



Dear Friends,

Last October, the Pope opened the new synod, our collective “journey together” to become a Church of communion, participation, and mission. Here at the Center, we have been operating for several years in this synodal approach of listening, discerning, and collaborating with those of you who are members of various teams.

The dialogue and work of each these teams bears fruit in different kinds of programming we offer:

- The Kenny Faith and Life presentations are opportunities to reflect on and dialogue with others about topics of spirituality, Catholic social teaching, Church history, and ecumenical understanding.
- Our Encore programs feature guest presenters who explore spirituality and wisdom in the second half of life, providing monthly opportunities for community study, dialogue, prayer, and fellowship.
- Three leadership formation institutes – for young adults, for Bible study leaders, and for Hispanic ministry – foster personal growth in knowledge and skills for making a difference for good in the world.
- Our annual signature events, such as the Gallagher Talk or the ecumenical advent Evening in December, gather people from throughout the community and beyond to pray together, to listen to dynamic speakers, and to share the hope they have found in this way of life.
- Through our newest initiative in digital ministry, we will be posting a Lenten series of five short, shareable videos that connect the hopes and hungers of people today with the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday.

Behind the quality and caliber of each of these programs, there is the passion and dedication of the teams who plan, implement, and evaluate what is offered. Some of the teams meet quarterly and others monthly in partnership with the Paulist Fathers and staff at the Center. Thank you to each of you who serve on one of these teams.

And thank you to those of you in partnership in the Center’s programs for your continued prayerful and financial support. If you saw yourself as a member of one of these teams, I would love to explore the possibilities with you of how your gifts of time and talent can become part of the journeying together here at the Catholic Information Center.

Peace and all good,



Mark Mann  
Director of Programming and Institutes

## *Pray for :*

Margaret Adams  
David Benson  
Fred Bivins  
Malek Brouri  
Bruyns Family  
Carmela Colucci  
+Mary Creswell  
D’Amico Family  
+Robert A. Dodde  
+Edward Good  
Catie Heynen  
Lois Janderno  
+Karen Lewis  
Stephen Mathew  
McGary Family  
Barb Mekless  
Herlinda Paiz  
+Joyce Shaffer  
Kirsten Skope  
Sharon Spindler  
Welton Family  
Workman Family

February Mass for  
CIC Intentions:  
Sunday, February 13  
5:30 p.m. at the  
Cathedral

*Please include your  
prayer intentions with  
your green envelope or  
email them to  
cicoffice@catholic  
informationcenter.org*

# Upcoming Programs

**Married and Still Engaged**  
Tuesday, February 8,  
7-8:30 p.m. EST  
Presented by Dr. James Healy  
Join us in person or online



It takes three types of intimacy for a marriage to flourish. In down to earth and humorous language, Dr. Healy will show how to live out these marriage vows more fully and completely. Registration required.

**James Healy, Ph.D.** was the director of the Office of Family Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, IL for 30 years. He also served as an advisor to the USCCB committee on Marriage and the Family.

**Growing in Age, Wisdom, & Grace: Three Paulists in the Third Third of Life**  
Tuesday, February 15,  
10-11:30 a.m. EST



Facilitated by Fr. Mike Cruickshank, CSP  
Join us in person or online

Join Father Mike Cruickshank CSP for a panel discussion with senior Paulist Fathers about the aspects of aging and ministry. Garner insights about the importance of community, the reality of loss, and growing in wisdom. Panelists are Father Bill Edens CSP, Father Charlie Brunick CSP, and Father Joachim Lally CSP. Registration required.

**Life in Abundance: The Journey of Conversion**  
Wednesday, February 16,  
7-8:30 p.m. EST  
Presented by Dr. Patricia Cooney Hathaway  
Join us in person or online



Explore the journey of conversion as falling in love with God. This journey takes place on all levels of our being: religious, moral, and intellectual.

**Dr. Patricia Cooney Hathaway**, professor of Spirituality and Systematic Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

**Invitation to Stillness**  
Tuesday, February 22, 7-8:30 p.m. EST  
Facilitated by Molly Keating  
Join us in person or online

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God this Lenten season? Consider this your invitation to sense the divine through stillness. Explore a method of going beyond the distractions of life to create a practice of listening to the inner Spirit. Registration required.

Spiritual director **Molly Keating** is a presenter and facilitator of Centering Prayer and is the former coordinator of Contemplative Outreach of West Michigan.

To find out more information  
& register for classes please visit:  
[www.catholicinformationcenter.org](http://www.catholicinformationcenter.org)

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Because of your generosity, many of our programs remain free and donation based.

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*Thank you!*



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# Annual Paulist Appeal

Each year, around the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Paulist priests in Grand Rapids come to you to ask for your support of the Annual Appeal.

Unlike the recent capital campaign, which advanced and shored up the future for the Paulists, the annual appeal is what supports the Paulists' day to day budget. Your annual gift provides funds for:

- Publicity and outreach to those who are discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life
- Education and formation of the Paulist seminarians and novices
- Care of senior Paulist Fathers, such as Fathers Joachim Lally, Charlie Brunick, Bob Cary, and John Geaney (Fr. G)
- Busted Halo, their powerhouse media ministry, and Landings International, their dynamic ministry to Catholics returning to the Church

To find out more and make a donation visit: [Paulist.org/donate](http://Paulist.org/donate) or feel free to send a gift to the CIC directly.

## Friendship Corner

### Three questions with Encore Team member Marlene Fabbro

**What is your history with the CIC?** I began going to classes at the CIC in the 1980's. I have a thirst for knowledge and have found every program to be informative and interesting.

**What are some of your experiences with being a member of the Encore planning team?** I have enjoyed being a part of this group, especially since I have known the other members for many years. The first group meeting we had was so inspirational, all the team members understood the needs of the Catholics 55+ and came up very quickly with topics and presenters that would be beneficial.

**What has been your favorite Encore program and why?** I have really enjoyed both presentations by Glenys Nellist. She is such a gifted writer who engages her audience with her personal stories. My favorite Encore programs were two with Father Cary where we visited local churches and talked about their architecture and history.