

## **Diocesan Day of Enrichment**

Saturday, November 2, 2024

**Great Hall Convention Center** 

**Program** 





#### 11.02.2024 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

TIME:	EVENT:	LOCATION:
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Check-in & Continental Breakfast	Lobby & Ballroom A
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Welcome & Opening Prayer	Ballroom A
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Keynote Address	Ballroom A
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Breakout Session 1	Ballroom B, D, Admiral Room I, II
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Ballroom A
1:15 - 2:00 PM	Keynote Address	Ballroom A
2:15 - 3:15 PM	Breakout Session 2	Ballroom B, D, Admiral Room I, II
3:30 - 4:30 PM	Breakout Session 3	Ballroom B, D, Admiral Room I, II
4:30 - 5:00 PM	Closing Prayer & End of General Session	Admiral Room I & II

### **Opening Prayer**

Leader: We rise to pray.

Let us begin by recalling our baptism, + in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Lord, open my lips.

All: And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

#### The God of All Grace



Scripture:

All: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Side One: But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed?

Side Two: And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard?

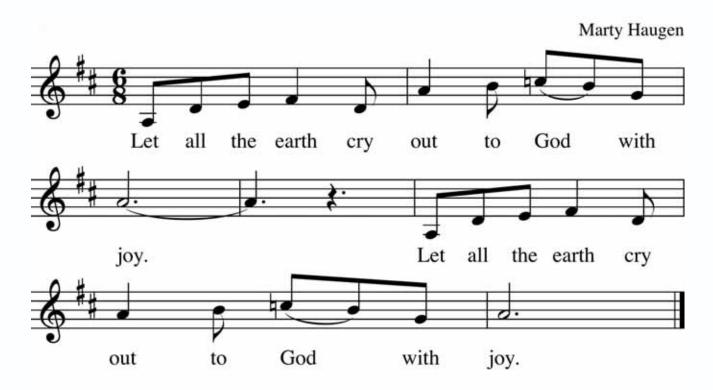
Side One: And how can they hear without someone to preach?

Side Two: And how can people preach unless they are sent?

All: As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good

News!"

#### Psalm 66: Let All the Earth



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Gospel: John 17:15-21



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#### Closing Prayer:

Leader: We rise to pray.

All: God, all powerful Father, fill us with the light of your Holy Spirit.
Consecrate us in your truth. Open our eyes and soften our hearts to receive and honor the stories of your grace acting in each person that we encounter. Bless us with the words and courage to share our testimony.
Make us holy and compassionate, that we might be better suited for the work that you entrust to us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and our Savior, who came to show us the way.

### Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer me. ~ Amen.

(For the intention of increased vocations)





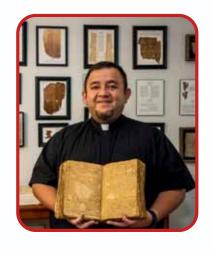
# **Julianne Stanz**

#### **Keynote Speaker**



Julianne Stanz is a nationally known speaker, retreat leader, storyteller, and the Director of Outreach for Evangelization and Discipleship for Loyola Press and a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

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#### Fr. José Cabrera

Vicar for Clergy,
Pastor of All Saints Parish, Bay City

#### The Biblical Museum

Commodore I ← 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Description:** The Biblical Museum is Fr. José's private collection of replicas of ancient Biblical manuscripts and artifacts. The museum shows the process of transmission of the Biblical text. It includes the famous Dead Sea Scrolls; ancient New Testament papyri including the oldest NT fragment found to date; Gutenberg's Bible and much more.

The Bible Museum gathers 4000 years of Biblical history in one room.

Regular Location: Rectory of All Saints Parish (St. James site), 710 Columbus Ave., Bay City, MI 48708. If you want to bring your parish group to the Museum you can contact Fr. José at jcabrera@diosag.org.

In addition, the November display will also include the BIBLICAL SCRIPTORIUM which is the work of 10 Modern Scribes from across the Diocese of Saginaw who are copying books of the Bible in English by hand: Isaiah, Psalms, Lamentations, Wisdom, Tobit, Judith, Daniel, Zechariah, Matthew, Mark, Luke, Acts of the Apostles, 1 and 2 Timothy and Revelation. The Biblical Scriptorium was featured in the most recent edition of the Great Lakes Bay Catholic magazine.





#### Fr. Bill Rutkowski

Vicar General, Director of Seminarians, Pastor of St. John Paul II Parish, Carrollton

#### **Spiritual Self-Care for Evangelizers**

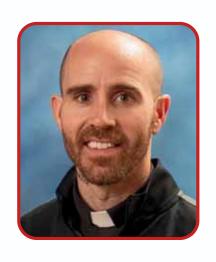
Breakout Session 1 ← 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ballroom B

**Breakout Description:** Embracing the work of Evangelization in these Apostolic Times demands Spiritual self-care for the evangelizer in order to stay positive and hope-filled in their ministry. This session will explore various aspects of Spiritual self-care to empower and strengthen a Christian to be sustained and grow in their ministry of Evangelization.

**Bio:** Fr. Bill Rutkowski is originally from Ubly, Michigan, and grew up on a dairy farm, with a home parish of St. Mary, Parisville, Michigan. He graduated from St. Mary College, Orchard Lake, Michigan, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy; and Major Theology studies at St. John Provincial Seminary, Plymouth, Michigan, acquiring a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained a priest on November 1, 1987, for the Diocese of Saginaw, serving in the following parishes: Blessed Sacrament, Midland; St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bay City; St. Stephen, Saginaw; St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd and St. Leo the Great, Winn; St. Cecilia, Clare; St. Henry, Rosebush and St. Charles, Leaton; St. Philip Neri, Coleman and St. Anne, Edenville; St. John Vianney, Saginaw; Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw; Christ the Good Shepherd, Saginaw; and St. John Paul II, Carrollton.

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#### Fr. Adam Maher

Rector of the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption Parish, Saginaw

#### **Boldness in the Midst of Brokenness**

Breakout Session 1 ← 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ballroom D

**Breakout Description:** Come learn from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians how a broken person can still boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in the midst of a broken culture. "For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:10).

**Bio:** Fr. Adam Maher was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Saginaw on June 1, 2018. He was born and raised in the small town of Port Sanilac, Michigan. Before becoming a priest, he obtained a teaching degree and taught elementary special education for two years in Marlette, Michigan. He is currently the Rector of the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption Parish in Saginaw.

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## Fr. Marc Hopps

Pastor of St. Gabriel Parish, Auburn

#### **Gathering Scattered Hearts**

Breakout Session 1 ← 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Admiral Room I

**Breakout Description:** Fr. Marc will share ideas for engaging lapsed Catholics and inviting them to consider anew the treasure of the Catholic faith. He will discuss strategies for engaging them in a way that addresses objections and stirs within them a desire for the eternal and friendship with God.

**Bio:** Fr. Marc Hopps was born and raised in Bay City. He attended Catholic schools throughout his entire life. Fr. Marc's parents modeled the importance of friendship with God and practicing the faith in and out of church. He had a powerful prayer experience at a retreat towards the end of high school, and that experience moved him to dive back into his faith. Fr. Marc went to seminary after high school, and was ordained in 2019. He has served at parishes around the diocese including Holy Spirit Parish, Shields; St. Dominic Parish, Saginaw; St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, Midland; and St. Mary University Parish at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

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#### **Keri Tarrant**

St. Gabriel's Message Outreach and Evangelization,
Virtue Development Coordinator for
Cornerstone Schools in Detroit

# Promoting Marian Consecration for the New Evangelization

Breakout Session 1 ← 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Admiral Room II** 

**Breakout Description:** This breakout session will focus on why cultivating a relationship with Mary always leads us to a deeper devotion to Christ. Marian Consecration brings about new grace and growth in our spiritual lives. St. John Paul II often known as "Mary's Pope" used the term New Evangelization frequently in relation to a new springtime of growth for the Church. This session will discuss Mary's role in our spiritual lives as seen through Scripture and Tradition, and how that becomes a catalyst for deeper conversion, openness to the Holy Spirit, and the mobilization of the Faithful for mission.

**Bio:** Keri Tarrant is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor's degree in Education, and has taken classes at Ave Maria College; including Latin and Rome studies. For five years she held the position of Director of Outreach and Evangelization for the Marian Center in Joy Valley, home of the Archangel Grotto, in Northern Michigan. She is currently residing in Ypsilanti, Michigan, continuing her work of Evangelization called St. Gabriel's Message. She promotes Marian Consecration and the Divine Mercy Message, giving talks, conferences, and retreats to youth and adults. Keri is currently in cooperation with the Dominican Sisters to bring Virtue/Character education to inner city schools, and also helps poor families find Christ through her ministry of St. Gabriel's Outreach.

Her studies in Mariology have come from personal study and reflection on the *Mystery of Mary in the Heart of the Church*, and from her years of formation with the Missionaries of Charity. Keri did not finish formation with the Missionaries of Charity due to health reasons, and she was dismissed. As a lay person, she now ministers to the people of God by giving talks and retreats to parishes and groups encouraging Marian Consecration for the work of the New Evangelization, Divine Mercy education, and talks and retreats on the spirituality of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II.

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## **Julianne Stanz**

#### **Keynote Speaker**

Ballroom A ← → 1:15 - 2:00 PM

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## **Kellie Deming**

Director of Parish Life and Evangelization Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

#### Living Catholic: Every Day, All Day

Breakout Session 2 ← 2:15 - 3:15 PM

Ballroom B

Breakout Description: Living out our Catholic faith and Christian spirituality in the daily world is becoming more and more difficult. This breakout will help us to recognize that authentically responding to and living into God's call in all aspects of our lives is not impossible. Even if society tells us differently.

**Bio:** Kellie Deming is currently the Director of Parish Life and Evangelization for the Diocese of Saginaw. Prior to this ministerial role, she was the Coordinator of Lay Ministry and a parish Director of Faith Formation. She is a commissioned Lay Ecclesial Minister and has been active in parish, diocesan, and community ministry for over 30 years. She is married to Tom and together they have 3 adult sons and one marvelous daughter-in-law.

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## Fr. Stephen Blaxton

Pastor of St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, Midland

#### **Discover Your Story**

Breakout Session 2 ← → 2:15 - 3:15 PM

Ballroom D

Breakout Description: As Christians, we believe that God knows each of us intimately, even before we were born. Ever since your first breath, you and God have been writing the story of your life together. You may not have always been aware of his presence, but if you look back and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you, you may understand more deeply how God has been present and working in your life all along. This presentation will help you discover your story so you can share it!

Bio: Fr. Stephen Blaxton was born on December 4, 1985, in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. He attended Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio, where he graduated in 2008 earning a Bachelor of Science in Mental Health and Human Services. Fr. Stephen worked in Catholic secondary education at Villanova Preparatory School in Ojai, California and St. Bernard's Catholic School in Eureka, California between 2008-2012, before entering seminary. He pursued seminary studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, earning a Bachelor of Philosophy in 2014 and Master of Divinity in 2018. In addition, he received a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology from the University of St. Thomas Aguinas in Rome, Italy in 2018. Fr. Stephen was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 2019, by Bishop Walter Hurley. His previous assignments include Parochial Vicar, St. Dominic Parish, Saginaw (2019), Chaplain of Saginaw Valley State University (2019), and Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Sandusky (2020-2024).

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## **Taylor Piotrzkowski**

Vicariate 3 Liaison and Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

# Bridging the Digital Media Gap in Building Relationships in Evangelization

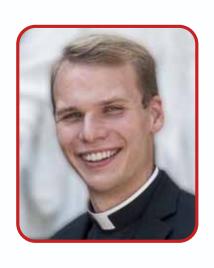
Breakout Session 2 ← 2:15 - 3:15 PM

Admiral Room I

**Breakout Description:** Learn how to use your online presence to drive in-person evangelization, especially for young people. Gain a foundation in social media, graphics, and website design. Learn to personally follow up with online contacts to welcome and accompany them.

**Bio:** Taylor Piotrzkowski is the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and a Vicariate Liaison for the Diocese of Saginaw. He loves Jesus, evangelization, discipleship, scripture, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Taylor has served over a decade in college and youth ministry, evangelizing people of all backgrounds, and mentoring students to go on mission. He holds an M.A. in Leadership for the New Evangelization from the Augustine Institute, and facilitates an online class for Encounter Ministries. Taylor lives in Flint with his wife Valentina, and their two young sons, David and JoJo.

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#### Fr. Matthew Gembrowski

Parochial Vicar of St. Mary University Parish, Mt. Pleasant and Sacred Heart Parish, Mt. Pleasant

**Know Thy Audience: Sharing the Gospel Message** 

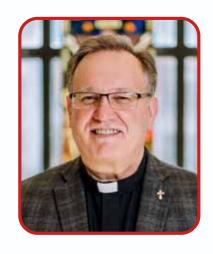
Breakout Session 2 ← 2:15 - 3:15 PM

Admiral Room II

Breakout Description: A personal relationship with Christ, knowing how the kerygma applies to one's personal life, is essential to anyone who would seek to evangelize. As the adage goes, "Non dat quod non habet" - You can't give what you don't have. However, knowing one's target audience is the other half of the battle. How can we present the Gospel message in such a way so as to reach the hearts of our listeners?

**Bio:** Growing up in the Saginaw area, Fr. Matt Gembrowski entered the seminary after graduating from Nouvel Catholic Central High School in 2015. He received a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of St. Thomas in 2019. He attended Major Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, and graduated with a Master of Divinity and a Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology in 2023. After ordination last year, Fr. Matt has primarily served the students of Central Michigan University at St. Mary University Parish. He also helps serve at Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart Academy in Mount Pleasant.

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### **Deacon Mike Houghton**

**Executive Director, UTG at Work** 

#### Unleashing the Gospel at Work

Breakout Session 3 ← 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Ballroom B

Breakout Description: Many Christians struggle to live their faith in the workplace for one or both of two reasons: they're afraid to do it, or they simply don't know how to do it. UTG at Work is here to help. Our mission is to help women and men live their faith and witness to Christ and the Gospel in the workplace. We offer practical advice, best practices, and tools for doing this at all levels of an organization.

Bio: Deacon Mike Houghton was ordained a Catholic deacon in October of 2012. For the past 12 years he has served as deacon at St. John Vianney in Shelby Township, Michigan, a parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He and his wife Anita have three adult children who are their pride and joy. Deacon Mike worked for General Motors for 35 years before assuming the position of Director of Missionary Strategic Plans for the Archdiocese of Detroit. In addition to his diaconal studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Deacon Mike has a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Wayne State University, a Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University, and an MBA from Oakland University. He has published several articles as well as homilies for Homiletic and Pastoral Review. In July of 2023, Deacon Mike assumed the role of Executive Director of UTG at Work, an apostolate which helps women and men understand their identity as missionary disciples, equips them to discover their unique mission from God, and supports them as they joyfully live out their faith and witness to Christ and the Gospel in the workplace. To learn more about UTG at Work, visit UTGatwork.org.

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#### **Danielle McGrew Tenbusch**

Editor, *Great Lakes Bay Catholic* and Marketing and Admissions Coordinator, Office of Catholic Schools Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

Your Christianity is Not for You: How to Share Your Faith in Writing for Print and Digital Media

Breakout Session 3 ← 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Ballroom D

**Breakout Description:** The personal witness stories of believers is one of the best ways to evangelize, but putting pen to paper can seem daunting. Danielle will guide attendees through the steps to writing your faith story, including how to tailor your story for a specific audience. This talk is recommended as a follow-up to Father Stephen Blaxton's presentation, "Discover Your Story."

**Bio:** Danielle McGrew Tenbusch started her journey in media as a local newspaper journalist when she was 17. God led her to combine her passion for the Catholic faith with her love of storytelling while freelancing for various religious and secular publications. Danielle began contributing to *FAITH Saginaw/Great Lakes Bay Catholic* in 2014 and is grateful to serve as editor.

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## **Nick Jorgensen**

**President and Founder of Missio Institute** 

# Striving to be a Faithful Family in an Unfaithful World

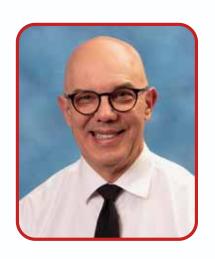
Breakout Session 3 ← 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Admiral Room I

**Breakout Description:** In this session, we will look at practical and meaningful ways to engage marriages and families in order to both minister to them and equip them for their mission. We will share practical tools and witness the challenges and joys of trying to raise a Catholic family today.

**Bio:** Nick Jorgensen is the founder and president of Missio, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to equipping Church leaders as they discover and live their apostolic mission. Missio's work combines discipleship, team building, strategic planning, and executive coaching to help leaders build their unique missions. He is a husband and father to four young children and lives in Fenton, Michigan. Nick has a Master's in Theology from Franciscan University in Steubenville and a Business Degree from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville.

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#### Don Buchalski

Vicariate 5 Liaison and Coordinator of Evangelization and Parish Renewal Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

# Evangelization; The Key to Navigating the Current Culture as a Catholic

Breakout Session 3 ← → 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Admiral Room II

**Breakout Description:** Are you at a loss on how to respond when confronted with hot button social issues? Don will discuss how effective pastoral strategies during Apostolic times, focused on encounters with Jesus, are the key to navigating today's culture. He will also leave you with practical ways on how to put these strategies into practice.

**Bio:** Don Buchalski is very passionate about evangelization, discipleship, and parish renewal. Don is a commissioned Lay Ecclesial Minister in the Diocese of Saginaw and has held his current role since October of 2021. Previously, Don worked in this ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit for two years after developing business skills in strategic planning, marketing, and business development at Dow Corning Corporation for 31 years, and Michigan State University for two years. Don is passionate and excited about combining his faith with his work experiences to live out his calling. Don is married and has five adult children and is active in outreach activities having participated in Youth Encounter Service (YES) as well as missionary trips to Guatemala and Uganda.

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#### **Closing Prayer**

Leader: We rise to pray.

Leader: Gathered together, + in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Spirit, we pray.

Side One: God of love,

source of mercy and compassion, weave your dream for the world

into the fabric of our lives.

Side Two: Open our eyes to the needs of others

and lift the indifference from our hearts

so that we may see your vision

for a world of justice and compassion

that will renew the earth.

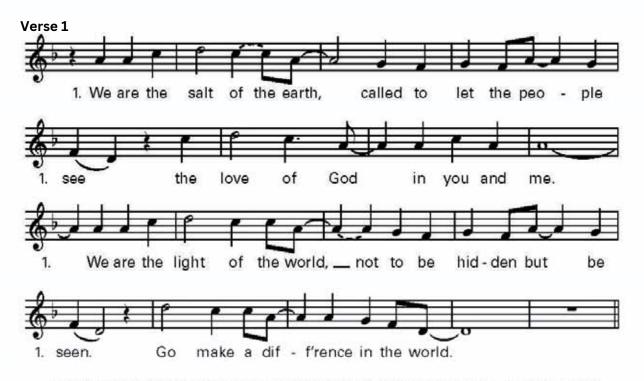
All: Transform our lives,

so that we may accomplish your purpose to make a difference in the

world.

#### Go Make a Difference (refrain and verse 1)





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Side One: Bless us with your spirit of love

that we might bring good news to the oppressed.

Side Two: Give us a new urgency

and a new commitment to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless,

and visit those who live in isolation.

All: Help us to reach out to those no one will touch, to accept the unacceptable, and to embrace the enemy.

### Go Make a Difference (refrain and verse 2)



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Side One: Surround us with your love,

fill us with your grace,

and strengthen us for your service.

Side Two: Empower us to respond to the call of Jesus--

to deny ourselves,

to take up our crosses,

and to follow.

All: May we always be witnesses of your love to all we meet.

Make us your disciples.

May we share your Good News with all.

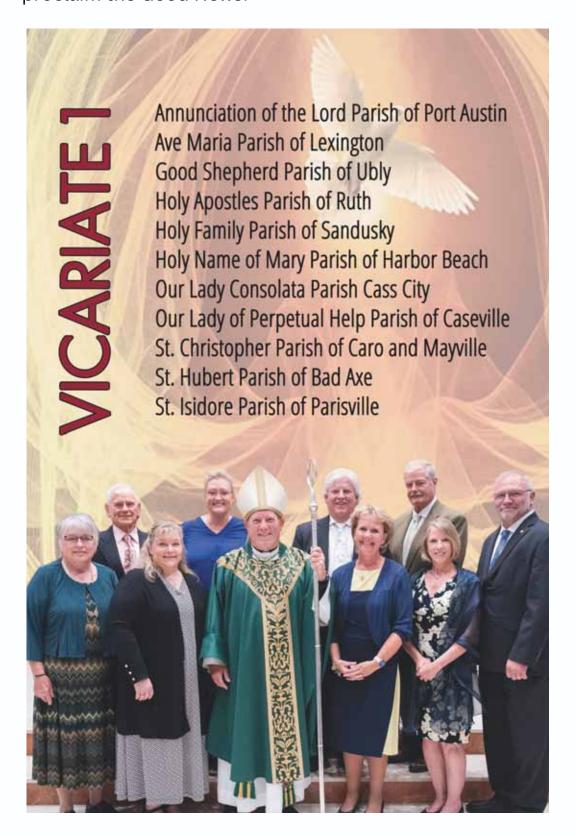
Amen.

### Go Make a Difference (refrain and verse 3)

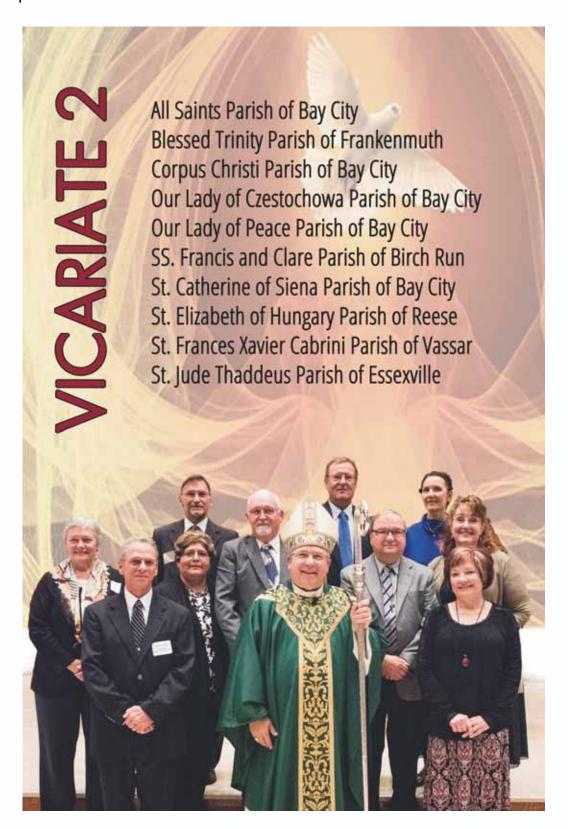


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Leader: Parishes of **Vicariate 1**, go forth with our love and prayers to proclaim the Good News!



Leader: Parishes of **Vicariate 2**, go forth with our love and prayers to proclaim the Good News!



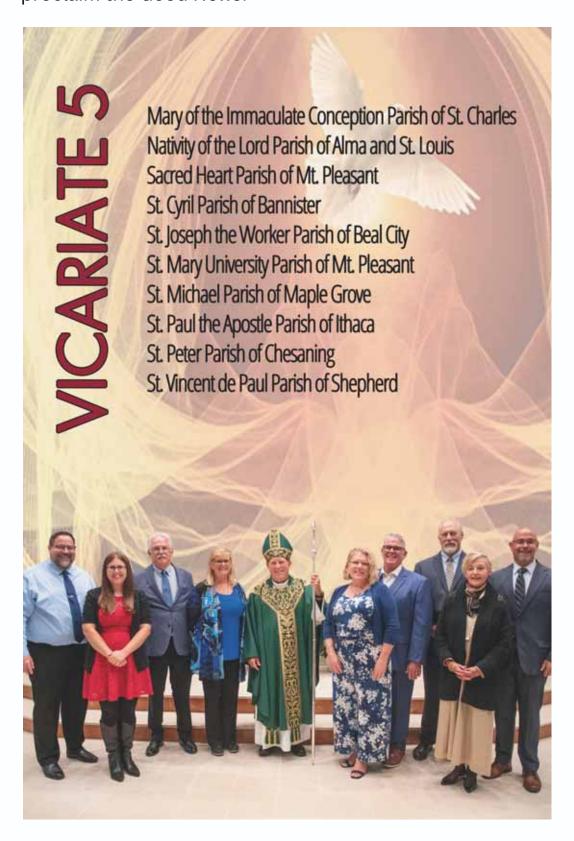
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Leader: Parishes of **Vicariate 4**, go forth with our love and prayers to proclaim the Good News!



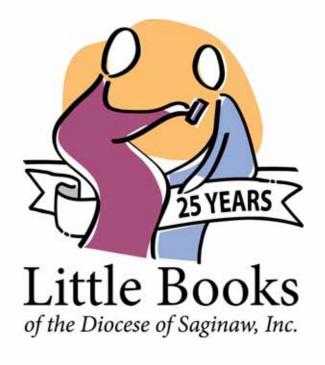
Leader: Parishes of **Vicariate 5**, go forth with our love and prayers to proclaim the Good News!



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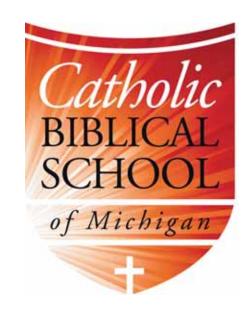
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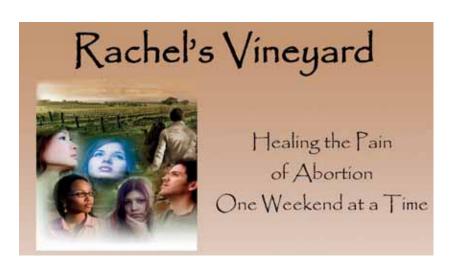




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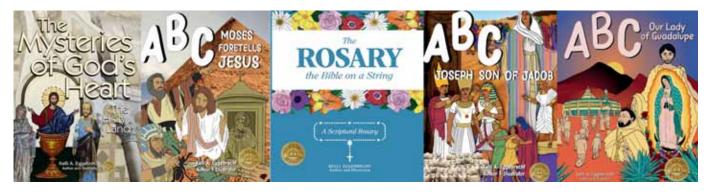


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