

DEAF MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2026



Summer has arrived!

May the warmth of summer remind us of the light of Christ, who shines in our hearts throughout every season.” ☀️ ✝️

NEED AN INTERPRETER?

Please use the link below to request an interpreter for a Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony (wedding), Anointing of the Sick, or a funeral. We serve DuPage, Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, Kendall, and Will counties.

Please make your request at least two weeks before the event.

www.catechesis.diojoliet.org/interpreter-request

If the link doesn't work, please email Vita Ayala.

vayala@dioceseofjoliet.org.

WALK WITH THE SAINTS IN THE SUMMER

Saint John the Baptist – His feast day is celebrated near the summer solstice, and he is often considered a symbol of the beginning of summer.

Saint Anne – Feast day July 26; many summer festivals and pilgrimages are held in her honor.

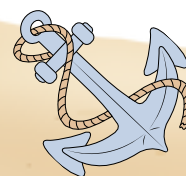
Saint James the Greater – Feast day July 25; patron of pilgrims, often honored during summer pilgrimages.

Saint Lawrence – Feast day August 10; associated with the Perseid meteor shower, sometimes called the "Tears of St. Lawrence."

For a summer reflection, many Catholics look to Saint John the Baptist because his feast falls at the start of summer and reminds us to prepare the way for Christ.

Summer Prayer

"Lord, as the warmth of summer surrounds us, help us grow in faith, hope, and love. Through the intercession of Saint John the Baptist, may we draw closer to You and share Your light with others. Amen."





Vita Ayala,
PASTORAL OUTREACH LEAD

DIOCESAN NEWS



One of my favorite feast days is that of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, celebrated on July 16th.

Our Lady has done so many wonderful things for us. Bringing the protection of the Brown Scapular to the faithful is ever awe-inspiring. Below are five facts about this divine gift from Mother Mary:

1. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's origins trace back to the 12th century in what is now present-day Israel.
2. The Brown Scapular presented to Saint Simon Stock in 1251 has a profound spiritual meaning as a symbol of Marian love and protection.
3. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Feast Day is linked to the day she appeared to St. Simon Stock and presented him with the Brown Scapular.
4. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is most commonly known as the patroness of the sea, sailors, and fishermen.
5. Her devotion is especially strong in Spain and Latin America as the Carmelite Order played a significant role in spreading the love for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

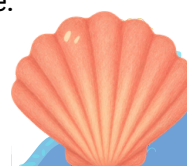
If you are interested in learning more about Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the Brown Scapular, the [Carmelite Spiritual Center](#) in Darien is a great place to start!



Five years ago, on the Feast of St. Rita of Cascia, I was blessed with the grace of being ordained to the priesthood—a day that continues to remind me of God's faithful call and the enduring power of hope. Looking back, I see how beautifully that special feast has shaped my ministry, especially in my work with the Deaf community. Serving Deaf people has been one of the greatest joys of my priesthood, as it has taught me that God's love is communicated not only through spoken words but also through compassionate presence, sign language, and genuine human connection. Every celebration of the Eucharist, every conversation, and every shared moment strengthens my conviction that the gifts and faith of Deaf individuals enrich the Church. St. Rita, known as the patron saint of impossible causes, inspires this mission because she demonstrated extraordinary perseverance, patience, and trust in God despite immense hardships. These same virtues encourage us to remove barriers that can isolate people, including those who are Deaf, and build communities where everyone can fully participate in the life of the Church. As I celebrate this fifth anniversary of my priestly ordination, I give thanks to God for the blessing of serving His people and pray, through the intercession of St. Rita, that I may continue to be an instrument of Christ's love, compassion, and inclusion for the Deaf community and for all whom I am called to serve.



Fr. John Maria Abulag,
CHAPLAIN





DEAF COMMUNITY NEWS

The Trinity of God



My name is Richard Kush. I enjoy watching Fr. Spitzer's Universe programs.

Many years ago, when I was young, I attended a group discussion and asked a priest to explain the meaning of the Holy Trinity—God as three Persons in one God. He lit a match and asked me, "What do you see in the flame?" I answered that I saw three characteristics: color, light, and heat. The priest said that this was a helpful way to think about the Trinity because we see three distinct qualities in one flame. That explanation stayed with me, and it made good sense.

Years later, I reflected further on the connection between a flame and the Holy Trinity. The light of the flame reminds me of Jesus Christ, who called Himself "the Light of the World." The color of the flame reminds me of God the Father, who created the world and all its beauty and colors. The heat of the flame reminds me of the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with the desire to love and serve God.

For me, the flame is a beautiful symbol that helps me reflect on the mystery of the Holy Trinity. At Mass, we see lighted candles burning near the altar, and they remind me of God's presence and the wonder of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

While no comparison can fully explain the mystery of the Trinity, this image of a flame has helped me appreciate and honor the Holy Trinity throughout my life.



JOLIET DEAF SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO GAMES

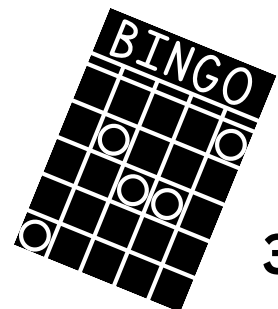
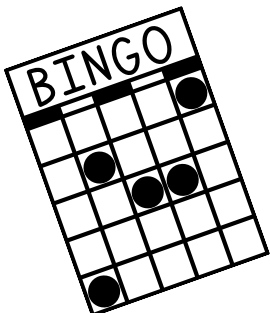
Location: Croatain Cultural Club, 1503 Clemont, Joliet, Il 60435

Every once a month on Wednesday

Mark down on your calendar!

2026: August 12, September 9, October 14,
November 11, and December 2

2027: TBA (To Be Announced)





Congratulations!

BREAKING NEWS!

Congratulations to a Deaf priest, Fr. Erik Pintar!



We joyfully congratulate Fr. Erik Pintar, who was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Fr. Pintar celebrated his First Mass at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh on Monday, June 29, 2026. Please keep Fr. Erik in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry, faithfully serving the people of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. May God bless him with wisdom, strength, and abundant grace in his vocation.



Happy Retirement to Mary Holden!

The Deaf Ministry and the Deaf Community extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mary Holden on her retirement. Mary has faithfully served as an interpreter for the Deaf Community for many years. We are deeply grateful for her dedication, commitment, and the many ways she has helped bridge communication and serve others with compassion. Thank you, Mary, for your faithful service. We wish you God's blessings, good health, happiness, and joy as you begin this chapter. Enjoy your retirement, Mary! We all love you!



BIRTHDAY MONTHS

June:

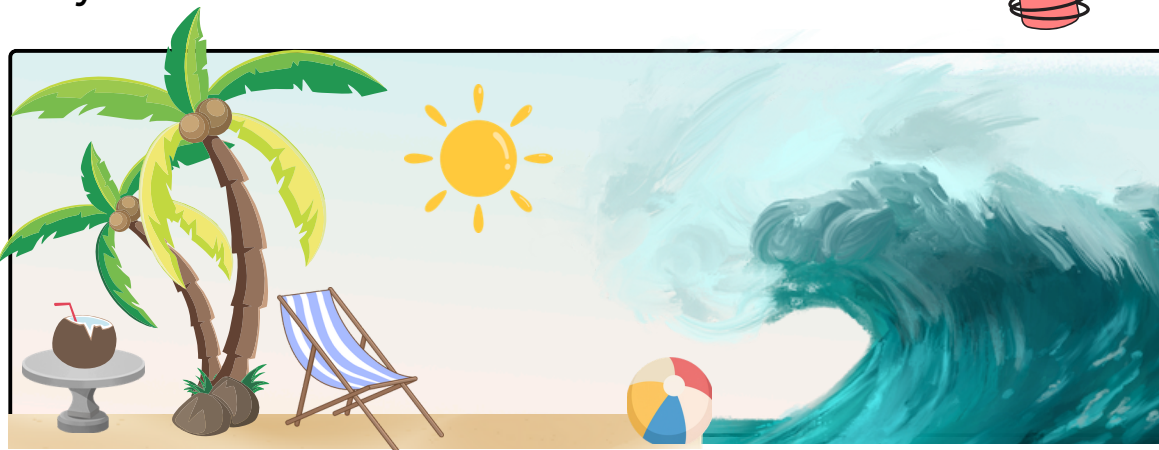
Vanessa Bermudez
Jack Crotty
Jeanne McDonald
Dennis Russells

July:

Laura Kostomiris
Carol Mulvihill
Julie Rueb
Yhadira Santiago
Steven Seymore
Brian Van Thyne

August:

Robin Balsitis
Kyla Fris
Raymond Gay
Susan Meade
Nicco Menozi
Sue Colby-Petrich
Fr. Paul Zirimenya



...NEWS...NEWS...



Five Years of Grace: Looking Back with Gratitude

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 136:1)

Recently, on May 15, the Deaf Ministry gathered to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Fr. John Maria Abulag's ordination to the priesthood. Ordained on May 22, 2021, Fr. John Maria has faithfully served the Deaf Community with kindness, compassion, and dedication. It was a joyful occasion filled with gratitude and fellowship as we thanked God for his ministry.

As Fr. John Maria Abulag celebrates the fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, please continue to keep him in your prayers as he faithfully serves God, His Church, the Deaf Community, and the Disability Community. Thank you.



St. Rita of Cascia

May 22 was the Feast day of Saint Rita of Cascia.

You can learn more about her online:

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=205



GET WELL SOON
SHARON!!!



Sending prayers for the quick recovery of Sharon DiGuido

-Diocese of Joliet Deaf Ministry Advisory Board





Share Your News with Our Deaf Community!

Do you have a story, faith experience, or special memory you'd like to share with our Deaf Community?
We'd love to feature it in a future newsletter!

You are also welcome to submit:

- Catholic event flyers
- Birthdays
- Wedding anniversaries
- Special announcements
- Other news of interest to our Deaf Community

Please note that all flyers must be related to the
Catholic faith or Catholic events.

To submit your article or announcement, please email
Vita Ayala at vayala@dioceseofjoliet.org.

We look forward to hearing from you and sharing your
news with our Deaf Community!



<https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/doj-deaf-ministry>





GOD BLESS
AMERICA

4TH OF JULY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
250th
America



Proud
& Free





Fr. John Maria Abulag
jabulag@rcdoj.org



SUMMER 2026
UPDATED 7/22/2026



2026

MASS SCHEDULE



CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS

604 N. RAYNOR AVENUE
JOLIET, IL 60435

INTERPRETED MASS

10:30AM

1st & 4th Sunday

Faith Formation

2nd Saturday

Fr. John Maria will preside.

Confession: 1:30 PM

Faith Formation: 2:00 PM

Interpreted Mass: 4 PM

Ends at 5 PM

Bring light meal to pass.

<https://www.straymond.net/>



ST. MARGARET MARY

1450 GREEN TRAILS DRIVE
NAPERVILLE, IL 60540

INTERPRETED MASS

11:15 AM

1st, 2nd, & 4th Sunday

Deaf Mass & Faith Formation

3rd Sunday

Fr. John Maria will preside.

Deaf Mass: 10 AM

Faith Formation/ Fellowship 11 AM

Ends at Noon.

Bring light meal to pass.

<https://smmp.com/>



ST. ISIDORE

427 W ARMY TRAIL ROAD
BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108

INTERPRETED MASS

10:00 AM Every Sunday

<https://stisidoreparish.org/>

SPECIAL NOTES:

*** Holidays and feast day schedules will be shared in advance.**

Full Access in ASL (American Sign Language)!

CONTACT VITA AYALA, PASTORAL OUTREACH LEAD, WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

vayala@dioceseofjoliet.org

Check our website: <https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/doj-deaf-ministry>

OFFICE HOURS

WEDNESDAYS &
THURSDAYS

New VP!

(VideoPhone)

779-758-8490

Fr. John Maria Abulag Deaf Ministry Chaplain



- CONFESSIONS
- SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE
- BIBLE STUDY
- DEAF MINISTRY
- CATHOLIC SIGN LANGUAGE

E-MAIL TO
SCHEDULE

JABULAG@RCDOJ.ORG

BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER
16555 WEBER RD.
CREST HILL

Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped



The REACH program welcomes children who:

- Are at least 6 years of age by September 1st.
- Are Deaf, Hard-of Hearing, or Deaf with other DisABILITIES.
- Need a program taught in American Sign Language.
- Want to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession), First Communion, and Confirmation.
- Want to feel a part of the Deaf Catholic community.

Classes are held twice a month on Saturdays from 10:00 - 11:30 AM
at St. Raphael Parish, 1215 Modaff Road, Naperville, IL 60540.

For more information, contact Jeanne McDonald at jmcdonald@st-raphael.com

Click [HERE](#) for the latest Diocese of Joliet
disABILITY Ministry Newsletter!



MFP
Ministry Formation Program For
Catholic Deaf Adults



Deaf Catholic Youth Initiative
for the Americas

Religious Education Workshop for the Deaf Community

The Ministry Formation Program with the Deaf (MFP)
invites you to a meaningful series of workshops focused
on Religious Education and the Deaf community.



Schedule:
Thursday Evenings

Time:
7:30 – 9:00 PM (EST)

All workshops in ASL only

All workshops on Zoom

Cost:

- Full Series: \$200
- Individual Workshops:
\$40 (if space is
available)

September 10

Faith Formation and Prayer

Courtney Gunville & Sr. Bonnie McMenamin, SSJ



November 5

Diverse Learning Needs of the Deaf Community

Maryann Barth



January 7

Adapting Religious Education Materials for the Deaf Community

Sr. BarbaraAnn Sgro, OP



March 4

Sacramental Preparation: Deaf Children & Teens

Sr. Kathleen Schipani, IHM



May 6

OCIA and the Deaf Community

Laureen Lynch-Ryan



June 2

Catechist Roundtable: Insights & Techniques for Deaf Religious Education

Stephen, Anne Eubanks & Donna Mattini
Moderator: Ian Robertson



Join us to grow in understanding, inclusion, and faith formation
within the Deaf community.

For registration and payment: Send us an
email mfpdirectorchicago@gmail.com

All are welcome!

CURRICULUM

Year 1 - Course sequence:

- God in My Deaf Life
- Introduction to the Bible
- Introduction to Prayer and Spirituality
- Human and Faith Development
- Introduction to Pastoral Ministry
- Old Testament (to include praying with OT)
- New Testament (to include praying with NT)
- Deaf and Catholic: Our History
- Pastoral Skills in the Deaf Community 1

Year 2

- Sacraments
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Liturgy and Prayer
- Moral Decision Making
- Evangelization
- Pastoral Skills in the Deaf Community II
- Social Media and Ministry
- Religions and Cultures
- Missionary Disciples

COST

- Year 1: \$750
(includes first year, non-refundable, application fee).
- Year 2: \$700
- Year 3: \$500

REQUIREMENTS FOR MFP PROGRAM

- Be actively involved in a church community.
- Commit to the MFP Program
- Have a computer and good high speed internet access.
- Letter of recommendation from a local Priest, Pastoral Worker or Diocesan Official
- Involvement in local and/or national retreats, workshops related to Deaf Ministry

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Online interview with the director of MFP after all forms and letters have been received.

REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM:

- Have a Spiritual Director
- Have a mentor from one's own Church community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:



Dr. Ian Robertson
1120 NW 194 Ave
Pembroke Pines, FL
33029
Text or voice:
954-821-1178
E- mail:

mfpdirectorchicago@gmail.com



MFP
Ministry Formation Program For
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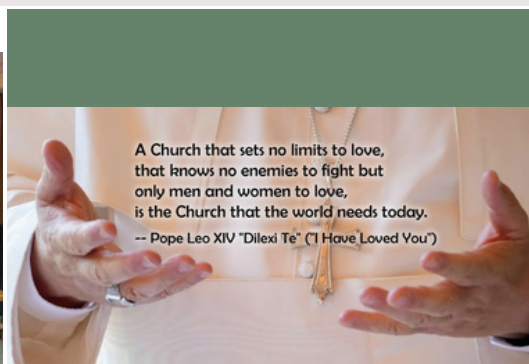
MFP graduates 2025



PROGRAM PLAN

The Ministry Formation Program for Catholic Deaf Persons is a Program of education and formation for Catholic Deaf women and men to acquire and develop ministerial skills necessary to serve as active Catholic lay ministers in a Deaf community.

All course work takes place online. Classes are taught in ASL. Students gather, in person, one weekend every summer for a Retreat. Which is required of every student while they are enrolled in the program. Year 1 students are required to attend an introductory weekend in August of their first year.



**THE INSTRUCTORS ARE
PROFESSIONALS WHO
UNDERSTAND DEAF
CULTURE AND MINISTRY
AND CAN COMMUNICATE
IN ASL.**



DATES FOR 2026-2027

YEAR 1 AND 2:

2026:

- Required Year 1- Summer weekend. August 2026 in Chicago.
- September, October, November, December

2027:

- January, February, March, April, May

YEAR 3

Workshops for the Pastoral project:

- 2026: September, October, November
- 2027: January, February, March

**SUMMER WEEKEND AUGUST
2026 (IN CHICAGO) TBC
FORMATION FRIDAYS DATES
TBA**

DEADLINE for
applications: **August 1, 2026**

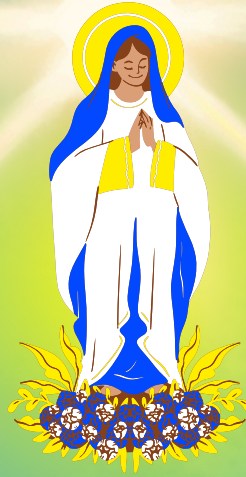
MINISTRY IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

~~Completion will~~ equip the MFP candidates to serve in a variety of ministries in their community. These could include: Bible Study, Care Ministry, Liturgical Ministry, Religious formation (children, youth and adults) and many more.



HOSTED BY THE DEAF MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

OCTOBER 3, 2026
(Saturday)
ONE DAY RETREAT
9 AM - 6 PM



Presenter:
Fr. Michael Depcik
A Deaf priest!

Learn about Mary's Apparitions
An Invitation to Discovery -
"MARY CALLS US TO BECOME HOLY"

NOTE: NO Voice Interpretation provided.

LOCATION:

Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

REGISTRATION

EARLY BIRD: \$35.00

Deadline: August 31, 2026

REGULAR: \$45.00

Deadline: September 30, 2026

PROGRAM SCHEDULE OF EVENT:

TIME: 8:30 AM - 6 PM

8:30 AM - 9 AM: Registration Check In

9 AM - 9:15 AM: Welcome & Light Breakfast

9:15 AM - 10:45 AM: Retreat Begins

10:45 AM - 11 AM: Break Time

11 AM - 12:30 PM: Retreat Resumes

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: Lunch

1 PM - 3 PM: Retreat Resumes

3 PM - 3:15 PM: Break Time

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM: Confession

3:45 PM - 4 PM: Break Time

4 PM - 4:45 PM: Mass (Sunday Vigil)

4:45 PM - 6 PM: Dinner

6 PM: End of Retreat

Contact if any questions: Vita Ayala, vayala@dioceseofjoliet.org



Deaf Ministry Retreat Registration

Saturday October 3, 2026 from 8:30am – 6:00pm

Blanchette Catholic Center: 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill, IL 60403

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

I am:

- ☐ Deaf
- ☐ Hard of Hearing
- ☐ CODA
- ☐ Hearing
- ☐ Other: _____

Dietary Restrictions:

- Dairy-Free ☐
- Gluten-Free ☐
- Vegetarian ☐
- Other ☐ _____

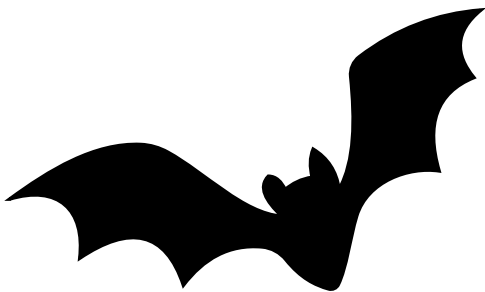
Registration Fee includes:

Retreat with Fr. Mike Depcik
Light Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

EARLY BIRD: \$35.00 / **Deadline:** August 31, 2026

REGULAR: \$45.00 / **Deadline:** September 30, 2026

Please **mail check** made payable to **Diocese of Joliet**, MEMO: **Deaf Retreat** to:
Diocese of Joliet
Attn: Vita Ayala, Office of Pastoral Outreach
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403



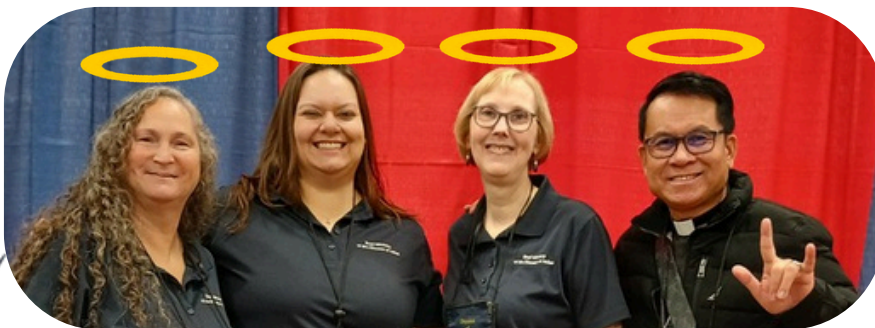
CHECK US OUT AT THE DEAF EXPO



5499 W. 65TH ST., BEDFORD PARK, IL 60638

ON OCTOBER 31, 2026!

TIME: 9 AM TO 5 PM



Come & check our booth!
Sign up to win the basket!





Feast of St. Francis de Sales

MASS & FAITH FORMATION

FRIDAY JANUARY 15, 2027

10:30 AM- 12:30 PM



REGISTER HERE

ASL INTERPRETED EVENT

BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER

16555 WEBER ROAD

CREST HILL, IL 60403



HOSTED BY THE DEAF MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET



BISHOP CHAU,
QUEST SPEAKER
FROM NEW JERSEY

2-DAY DEAF RETREAT 2027 MARCH 13 - 14, 2027

CARMELITE SPIRITUAL CENTER * 8419 BAILEY ROAD * DARIEN, IL 60561

CONSENT WAVIER:

Please fill out the Adult or Minor Liability Wavier & Medical form on the next page and submit it with the registration form.

PAYMENT / REFUND:

Checks - Make payable to DEAF MINISTRY - DOJ for the full amount.

- All mailed registrations/checks for **Early Bird** Registration must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2027.
- All mailed registrations/checks for Regular Registration must be postmarked by Feb. 28, 2027.
- Cancellation Fee: \$20.00.

REGISTER:

Please print and fill out the forms. Mail the completed forms and don't forget to include your check for the full amount to:

The Deaf Minsitry of the Diocese of Joliet
c/o Vita Ayala
16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, IL 60403

NOTE:

Advance registration is required.
No registrations will be accepted at the door.
This event will be conducted in ASL only.
No voice interpreter will be provided.

SATURDAY: 8 AM to 10:30 PM

8 AM: Arrival / Registration
9 AM: Opening Prayer/Presentation by Bishop Chau
Noon: Lunch
1 PM: Presentation by Bishop Chau
3 PM: Confession
4:30 PM: Mass
5 PM: Dinner
7 PM: Presentation by Bishop Chau
7:30 PM: Trivia Game
8 PM: Eucharistic Adoration
10:30 PM: Closing

SUNDAY: 8 AM to NOON

8 AM: Breakfast/ Room Sign out
(Key turn in at the Front Desk)
9 AM: Opening Prayer
and Presentation by Bishop Chau
Noon: Closing / Departure

Open Registration starts
on November 1, 2026!

Catch the
Early Bird Special!

Register by Jan. 31, 2027
for

\$125 - Single Occupancy
\$90 - Double Occupancy
\$100 - Commuter

Regular price:

Register by Feb. 28, 2027 for
\$135 - Single Occupancy
\$100 - Double Occupancy
\$110 - Commuter

Any questions or concerns, email
at vayala@dioceseofjoliet.org





Participant Name	FIRST	LAST	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Email		Cell Phone	

GENERAL PERMISSIONS

I, _____, agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend Parish:

And the Diocese of Joliet, its officers, directors, agents, employees, or representatives from any and all liability for illness or death arising from or in connection with my participation in the trip.

VIDEOS, PHOTOS, and VIRTUAL PLATFORMS

Videos and or/photos may be taken during this event. This authorization form constitutes permission to use my image in video and/or photos which may be used for future promotional efforts including the parish and/or Diocese of Joliet website. *If you wish to opt out of this permission initial here: Participant's Initial* _____

CODE OF BEHAVIOR

I acknowledge that I am representing our diocese/parish during this event, and I will represent us well. I will adhere to all Diocesan Guidelines and display responsible, mature, and respectful behavior in my words, actions, and usages.

EXPECTATIONS

- 1.All participants are expected to arrive on time.
- 2.All participants are expected to demonstrate respect and common courtesy at all times. Inappropriate language/behavior/conduct will not be tolerated.
- 3.Socializing should always be done in public areas.
- 4.Dress should reflect the values of modesty and respect, and inscriptions and images on clothing should reflect Christian values.
- 5.The possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- 6.The possession of any illegal substances is prohibited and subject to legal action.
- 7.Smoking, vaping, e-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and cannabis in any form are prohibited.
- 8.Weapons and/or drug paraphernalia are prohibited.

INFRACTION OF THESE RULES CAN MEAN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL WITH NO REFUND.

I understand and agree to the Code of Behavior. I also understand and agree that at the time of an infraction requiring my dismissal I will be responsible for any and all costs related to dismissal from said events and activities and any all costs assessed by local authorities.

Participant's Initial _____

MEDICAL PERMISSION FORM

I grant permission for the administration of First Aid by the people in charge of the event and those transporting to and from the event as their judgement deems advisable and to make the necessary referrals to qualified physicians for the treatment of illness or accidents of a more serious nature. In the event that I should require medical treatment and I am not able to communicate my desires to attending physicians or other medical personnel, I give permission for the necessary emergency treatment to be administered. I hereby give permission to the physicians selected by the adult staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injections, anesthesia or surgery if deemed necessary. ***I also understand that I will be responsible for any costs incurred.***

MEDICAL INFORMATION

ALLERGIC TO MEDICATIONS: YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES, please describe: _____

ALLERGIC TO OTHER: _____

OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Policy in the name of: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____ I.D.# _____

Insurance Phone: _____

Authorized Physician: _____

Physician Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In the event of an emergency please contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation _____

Participant Name	(Please Print)	
Participant Signature		Date



Participant Name	FIRST	LAST	
Address Parent		City	Zip
Name Parent Cell	Parent / Guardian 1	Name Parent/Guardian 2	
Parent Email		Cell Parent/Guardian 2	
Parish Name	Parent / Guardian 1	Teen Cell - (HS Students ONLY)	
School Attending		City	Zip
Date of Birth		City	Zip
	Age	Grade	M ☐ F ☐

GENERAL PERMISSIONS

I request that my child: _____
be allowed to participate in: _____

I hereby release and indemnify my parish, its staff, volunteers, and the Diocese of Joliet from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this event.

I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend Parish:

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Parent/Guardian initial _____ Participant initial _____

MEDICAL PERMISSION FORM

I grant permission for the administration of First Aid to my child: _____ by the people in charge of the event and those transporting my child to and from the event as their judgement deems advisable and to make the necessary referrals to qualified physicians for the treatment of illness or accidents of a more serious nature. I understand I will be promptly notified in the event of any serious illness or accident and prior to any major surgery, except when delay of such communication would endanger life. In the case of a medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian of the participant. In the event that I cannot be reached I hereby give permission to the physicians selected by the adult staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injections, anesthesia or surgery if deemed necessary for my child.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

ALLERGIC TO MEDICATIONS: YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES, please describe: _____

ALLERGIC TO OTHER: _____

OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Policy in the name of: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy _____ Number: _____

_____ I.D.# _____

Insurance Phone: _____

Authorized Physician: _____

Physician ID #: _____

VIDEOS, PHOTOS, and VIRTUAL PLATFORMS

Video/photos may be taken during this event. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in video and/or photos, which may be used for future promotional efforts, including the Parish and/or Diocese of Joliet website. *Additionally*, this form constitutes permission to participate in virtual platforms such as Zoom, Google, Seesaw etc. for the purpose of programmatic content. If you wish to opt out initial here:

Parent/Guardian Initial to Opt Out of Photos _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In the event of an emergency please contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation _____

Participant Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date



Save the Date

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