



# Sacred Heart

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

4087 West Broadway • Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Phone: 763-537-4561

*Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart*

**Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil**  
4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

**Sunday— The Lord's Day**  
8:00 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Mass  
11:40 AM Latin Mass

#### Daily Mass Times

##### Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service

##### Tuesday— Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass

followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

#### Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

#### Penance and Reconciliation

##### Tuesday— Saturday:

7:40 — 7:55 AM

##### Saturday Afternoon:

3:00–3:45 PM Or by appointment

#### Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel is open for personal prayer and adoration before the monstrance on Thursdays from 9:00 AM — 8:30PM.

#### Parish Office Hours

**Monday** 8:30 AM — 2:00pm

**Tue.-Fri.** 8:30 AM—4:30 PM

#### Parish Web Site

[www.shrmn.org](http://www.shrmn.org)

**Parish Phone:** 763-537-4561

#### Sacred Heart Catholic School

Pre-K through 8th grade

4050 Hubbard Avenue North

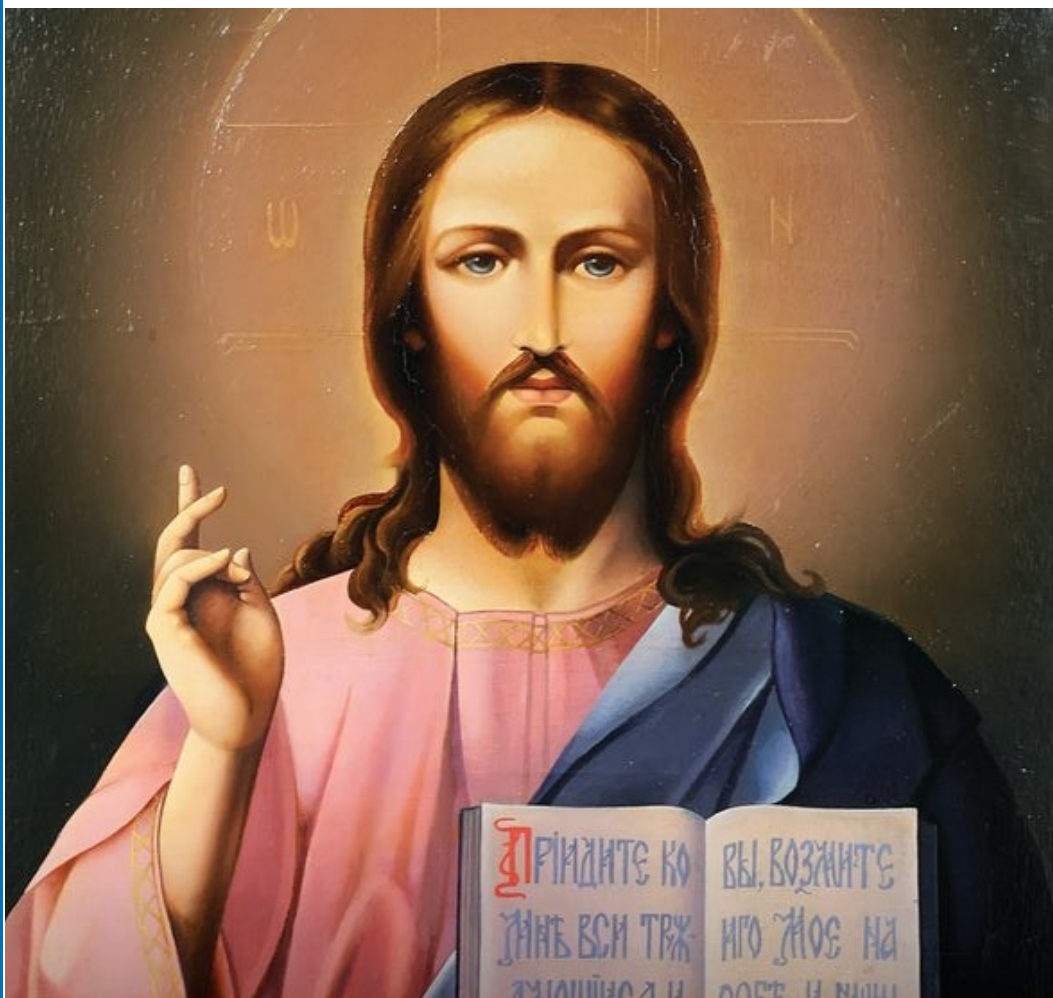
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#### School Web Site

[sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org](http://sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org)

**School Phone:** 763-537-1329

## May 18, 2025



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."  
- Jn 13:33a, 34a

## Parish Directory

Phone: 763-537-4561

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### Worship

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The Church of the Sacred Heart is served by the clergy of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Priest Staff: Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

Deacon: Dr. James Ramsey

# LORD, RENEW YOUR CHURCH



## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of May 14, 2025

### You're Invited

Join Father Pedersen and other parishioners to learn about the *Lord, Renew Your Church* campaign and the impact it will have on Sacred Heart, and throughout the Archdiocese. The *Lord, Renew Your Church* parish reception will take place at Sacred Heart on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Appetizers will be provided so please RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP to our parish campaign director at (651) 251-7700 or [jdharris@ccsfundraising.com](mailto:jdharris@ccsfundraising.com).

Thanks to the generous hearts of our Parish Community, Sacred Heart has raised 100% of our \$910,000 goal. We want to continue the momentum of this campaign to meet as many needs of our parish as possible. With that being said, **we are now striving to reach a stretch goal of \$1,200,000!** Our parishioners continue to give generously! We are deeply grateful for those who have already contributed to our goal. If you have not yet been specifically invited to participate in this historic campaign, please prayerfully consider your participation until you receive more information. Thank you for joining us on this journey!

**STRETCH GOAL:**  
**\$1,200,000**

**\$972,600**  
**RAISED TO DATE**

## Appointed Sunday Readings

### 5th Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

**Psalm:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145) Or: Alleluia.

**Second Reading:** I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." (Rv 21:4)

**Gospel:** I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

## Appointed Daily Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

## Latin Mass Sunday Readings

### The Fourth Sunday after Easter

**Epistle:** (James 1 : 17 – 21) Dearly beloved, every best gift and every perfect gift is from above,

**Communion** (John 16:8) When the Paraclete, the spirit of truth,

**Gospel :** (John 16 : 5-14): At that time Jesus said to His disciples: I go to Him that sent Me:

### Prayers of the Faithful

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those Who Are Ill:** Rosemary Kaisershot, Tony Bangasser, Anna Supernat, Rose Ann Tiemann, Alma Gorski,

**With Chronic Health Concerns:** Brady Swenson, Andrea DeOtis, Cody Binstock, Tori Prince, Joyce Hanauska, Lorraine Nelson, Mary Ludwig, Charles Julien, Pat Hargreaves

### Those Serving In Our Armed Forces:

Lisette Knaeble, Lily Wilson, Joseph Eckman, Chase Anderson, Jordon Reese, Andy Gladitsch, Zachary Wilhelmi

### Those Who Have Died Recently:

Rudolph Klick, Medard Kaisershot

## Administration

*Thank you to all those who support the mission of Sacred Heart Catholic Church with their time, talent and treasure.*

### Collections for May 3 & 4 ( week 44)

	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$7,479.00	70
Electronic Donations	\$5,129.16	59
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$843.15	
Total Collections for week 44		
<b>Year-to-date Sunday Collections</b>	<b>\$13,451.31</b>	<b>129</b>

	This Year	Last Year	(Behind)
Actual versus last year May 4, 2025 (week 44)	\$527,440	\$534,226	(\$6,786)
	This Year	Budget	(Behind)
Actual versus Budget May 4, 2025 (week 44)	\$527,440	\$561,174	(\$33,734)

## May Corporal Work of Mercy

Give Drink to the Thirsty: Please pick up an empty baby bottle at any of the church entrances and fill with change and/or cash. Return to the Parish Reception Desk by Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. All funds collected will used to help the Crystal Women's Clinic. Thank you for your support!



## Full-Time Advancement Director

Full-Time Advancement Director (\$60-\$75K Salary range). Please contact Mary Daugherty at 763-285-6241 (mdaugherty@shrmn.org) or Karen Bursey at 763-285-6255 (kbursey@sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org) for more details and job description

## Welcome Pope Leo XIV



### Heavenly Father,

You entrusted the care of Your Church on earth Pope Francis, and now You have called him to Yourself. We entrust his soul to Your boundless mercy. For his lifelong service, we thank You. For his care for the poor and marginalized, we thank You. For his witness to simplicity, we thank You. In Your mercy, cleanse him of all sin. Purify him and draw him into the light of Your presence. Grant him the vision of Your Eternal Essence, into which we all long to be drawn. Source-my catholic.life

## In Loving Memory

We Pray for

**Medard Kaisershot and Rudolph Klick**

That they may enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for their families and friends that they may find peace in the promises of Christ



MAY THE SOULS of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH the MERCY of GOD, REST IN PEACE.

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## Parish Registration

Want to become an official parishioner of Sacred Heart? Well, now you can do it online! Visit <https://shrmn.org/join-the-parish/>, stop by or call the Parish Office (763) 537-4561, or scan the QR code to fill out a registration form!



## Bulletin Deadline

Sunday	Due Date
5-25-2025	5-21-2025
6-01-2025	5-28-2025
6-08-2025	6-04-2025
6-15-2025	6-11-2025

## Sacred Heart Catholic School

**Sacred Heart  
May 18, 2025**

### To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults-OCIA

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (OCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

For students in 8th grade, contact Morgan Leisgang in the Parish Office. If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Bunny Brouillard

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

For Student in 2nd grade, contact Morgan Leisgang. If you are an adult who had not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

### Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. For students in 2nd grade, contact Morgan Leisgang. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact Bunny Brouillard.

### Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

### Religious Education

Children 3 years old– 5th grade, contact Morgan Leisgang. Students in grades 6th–12th contact Katie Kruc.

## Hiring

### Hiring: 2nd grade Teacher and 3rd Grade Teacher

We are looking for energetic teachers to join our amazing community and wonderful staff. Please send Karen Bursey a cover letter and resume. kbursey@shcsr.org



## Celebrating our 100th School Anniversary



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Our 100th anniversary of the school will start Spring, 2026 with 8th grade graduation. This will be our 100th graduating class. We will celebrate our 100th anniversary Spring 2026 thru Spring 2027.

This committee will help us brainstorm ideas during this time frame. We will meet in person and online. Please contact Karen Bursey if you want to join this group.

## 100 Anniversary Cookbook

### We need your recipes for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook

Help us create our new cookbooks to celebrate 100 years. Recipe categories: Appetizers & Beverages, Breads & Rolls, Soups & Salads, Vegetables & Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Desserts, Cookies & Candy, This & That.

Send a picture of the recipe or turn in a copy of your recipe to the parish receptionist. Don't forget to include your full name and recipe title. ptc@sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org

## Follow us Online

Like our Facebook Page - [Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent](http://www.facebook.com/SHCSR Robbinsdale)  
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## Eucharistic Gems



When the bee has gathered the dew of heaven and the earth's sweetest nectar from the flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to its hive. In the same way, the priest, having taken from the altar the Son of God (who is as the dew from heaven, and true son of Mary, flower of our humanity), gives him to you as delicious

food. **Saint Francis de Sales**

## SHCCW



**Holy Family  
Catholic  
Adoption  
Agency**

Since 2001, Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency. Has offered adoption as the loving answer to abortion. Our agency provides support to birth parents, adoptive couples and precious babies.

**All Are Welcome**

**SHCCW Meeting**

**Meeting Area— Marion Rooms**

**May 31, 2025 @ 9am**

**Speaker — Jennifer Brady**

**Subject—Power of Prayer**

## Respect for Life



**prenatal partners for life**

**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER**

**Thursday, June 12, 2025, 5:00 PM —**

**\*\*\*Leopold's Mississippi Gardens Event Center\*\*\***

**9500 West River Road, Brooklyn Park, MN 55444**

**Matt Birk, MC**

**Keynote Speaker: Katie Buck, "Deceptive Betrayal"**

**Advocate for children with special needs & serious health issues.**

**+ Dancemania from Lundstrum's Performing Arts**

**\$75/per person; \$675 Table for 10**

**RSVP by June 2, 2025**

Register Online or by Phone: [www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org](http://www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org); 763-772-3868

Questions email: [mary@prenatalpartnersforlife.org](mailto:mary@prenatalpartnersforlife.org)

Prenatal Partners for Life offers hope and support for families facing an adverse diagnosis of their child. PPFL has helped parents and children in all 50 states and 51 countries worldwide.

"The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, May 18, 5th Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed  
8:00 AM Sunday Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
9:00 AM Coffee and Donuts  
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

### Monday, May 19, St. Peter Celestine 1296, (Trad.)

8:00 AM Communion Service  
6:00 PM Band Concert

### Tuesday, May 20, St. Bernardine of Sienna 1444, (New)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
8:30 AM Lauds  
4:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
6:00 PM Lord, Renew Your Church Meeting

### Wednesday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes 1915-1928, (New)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
8:30 AM Lauds

### Thursday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia 1457, (New)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
8:45 AM Lauds /Adoration  
9:00 AM Adoration  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting  
8:30 PM Adoration Closing

### Friday, May 23, St. John Baptist de Rossi 1764, (Hist.)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
8:30 AM Lauds

### Saturday, May 24, Our Lady, Help of Christians, (Hist.)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
8:30 AM Lauds  
9:00 AM Promised Meeting  
3:00 PM Confessions  
4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation: Fr. Pedersen  
5:15 PM First Vespers

### Sunday, May 25, 6th Sunday of Easter (New)

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed  
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

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## Mass Intentions

**\*\*This Schedule is subject to change\*\***

May			
Sun.	18	8:00 AM	Parishioners
		10:00 AM	Carl Richter+
Latin		11:40 AM	Edward Mitchell+
Mon.	19	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues.	20	8:00 AM	Philip Schnur
Wed.	21	8:00 AM	Philip Schnur
Thurs.	22	8:00 AM	Philip Schnur
Fri.	23	8:00 AM	Kristina Folkerts+
Sat	24	8:00 AM	Sherman Gillum+
		4:00 PM	Patrick Bothum+
Sun.	25	8:00 AM	Ron & Laverne Kaufman +
		10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin		11:40 AM	Philip Schnur

### Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am-2:00pm
- Tues.-Wed.: 8:30am-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

### Confessions

Daily Tuesday-Saturday 7:40-7:55am  
Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm

## Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call the Parish Office 763-537-4561. You can also send in your request via e-mail: [cshadmin@shrmn.org](mailto:cshadmin@shrmn.org)



## The Sacrament of Confirmation



*Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit*



**Phillip Cunninham**

**Mac Flanagan**

**Derek Hastings**

**Gavin Johnson**

**Aiden Jones**

**Maggie Leonard**

**Parker McEnery**

**Ryan Mortl**

**Gus Nordstrom**

**Josie Norgaard**

**Eddie Paucar**

## First Communion



*Do this in remembrance of me*

**Joan Arias**

**Mikko Bakke**

**Ian Benson**

**Tristan Fortman**

**Sawyer Gorman**

**Matthias Nelson**

**Amelia Strahan**

**Erick Quizhpi**

**Abelina Xinastle**



## Memorial Easter Flowers



Gfroerer Family  
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Joanne Kennedy Family and Friends  
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Edward Kraemer  
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Eddie & Irene Walz

Thank you to all who donated to the Easter Flowers



### **Habemus Papam! - We have a Pope!**

As you all know our Heavenly Father called Pope Francis into the next life on Easter Monday, April 21st. The passing of Pope Francis set in motion a centuries old process and period of time that enabled both a fitting time of mourning for the late Holy Father, and then the beginning of a time of discernment which culminated in the Conclave to elect a successor of St. Peter, a new Bishop of Rome, and the Vicar of Christ on earth.

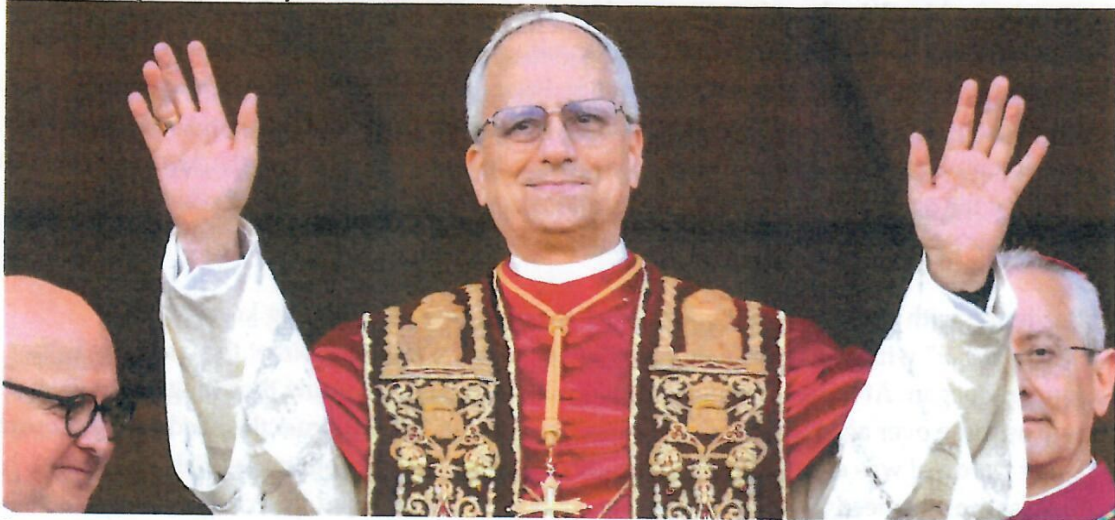
Here at The Church of the Sacred Heart, we strove to hold in prayer the soul of Pope Francis. We set up a picture of the late Holy Father, accompanied by candles which represented our prayers for him. We also set up the papal bunting of mourning in black on the doors of the Church. As he was called to meet Christ the judge of all the living and the dead to give an account of his stewardship as successor of St. Peter and Vicar of Christ on earth and indeed for the entirety of his life, we pray that this Pope who called us to be mindful of the Mercy of God was likewise granted a merciful judgment. We pray that the treasury of the merit whose source is Christ himself will aid Pope Francis to enter into the halls of the heavenly kingdom wherein the Father's House there are many mansions!

Beginning with the funeral of Pope Francis, the nine days of mourning known as the "*Novendiales*" with Masses offered each day for the repose of the soul of the late Holy Father formerly began. At the same time the College of Cardinals, including those eligible to vote as well as those over age 80 gathered in general congregations to discuss the needs of the Church. Every Cardinal was afforded the opportunity to address their brother cardinals on what each of them saw as the needs going forward. This period of time enabled them to get to know one another better, to pray together, and to enjoy fraternity and conviviality over meals. It was during this time that the Cardinals began to discern who was truly *Papabile* – that is Popeable.

Among them was a relatively recent Cardinal, called to serve in the Roman Curia in the later part of 2023. A man born in the United States in Chicago, who after obtaining a degree in Mathematics from Villanova in 1977 decided to forego Harvard Law School so he could join the Order of St. Augustine, known as the "Augustinians." He would make vows and be ordained a priest in the early years of the Papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. As an Augustinian friar he would do mission work in South America for many years. He would come back to the United States and serve as vocation director and ultimately the Superior General of the Augustinian order. In this role he traveled the world over and came to know Pope Benedict XVI as well as the Cardinal Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who would later become Pope Francis. In an interview he gave some time ago, Robert Francis Prevost even mentioned after the election of Pope Francis that due to some difficult meetings with him when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires that he was grateful he would never be made a Bishop.

Pope Francis must have remembered those meetings differently, for in 2015 he made Robert Francis Prevost Bishop of Chiclayo in Peru, where he would serve for nine years. So grateful were the Peruvians for his service that they granted him dual citizenship. Pope Francis then

called Robert Francis Prevost to Rome in 2023 to serve as the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. This dicastery leads the process that ultimately leads to new bishops begin appointed in the various dioceses of the world and then made him a Cardinal just one and half years ago. Who could have predicted that this son of the south side of Chicago, a priest of the Augustinian order with extensive missionary experience, experience as head of his order and later a bishop in Peru and then a Cardinal would be elected on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to be the 267<sup>th</sup> successor of St. Peter and 268<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Rome? This is what has come to pass, and now we have Pope Leo XIV. He is the first pope born in the United States of America, and from the Midwest too! We set up the festive papal bunting in yellow and white just in time as the white smoke billowed from the Sistine Chapel on the day he was elected.



I pray and hope we will be able to receive him in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis when he comes back home. We will be praying with him and for him as he begins his pontificate. May Pope Leo XIV always respond to the Lord's command to tend and feed the flock of Christ with the words, I love you, Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen*

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