



Faithful Footsteps

Walking Together in Faith on a Lifelong Journey



Generations of Faith was held at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary on Wednesday, February 11th to prepare for the upcoming Lent season. The evening started with the Holy Mass followed by supper and Lent activities. The activities began with a fun game of Lent Kahoot. Eleven 40 Day Family Lent Challenges were presented and families were encouraged to participate in one or more challenges. Challenges included: Rosary Challenge, Daily Mass Challenge, Stations of the Cross Challenge, Fast From Screens Challenge, Fast From Favorite Drink Challenge, Lost Shepherd Challenge, Chaplet of Divine Mercy Challenge, Morning Offering Challenge, Almsgiving Challenge, Catholic Devotions Challenge, and Scripture Challenge. Individual pamphlets for each challenge were available with a tracker included to keep motivated. Door Prizes were given away, family pictures were taken with their 40 Day Family Lent Challenge t-shirts, and participants created a Lenten block to add to their prayer corner that included a Lent design along with a Family Lenten Prayer.



Walking Together in Faith to these

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NORTH DAKOTA
PRO-LIFE
YOUTH
SUMMIT**



North Dakota State Heritage Center
612 E. Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND
Register at www.ndrl.org
Guest Speaker
Dr. Jerry Oberitsch
Presented by
Lutherans for Life of
ND and ND Right to Life



**NEW DATE:
JUNE 6, 2026**

2025-26 SEARCH WEEKENDS

Don't wait until the last minute, the deadline to register is 2 weeks before.

APR 17-19, 2026

WEEKEND COST: \$75⁰⁰
PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED.

REGISTER ONLINE
SearchinMedora.com



A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT WHEN REGISTERING ONLINE IF UNDER 18.

STEP UP TO THE PLATE: SAY YES TO GOD'S CALL!

*A Catholic Vocations Day for
4th & 5th Grade All-Stars*



TICKETS ONLY \$20

**SATURDAY 18
APRIL 2026**

**SPONSORED by THE BISMARCK DIOCESE
OFFICE OF CATECHESIS AND YOUTH**

ST. MARYS ACADEMY
1025 N 2nd St. Bismarck, ND

**GATE OPEN AT 9:30 A.M.
EVENT STARTS AT 10 A.M. - ENDS AT 3:00 P.M.**

FREE DRINKS • FREE FOOD • DOORPRIZES



WWW.BISMARCKDIOCESE.COM/VOCATIONSDAY

"A great flame of faith and love must once again spread across the world, lighting the way for all people of good will." -Pope Leo XIV

WORTHY


For the battle belongs to the Lord.
1 SAMUEL 17:47

STEUBENVILLE 2026

St. Paul - July 23-26

The Bismarck Diocese Steubenville Conference trip provides an exciting opportunity for youth in grades 8-12 to experience a deep encounter with Jesus and empowers them to live life to the fullest for Him. The conference features seasoned speakers, workshops, music, Mass, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship with other young Catholics.

\$350 for Youth 18 and under
\$200 for Chaperones 21+ years
Registration Opens March 1st
Registration Deadline May 5th



register online at bismarckdiocese.com/Steubenville

THE ROCK

APR 8

RSVP to Fr. Magnuson at 223-4113

**St. Mary's Central High School
Doors Open at 6:30 pm
Event Starts at 7:00 pm**

Record numbers of people are converting to Catholicism, N.J. diocese says

Nicolas Fernandes | NJ.com Published: Mar. 15, 2026

The Archdiocese of Newark has seen record numbers of people converting to Catholicism in 2026, a statistic that the Rev. Armand Mantia said is happening around the world.

A total of 1,701 parishioners will be added to the church before Easter. Of the large group, 645 of are catechumens, individuals who will be baptized for the first time.



That is a 30% increase in new Catholics since last year and a 72% increase since 2023. Mantia, of the Archdiocese of Newark, said the numbers of conversions have been rising since shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Last year, we had the largest number of people ever,” Mantia said in an interview with NJ.com. “We thought that might have been an anomaly for various reasons and then all of a sudden, once we started to put the numbers together for this year, we realized we kind of blew that one away.”

Mantia believes many of these conversions are due to the uncertainty in both the country and the world.

“It’s very difficult to make a sweeping generalization why anybody does anything, but I think a good bit of it has to do with the uncertainty in our world and the tumultuousness of daily life,” he said. “Faith offers you what the world can’t offer.”

Mantia pointed out that this is a trend happening in Catholic communities around the world. The Archdiocese of Westminster in England reported a 60% increase in conversions since last year and the Archdiocese of Paris said it will welcome 788 new parishioners this Easter, its largest ever group of converts. The Diocese of Cleveland is welcoming 1,029 converts this year, a 120% increase since 2023.

Earlier this week, The Tablet, a UK-based Catholic publication, published a story reporting an increase in religious service attendance among Ireland’s Gen Z population.

“It’s not just unique to us. There seems to be a movement around the world,” Mantia said. “People are coming out of the woodwork.”

Mantia believes the religion’s 2,000-plus year history and the consistency of its beliefs are what attracts new parishioners.

“People are I believe coming to the realization that there is something to the fact that we have been around for 2,000 years in a substantially unbroken and unchanged format,” he said.

He also mentioned that many people have been showing an interest in the ancient religion despite an increase in anti-Catholic rhetoric in recent years.

“While there is a lot of opposition in the world for various reasons, people seem to be able to cut through all of that,” he said.

The Archdiocese of Newark, led by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, serves 1.3 million Catholics in 211 churches and 64 schools across northern New Jersey.

LOOK WHO'S WALKIN'

Celebrating fun and educational events in our Diocese that are spreading the Love of Jesus!



Joy and laughter spread through the Annunciation Monastery as Sister Marena's students from St. Mary's Academy recently joined some of our sisters for cards Scrabble, and other fun games.



The OCIA candidates from Corpus Christi walked the walk as they toured the Bismarck Ronald McDonald House and made tie blankets for the families who stay there. This gave them a quick glimpse of how to be a servant of Jesus as they prepare to enter the Church in the weeks ahead.



Varsity Veritas offered an opportunity for girls in the Williston Deanery to visit the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus in Dickinson. Sr. Therese Marie, ACI (far left) is Fr. Wanner's sister. Continue praying for a spirit of prayer and discernment for all our youth.

