 • Loose: \$1615 • Online: \$791 • Total: \$3893

Attendance: 261

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of November 2

THIS SUNDAY

Wisdom 3:1-9
 Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
 Romans 5:5-11
 John 6:37-40

MONDAY

Romans 11:29-36
 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36
 Luke 14:12-14

TUESDAY

Romans 12:5-16
 Ps 131:1, 2, 3
 Luke 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY

Romans 13:8-10
 Ps 112:1-2, 4-5, 9
 Luke 14:25-33

THURSDAY

Romans 14:7-12
 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
 Luke 15:1-10

FRIDAY

Romans 15:14-21
 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
 Luke 16:1-8

SATURDAY

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
 Luke 16:9-15

NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17
 John 2:13-22

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Remembering the Faithful Departed

Praying with Love, Trust, and Hope

As November begins, the Church invites us to turn our hearts toward the faithful departed, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. On All Souls' Day and throughout this month, we remember them in a particular way, praying that they may be purified and welcomed into the fullness of God's presence. This is not a mere act of sentiment or nostalgia. It is a profound expression of what we profess every time we pray the Creed: we believe in the Communion of Saints, a bond of love that even death cannot break.

The Church's teaching on purgatory flows from this truth. Purgatory is not a place of fear, but of hope. It is the final stage of the soul's journey into the blazing fire of God's love. When we die, if we are still in need of purification, God in His mercy completes in us what His grace began during our lifetime. The Catechism teaches that this purification is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. It is the loving work of a God who desires that nothing remains in us that is not love. In this sense, purgatory is a gift, a mercy, a doorway to perfect joy.

Because we are united in Christ, we can assist the souls in purgatory by our prayers, sacrifices, and the offering of the Holy Mass. Just as we pray for one another in this life, so too we pray for those who have passed beyond our sight. St. John Chrysostom urged Christians not to hesitate to help the departed through prayer, for "it brings them great consolation and relief." Our love matters. Our prayers have power.

This month is a reminder that Christian love never ends at the graveside. To pray for the dead is to entrust them to God's tender care, to ask Him to bring them peace, and to remain united to them in charity. It is also a reminder of our own destiny. One day, we too will stand before Christ, who is both our judge and our savior.

As we pray for our beloved dead, we do so with hope. Christ has conquered death. The grave is not the final word. May our prayers this month be an act of love that draws us closer to God and closer to one another, until we are reunited in the joy of His kingdom.

We prayerfully remember the beloved deceased members of our parish family who died this past year and we entrust them to the loving mercy of God:

Mary Adams	Thomas Gompers	Patricia Ryan
Anne Marie DiCocco	Elizabeth "Beth" Jochum	Thomas Joseph Schmitt
Joanne Driscoll	Mary Ginger Kabala	Doris Jean Schultz
Thomas Galinski	Phyllis Link	Terry Lee Sheets
Olga Gilligan	James Robert Purpura	Anna Marie Williams

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Book of Remembrance

The Church invites us in a special way during the month of November to remember the faithful departed and commend them to the mercy of God. Our Book of Remembrance will be placed near the side Altar of St. Joseph throughout the month. You are encouraged to inscribe the names of family members and friends who have died this past year, so that we may remember them in prayer.

In Memoriam

During the weekends of November, we will prayerfully remember deceased family members and friends of our parish family by reading their names before Mass. If you would like to add the name of a loved one who has died within the past twelve years, please email the name to cathedraloffice@dwc.org. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

GROUPS & MINISTRIES



SONS of SAINT JOSEPH

We invite all men in the community to join us in building authentic friendships with Christ and each other so that we can walk together in becoming the men He has called us to be.

**Service: Collection for Life Hub
Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

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Sisters in Grace

Next gathering TBA

We are a fellowship of women who grow together in faith through prayer and friendship.



Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m. | Rectory

Our book club provides a unique opportunity for parishioners to come together and explore the richness of Catholic literature and spiritual writings.



St. Monica Prayer Group

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus

Join the St. Monica Prayer Group as we unite in prayer for loved ones who have wandered from the Faith.

Stewardship Reflection

On All Souls' Day, the Church calls us to pray for all the faithful departed, especially those in need of God's mercy. As Christian stewards, we are reminded that our love and care extend beyond this life. Offering prayers, sacrifices, and Masses for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy and an expression of our hope in the resurrection. In this month of remembrance, may we honor our bond with those who have gone before us by lifting them up in prayer and trusting in the promise of eternal life.

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Help us create a culture of life in Wheeling!



Donate to our new mobile baby pantry:

St. Gianna's Goods on the Go!
For info, call Amy at (304) 312-9051 or Jennie at (304) 281-1349

Join us at our next meeting:
Tuesday, Nov. 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus fellowship hall (church basement)
Pro-life rosary in the church at 6:00 p.m.

Catholics in Recovery

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. | St. Alphonsus Hall

This program offers support for those facing addictions and unhealthy attachments - including alcohol, drugs, pornography, relationships, food, gambling, and anxiety. Come for yourself or someone you love who is struggling. *For more information, please e-mail Fr. John Soplinski at jsoplinski@dwc.org or call the parish office at 304-233-4121.*

Seniors Group

If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you!
Stay tuned for our next gathering.



Rosary Altar Society

Saturday, December 6 after 9am Mass & Rosary

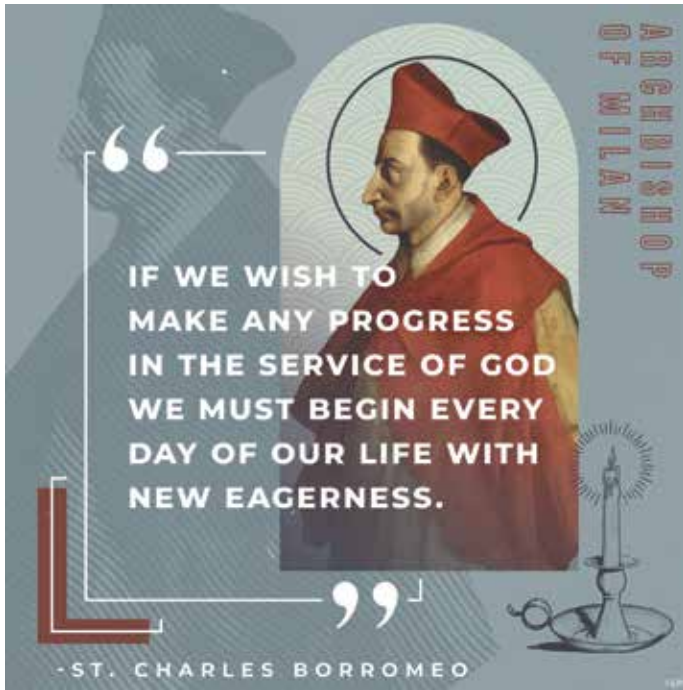
We foster devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer, care for the altar and sanctuary, and service to the Cathedral family.



November 8/9 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
Saturday 6:00 pm	Lee B. Deirdre B.	Martin I.	Charla F. Br. John B.	Patti D. Judy M.
Sunday 7:30 am	Paul R. Debbie R.	Sarah M. Taora M.	Julia S. Mark B.	Julia S. Philippa S.
Sunday 10:30 am	Sarah C. Diane F.	Martin I. The Brown Family	Rose Marie C. Robert B.	Diane F. Cathy L.
Collection Counters for this Week		Cathy L., Catherine L., Libby B.		

LIVING OUR FAITH



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584)

Feast Day: November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo was a cardinal and Archbishop of Milan who led a major renewal of the Church during the Counter-Reformation. Born into a noble family in Italy, he was appointed a cardinal while still young and played a key role in the final sessions of the Council of Trent, helping to shape important reforms in Church teaching and discipline.



As Archbishop, Charles was known for his pastoral zeal. He established seminaries to properly form priests, visited parishes regularly, cared for the poor, and worked tirelessly during a devastating plague, ministering to the sick even at great personal risk.

A model of holiness for bishops and pastors, Charles devoted his life to prayer, charity, and the service of God's people.

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Cathedral parish office at 304-233-4121 or email jmanning@dwc.org. Our OCIA classes have just begun, but we are still welcoming new candidates.



Month of the Holy Souls

"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins," we read in 2 Maccabees (12:45–46; cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 958). Praying for the deceased is a cherished tenet of our faith, rooted in our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communion of saints. "Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession" (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 6). Trusting in God's mercy, we continue to pray for them, knowing this spiritual bond is never broken. In November, as we celebrate All Souls, we remember in a special way all who have died — those known to us, and those known only to God.

Ways to Honor the Holy Souls

- Visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased
- Pray for the souls in purgatory with St. Gertrude's Prayer
- Perform acts of charity and sacrifices for the holy souls

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

November: For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Eternal Father, in your boundless mercy, look kindly upon all our faithful departed: our family members, friends, and all whom we have known and loved. Remember also the souls of bishops, priests, deacons, and religious who have served your Church with faith and devotion. In your compassion, gather to yourself those who have no one to pray for them, that they may not be forgotten before your throne. Forgive their sins, heal their wounds, and bring them into the light of your presence. May they rest in the peace of Christ, and may we one day be reunited with them in the joy of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

Blanche Kirkland	Laine Castello	Pete Cuffaro
Cheryl Garrison	Maria Workman	Susan Ackerman
Crystal Vines	Marsha Bartlett	Our Homebound Parishioners
Joe Bechtel	Millie Kirkpatrick	
Joyce Hehr	Pat Edmon	

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PARISH EVENT

Scott Hahn in Wheeling, WV

The Catholic Church: Family of God, Body of Christ

Study Scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars.

St. Michael Parish
1225 National Road
Wheeling, WV 26003
Thursday November 13
7:00 PM



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Resurrection of the Dead

Question:

What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer:

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe "in the resurrection of the body." Does that mean Christ's resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus' resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it's also a sign of what's to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It's an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus' resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don't really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND



Our beautiful Cathedral, rich in history and faith, needs essential repairs to preserve it for generations to come. Please consider making a donation. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

**So far we have received
\$43,414 in donations.
Thank you for your support!**

Leave a Legacy Gift

Do you hold the Cathedral close to your heart? Including it in your will or estate plan is a meaningful way to ensure our faith and ministry continue for generations.

You can:

- Name the Cathedral as a beneficiary on an account
- Leave a specific gift in your Will or Trust
- Designate a percentage of your estate

Wording for bequests: "Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of Wheeling-Charleston, for the use and benefit of the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, WV, for the Cathedral."

Thank you for considering this lasting gift of faith!

If you have a question you'd like answered, please email tgreenwood@dwc.org.



Seminarians from Denver gather for a time of fellowship and fraternity.

Mon. Massell

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK



ENCOUNTERING JESUS SERRA CLUBS LAUNCH 'ADORE' TO LINK ADORATION & VOCATIONS

“We hear a lot about holy hours, but many people feel they don’t have an hour, or even a half-hour,” said Margo Geddie, the president-elect of Serra International, the Church’s official apostolate to promote vocations. “We feel it’s important to encourage people to spend any amount of time—even just ten minutes—visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I know for me, it’s been life-changing.”



Why did Serra undertake this project? “It’s really pretty simple,” said Margo, “For years we’ve seen the link between vocations and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Go to any youth conference, and you can see the enthusiasm, the incredible graces being poured out during Adoration. And these are the same students who are answering the call, entering seminaries and convents.

So we thought if we can promote Adoration on the local level, we’re also promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.”

Of course, “making a visit” has long been a traditional devotion for Catholics, young and old alike. “We also want to encourage older people to say a quick prayer for vocations whenever they’re in the chapel,” said Margo. “Jesus told us we should beg for what we need—and every Catholic knows we need more sisters and priests.”

ADVICE TO SEMINARIANS

“Do not think of yourselves as alone, nor by yourselves,” said Pope Leo to seminarians in Rome this summer. He quoted a Church document on priestly formation, saying, “Each one of you is the protagonist of his own formation... but protagonist does not mean *soloist!* Therefore, I invite you always to cultivate communion, first of all with your seminary companions... Finally, the most important thing: keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, cultivating the relationship of friendship with Him.”

Gabriel Spence





DISCERNMENT MEN DISCERN ON 'THE WAY'

If you've seen Martin Sheen's movie "The Way," you know that many pilgrims who walk Spain's famous Camino begin with a certain goal in mind, but end up receiving far more than they ever imagined.

That was the idea behind the "Discernment Camino" led by Fr. George Sears, the Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of New York. He and a brother priest led four seminarians and nine young men on a 14-day trek across the Spanish countryside, ending at Santiago de Compostela.

"It was an absolutely amazing experience," said Fr. Sears. "Every one of the men built camaraderie and grew closer to the Lord. And at least two of them are excited about applying to seminary next year."

The archdiocese recently made headlines with their "Called by Name" campaign, which identified more than 800 faithful young men. While Fr. Sears can't accompany all of them on the Camino, his Vocation Team has a solid plan to help them begin their own journey to discern God's call.



A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

For centuries, amidst the dark tragedy of war, Catholic priests have brought the consoling light of Christ to both soldiers and civilians. The Army's new *Sacred Call* digital comic celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Chaplain Corp, featuring the stories of brave priests

such as Fr. Charles Watters, Fr. Francis Duffy, and Fr. Emil Kapaun, now a Servant of God on the way to sainthood.



Free digital download at army.mil



MESSAGE TO YOUTH JESUS CALLS YOU TO GREATNESS

"It is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society."

~Pope Saint John Paul II, *World Youth Day, 2000*

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