



ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024



WELCOME!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, 4 PM
Sunday, 7 AM, 9 AM,
11 AM, 1 PM, and 5 PM
Monday & Tuesday, 9 AM
Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Thursday & Friday, 9 AM
1st Friday, 6:30 AM
1st Saturday, 9 AM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, 4:30-6 PM
Saturday, 2:30-3:15 PM
Also by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9 AM-5 PM
Friday, 9 AM-1 PM
*Weekend Receptionist also available
in St. Joseph Hall 30 minutes before
and after Masses*

BECOME CATHOLIC

Contact Matt Gill at 817-846-4486 or mattg@stphilipcc.org to set an appointment.
For more details, visit stphilipcc.org/becomecatholic

WELCOME TO ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated at weekend Masses. Contact Matt Gill at 817-846-4486 or mattg@stphilipcc.org

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, 4:30-6 PM
Saturday, 2:30-3:15 PM
Also by appointment

1ST EUCHARIST & PENANCE

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CONFIRMATION

Matt Gill at 817-846-4486 or mattg@stphilipcc.org

MARRIAGE

Contact Matt Gill at least 9-12 months in advance at 817-846-4486 or mattg@stphilipcc.org

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Available at any Mass; notify the sacristan on arrival. On First Fridays, special Anointing service during 9 AM Mass. Contact the Office for Anointing at other times.

ADORATION TIMES

Wednesday, 7-8 PM

Thursday, 9:30 AM - 12 PM*

**Prayers and devotions during Thursday Adoration between 10:30-11 AM*

Adoration for Life

Second Monday of the month,
9:30 AM - 12 PM

All Day Adoration

Offered monthly; see dates at stphilipcc.org/adoration

*Cover image: Detail from
"The Immaculate Conception"
by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo*

NEW TO ST. PHILIP'S?

Welcome! We're glad to have you here.
If you wish to register with our parish,
scan the QR code below or go to
stphilipcc.org/register



QUICK INFO AND CONTACTS

Address

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Flower Mound, TX 75022

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Call 214-222-6700 for assistance.

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9 AM-5 PM
Friday, 9 AM-1 PM

Bulletin Deadlines

Submit items by 12 noon, 9 days in
advance of publication date to:
bulletin@stphilipcc.org

**To request a priest
in an emergency:**
Call 972-709-2364

See all Parish Staff contacts

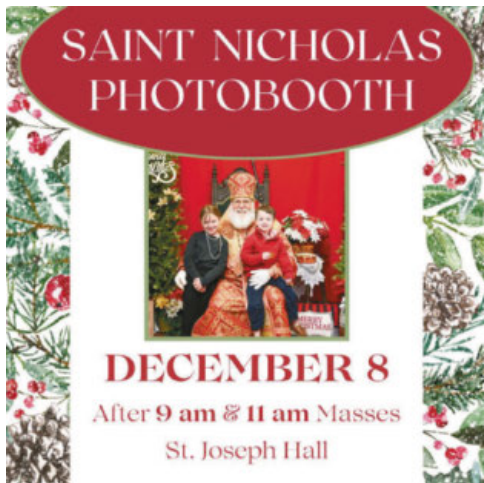
at stphilipcc.org/contact or scan the QR code.



Mass Schedule Changes

The morning 9 AM Mass is cancelled on December 9 and 16.

On these dates, Mass will be held at 6:30 PM in the evening as part of the Advent Mission Mondays



St. Nicholas Visits!

Sunday, December 8

After 9 AM & 11 AM Masses

Bring the kids to St. Joseph Hall after select Masses for treats and crafts, and an opportunity for a professional photo with the good bishop. Photos by Lorraine Marie Photography are complimentary, but donations are welcome!

Last Weekend to Return Giving Tree Items...

Drop off at Mass this weekend!

Volunteers will be on hand to collect your donations before all Masses this weekend. **THANK YOU!**

Forgot to drop-off your gift(s) this weekend?

Please email Victoria at VictoriaH@stphilipcc.org by Sunday 12/8 to make drop-off arrangements.



Giving Tree Christmas Basket Delivery

Saturday, December 14, 8:30-11:30 AM

Spread Christmas cheer by delivering Christmas Baskets to friends in our community! **Please sign up using the QR code.**

Retirement Fund for Religious

Second Collection Dec. 7/8

Men and women religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior men and women religious. Please give generously at Masses this weekend or online at stphilipcc.org/second-collections



OVER THE WEEKEND

RECEPTIONIST

Denise Koch

Main Receptionist

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Weekend receptionist is also available in St. Joseph Hall 30 minutes before and after weekend Masses.

MUSIC & LITURGY

Susan Schabel

Liturgical Coordinator

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Dr. Katherine Schmitz, D.M.A.

Director of Music and Organist

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NURSERY SERVICES

The nursery is open for 9 AM, 11 AM, and 5 PM Sunday Masses.

Our nursery cares for children ages 18 months to 3 years of age.

Where is the nursery located?

The nursery is located on the second floor of St. Joseph Hall; take the stairwell in St. Joseph Hall and the nursery is the first door on the left when you arrive upstairs.

SECURITY

Dan Jacobs

Facilities Manager

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Confessions During Advent

Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in this season of peace.

Scheduled Confessions:

Wednesdays, 4:30-6 PM

Saturdays, 2:30-3:15 PM

Mission Monday Confessions:

Confessions will also be offered as part of our Mission Mondays:

Monday, December 9

from 7:15-8 PM

Monday, December 16

from 7:15-8 PM

WITH MARY WE BEHOLD

Advent Mission Mondays

December 2, 9 & 16



Advent Mission Mondays

Our Advent Mission Mondays offer the opportunity for renewal through Word and Sacrament, prayer and reflection. **Please join us for Mass and one or more of the surrounding Mission events:**

Mission Monday Schedule

5 pm - Light Meal and Advent Reflection

6 pm - Angelus and Rosary

6:30 pm - Mass

Holy Hour and Confessions after Mass until 8 PM

Advent Mission Reflection: With Mary We Behold

Mary lived these weeks (the first Advent) in expectation of beholding the face of Christ; with her, we can perfectly live the season of Advent. As we watch and wait with Our Lady for the coming of the Lord, join us for brief reflections presented by:

Guest Speaker Deacon John Kerrigan (Dec. 9)

Director of Formation Matt Gill (Dec. 16)



Oil for Your Lamp

Women's Advent Prayer Night

Sunday, December 15

7-9 PM in St. Joseph Hall

Presented by St. Philip staff member Victoria Hamaty, our Women's Advent Prayer night will focus on the Gospel of Matthew 25:1-13, while preparing our hearts to receive the love of Christ. Sign-up using the QR Code to let us know you'll join us! Looking forward to praying with you as we journey closer to Christ this Advent! Contact Victoria Hamaty with questions at victoriah@stphilipcc.org

Rorate Masses

December 14 and 21

Mass begins at 6 AM

Rorate Masses, take their title from an Advent hymn in Latin that beautifully expresses their theme, as we pray "drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the just one: let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior." (Our Masses will be in English.) A Rorate Mass is traditionally celebrated just before dawn in Advent. The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World to us. Mass begins in darkness before sunrise, to remind us of a world in darkness and sin that is anticipating the coming of Christ. The Mass readings and prayers highlight the prophecies of the coming of Christ.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 25, the Nativity of the Lord, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Christmas Eve, December 24

4 PM - Church
4:15 PM - Founders Classical Academy
6 PM - Church
8 PM - Church

Christmas Day, December 25

*Carols begin at 11:15 PM before Midnight Mass**
12 Midnight - Church*
10 AM - Church

**Live-streamed at stphilipcc.org/mass*

High Attendance Expected at 4 PM Vigil

Please be aware that our church will likely reach capacity at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Vigil, and we strongly encourage parishioners to attend at other Mass times.

4:15 PM Mass at Founders Academy

An additional Mass will be offered at 4:15 PM at Founders Classical Academy (in the Upper Campus, the building closest to St. Philip's), located at 4901 Cross Timbers Road, Flower Mound.

Christmas Novena

Prayed daily from November 30 – December 24

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires (**mention any special intentions**), through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.*



Donations to our Christmas Flowers can be made in memory of a deceased friend or family member, using the envelopes provided in the Narthex or online at stphilipcc.org/give

Commemorations received after December 3 will not be included in the Christmas Day bulletin, but will be printed in the Sunday Bulletin during the Christmas season.



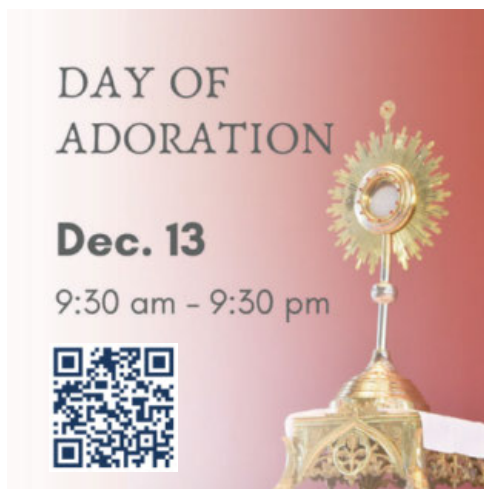
Christmas Cookies for Our Daily Bread

Saturday, December 21

Two ways to help:

- 1. Bake at home** and drop off at St. Joseph Hall on December 21 between 9-9:30 AM
- 2. Help prepare 150 bags** of cookies from 9:30-11:30 AM.

Bags and holiday ribbons will be provided. To receive the sign-up link, join the Special Projects Group at: stphilipcc.org/special-projects
For information, Contact Victoria Hamaty at victoriah@stphilipcc.org



Sign up for a Holy Hour at
stphilipcc.org/adoration



After all Masses
December 21/22

MASS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Saint Ambrose

6 am Intentions of Ryan Pecoraro
9 am Intentions of Alex Jansen
4 pm † Glenda Rachwal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Second Sunday of Advent

7 am † Rachelle Loconte
9 am For the People of St. Philip
11 am † Maria Escoto
1 pm † Sharon Szafranski
5 pm † James P. Polarek

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
(transferred)*

6:30 pm Intentions of Rick & Angie
Staats Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Our Lady of Loreto

9 am † Jose & Amalia Molinar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope

6:30 pm † Joseph P.V.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9 am Intentions of Gus & Angie Ortiz

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Saint Lucy

9 am † Anna Kirwin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Saint John of the Cross

6 am Intentions of Aidan Clark
4 pm † Ikechukwu Oputa

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Third Sunday of Advent

7 am † Donna Marie Stevens
9 am † Raymond McDaniel, Sr.
11 am For the People of St. Philip
1 pm † Hannah C. Masters
5 pm † Edd Gould

Live-Stream Schedule

Watch at stphilipcc.org/mass

Sunday Mass - 11 AM

Pray for Those Being Received into the Church December 8

Sunday, December 8, at the 1 PM and 5 PM Masses

Please pray for those who will be fully initiated into the Church this Advent at St. Philip's.



Moving Forward in Faith!

We are so close! Through your generosity, our *Forward in Faith* Capital Campaign is closing in on our Celebration Goal of \$10.8 million, which will enable us to break ground on the new Parish Hall and parking expansion. **Your year-end gift to *Forward in Faith* will help us start construction in 2025!**

Learn more at stphilipcc.org/forwardinfaith

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. PHILIP!

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

November 10 \$20,616.83
All Saints (Wk 2) \$230.00

OCTOBER 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS

Total Actual \$214,142.00
Total Budgeted \$213,187.00
Difference \$955.00

7/1/2024—10/31/2024

Total Actual \$907,037.00
Total Budgeted \$879,128.00
Difference \$27,909.00

OCTOBER 2024

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Credit Cards/ACH \$128,420.46



**DONATE
ONLINE!**

stphilipcc.org/give

For assistance with online giving,
please contact Kathy Loy at
KathyL@stphilipcc.org
or **972.219.0754**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 8–15, 2024

Sunday, December 8	Monday, December 9	Tuesday, December 10	Wednesday, December 11
Sunday Masses 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 5 PM St. Nicholas Visit <i>After 9 AM & 11 AM Masses</i> Chin Community 2:15 PM Classrooms Infant Baptism Class 3 PM Tower Room 301 <u>This Weekend</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Weekend to return Giving Tree gifts. Stop by before all Masses; see Page 8 for details. 	<i>No morning 9 AM Mass</i> Men's Small Group 6:30 AM St. Joseph Hall ADVENT MISSION MONDAYS Light Meal & Reflection 5 PM St. Joseph Hall Angelus & Rosary 6 PM Church Mass 6:30 PM Church Adoration & Confessions 7:15-8 PM Church	Mass 9 AM Church Women's Small Group 10 AM Room 222 K/1st Parent/Child Class 4:30 PM St. Joseph Hall 3rd-5th Grade Formation 4:30 PM Classrooms Middle School Bible Study 4:30 PM Tower Room 301 3rd-5th Grade Formation 6:15 PM Room 222 Co-Ed Small Group 7 PM Tower Room 301	Rosary for Clergy & Religious 9:15 AM Church Confessions 4:30-6 PM Church 3rd-5th Grade Formation 5:15 PM Classrooms High School Youth Group 5:15 PM St. Joseph Hall Mass - 6:30 PM Church Holy Hour - 7 PM Church Stephen Ministry 7 PM Tower Room 301 3rd-5th Grade Formation 7:15 PM Rooms 220 & 221 Middle School Youth Group 7:15 PM St. Joseph Hall
Thursday, December 12	Friday, December 13	Saturday, December 14	Sunday, December 15
Mass - 9 AM Church Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 AM-12 PM Church Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:15 PM Church K of C Assembly 2291 Business Meeting 6:30 PM St. Joseph Hall Monthly Grief Support 7 PM Room 222 Prayer Shawl Meeting 7 PM Rooms 220 & 221 St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Church	Men's Small Group 6:30 AM St. Joseph Hall Mass 9 AM Church Monthly Adoration 9:30 AM-9:30 PM Classrooms Monthly Grief Support 9:45 AM Room 223 Co-Ed Small Group 10 AM Tower Room 301	Rorate Mass 6 AM Church Men's Small Group 7:30 AM St. Joseph Hall Giving Tree Basket Delivery 8:30 AM St. Joseph Hall Confessions 2:30-3:15 PM Church Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM Church MS Bonfire & Games 6-8 PM Outdoors HS Bonfire & Games 8-10 PM Outdoors	Sunday Masses 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 5 PM Chin Community 2:15 PM Church, Room 222 Oil for Your Lamp: Women's Advent Prayer Night 7 PM St. Joseph Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grief Support Group

Two sessions available this week:

Thursday, December 12, 7 PM in Room 222

Friday, December 13, 9:45 AM in Room 223

The Grief Support Group meets on the second Thursday (evening) and Friday (morning) of every month. We open and close with prayer, have a topic of the month and an opportunity for shared discussion. Our group is open to anyone who is grieving, and RSVP is not required. For more information, go to stphilipcc.org/hope or contact Susan Schabel at 214-222-6707 or sschabel@stphilipcc.org

Please Check Lost and Found

Items not picked up by December 31 will be donated! We collect items that have been left behind and store them for up to a month. Please check Lost and Found regularly; at the end of every month, we donate the contents of Lost and Found. If what you're looking for isn't in our Lost and Found, don't forget to ask the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua to help you recover it!



FORMATION



MS & HS Youth Bonfire Night

Saturday, December 14

MS Bonfire from 6-8 PM

HS Bonfire from 8-10 PM

Now that the weather is (slightly) cooler, it's time for a bonfire!

Join us for an evening outdoors; hot dogs, s'mores, and drinks will be provided. After we eat, we'll play outdoor games like the classics: manhunt, sardines, kick the can, etc. This event is free!

Please sign up using the Form B for each group below:



MS Bonfire Signup

Dec. 14, 6-8 PM

stphilipcc.org/ms

HS Bonfire Signup

Dec. 14, 8-10 PM

stphilipcc.org/hs



Hope to see you there!
For more information,
contact Dylan McBryde at
dmcbride@stphilipcc.org

College/Young Adults

Scan this QR code to join our email list and GroupMe to stay up to date with upcoming meetings and events!

stphilipcc.org/young-adults



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our brothers and sisters who are ill or distressed, especially...

Kathy Greer, Nikki Estes, Julie Kapurch, Cathy Ueckert, Alexander Manning, Tomas Escobar, Kathleen Cox, Ralph Binford, Sandrah Tshiombo, Eric Kaly, Maria Tiphaine Nyimlongo

Our brothers and sisters with long-term or ongoing health conditions, especially...

Lisa Baas, Alfonso Gonzalez, Marian Monnig, Gary & Elizabeth Vaughn, Eric Eggert, John and Barbara Sauer, Maria Berg, Susan Schabel, Patricia Bell, Elizabeth Freeman, Lou Adams, Mark Smith, Karen Thomas, Phil Delvecchio, Delia Handy Ybarra, Marlene & Jim Wille, Heather Hofmann, Jeremiah Betron, Rex King, John-Paul Kalapati, Gay Wagner, Wanda Gibson, Ron Gourlie, Janice Sladeczek, Steven Lenggenger, Kate Moreno, Joseph Jackson, Michael Johnson, Elmer Hall, Joyce Paxton, Laura Snyder, Charlotte Fouche, Rodrigo Galindo, Bernice Binford, Judi Engel, Mike Weller, Kate Woodley, Pat Loehr, Wade Weakley, Margarit Pirro, Ali Beckwith, Emanuel & Lupita Valenciano, Yvette Valenciano, Carmen Sanchez-Rivera, Lynne Boyd, Greg St. Arnauld, Imelda Trinidad, Samantha Wischnewsky, Dennis Monnig, Ruth Fairchild, Liam Gutierrez, Debbie Blackstone

Our brothers and sisters who have been born into eternal life ...

Matthew Pellegrino, Kathleen Aljoe, Patricia Wood, Alicia Loreda, Sean Hawk, Marilyn Harms

Our parishioners who have gone before us ...

William Bauer 12/7/2005; Julie Ball 12/7/2017; Sylvia Zwolski 12/8/2021; Georgianna Burkett 12/9/2015; Benjamin Wright 12/10/1987; Juan Carlos Cardenas 12/10/2015; Denis Bedard 12/10/2017; Joseph Magni 12/10/2021; Brian Zitun 12/12/2016; Jerry Ogle 12/13/2000; Jim Fellwock 12/14/2023; Julia Krafton 12/15/2007; Andrew Storms 12/16/2005; Paul Rockwood 12/16/2018

Vocations...

Sr. Maria Bernadette, Sr. Maria Seraphina, Sr. Maria Therese, Sr. Maria Pia, Paul Trinh, Andrew Notley, Aidan Clark, Alex Jansen, Ryan Pecoraro, Michael Marincel, all our diocesan seminarians, and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Our Parish Ministries ...

Adult Formation

Growing in Grace Online

Our Growing in Grace feature appears monthly in the parish bulletin. Subscribe to receive Growing in Grace articles via email or read online at stphilipcc.org/growing-in-grace or scan the QR code.





If you or someone you know is searching for answers about the Faith, or considering returning to the Church, we are here to help.

Invite someone to return to Mass

Invite others to Christmas Mass with you; your kind invitation may be all someone needs to seek Our Lord this Christmas.

Tell us your story

We are available to meet with you. To set up a private meeting to tell your story and have your questions answered, please contact Matt Gill by texting 817-846-4486 to set an appointment.

More information at stphilipcc.org/becomecatholic

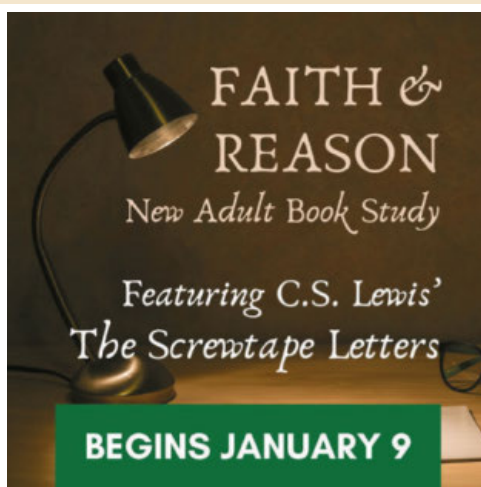
NEW Adult Book Study in 2025

**Introductory Meeting January 9
6:30 PM in Tower Room 301**

Join us in 2025 for the Faith & Reason adult book study series. The goal of this series is to go beyond catechism and scripture study to explore a deeper philosophical and literary treatment of our Catholic Faith. We will discuss an important written work over a 6-8 week period, depending on the size of the work. There is no commitment to attend every meeting; you may come and simply listen to the discussion, or join in. **Our first book study:**

***The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis**

A fairly easy read, yet brilliant and thought-provoking, this is a classic work that continues to resonate with readers. Its exploration of the human condition, the nature of temptation, and the importance of vigilance and self-examination.



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THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



**STATEMENT OF BISHOP MICHAEL F. OLSON TO THE PRIESTS, DEACONS,
CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS, SEMINARIANS, AND LAY FAITHFUL
OF
THE DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH
REGARDING
THE HOLY SEE'S SUPPRESSION OF THE CARMELITE MONASTERY
OF
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS**

DECEMBER 2, 2024

I write to you to inform you that I have been notified that the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life of the Holy See on November 28, 2024, promulgated a decree suppressing the Carmelite Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity in Arlington, Texas. A copy of this decree, along with a letter addressed to me by the Dicastery, is posted on our diocesan website. Please read them both.

I wish to repeat that since this sad series of events began to unfold in April 2023 when the former prioress self-reported to me her grave failure against the vow of chastity with a priest, I was obliged to begin the search, in accord with Canon Law, for both justice and mercy for all involved. Her admission was recorded and entered into the public record at a civil court hearing brought about because of the former prioress' first civil lawsuit filed against me and the Diocese. Throughout this process, the former nuns have been treated with respect by my office and by their legitimate religious superior, the Reverend Mother Marie of the Incarnation, O.C.D. Our response to their disobedient actions and calumny has consistently been guided by charity, patience, and has been in accord with the instructions of the Holy See. Now, as always, I wish them grace and peace in Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

It is important for the faithful to remember the following points:

First, the women who continue to occupy the premises in Arlington are **no longer nuns** because they have been declared *ipso facto* dismissed from the Order of Discalced Carmelites for reasons of their notorious defection from the Catholic faith. They are neither nuns nor Carmelites despite their continued and public self-identification to the contrary.

Second, the Holy See has suppressed the Monastery, so it exists no longer, despite any public self-identification made to the contrary by the former nuns who continue to occupy the premises.

Third, the Diocese of Fort Worth has never made any claims to the property of the former Monastery, nor do we do so now.

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officeofthebishop@fwdioc.org

Fourth, I repeat that any Masses and sacraments celebrated at the former Monastery are illicit and done so by priests without faculties or permission to minister in the Diocese of Fort Worth. It is gravely wrong for Catholics knowingly to assist at these Masses. Catholics do harm to the Communion of the Catholic Church by intentionally attending these ceremonies.

Finally, I wish to again acknowledge the great sadness that this entire affair has brought to our local church and beyond, and to me personally. The actions of the former nuns have perpetrated a deep wound in the Body of Christ. I ask all of you to join me in praying for healing, reconciliation, and for the conversion of these women who have departed from the vowed religious life and notoriously defected from communion with the Catholic Church by their actions. With prayers for the former nuns and for all harmed by these events, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Michael F. Olson

The Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, S.T.D., M.A.
Bishop of Fort Worth

Please read the Letter from the Holy See to Bishop Olson below, and the Holy See's Decree of Suppression of the Carmelite Monastery on the next page.



DICASTERO
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI VITA CONSACRATA
E LE SOCIETÀ DI VITA APOSTOLICA

Vatican City, November 29, 2024

Prot. n. 2566/2020

Your Excellency:

This Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life writes to inform you that after having carefully examined your *votum* and that of the President of the Carmelite Association of Christ the King of the U.S.A., has determined that the community of the Discalced Carmelite Monastery of Arlington, Texas, U.S.A., is extinct, and given this finding this same Dicastery, in accordance with *Cor Orans*, 67-73 (cf. can. 616), decreed on November 28, 2024 the suppression of the Discalced Carmelite Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity, Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.

Once again, this Dicastery of the Holy See acknowledges that the events of the past year and a half have caused you and the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Worth hardship and unwarranted public attention. Be assured that we are grateful for your heroic and thankless service to the local Church.

I welcome the occasion to greet you fraternally in the Lord.

Sr. Simona Brambilla, M.C.
Sr. Simona Brambilla, M.C.
Secretary

- Enclosure - *J*

His Excellency
THE MOST REV. MICHAEL OLSON
Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth
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Fort Worth, TX 76108
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DICASTERIO
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI VITA CONSACRATA
E LE SOCIETÀ DI VITA APOSTOLICA

Prot. n. 2566/2020

DECREE OF SUPPRESSION

Whereas, in 2020 the Discalced Carmelite Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity, located in the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A., was one of seven communities of Discalced Carmelite Nuns petitioning this Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life to erect a new association of Discalced Carmelite nuns in accordance with the norms of the Instruction *Cor Orans* on Women's Contemplative Life; and

Whereas, at the time of their petition the Arlington Monastery had been under the jurisdiction of the Provincial of the Discalced Carmelite Friars and observed the 1991 Constitutions; and

Whereas, on August 10, 2020, the Monastic community requested that this Dicastery allow them to join the new Association of Christ the King, that they be allowed to change their jurisdiction from the Discalced Carmelites Provincial "to that of the Diocesan Bishop, and that they be allowed to change from the observance of the 1991 Constitutions to the Constitutions of 1990"; and

Whereas, this request also received written approval, full support, and blessing from His Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael Olson, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, and the Provincial of the Discalced Carmelites Friars, indicating that they had no objection to the transfer of jurisdiction; and

Whereas, on October 23, 2020, this Dicastery issued a decree granting the request made with the consent of the Superior General of the Discalced Carmelite Friars and the acceptance of the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, to transfer from the special vigilance of the Order of Discalced Carmelite Friars to the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, for the reasons submitted; and

Whereas, on April 18, 2024, convinced that every effort should be made to preserve the health and longevity of the Arlington Carmelite Monastic community and to restore order and proper ecclesiastical governance to the Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity, this Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, in accord with the Apostolic Constitution, *Vultum Dei Querre*, art. 8 §3, and the Instruction, *Cor Orans* on Women's Contemplative Life, nn. 13, 54-64, entrusted *ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* the government of the Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity to the President and Council of the Carmelite Association of Christ the King; and

Whereas, on October 28, 2024, the Reverend Mother Marie of the Incarnation, O.C.D., acting Major Superior of the Arlington Carmel, declared the *ipso facto* dismissal of the five solemnly professed nuns for reasons of their notorious defection from the Catholic faith (cf. can. 694 §1, 1° CIC) and further decreed the dismissal of the Carmel's only novice. (The vows of the only member of the Carmel in temporary vows expired in August 2024, and have not been validly renewed, thus, leaving the Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity with no members.);

WHEREFORE, the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, having carefully examined the *nota* of both the President of the Carmelite Association of Christ the King of the U.S.A., and the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A., finds that the community of the Discalced Carmelite Monastery of Arlington, Texas, U.S.A., is extinct, and given this finding this same Dicastery does, in accordance with *Cor Orans*, 67-73 (cf. can. 616), hereby,

DECREE the SUPPRESSION of the Discalced Carmelite Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity, Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.

For the rights legitimately acquired by other people, the norms of universal and proper law will be respected.

The President of the Association of Christ the King will execute this decree and inform this Dicastery and the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth of the execution, after which her mandate and function as Major Superior of the Monastery will cease.


This Dicastery exhorts all the members of the Discalced Carmelite Order, as well as the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Worth, to pray earnestly, that the hearts of such as have erred may repent and return to the unity of the truth bestowed on the Church by Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Vatican, this 28th day of November 2024.


Prefect




Sister Simona Brambilla, MC
Secretary

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