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Lonnie Grabowska
TEAM DIOCESAN DEACON

Bismarck

2026

FR. RUSS KOVASH




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TEAM DIOCESAN PRIEST

Diocese

TEAM MARRIAGE AND FAMILY



Bismarck Diocese

ED AND MEL KONIECZKA

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Colton Steiner
TEAM TRANSITIONAL DEACON

Bismarck

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FR. JACOB MAGNUSON




2026

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TEAM DIOCESAN PRIEST



Diocese



Apostle to California,
Witness to Holiness

Junipero Serra

PATRON SAINT OF RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin
Feast Day: July 12

Pray for Us

@cathapostlectr

Jennifer Wyckoff



Legendary

Consecrated Virgin
Bride of Christ Jesus



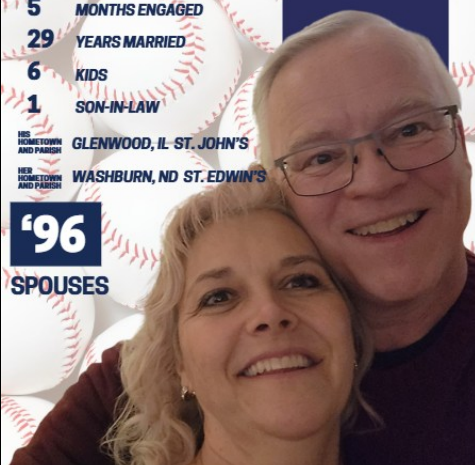
ED AND MEL

2026 SEASON STATS

3 YEARS DATED
5 MONTHS ENGAGED
29 YEARS MARRIED
6 KIDS
1 SON-IN-LAW


HER HOMETOWN AND PARISH: GLENWOOD, IL. ST. JOHN'S
 HIS HOMETOWN AND PARISH: WASHBURN, ND. ST. EDWIN'S

'96 SPOUSES




FR. RUSS KOVASH
 TEAM DIOCESAN PRIEST


POSITION: PASTOR, CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, BISMARCK, ND
 BIRTHDATE AND ORDINATION DATE: AUGUST 12, 1966 / JUNE 29, 2009
 HOMETOWN AND PARISH: DICKINSON, ND. ST. PATRICK'S
 FAVORITE SPORT: BASKETBALL



DEACON LONNIE GRABOWSKA

birthdate/ordination: April 12 / October 23, 2011
 favorite hobbies: exercising and shooting
 position: Deacon
 Church of Corpus Christ Bismarck
 hometown: Bismarck

Baptismal Name: Miguel Jose Serra
 Born: November 24, 1713 - Petra, Spain
 Died: August 28, 1784 - Carmel, California



Joined the Franciscan Order at age 16 to become a priest and missionary
 Founded nine missions along the California coast
 Canonized September 23, 2015 by Pope Francis
 Feast Day: August 28
 Patron of Vocations, California and Serra Club



FR. JACOB MAGNUSON
 TEAM DIOCESAN PRIEST

POSITION: ST. MARY'S CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAIN, PAROCHIAL VICAR, PROCATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY, BISMARCK
 BIRTHDATE AND ORDINATION DATE: AUGUST 20, 1982 / JUNE 13, 2022
 HOMETOWN AND PARISH: MINOT, ND - ST. THERESE, CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER
 FAVORITE SPORT: BASEBALL



DEACON COLTON STEINER

Hometown: Dickinson, ND
 New Team: Associate Pastor, St. Anne Bismarck, ND
 Current Position: Deacon, Procathedral of St. Mary, Bismarck, ND
 St. Mary's Academy Chaplain
 birthdate/ordination: May 2, 1996 / June 12, 2026
 favorite hobbies: Pickleball and riding motorcycle

St. John Vianney


Patron of Priests

Almighty and merciful God, who did bestow upon blessed John Mary Vianney wonderful pastoral zeal and a great fervor for prayer and penance, grant, we beseech Thee, that by his example and intercession we may be able to gain the souls of the brethren for Christ, and with them attain to everlasting glory, through the same Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reign with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen

Feast Day: August 4

Team consecrated LIFE

BIRTHDATE CONSECRATED: March 1, November 22, 2024
 HOMETOWN: Dickinson, ND

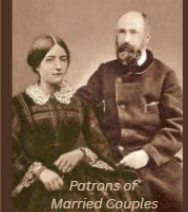


POSITION: Executive Assistant, St. Joseph Parish, Dickinson, ND
 FAVORITE SPORT: Baseball
 Bismarck Diocese

Martin
 August 22, 1823 - July 29, 1894

Zelie
 December 23, 1831 - August 28, 1877

Married
 July 12, 1858
 This is also their feast day!



Patrons of Married Couples

The Martins were the first married couple in history to be canonized together on October 18, 2015.
 Louis was a watchmaker and Zelie was a talented lacemaker owning her own business.
 They both discerned religious life before they met. When Zelie first saw Louis, she heard Our lady's voice interiorly, saying, "He is the one I have prepared for you."
 Zelie had nine children, four who died very young. They turned to their faith in grief.
 They are known for their deep faith, attending daily Mass and receiving Holy communion on First Fridays.
 Their five living daughters all became religious sisters. Their youngest, Saint Therese of Lisieux, became a Doctor of the church. Their third child, Leonie Martin, is also a candidate for sainthood.
 Zelie died of breast cancer in 1877.

**BISHOP
DAVID D. KAGAN**

EXECUTIVE TEAM MANAGER
SINCE 2011

Bismarck
Diocese

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BEN AUCH
TEAM DIOCESAN DEACON

TEAM MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

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WILL AND BROOKE LARSON

Legendary
Sister Marena Hoogland

Benedictine Sisters of
Annunciation Monastery

BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF
Annunciation Monastery

Legendary
Sister JoAnn Krebsbach

Benedictine Sisters of
Annunciation Monastery

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Annunciation Monastery

BR. SYMEON

ASSUMPTION ABBEY
RICHARDTON, NORTH DAKOTA

Bismarck

FR. STEVEN VETTER

2026

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St. Benedict

*Consecrated Virgin
Bride of Christ Jesus*

Legendary
Heather Wernke

Bismarck
Diocese

WILL AND BROOKE

TEAM MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

'17 SPOUSES
2026 SEASON STATS
8 YEARS MARRIED
4 KIDS

HIS HOMETOWN
ST. CROIX FALLS, WI
HER HOMETOWN AND PARISH
BISMARCK, ND
PRO-CATHEDRAL
OF ST. MARY

BROOKE'S FAVORITE SPORT:
SOFTBALL

WILL'S FAVORITE SPORTS:
WRESTLING AND FOOTBALL

BROOKE'S HOBBIES: TRAVELING,
SHOPPING, CAMPING

WILL'S HOBBIES: HUNTING, FISHING,
CAMPING



DEACON BEN AUCH

Position
Deacon
Church of St. Vincent
Mott, Regent
New Leipzig,

Hometown
Mott, ND

Wife Nadra

favorite hobbies
Shooting, boating

birthdate/ordination
January 9
November 30, 2018



KAGAN

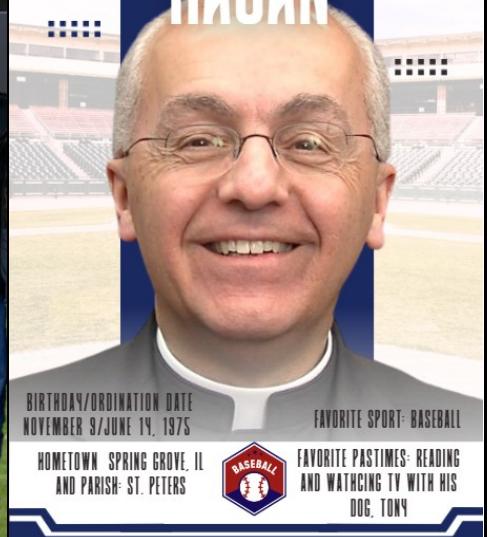
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NOVEMBER 9/JUNE 19, 1975

FAVORITE SPORT: BASEBALL

HOMETOWN SPRING GROVE, IL
AND PARISH: ST. PETERS



FAVORITE PASTIMES: READING
AND WATCHING TV WITH HIS
DOG, TONY



POSITION
GARDENER AND
INFIRMARIAN

**PARISH/
HOMETOWN**

ST. JOHN
THE APOSTLE
MINOT

**BIRTHDATE/
FINAL VOWS**
APRIL 21
APRIL 16, 2019

**FAVORITE
SPORT**
HOCKEY

BR. SYMEON RUEBKLE
TEAM BENDICTINE MONK



**Team
consecrated
Life**

**Annunciation
Monastery**

POSITION
Vocation
Team

**FAVORITE
SPORT**
Basketball

HOMETOWN
Washburn,
ND

**BIRTHDATE
FINAL VOWS**
October 7
July 11, 1961



**Team
consecrated
Life**

BIRTHDATE

FINAL VOWS

October 30

July 11, 2025

FAVORITE SPORT

Baseball

HOMETOWN

Catwaba,

Wisconsin

POSITION

Professed

Sister/Math

Teacher



**Annunciation
Monastery**

Annunciation
Monastery
Bismarck, ND

**Team
consecrated
Life**

**BIRTHDATE
CONSECRATION**

June 2

June 16, 2023

FAVORITE SPORT

Horseback Riding

HOMETOWN

Strongsville,

Ohio

POSITION

Consecrated

Virgin

Catholic

University of

Mary



WHAT THE ST. BENEDICT MEDAL MEANS



**CRUX SANCTI PATRIS
BENEDICTI** (CENTER TEXT)
The Cross of Holy Father
Benedict.

**EIUS IN OBITU NOSTRO
PRAESENTIA MUNIAMUR**
(OUTSIDE EDGE TEXT)
May we be strengthened by
his presence in the hour of
our death.

**EX S M CASSINO
MDCCCLXXX** (BELOW
IMAGE OF BENEDICT)
From Holy Monte Casino 1880.

PAX (TOP)
Peace.

SM Q L I V B (LEFT SIDE, CLOCKWISE)
What you offer me is evil. Drink the
poison yourself!

V R S N S M V (RIGHT SIDE,
CLOCKWISE) Begone satan! Never
tempt me with your wiles!

C S C M L (VERTICAL CROSS)
May the holy cross be my light!

N D S M D (HORIZONTAL CROSS)
May the dragon never be my leader!

C S P B (FOUR QUADRANTS)
The Cross of Holy Father Benedict.



*Patron saint against evil.
He offers divine protection from
curses, evil and vices.*

Take Me Out To The BALL GAME



POSITION

DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS
PAROCHIAL VICAR AT CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

BIRTHDATE AND ORDINATION DATE

JANUARY 18
JUNE 12, 2023

HOMETOWN AND PARISH

HOMETOWN ST. ROSE OF LIMA IN TORRINGTON, WV
ND HOMETOWN ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX IN BELFIELD

FAVORITE SPORT
WRESTLING

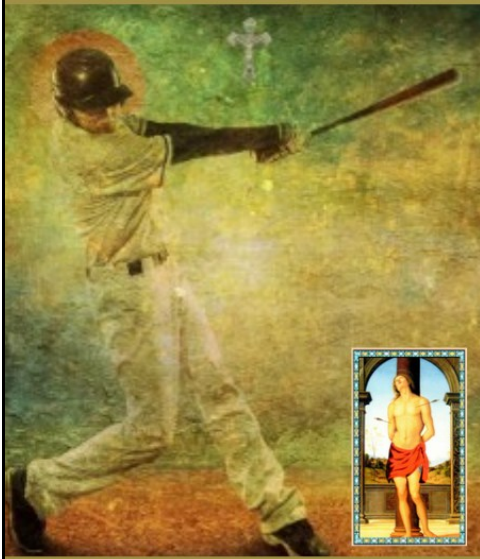


FR. STEVEN UETTER

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St. Sebastian



Patron of Baseball

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POPE LEO

MVP
2026

**BR. MARTIN
TEAM MANAGER**



ASSUMPTION ABBEY

RICHARDTON, NORTH DAKOTA

**ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO,**
PATRON SAINT OF SEMINARIANS,
pray for vocations!

*St. Ambrose
Patron Saint of Bishops*

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*Legendary
Diane Huck*

Bismarck
Diocese

HOME OF THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX
POPE LEO XIV

BIRTHDAY/ELECTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 14/MAY 8, 2026
HOMETOWN: DOLTON, IL
AND PARISH: ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

FAVORITE SPORT: TENNIS
FAVORITE PASTIMES: PLAYING WORDLE



KAGAN

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Prayer to St. Sebastian the Martyr

Dear Commander at the Roman Emperor's court, you chose to be also a soldier of Christ and dared to spread faith in the King of Kings, for which you were condemned to die. Your body, however, proved athletically strong and the executing arrows extremely weak. So another means to kill you was chosen and you gave your life to the Lord. May athletes be always as strong in their faith as their Patron Saint so clearly has been.


Amen.

Prayer before Mass St. Ambrose Feast Day December 7

Remember, Lord, your creature, whom You have redeemed with Your Blood. I repent my sins, and I long to put right what I have done. Merciful father, take away all my offenses and sins; purify me in body and soul, and make me worthy to taste the holy of holies. May Your Body and Blood, which I intend to receive, although I am unworthy, be for me the remission of my sins, the washing away of my guilt, the end of my evil thoughts, and the rebirth of my better instincts. May it incite me to do the works pleasing to you and profitable to my health in body and soul, and be a firm defense against the wiles of my enemies. Amen.

6 FACTS ABOUT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

- He is the patron saint of bishops, cardinals, seminarians, spiritual leaders, and obesity.
- St. Charles Borromeo along with St. Ignatius of Loyola, led the effort to fight the Protestant Reformation.
- He was the nephew of St. Pope Pius IV.
- When he was twelve, he was given tonsure to mark him for priesthood.
- He studied theology and also earned his degree in law at the University of Pavia in Milan.
- St. Charles Borromeo died in Milan from complications of an infection and a fever.



BR. MARTIN KRAUTH
TEAM BENDICTINE MONK

POSITION: ASST. GUESTMASTER AND ASST. INFIRMARIAN
FAVORITE SPORTS: CHESS

PARISH/HOMETOWN: ST. LAWRENCE LAWRENCEVILLE, GA
BIRTHDATE/FIRST VOWS: DECEMBER 31 NOVEMBER 11, 2025



Team Diocesan STAFF

FAVORITE SPORTS: Wrestling/Volleyball
HOMETOWN: Bismarck, ND

BIRTHDATE: December 6
HIRE DATE: June 29, 2024


POSITION: Director of Catechesis and Youth



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