

# Catholic Information Center

Friends of the Center · January 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

As we step into the new year, the Paulist Fathers and staff at the Center are filled with gratitude and the sense of promise.

Over the past year we began a process of prayer and renewal to chart the new ways the Holy Spirit is calling us to direct our ministry.

Grateful for what has been shared in the surveys and the listening sessions, we received a lot of practical feedback as well as affirmation for new direction. Some of the themes that surfaced so far are (1) equip leaders to share the Gospel message, (2) offer clarity of Church teaching for those who want to share their faith with others, (3) amplify voices of hope and bridge building, and (4) continue to be a welcoming presence.

In this next phase, we will be gathering feedback from parish and organizational leaders and then collating all the information into a working “vision” document. A representative body of friends of the Center together with the Paulist Fathers and staff will synthesize the document and prayerfully discern the new vision and direction for the Center, keeping with our key mission of sharing the joy of the Gospel.

We invite you to take these next steps with us through your prayers. It is the power of collective prayer that fortifies our endeavors and reminds us of the profound sense of communion in one faith that binds us together.

Equally transformative is your financial support. Your generosity allows the Catholic Information Center to continue to be a source of hope, knowledge, and inspiration for all who seek solace and spiritual growth.

Your dedication through both prayerful support and financial contributions are a beacon of light, guiding us in our mission to enrich and uplift the lives of those we serve by sharing the Good News.

As we embark on this new chapter, we look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, confident in the knowledge that your partnership will continue to be a measure of our success. Together, we are creating a lasting impact in the lives of many, fostering a sense of unity and purpose that transcends time.

May this new year bring you abundant blessings, and may your kindness continue to ripple through the lives of those touched by the mission and ministry of the Catholic Information Center.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Mark Mann

Director of Programming and Institutes

## Pray for:

Denise Czachorski  
Marlene Fabbro  
Jody Gaan  
Glenn Jarrell  
+Wayne Lehman  
+William Martin  
Christine Neitzel  
Cathie Reuter  
Sharon Schuster-Craig  
Darlene Truskowski  
+Megan Winegar  
+Joyce Wright

**January Mass for CIC**  
**Intentions:**  
**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
**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)*

# January Programs

**World Youth Day Wisdom:  
Faith Lessons from Lisbon**  
Thursday, Jan. 11  
10-11:30 a.m. EST

World Youth Day is a global event where millions of young people from different corners of the world come together to celebrate their faith. Hear from young adult pilgrims who attended World Youth Day in Lisbon as they share their personal experiences, the challenges, and the profound lessons they learned about faith during this extraordinary pilgrimage. This presentation is part of the 55 Plus Series, exploring spirituality and vitality in the second half of life.



**Creating Positive Change**  
Thursday, Jan. 11  
7-8:30 p.m. ET

There are unspoken rules about where to stand on an elevator, what to do when you sneeze, and how to respond when someone accidentally bumps into you. What are the rules to help make our world a better place? **Kevin McIntosh** from One America Movement will explore how we can shape positive norms in our home, church, and community to create positive change.



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# Upcoming Lenten Series

**Becoming a Eucharistic People**  
**Lenten Small Group Book Study**  
February 14 - March 23  
Participate On site or Online  
Find a time that works for you

Embark on a transformative journey this Lent with "Becoming a Eucharistic People" in our intimate book study. Starting on Feb. 14, diverse small groups will gather weekly, at various times, both in person and online, for facilitated conversations.

This insightful exploration delves into the essence of Eucharistic living, blending traditional teaching with contemporary insights. Renew your spirituality, foster a deeper connection to Jesus in the Eucharist and in community.

Join us for an enriching experience, uniting hearts in reflection and prayer. Together, let's embrace the Lenten season with open minds and open hearts, aspiring to become a more Eucharistic people.

For information about upcoming programs, including the Lenten Book Study visit [catholicinformationcenter.org](http://catholicinformationcenter.org) or call 616-459-7267



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# Becoming a Eucharistic People

**Friday, February 23**

Presented by Dr. Timothy O'Malley, Notre Dame  
Co-sponsored with the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and Basilica of Saint Adalbert  
In person or online | Registration required

