



Dear friends,

We start this month by entering the most special week of the year for us as Catholics. Holy Week is a week of traditions and transformations as we remember the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

It is a week of traditions. At Church, we wave palm branches, wash feet, and venerate the cross. At home, we place the palm branches, ready baskets of eggs, and prepare food for various family gatherings.

And it is a week of transformations. New members of the Church are baptized – dying to themselves in the waters of baptism and rising to their new life in Christ. Lenten practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving bear fruit in our spiritual lives in ways we may not have expected. And in the created world around us, we observe the transformation of the season.

This yearly pattern of tradition and transformation is grounded in the story of Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension – his paschal mystery. Our life in Christ is therefore always calling us to new ways of being, living, and believing.

Here at the Center, we are excited about the new and future ministries that are already emerging – such as the Digital Media Ministry and the Leadership Formation Institutes. We are exploring the possibilities of building and expanding on these efforts. For example, in digital media, we are exploring how to offer an online school of prayer and a school on Catholic social teaching. And by expanding the Leadership Formation Institutes, we are looking to translate and culturally adapt current programs, such as the Institute for Hispanic Ministry into English and the Institute on Biblical Studies into Spanish.

We know that any transformation is a process, one that takes time and prayer. It also takes planning. With this in mind, I am happy to announce that this Spring we are starting an initiative of prayer and renewal to plan future ministries at the Catholic Information Center. Using the synod process, we will be gathering with various people to pray, to listen, and to discern where Christ is leading us. We look forward to participating with you in this effort.

We are grateful for the partnership in the Gospel you have with us through your involvement and your prayerful financial support. Be assured of my prayers and the prayers of the Paulist Fathers and staff at the Center for you as we journey together into the new life.

In Peace,

*fr. Dat*

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

*Pray for :*

**Alonso Family  
Katie Bigelow  
Mary Close  
+ Mike Cote Jr.  
+ Geneva Jeffries  
Karen Ragauss  
Ruiz Family  
Joe Spedowski  
Douglas Stark**

**April Mass for CIC  
Intentions:  
Sunday, April 9  
5:30 p.m. at the  
Cathedral**

*Please include your prayer intentions with your green envelope or email them to [cicoffice@catholicinformationcenter.org](mailto:cicoffice@catholicinformationcenter.org)*

# Institutes

**Young Adult Leadership Institute**  
Tuesday's starting May 9  
6 - 8:30 p.m. EST



For adults in their 20s and 30s who are looking for meaningful opportunities to live out their faith and values at work, with their family and friends, and in the world.

**Learn** how your strengths can change the world.  
**Lead** with passion, purpose, and presence.  
**Leap** into where God is leading you.

**Leadership Institute for Biblical Studies**  
Orientation, Wednesday, May 17  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. EST



Designed to help Catholics take an intelligent and spiritual approach to the Bible, institute participants will deepen their love for sacred Scripture and deep understanding of a Catholic interpretation of the Bible.

Taught by Biblical scholars, the institute provides the necessary tools to study and pray with sacred Scripture as individuals and facilitate small group Bible study.

# Programs

**Season of the Spirit**  
Tuesday, April 18  
10-11:30 a.m. EST  
Attend on site or online



Catholics believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life. Who is the Spirit and how do we recognize the Holy Spirit in our daily living?

Presented by **Father Bill Edens, CSP**, associate pastor at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

**The Letter: A Message for Our Earth**  
Tuesday, April 25  
7-8:30 p.m. EST  
Attend on site or online



This documentary tells of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter *Laudato Si* with Pope Francis. The dialogue with the Pope offers insight into the life of Pope Francis' commitment to caring for our common home.

Hosted by **Mark Mann**, director of programs and institutes at the CIC.

Your gifts through the enclosed envelope make it possible for adults to learn, celebrate, live, and pray the Catholic Faith.

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## YOU ARE INVITED 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPRING CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF THE PAULIST FATHERS  
IN GRAND RAPIDS

MAY 5, 5:30 - 8 P.M.  
CATHEDRAL SQUARE

PLEASE RSVP BY PHONE OR  
ONLINE USING QR CODE



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## Friendship Corner

Celebrating 75 years with the  
Paulist Fathers in Grand Rapids

"I first encountered the Paulists when the Catholic Information Center was located on Ionia Street. I found the center to be a welcoming community where the liturgies were a little less formal and inviting, the homilies were more current and relative, and the overall atmosphere in the faith community was new and refreshing. The Paulist Fathers are a great community of priests that are willing to meet you where you are. They will step out and make their best effort to help you both understand and feel the truth about the Salvation that we all are entitled to, in the kingdom of God. The Paulists and the Catholic Information Center have had an impact on my spiritual journey in a many ways. Through their ministries, classes, and personal interactions, I have become more attuned and knowledgeable about the Catholic faith, the Scriptures, and my personal journey in faith.



- Joe Chiamonte longtime Friend of the CIC