



Dear Friends,

This month, summer officially starts. Already, semesters have ended, the last day of school is approaching, and vacation plans are being made. It's part of our annual routine. We study and work in fall, winter, and spring so we can take a break in summer.

We all need a break from our routine. God showed us that very clearly when he rested on the seventh day after creating the universe. He modeled it for us so that we

could do the same. It's how we stay healthy, rejuvenate, and recharge. But it's more than just a break between periods of labor. It's meant to bear a kind of fruit of its own.

Our summer plans can help us exercise another part of ourselves that we don't exercise enough the rest of the year. They can help us renew relationships, connect with our passions, and recreate.

We usually use the term recreation to describe leisure activities, but the word itself more literally means to create something again. We are called to be creative, even in our "down time."

I myself will be engaging in some recreation this summer. For most of June and July, I will be in Mexico City to study Spanish and immerse myself in the culture. It will be a break from my responsibilities at the Cathedral and CIC, but it will hardly be a boring time. My brain will need to create new pathways so that I can speak and understand in new ways, formulating new ways of communicating. It will be a time of true recreation.

I hope you have the same this summer. At the CIC, the Young Adult Leadership Institute begins again. This will be a time for young adults to think more creatively about how they view leadership and how they can exercise it.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi also occurs this month, when we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist - which nourishes us and enables our creativity. The feast day this year will be highlighted by the Diocese of Grand Rapids event, "Into the Mystery" on June 10. This event is part of the Eucharistic Revival, which lifts up for us the gift of Christ's body and blood.

Whatever your summer plans, I hope they are both restful and *re*-creational. May the Lord through you bring more peace and goodness into the world.

Blessings,

*Rev Mike Cruickshank, CSP*

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Associate Director of the Catholic Information Center  
and Associate Pastor of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew

## Pray for:

Fr. Charlie Brunick

+James Bryant

John Czachorski

Ana Doonan

Marge Gavigan

+Bernie Grzybek

+Matthew Hachee

Marvis Wayne Jarrett

Bill Martin

Misel Family

+Kathy Priest

Matthew Smith

Steelman Family

+Betty Lou Storey

Amy Z.

**May Mass for CIC  
Intentions:  
Sunday, June 11  
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)*



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*Friendship Corner*

Friend of the Center and Paulist Associate  
**Sue Ann Clark**

My memories with the Paulist Fathers are like a stone that gathers moss – beautiful and continuing to grow. Each memory elicits gratitude for the growth and understanding I have gained on my spiritual journey. In December 2022, I celebrated 27 years as a member of the Catholic church and twelve years now as a Paulist Associate embracing and hoping to live out the charisms of the Paulist Fathers.

When first I sat with Father Bob Pinkston in 1994, he asked what it was I was seeking from the Catholic Church. I told him that I had experienced a wide and varied exposure to Christian education but still found myself a seeker. I was looking for an environment that would respect my personal pilgrimage, respectful of its ecumenical nature while challenging me to grow in my relationship with Christ. He warmly responded with, “Sue Ann, I think you have come to the right place.” He was right.