



Dear friends of the CIC,

First of all, I want to express how excited and delighted I am to be here in Grand Rapids as the new Director of the Catholic Information Center as well as pastor/rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew parish.

For those who don't know me already, I grew up in northern California and studied Political Science and American Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, where I first met the Paulist Fathers. I joined the Paulists in 2004 and was ordained a priest in 2011. My

first assignment was Associate Pastor at Saint Paul the Apostle parish in Los Angeles. From there, I moved to Newman Hall - Holy Spirit Parish in Berkeley, CA, as Associate Pastor and Campus Minister. From 2016 until this year, I have served as the Paulist Father's Vocation Director based in New York City.

While summer is often a time of rest and recreation, it is also a time of transition for many of us Paulists. Although changes can be difficult and challenging, we know that with each change comes new hopes and possibilities. With every ending, there is a beginning. As one moment ends and another begins, we trust that God is with us not only in our beginnings and in our endings but in every moment in-between. In a sense, new beginnings are God's way to renew us - bringing us fresh perspectives, learning, and growth. I am eagerly looking forward to the as-yet-unknown experiences I will have here in Grand Rapids and to the many opportunities my new position will offer me in our common mission.

This month, the Catholic Information Center celebrates 75 years of Paulist mission and ministry in Grand Rapids. I invite you to join us for Mass on July 10 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew followed by a reception. This will be the first of three events for us to connect with friends from past and present. I hope to meet and get to know as many of you as possible and to continue the great tradition of Paulist ministry here in West Michigan.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity in making possible the ministry of the Catholic Information Center and the mission of the Paulist Fathers to Give the Word a Voice.

In Christ,

Very Rev. Dat Tran, CSP
Executive Director of the Catholic Information Center
and Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew

Pray for :

**Kona Akase
Ruth Joan Brown
+Jan Donovan
Donovan Family
Anna Daukusts
Fr. John Geaney
Hannah family
Roy Hein
Jim Heynen
Taylor Family
Jeanne Tripens**

**July Mass for CIC
Intentions:
Sunday, July 10
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

Questions in our Hearts: A Catholic Response to Social Issues in our Time

Thursday, July 7, 7-8:30 p.m. EST

Presented by Zachary C. Turner, CSP, in-person
Join us in-person or online
Registration required



In the wake of the pandemic, recent concerns about mental health, economic stability, and gun violence can leave many feeling anxious and frustrated. What is an answer to our questions about these events and issues, to the questions of our hearts? Catholic Social Teaching provides vital insight into such issues but remains largely untapped. This presentation introduces some of the principles behind Catholic Social Teaching and how they can guide a response to these challenges.

Zachary C. Turner, CSP, Paulist seminarian, currently on summer assignment at the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

Revolutions of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story

Thursday, July 21, 7-8:30 p.m. EST

Presented by Fr. Paul Milanowski & Kate Villaire
Attend in-person
Registration required



Join us in viewing the movie "Revolutions of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story". The movie details Dorothy Day's journey from young journalist, to co-founding The Catholic Worker newspaper and "houses of hospitality," sheltering and feeding New York City's homeless during the Great Depression, emerges a portrait of a selfless woman who followed her heart to better the lives of those less fortunate. Afterwards learn and discuss in more detail her life and her cause for sainthood.

Father Paul Milanowski is a priest of the Diocese of Grand Rapids. He has had a lifelong interest in the Catholic Worker Movement. **Kate Villaire**, retired college professor, is a member of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

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Friendship Corner

Longtime friend of the CIC: Meredith LaPonsie

When did you get involved with the CIC? In 1993 I started going to the CIC on Ionia because my mom & I were looking for a church where I met the Paulist & the staff. I liked it right away. Over the years I took different liturgical ministry trainings, served on the liturgy committee, and took Little Rock Scripture Study.

What is a fond memory of the CIC and the Paulist Fathers? One of my favorite memories occurred during the 150th anniversary of the Paulist Fathers. The Paulist Fathers had anniversary shirts that you could order online. Whenever I would wear one, they got a kick out of it.

Tell us why you continue to volunteer with the CIC on the 75th Anniversary Team. As a Paulist Associate, I believe in the mission of the CIC which I have for years. I want to help promote this wonderful organization because I feel God called me too.