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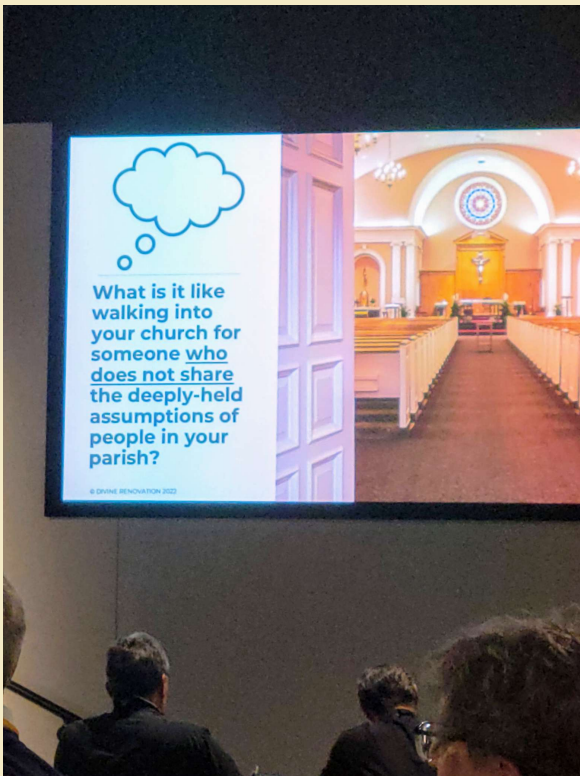
2022 Divine Renovation Conference



Last week, the 2022 Divine Renovation Conference (held at St. Ann Church in Copel, TX) brought together 600 parish leaders, mainly from the United States, including 140 priests and two bishops, all seeking to learn more about the outward movement of parishes into the mission to bring others to Jesus and the Church. The gathering offered participants an opportunity to worship and pray together, learn from keynote speakers, and hear from other parish leaders through breakout sessions regarding their experience in various areas of parish renewal.

It was evident that all that was offered and received throughout the gathering was an

outpouring of God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit!



Thanks be to God, our conference participants, Fr. Alex, Laura Balogh, Maria Cascio, and Cristina Folan, along with Fr. Kevin Kilgore from the Newark Archdiocese, returned home safely. In the coming weeks, they will share some of their takeaways. They will also discern jointly with Fr. Paddy (upon his return) and our Pastoral Council how their takeaways and lessons learned might help clarify our vision and inform strategies moving forward.

Youth Ministry Teens Called to Serve

By Q Furnald, Youth Minister & Director of Contemporary Worship

We are blessed here at Notre Dame of Mt Carmel to have wonderful young leaders inspired by their faith to help walk with their peers towards Christ and show the light of Jesus to the next generation of our Church. Our renewed Youth Ministry is taking shape, and the community of love and faith is being built! Here are some words from two of our high school leaders at the end of this year's Vacation Bible School, sharing how being involved in Youth Ministry has impacted and inspired them to serve the Lord further!



Family Mass Summer Travels Disciple-Ship Fourth Stop: India!

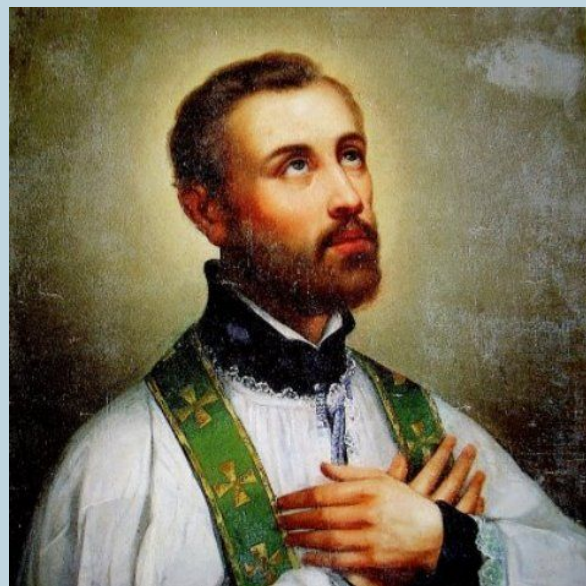
By Michelle Blanchfield, Family Faith Core Team



When we think of India, we often think of Hinduism. But, thanks to St. Francis Xavier, there is also Catholicism in India.

St. Francis Xavier was a friend of St. Ignatius, who convinced him to become a priest. He was ordained in 1537 and helped found the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits.

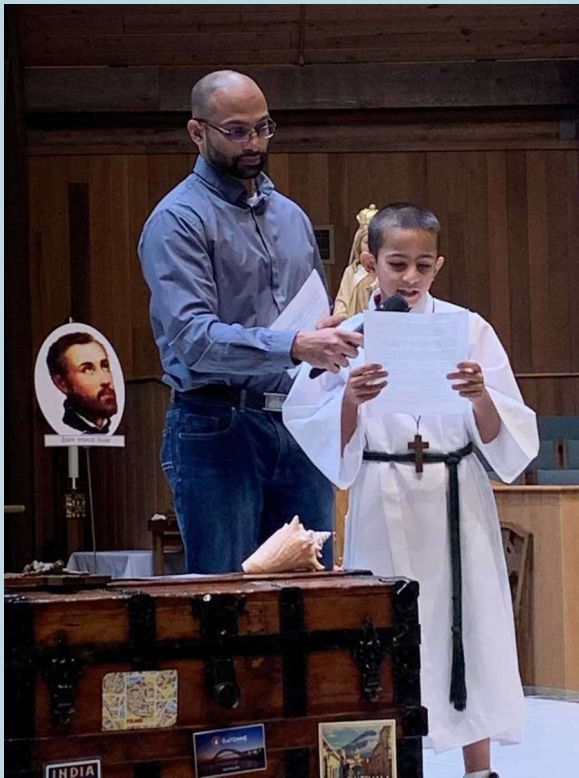
St. Francis Xavier embraced the differences in all people and said that God is revealed in our differences. He lived that by learning many languages so he could communicate with and interact with all people and claim them for Christ.



After St. Francis Xavier's death, many countries laid claim to his body. In 1961, India took back his body and laid it to rest in Goa. The Philippines wanted his body, but when they came to take the

body back, miraculously, the equipment wouldn't allow it to be removed. St. Francis Xavier's body remains in India. We celebrate his Feast Day on December 3rd.

Strengthening Faith & Leadership in our Domestic Church



"Growing up in Goa, India, Saint Francis Xavier has always been very important to my family. So to take the opportunity to learn more about him and share that with our kids was a blessing. Xavi really enjoyed learning more about after whom he was named."

"Even though we did the prep as a family, we chose for only Xavi and me to present at the altar because we realized some families might be intimidated by feeling that they ALL have to go up and say something; we wanted to show that it's okay to do however works best for your family."
- Allwyn Colaco

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News from From Houses to Homes Guatemala!

It has been challenging for our Guatemala Outreach Ministry not to have been able to travel to Guatemala these past two years to build homes as previously done since 2014. Nonetheless, through the generosity of those who have continued to support the ministry, we as a parish have been able to continue sponsoring the education of **Axel Danilo** at the ***From Houses to Homes Kemna 'Oj School***. We recently received this update from Carmen Dardon, the Student Sponsorship Coordinator at From Houses to Homes:



*Vásquez Chávez,
Axel Danilo*

✿ Mid Year Update 2022 ✿

Axel is a valuable member of the class community. He is respectful and hard-working. He submits his assignment on time and often gets some of the highest grades in his class. Nonetheless, he struggles quite a bit with Mathematics. He continues to need support from his parents and teacher in order to fill his gaps in the subject.

Axel is a motivated student so there is no concern that he will improve if he continues to apply himself.



Let us pray for Axel Danilo and his family, the ***From Houses to Homes*** Organization, and all our brothers and sisters in Guatemala. May our Lord also grant our Guatemala Outreach Ministry the ability to resume their mission trips in 2023!

Eucharistic Congress: You are invited!



 **Eucharistic Congress**

The Eucharist: The Source and Summit
of the New Evangelization

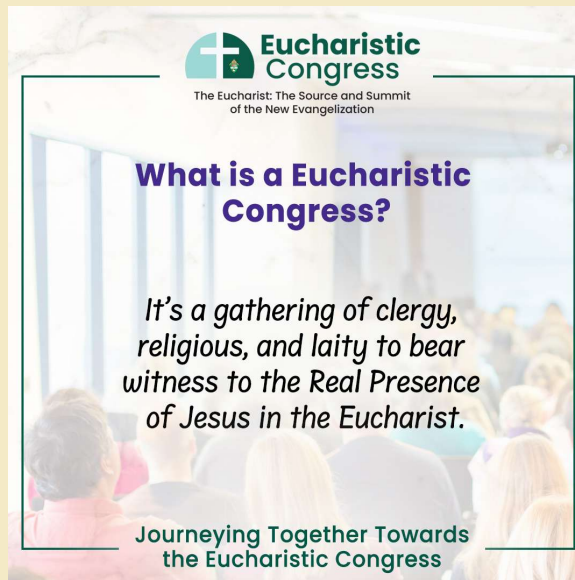
Friday, September 23rd
– Sunday, September 25th


Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
381 Grand Street,
Paterson, New Jersey

MORE INFORMATION:
rcdop/year-of-the-eucharist

Archbishop RINO FISICHELLA
Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery
for Evangelization

Bishop Sweeney is pleased to announce the premier event of the diocesan ***Year of the Eucharist***, inviting all parishioners to attend the **Eucharistic Congress** on **September 24 and 25 at the Cathedral in Paterson**. Several events in both English and Spanish will feature prayer, community, and talks from Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization at the Vatican. For a full schedule of events and to register, click [HERE](#).



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What is a Eucharistic Congress?

It's a gathering of clergy, religious, and laity to bear witness to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Journeying Together Towards the Eucharistic Congress

HAPPENING...

**This week's Mass
& Memorial Lamp
Intentions**

**Parishioner
Announcements**

**NEW
DISCIPLESHIP
GROUP**



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 7:00-8:30 PM,
AUGUST 3, 10 & 17**

We all have frameworks that help us make sense out of life. For many of us, that framework is religion. But frameworks fail. Life happens. And you may be left wondering...or maybe even wandering away from faith entirely.

In this 3-part series, Andy Stanley re-frames faith - not around the people, institutions, and religious rules that may have caused us to wander, but instead around Jesus and the wonder of His love.

Facilitators: Mike Letterese &
Patty Migliore-Torres

Register online at
www.ndcarmel.com

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**Saturday, August 13th
9 - 11 am only**

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"Whenever I groan within myself and think how hard it is to keep writing about love in these times of tension and strife which may at any moment become for us all a time of terror, I think to myself "What else is the world interested in?" What else do



*we all want, each one of us,
except to love and be loved,
in our families, in our work,
in all our relationships.
God is Love."*

—Dorothy Day



Let's share some love today and every day!





Sent by Cristina Folan - Communications

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