

Catholic Information Center

Friends of the Center June 2022 Newsletter

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Dear friends of the CIC,

Pope Francis once said that “the home represents the most precious human treasures, that of encounter, that of relations among people, different in age, culture and history, but who together help each other to grow.” Home is what comes to mind when I reflect on my six years here in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

I think of many of you whom I have gotten to know through those special moments we have shared at classes, presentations, and events at the Catholic Information Center. I think of the various pastoral visits in

my office or in your home, at the hospitals, funeral homes, and all other places where I was blessed by your presence and each encounter. I think of the ministries we’ve served together, the meals we’ve had, the drinks we’ve shared, the hearty laughs and the tears we’ve shed. All I can think of saying is, ¡Gracias! Thanks for radiating the joy of Christ in my life.

I am grateful that you have made the Catholic Information Center a home where so many of us have deposited personal stories of how God accompanies us through the joys, sorrows, disappointments, and surprises in life. I pray we continue experiencing the Center as a home of encounter where we are impacted by the greatest story ever told—the Good News of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

The Catholic Information Center has offered me a profound sense of purpose and belonging! As I end my pastoral assignment in this place I call home, I encourage you to invite others to experience our center of evangelization at the intersection of faith and life.

I ask for your prayers for me and the Paulists as I transition into my new assignment as the 20th President/Superior General of the Missionary Society. If you ever visit New York please stop by the Church of Saint Paul the Apostle in Manhattan, which will be my spiritual home for the next four years.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your love ones, I remain:

Ever grateful,

Very Rev. René I. Constanza, CSP
Executive Director of the Catholic Information Center
and Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew

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Pray for :

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+Oonagh Johnson
+Eugene Klein
+Thomas LaPonsie
Ethellynne Niewiek
Norine Simmons

The families and staff
of Robb Elementary
School in Uvalde TX

June Mass for CIC
Intentions:
Sunday, June 12
5:30 p.m. at the
Cathedral

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

Upcoming Programs

A Mystery to be Believed

Thursday, June 9

Presented by Sr. Mary Kay Oosdyke, OP

Attend in-person or online

Pre-registration required

This month, on Corpus Christi Sunday, dioceses across the U.S. will celebrate the beginning of the National Eucharistic Revival – a three-year grass roots movement culminating in a National Eucharistic Congress.

On Thursday, June 9, Sister Mary Kay Oosdyke OP, PhD will be making two presentations on the theme, “A Mystery to be Believed.”



Thursday morning,

10-11:30 a.m. Sister Oosdyke will reflect on the mystery of the Eucharist for those in the second half of life. Throughout

Christ's journey on earth, he nourished his followers, with bread, wine, and fish. Christ continues to accompany, sustain, and nourish us in multiple ways in our life journey toward our eternal life. Following the presentation, attendees enjoy continued conversation on the theme. Lunch provided. This presentation is part of the Encore series, sharing faith and wisdom after 55.

Thursday evening, 7-8:30 p.m.

Sister Oosdyke will reflect on the many ways the Lord accompanies us, but none as profound as when we encounter him in the Eucharist. Eucharist provides us with a most intimate, meaningful, and transformative encounter with our God in Christ Jesus.



Both presentations are open to the public. Pre-registration is required. A free will donation is requested at the time of registration.

Sister Mary Kay Oosdyke, OP, PhD is a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids currently involved in adult faith education and spiritual formation, after years of teaching theology and ministry in colleges and seminaries. She also served as director of Dominican Associates Formation for her congregation. The Dominican Order's mission is to seek (through serious study and consistent prayer), to teach and to preach Truth, encompassing Jesus Christ and all created reality, for the glory of God and the salvation of the world.

To register, visit catholicinformationcenter.org or call (616) 459-7267.

For more information on the U.S. Catholic Bishops' National Eucharistic Revival, visit eucharisticrevival.org.

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Thank you!

Congratulations! ¡ Felicidades!

Saturday, June 25, Bishop Walkowiak will celebrate Mass with those completing the Leadership Formation Institute for Hispanic Ministry. Eighty-six leaders from 12 parishes participated in this year's Level 1 program.

Attendees, together with their families and friends, will gather at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew at 10 a.m., followed by a recognition ceremony and reception at Cathedral Square.

Congratulations to all those who successfully completed the requirements of the institute. May God bless you in your ministry.

The Leadership Formation Institute for Hispanic Ministry is a collaboration of the



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Catholic Information Center and the Office of Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

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