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CALENDAR



NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS DAY

NOVEMBER 2

ALL SOULS DAY

NOVEMBER 3-4

LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER SESSION 2

CANCELLED

NOVEMBER 5-11

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 10-11

SCHOOL OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP
ST. ANTHONY, TONY

NOVEMBER 10-12

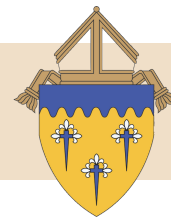
HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND
CROSSWOODS, MASON

NOVEMBER 12-18

DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

NOVEMBER 23-24

CHANCERY CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING



CHANCERY NEWS

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST | THEME: RADICAL SOLIDARITY

Each October the Diocese offers a Respect Life Essay Contest for youth in 5th-12th grade. We encourage students of Catholic schools, religious education programs, and homeschoolers to submit an essay on the USCCB Pro Life Secretariat theme for the year. This year the theme is Radical Solidarity and encourages us all to use our words and actions to accompany people who are facing various challenges. Please see the reflection on Radical Solidarity to inspire young writers, and the registration flier to submit essays. Essays are due at the end of February and judged by Chancery staff. We award a \$25 Amazon gift card to the winners in each grade up to 8th grade, and one for 9th – 12th grade. Several quotes are published in the Catholic Herald following the contest. Poems are also accepted. Please encourage the youth in your parishes to participate in this project. Click on [RADICAL SOLIDARITY ESSAY](#) for reflection and registration information.



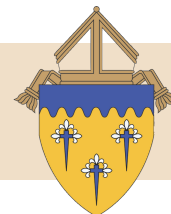
NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE | DECEMBER 8-9, 2023

The National Night of Prayer for Life is a national initiative to pray for life, family, the Church, and peace. This prayer service is celebrated from 9:00pm on December 8th until 1:00am December 9th to bridge the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) and the feast day of St. Juan Diego (December 9). Please note that the format of the prayer service can be adapted to the needs of your parish or cluster, however the changes should be approved by clergy.

During the HOUR OF UNITY, 12:00 Midnight to 1:00 a.m. EST., all people will be united in churches across the country and the world in prayer to end abortion and restore God's blessings.



The essential elements include: Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and the Rosary. The suggested prayer format for The National Night of Prayer for Life is optional. All other components are subject to local custom and practice. The Prayer to St. Michael, hymns, and time of silent prayer may also be included. Contact the local priests, Pro-Life Organizations, Knights of Columbus, and all parish groups and inform others of this Life-Saving event. More information can be found on their website for downloads and suggested format for the night of prayer. www.nationalnightofprayerforlife.org



CHANCERY NEWS

DIOCESAN ONLINE SHOPPING THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 2023



MORE STYLES AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Diocese of Superior is pleased to announce that our online merchandise store is open once again! This timeframe is chosen with Christmas in mind – check out the options this go round while doing your Christmas shopping! There is something for everyone: hoodies, vests, hat, cardigan, and more! Click [HERE](#) to access the store. Spread the word to your family and friends! A portion of each sale goes toward supporting Extreme Faith Camp – a weeklong camp put on for middle schoolers by the diocese.

Note, the store is on a timer and will only be open through November 14th to ensure (as much as we are able) that items are delivered in time for Christmas.

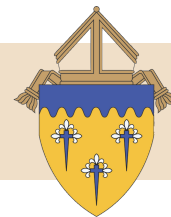
SAVE THE DATE! | NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE LED BY BISHOP JAMES POWERS - REGISTRATIONS DUE DECEMBER 1

July 17-21, 2024
Indianapolis, IN

The Eucharist Congress opportunity to travel with Bishop Powers to Indianapolis is being organized by Peter's Way Tours. There will be four busses departing from various locations – Superior, Rice Lake, Hudson and Merrill. There is limited space on this trip so it will be a first come-first serve opportunity. All transportation while at the Congress will be provided by the bus company – so no need to find parking or other transportation while in Indianapolis. Those not able

to attend via the bus trip, can still purchase tickets through the [Eucharistic Revival website](#), but transportation will be on their own. Bishop Powers is looking forward to this wonderful trip! Diocesan priests that have been given permission by Bishop Powers to attend have been notified. It is Bishop's expectation that all other priests of the Diocese will be celebrating the Eucharist in their own parish in solidarity with the congress. For more information, registration forms are found [online](#) or at the end of this bulletin. **PLEASE ADVERTISE TO YOUR PARISHIONERS. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE DECEMBER 1ST.**





CHANCERY NEWS

CATHOLIC GIFT ANNUITY PROGRAM

The Diocese of Superior has entered into a Catholic (Charitable) Gift Annuity Program with Catholic Extension. A Catholic Gift Annuity is a simple contract. A donor donates to Catholic Gift Annuity and in return, receives fixed payments for life. The remaining balance of the gift benefits the Catholic organization(s), designated by the donor, within the Diocese.

The Catholic Gift Annuity is 100% administrated by Catholic Extension, as a service to our mission Diocese which has been providing charitable gift annuities since 1912.

You are encouraged to promote it in your parish as a way to secure legacy funding for the future. Brochures for your parish are available by contacting Steve Tarnowski, Director of Development. Contact: 715-394-0223 starnowski@catholicdos.org.

GENEROUSLY DONATED ITEMS FOR PARISH USE

Make|Model: Young Chang | G150 Baby Grand Piano Serial #G058735.

Fabricated between 1990-95.
Recently tuned.

Interested parishes should
contact Mr. York Pasanen:

yorkp@gmail.com

202.276.2451c

321.726.7786w

Location: 113 Elizabeth Lane,
Chetek, WI 54728.

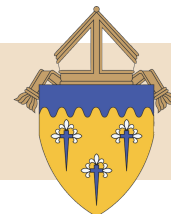


The parish accepting this donation does not owe him any money, but must arrange for all transport arrangements and costs. The parish should have a direct connection with the personnel involved in the movement of the instrument and should make these arrangements on their own with people they know.



Interested parishes
should contact Our Lady
of Perpetual Help -
Whittlesey directly.
Contact Mr. Ron Skolaski
at 715.785.7879.
Recipients must arrange
for all transport
arrangements and costs.

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CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE | AUTUMN 2023

Hurley - St. Mary of the Seven Dolors	Sunday	Sept 17	11:00a
Glenwood City - St. John the Baptist	Sunday	Oct 08	10:30a
Cameron -St. Peter w/ Barron - St. Joseph Chetek - St.Boniface Strickland - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Wednesday	Oct 11	6:30p
Hudson - St. Patrick	Saturday	Oct 14	5:00p
Mellen - Most Holy Rosary	Sunday	Oct 15	9:00a
Spooner - St. Francis de Sales Shell Lake - St. Joseph	Sunday	Oct 22	10:00a
New Richmond - Immaculate Conception w/ Erin - St. Patrick	Saturday	Oct 28	5:00p
Woodruff - Holy Family	Sunday	Oct 29	10:00a
Eagle River - St. Peter the Fisherman w/ Sugar Camp - St. Kunegunda Three Lakes- St. Theresa Phelps - St. Mary Land O' Lakes - St. Albert Rhineland - Nativity of Our Lord	Sunday	Oct 29	3:00p
Tomahawk -St. Mary	Wednesday	Nov 01	6:00p
Medford - Our Lady of the Holy Rosary w/ Whittlesey - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Stetsonville - Sacred Heart of Jesus Rib Lake - Good Shepherd Merrill - St. Francis Xavier	Sunday	Nov 05	10:30a

Wisdom

UNDERSTANDING

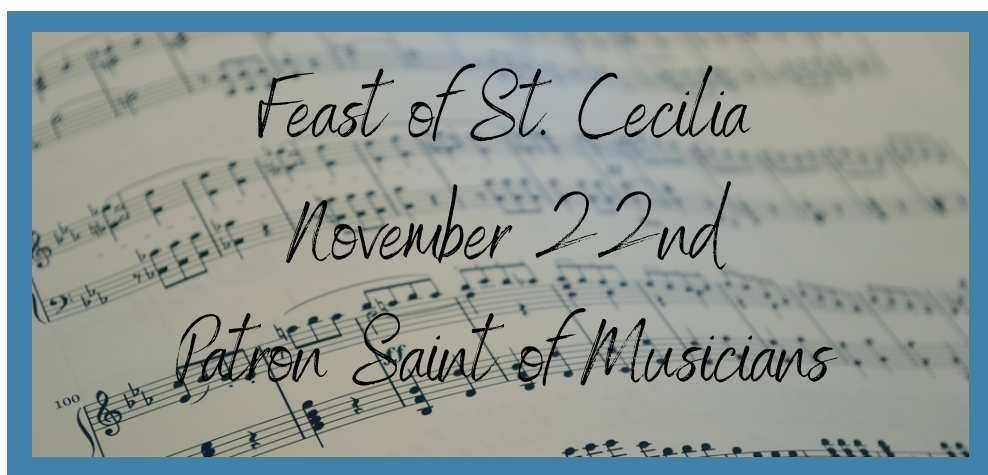
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Fortitude

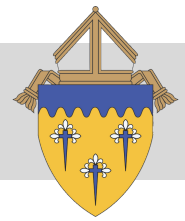
Knowledge

Piety

Fear of God



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VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK | NOVEMBER 5 - 11

"The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain. Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises towards ever wider horizons." St. John Paul II. Click [HERE](#) for social media posts, homily ideas, bulletin blurbs, pop-up banners, coloring sheets, information on discernment groups, children's books, high school workbooks, prayer cards and more! Schools and Religious Education programs are encouraged to present the annual vocation lessons during this week. Our diocese has an account with Vianney Vocations and students can access materials at vocationlessons.com using the access code: OpenHeart. Contact JulieAnne Johnson: 715-234-5044; jjohnson@catholicdos.org for more information.

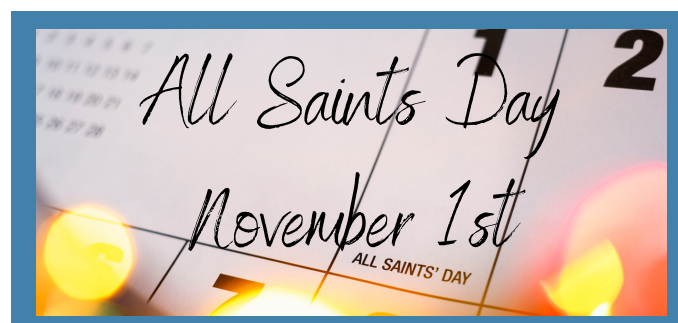


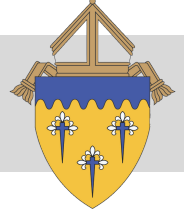
DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK | NOVEMBER 12 - 18

The weeklong Discover Catholic Schools Week (DCSW) is designated to help schools connect with prospective families, donors, educators and other community members. We want to help showcase what makes Catholic schools the best when families are looking to find the right school for them. Follow the links to the right to find creative ways to celebrate each day of DCSW!

DAILY THEMES

Sunday	///	Discover your Parish Family
Monday	///	Discover Catholic School Students
Tuesday	///	Discover Catholic School Parents
Wednesday	///	Discover Catholic School Educators
Thursday	///	Celebrating the Faith-based Community
Friday	///	Celebrating Catholic School Donors
Saturday	///	Celebrating Catholic School Alumni





BISHOP HAMMES CENTER

MARCH FOR LIFE | JANUARY 16 - 21

The Diocese of Superior is once again partaking in the March for Life in Washington, DC! All high school students are invited to join us in January as we take a coach bus pilgrimage from Wisconsin to Washington D.C. to partake in the National March for Life, attend the Students for Life of America Conference, visit the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, and much more! Contact your parish youth leader to learn more. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Where: Bus trip from Wisconsin to Washington, DC

Time: Tuesday, January 16, 2:00pm - Sunday, January 21, 12:00pm

Cost: \$650 / person

Registration: PCL's: please fill out the [Parish Registration Form](#) for your parish. These are due **October 12th** along with a \$100 deposit / person payment.

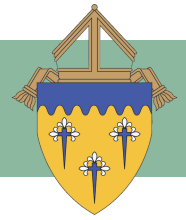
YOUTH EVENT REGISTRATION DEADLINES | 2023-24

EVENT	Parish Registration Form & Deposits Due	Online Registration & Balances Due
*Fall High School Discipleship Weekend	Oct. 26, 2023 (total payment due)	Oct. 30, 2023 (online registration due)
March for Life	October 12, 2023	November 27, 2023
*Spring High School Discipleship Weekend\Extreme Camp	Mar. 12, 2024 (total payment due)	Mar. 25, 2024 (online registration due)
Extreme Faith Camp	January 4, 2024	April 1, 2024

*Note that for High School Discipleship Weekends, we do not use a deposit/balance system. The full payment of \$120 / person for these weekends is due at the same time as the Parish Registration Form.



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2023-2024 SCHOOL OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP | AUGUST 2023-APRIL 2024

Fridays | 6:00p - 9:00p
Saturdays | 8:30a - 4:00p
St. Anthony Parish Hall, Tony

Participants in the School of Servant Leadership will gain a deeper understanding and lived experience of discipleship as developed through the lens of servant leadership; broadened sense of Catholic identity and opportunity to enhance and practice leadership knowledge and skills for ministry or in the workplace. Network with other servant leaders! Contact: Chris Newkirk:

715-394-0204

cnewkirk@catholikos.org.

<https://catholikos.org/school-of-servant-leadership>.

Date	Time	Session Title
November 10, 2023	6-9 pm	Building Assets, Affirming Strengths
November 11, 2023	8:30 am -4:00 pm	Building Assets, Affirming Strengths
December 8, 2023	6-9 om	Building Community
December 9, 2023	8:30 am-4:00 pm	Building Community
January 12, 2024	6-9 pm	Stewardship & Ethical Decision Making
January 13, 2024	8:30 am-4:00 pm	Stewardship & Ethical Decision Making
February 9, 2024	6-9 pm	Prophetic Leadership
February 10, 2024	8:30 am-4:00 pm	Prophetic Leadership
March 8, 2024	6-9 pm	Peace & Building Conflict Resolution
March 9, 2024	8:30 am-4:00 pm	Peace & Building Conflict Resolution
April 5, 2024	6-9 pm	Ritual, Tradition & Celebration
April 6, 2024	8:30 am-4:00pm	Ritual, Tradition & Celebration

2023-2024 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS AND CALENDAR - REGISTER NOW!

TUESDAYS - | JANUARY 16, 2024 | APRIL 16, 2024

Tuesday Sessions | 10:00a-3:00p (9:30a: Registration, Gathering & Hospitality)

*Lunch provided

St. Joseph Parish Center, Hayward

Cost: Take advantage of discount pricing and register for all 3 days!

\$10 per individual session per person; \$25 / all 3 sessions per person.

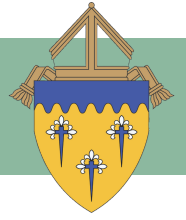
\$30 per group of 4 or more per session; \$75/ all 3 sessions for groups of 4 or more

Professional Development Days are excellent opportunities for Pastors, Parish Life Coordinators/Parish Directors, Deacons, Religious Sisters, Parish Catechetical Leaders (Principals, Teachers, DREs, CREs, Youth Ministers) and Parish Leadership Teams to learn and grow together in 2023-2024, and Year Three of our "Maintenance to Mission" initiative. All individual leaders are welcome to take advantage of these opportunities by attending as an entire parish leadership team.

continue reading for the Program Calendar...



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January 16, 2024 | SESSION II: “For all the Saints: A Call to Individual and Public Holiness”

Ms. Emily Wald, Coordinator of Employee Benefits & Insurance for the Diocese of Superior, has taken time to discern a religious vocation and what it means to live a life of holiness, particularly through the experience of the Saints. She will provide insights and share what she has learned on how we can all strive to be holy in our personal and public life.

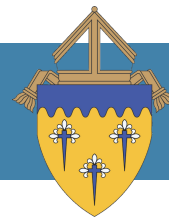
April 16, 2024 | SESSION III: “Marriage and Family: The Domestic Church”

Mrs. Loree Nauertz is the Associate Director of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship, as well as the lead staff member for Marriage & Family Ministry for the Diocese of Superior. Loree will help participants understand the importance of marriage and family as the Domestic Church, and as the primary venue for family formation and creating fertile ground for discernment of a vocational calling: marriage & family, single life, religious life, priesthood, and the permanent diaconate.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#), or complete the form at the end of this bulletin and send with your payment (made out to *Diocese of Superior*) to:

Attn: Christine Newkirk
Diocese of Superior
1201 Hughitt Avenue
Superior, WI 54880





OFFICE OF WORSHIP | [Paul Birch](#)

2023 - 2024 DIOCESAN CALENDAR OF FEASTS, FASTS, AND PARTICULAR LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES:

<https://catholicdos.org/liturgical-seasons>

For paper copies, contact the Office of Worship at (715) 394-0233.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE MATERIALS

The diocesan Office of Worship provides Advent Communal Penance Service Materials for parish use. The format includes a leader's booklet intended for use by the Priest-celebrant and assisting ministers. A separate one-page worship booklet for assembly use is also provided. Click on the link for the materials: <https://catholicdos.org/communal-penance-services>

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS' (All Saints' Day) | Wednesday, November 1, 2023

AND

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

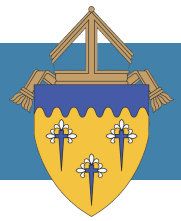
(All Soul's Day) | Thursday, November 2, 2023

In 2023, November 1 falls on a Wednesday and so All Saints' Day is celebrated as a holy day of obligation in the dioceses of the United States. On the following day, Thursday, November 2, All Souls' Day is celebrated. The readings for Mass on All Souls' Day need to be selected beforehand from among those found at Lectionary nos. 668 (The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) or 1011 – 1016 (Masses for the Dead).

THANKSGIVING DAY | Thursday, November 23, 2023

In the Diocese of Superior, Thanksgiving Day has been chosen as one of our four Special Days of Prayer and focuses on gratitude for the harvest and the fruits of the earth. Proper orations and a preface for Mass on this day are found in the Missal at Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, either its no. 28 (After the Harvest) or no. 49 (For Giving Thanks to God) along with their suggested prefaces. Options for scripture readings are found in Volume IV of the Lectionary (nos. 943-947 – In Thanksgiving to God).

The Book of Blessings provides an Order for the Blessing of Food for Thanksgiving Day (nos. 1755-1780) which may be incorporated within Mass or within a celebration of the Word. Parishes may also wish to take up a special collection of food items for their local food shelf.



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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE | Sunday, November 23, 2023

The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, a feast born out of resistance to totalitarian incursions against religious liberty, is an excellent opportunity to preach about religious liberty, both in the United States and abroad. 2023 USCCB resources include a Novena to Christ the King and Lectionary notes. An archive of resources 2022 – 2014 is also available. <https://www.usccb.org/christtheking>

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | Friday, December 8, 2023

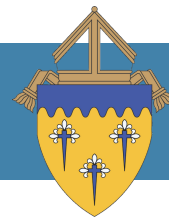
Because December 8th does not fall on Sunday this year, Immaculate Conception is celebrated as a holy day of obligation. Unlike other holy days which are not celebrated as such when they fall on Saturday or Monday, Immaculate Conception always is. Only when December 8 falls on a Sunday—of Advent—(necessitating its move to December 9) that the celebration loses its obligatory nature.

OBLIGATORY BACK-TO-BACK CELEBRATIONS OF THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DAY | Sunday-Monday, December 24-25, 2023

These two obligatory celebrations fall on consecutive days in 2023. When a Sunday and another holy day of obligation occur on two successive days, attendance at a single Mass during the span of the two days does not fulfill the double obligation. Two distinct Masses must be attended within the two 24-hour periods, or separately anticipated.

In 2023 December 25 (Christmas- a holy day of obligation) falls on Monday. Unlike other holy days falling on Saturday or Monday which lose their obligatory nature, Christmas is always a holy day of obligation. As is true with all Sundays, the faithful are obligated to attend Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent as well—either on that day or anticipated the evening before, as usual. Again, one Mass cannot fulfill both obligations.

Back-to-back days of obligation may challenge our ability to provide the number of parish Masses usually expected. Eliminating opportunities for Mass attendance on either day is problematic. Hopefully, though, cooperative dialogue between clustered parishes will consider the health and well-being of priests along with the needs and expectations of parishioners.



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SOLMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD | Monday, January 1, 2024

Because January 1 falls on Monday in 2024, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

LITURGY TRAINING PUBLICATIONS MATERIALS NOW AVAILBE AT A 35% DISCOUNT

Materials published by LTP are available at a 35% discount when ordered via our diocesan website—see link below. Upon receipt of the LTP invoice, parishes should reimburse LTP directly. LTP shipping charges are 10% of order value or actual cost, whichever is higher, plus a fee of \$6.00 per drop-ship delivery address. The minimum shipping amount is \$7.00. Orders for electronic items do not qualify for the discount. <https://catholicdos.org/worship-resources>



ADORATION OPPORTUNITIES - EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Adoration is offered every Wednesday night at a parish in the Diocese of Superior. Please consider attending an opportunity near you and inviting others to join in prayer as a diocese! Please email [JulieAnne Johnson](#) with any questions.

November 1, 2023:
Holy Family, Bayfield
(715) 779-3316, [Parish Page](#)

November 22, 2023:
St. Joseph, Shell Lake
(715) 635-3105, [Parish Website](#)

November 8, 2023:
St. Joseph, Osceola
(715) 294-2243, [Parish Website](#)

November 29, 2023:
St. Kunegunda of Poland, Sugar Camp
(715) 546-2159, [Parish Website](#)

November 15, 2023:
St. Joseph, Rice Lake
(715) 234-2032 [Parish Website](#)

View Eucharistic testimonies from your
Catholic neighbors in the diocese [HERE](#)

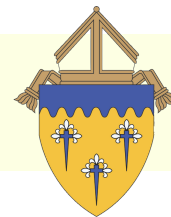


Mission: To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Vision: encompasses a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.” For an informational flyer published by the USCCB’s Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis click [HERE](#). Other resources: [FREE](#)

[Eucharistic Revival Newsletter - "Heart of Revival"](#)

[National Eucharistic Revival Resources 2022-2025](#) | [Diocesan Resources](#) | [Year2 Handbook](#)

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SUBMITTED EVENTS

SUPERIOR CONFIRMATION RETREAT | JANUARY 13, 2024

Superior Catholics will be holding a Confirmation Retreat beginning at 8am on Jan 13, 2024, and ending at noon on Jan 14, 2024 in Kress Hall at the Cathedral. Cost will be \$40 for those who are attending from outside of the Superior cluster. This will help with food and material expenses. Parishes should prepare to send chaperones. Reach out to Virginia Kovaleski with any questions at virginiak@superiorcatholics.org.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRAINING IN MINNESOTA | JANUARY - APRIL

St. Rose Catholic Church in Proctor, Minnesota, will be hosting Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Training for Level 1, Part 1. CGS is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Registration cost is \$185 (due on the first day of training). To register, contact St. Rose Church at strosecgs@gmail.com.

Dates/Times:

January 20-21, 2024

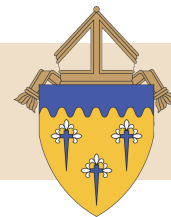
February 17-18, 2024

April 13-14, 2024

Saturday, 9:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday, 9:30am - 4:30pm

If you are interested in having an event submitted to the Chancery Bulletin, please email Amy Little (alittle@catholicdos.org) or JulieAnne Johnson (jjohnson@catholicdos.org). Please include 1) Name of event 2) Location 3) Date & time 4) Basic information about event 5) How to register (if applicable) 6) Contact person/phone/email for event.



CLERGY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

11/02 Fr. Christopher J. Kemp
11/08 Dcn. Michael D. Cullen
11/14 Dcn. Clarence L. Campbell
11/21 Dcn. Clarence D. Towle
11/23 Dcn. Owen T. Gorman
11/25 Fr. William J. Murphy
11/29 Dcn. Thomas J. Weiss

ORDINATIONS

11/01 Dcn. Lawrence P. Hennemann
11/01 Dcn. Joseph F. Paron
11/01 Fr. James J. Kinney
11/03 Fr. Gerald A. Hagen
11/04 Dcn. Brian J. McCaffery
11/07 Dcn. Clarence D. Towle
11/25 Fr. Sangmoon Kim
11/26 Fr. Ronald Serrao
11/26 Dcn. Arthur E. Gil de Lamadrid

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR | Peggy Schoenfuss

DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

St. Anthony de Padua Parish Hall, 276 S. 5th Ave., Park Falls

Saturday, October 21, 2023

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

I. Preliminaries

- a. Welcome and Call to Order – *Dcn Larry Amell*
- b. Prayer led by Bishop Powers
- c. Roll Call & Introductions

Present: Bishop James Powers; Joan Lauer (Northwest, Virtual); Gregory Hughes (Northwest, Virtual); Tony Pintens (Southwest, Virtual); Angie Paternina (Southwest, Virtual); Neil Adler (North Central); Bill Mattes (North Central); Linda Kulesa (South Central); Linda Applebee (South Central, Virtual); Bob Hoffman (South Central); Pam Berdal (East); Holly Dionne (East, Virtual); Dcn Larry Amell (Appointed); Sister Theresa Sandok, OSM (Virtual); Dan Blank; Peggy Schoenfuss; Christine Newkirk

Absent/Excused: Amy Patel (Northwest); Kevin Effertz (Southwest); Dcn. Ken Kasinski (North Central); Sister Linda Songy, SCSC; Very Rev. James Tobolski

II. Review and Approval of April 22, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Linda Kulesa; Seconded: Neil Adler; Approved

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion: Pam Berdal; Seconded: Bill Mattes; Approved

IV. Discussable Items

- a. Maintenance to Mission Initiative (<https://catholicdos.org/evangelization-missionary-discipleship>)

Ladysmith Cluster Maintenance to Mission Report:

- The religious education parents are reviewing Bishop's letter

Grantsburg Cluster Maintenance to Mission Report:

- Held adoration on Wednesdays
- Say St. Michael and Vocations Prayers at/after Mass
- The evangelization committee is meeting regularly

Webster Cluster Maintenance to Mission Report:

- There are small groups reviewing Bishop's letter
- In January will start a study on the call of Jesus for mission
- A men's group is gathering, encouraging fraternity to "go invite a brother"

Ashland Cluster Maintenance to Mission Report:

- Women's and Men's groups are formed
- The councils are reviewing Bishop's letter

Woodruff Maintenance to Mission Report:

- Starting in November, the Tuesday Mass will be moved to 5:30 PM so more people can attend.
- Have been holding adoration with testimonials.
- The parish administrator has been attending the Christ Life session in Merrill and will be bringing them to Woodruff
- They are having a discussion on Bishop's letter

Barron Cluster Maintenance to Mission Report:

- A committee is forming to get things rolling

Mellen Cluster Maintenance to Mission Report:

- The evangelization team kicked things off in their parishes by explaining what evangelization is "not" because of preconceived notions people have.

- They are taking things slow and currently going over Bishop's letter section by section.
- Through this all, Mellen has decided to change things up with youth Masses and Masses during the week.

Somerset Cluster Maintenance to Mission Report:

- The parishes do a huge push for OCIA where Father talks about it at every Mass. They have five people again this year.

Bishop asked what the general reception or reaction of the terms Maintenance to Mission or Evangelization has been: The word "evangelization" still scares people

Bishop asked if people are seeing this as just another program:

- Ashland is incorporating this into everything they're already doing.
- There needs to be more of an awareness amongst the parish community. The Webster cluster is doing a three week review first and then plan to communicate the message out.
- Somerset is first now looking at it as a long-term initiative. Looking out 5-10 years is a hard mindset to change. They are attempting to show the benefits of change.

Bishop explained that if people are looking at this as a program it will be a complete flop. For three years now, priests and deacons have been reflecting and learning about moving from Maintenance to Mission. There is also other planning going on. This committee of the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) is the eyes and ears into parishes. If parishes are struggling, let us know. Don't wait for a DPC meeting to let us know what is going well.

Last weekend we had the Clergy Workshop for priests and deacons where Bishop Hying from Madison talked about preaching the Kerygma, evangelization and keeping the most important thing the most important thing – Jesus Christ. Bishop Powers explained, if we walk away from Mass feeling worse after, there's something wrong. As Catholics we have grown up not comfortable talking about faith. The Gospel says to talk about Jesus. We need to help each other stand up and be proud of our faith. Since the pastoral letter has gone out, Bishop is heartened by the number of small groups that have started.

Dcn. Larry commented that when this first came out three years ago, he was dreading another program, but has realized the change of focus and paradigm shift and is very supportive. Greg Hughes mentioned that people are alive in their faith. As Catholics we go through motions without a relationship with Christ. Finding ways to encounter Christ is crucial for us.

Bishop mentioned how important a retreat experience is in order to light a fire in us. Even more important though is for individuals to have something to come back to in their parishes once the fire is lit. We need to start to bring young people back. The parish may be "old" but there's still a school in those areas. We need to bring people back to the Church.

Angie Paternina explained how the Rice Lake Cluster of parishes holds "Welcome" retreats for men and women every few months. These retreats help men and women get to know each other – people they've seen every weekend at Mass, but never got to know each other. It has inspired her and many others in the parishes to share their faith. For more information about the "Welcome" weekends, Emily Hagen from the cluster can be contacted (e.hagen@sjsricelake.org).

We need to give our clusters a chance to work together. It's important for generations of Catholics to spend time together. The older populations have a lot to share. Holy Family in Woodruff is trying a new way to communicate. They've started a blog on their website where people can respond to the "This is My Body" book study.

It's been recommended that all these things happening in parishes be shared in the Catholic Herald.

- b. Synod Updates – October 4-29, 2023 Ordinary General Assembly (<https://catholicdos.org/synod>)
Delegates are currently meeting in Rome for the Synod. There is not a lot coming out from Rome. There are more rumors than anything. The question has come up if parishes can start initiating things that came up during the Synod discussions in their parish. Bishop says yes. It's all part of the Maintenance to Mission initiative. If it makes sense for the parish, there's the starting point. Christopher Hurtubise, Peggy Schoenfuss and Dan Blank are taking turns attending USCCB monthly meetings on the Synod. It is evident that as a diocese we've rolled the Synod, Eucharistic Revival and Maintenance to Mission into one goal – sharing our story. We are inviting people to know Christ.
- c. Eucharistic Revival (<https://catholicdos.org/eucharistic-revival>)
 - i. Every Wednesday Adoration at assigned parishes in the diocese
 - Ashland school does adoration one time a month and the parish does adoration on Wednesdays and Fridays along with their perpetual adoration chapel. They've seen an increase in families at Mass.
 - Webster Cluster has had two parishes participate in the Wednesday night diocesan adoration night. About 6-10 people have attended.
 - Three Lakes has adoration on Wednesday mornings after Mass.
 - Barron has adoration after religious education on Wednesday night. Not many parents and children stay.
 - It's important to reach out to parents of youth. Christ Life in Merrill is attracting 200+ people by the parish concentrating on inviting families of school and religious education children.
 - There is a small group traveling around the diocese attending Masses or adoration at various parishes.
 - In Somerset, the special Wednesday night traveling adoration has drawn additional people that don't normally attend adoration.
 - ii. Corpus Christi processions
 - Ashland Cluster did the Eucharistic procession at each of the cluster parishes.
 - Webster Cluster is taking turns doing the procession at each parish each year. About 40 people have attended. It seems that parishioners don't seem to cross parish lines. If it's not done at their parish they don't attend. It would be nice to look at a Cluster as one.
 - Ladysmith Cluster had about 20-30 representing the entire Cluster at the OLS procession.
 - In Somerset, about 75 people attended. They solicited help from the Knights of Columbus and Women's group who had a part in the procession. The bigger the event, the more people show up and the more important the event perceived.
 - iii. National Procession with the Diocese of Duluth – May 21-22, 2024 – The Eucharist will process from Crookston Diocese into Duluth on May 21 with a prayer service and adoration by Bishop Powers at 6:30 at the Cathedral in Duluth with a social to follow. On May 22 there will be a Mass and two-mile procession with three bishop's processing.
 - iv. Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage with Bishop – July 17-21, 2024 – Please encourage people to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to pray and learn together and by taking a bus, travel around Indianapolis will be easier.

It's been 50 years since the United States has had a Eucharistic Congress. Statistics show that a few years ago only 25% of practicing Catholics believed in the Real Presence. Current data says about 50% of

weekly Mass attendees believe in the Real Presence. Bishop stated, “If we don’t believe in what we say, then why are we here?”

A discussion ensued. It’s a case of priorities. We’re in the third generation of people fallen away and now in a lot of families, there is nothing. Church has lost relevance because we can find social belonging in other places. If people are coming to Mass they have some kind of faith. Sometimes we take it for granted. We need more education on what the Eucharist is – how sacred it is. Faith comes from many things – family, hearing, education, relationships, prayer...

d. Diocesan Office Manager Reports

- Please continue the marriage anniversary celebration. It’s a wonderful experience for the couples.
- What can we do to support the Catholic Schools’ Week Collection? Can areas without schools adopt some of our schools to help the parishes who have them?
- The clergy workshop last weekend was positive and Dcn. Larry mentioned that he felt more positive about the future of our diocese than ever before
- Keep supporting and praying for the clergy – if something is going well in the parish or cluster, tell them!
- The Bishop Hammes Center will try to begin visits to religious orders with young women again.
- We are very grateful for our missionary priests from India.
- The Men’s and Women’s Retreats are very important – please let people know about them.
- Bishop cannot administer the local Church without prayer and financial support. The CSA giving is important. The diocese just finished an on-site financial audit. We make sure we are fiscally responsible.
- If parishes are struggling with their councils or other things, please contact the diocese.

e. Review and Update Articles and By-Laws

Motion: Neil Adler; Seconded: Pam Berdal; Approved

V. Open Forum

- The Gilman Cluster held an anniversary Mass that was very well attended. The church bazaar had about 475 people attend. The Gilman religious education is fundraising for the program. They will have a thrift and bake sale Oct. 26-28. They might have a Christmas social, but it hasn’t been attended well. It was suggested by other members of the committee to have the priest talk about it at Mass. St. Stanislaus in Lublin will be hosting the Southwest Deanery meeting on November 9.
- The Webster cluster has instituted 30 minutes of Adoration the first day of the month before Mass. On a quarterly basis each parish also offers a day for Adoration depending on the parish it lasts from 6 to 12 hours. They have also added a litany after the rosary which is said before Mass. The parishes have begun to celebrate their feast days with a dinner. This has become very popular. St. Francis Solanus School has brought their students to dance for the cluster celebration of St. Kateri. The Sacred Heart parish has dedicated their families to the Sacred Heart.
- The Eagle River Cluster is working on a five-year strategic plan. They’re inspired to donate a month of Thrift Store donations to one of the Catholic schools in the diocese.
- Sr. Theresa Sandok, OSM shared a slide show about the Servants of Mary out of Ladysmith (<https://www.servitesisters.org/index.php>):
 - There are 23 members
 - Their median age is 83
 - They live in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Arizona
 - Ten Servites live in the Diocese of Superior
 - They are in the process of preparing to transfer their archives to Notre Dame
 - In November 2022 they moved their cemetery to the Riverside Cemetery in Ladysmith

- Earlier this year, they sold the last of their Ladysmith property, which included a residence for retired sisters. The sisters can continue to live there for as long as they are able.
 - They see themselves as a “community in completion”.
- Woodruff has given out the booklet, “The Ultimate Relationship”.
- Ladysmith Cluster
 - Soup supper for pregnancy resource center
 - Took a trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The bus was full.
 - Rededicated the circular window at St. Anthony in Tony
- Grantsburg Cluster
 - Held Totus Tuus in 2023
 - Took the youth to the Cathedral in Superior
 - Educating the children and youth on the Mass with student Masses once a month
 - Women’s club has activities and purchased the Eucharist book for the parish
- Eagle River Cluster
 - Three Lakes is saying 3 Hail Mary’s in the month of October for Respect Life month
- Somerset Cluster
 - St. Joseph, Osceola has a morning study group about Mary that has quadrupled in number the past three years.

VI. Next Meetings

- a. April 13, 2024 – St. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, Tony
- b. October 19, 2024 – St. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, Tony

VII. Adjournment, Closing Prayer & Lunch

Motion: Linda Kulesa; Seconded: Holly Dionne; Approved



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Day 1 Wednesday, July 17: Depart Superior for Indianapolis

"Jesus drew near and walked with them." Luke 24:15

Very early morning, depart for Indianapolis via private coach. **(Pick up locations include Superior/Rice Lake, Merrill, and Hudson.)** Upon arrival in Indianapolis, we will check-in at our hotel.

10:00 am – 4:00 pm: Arrivals and check-in on site.

Break: Independent dinner.

5:45 pm: Eucharistic Procession into Lucas Oil Stadium to kickoff evening activities.

7:30 pm: General Session 1 – *From the Four Corners*

The opening session is a powerful family reunion as we welcome Catholics from all over the country and all different backgrounds united in one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic faith in worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Overnight at Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel.

Day 2 Thursday, July 18: National Eucharistic Congress

"Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures." Luke 24:26 - 27

During this first full day of the Congress, participants will receive a clear kerygmatic proclamation that invites them into intimate relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. Together, we will have the opportunity to respond to this call in the celebration of the Eucharist. Then we will uncover how the story of our lives can be truly understood within the context of salvation history—the greatest love story ever told.

Independent breakfast.

8:30 am: Catechetical sessions and daily Mass.

Break: Independent lunch.

2:00 pm: Breakout sessions and festival programming in the afternoon.

Break: Independent dinner.

6:30 pm: General Session 2 – *The Greatest Love Story*

We will remind ourselves of the saving Gospel message and have an opportunity to respond to Jesus' invitation to believe in him and become a disciple who is nourished and sustained by the Eucharist.

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Day 3 Friday, July 19: National Eucharistic Congress

"Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road?" Luke 24:31

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Today, our eyes will be opened to the effects of sin and the healing that Our Lord wants to give us. On the individual level, there will be opportunities for the healing of the whole person, including physical healing, psychological wounds, and spiritual sin. On the corporate level, the Congress will recognize the areas where we've failed as a Church and the repentance and healing needed to unify the Body of Christ. As we are purified and restored, our hearts will burn with renewed zeal.

Independent breakfast.

8:30 am: Catechetical sessions and daily Mass.

Break: Independent lunch.

2:00 pm: Breakout sessions and festival programming in the afternoon.

Break: Independent dinner.

6:30 pm: General Session 3 – *Into Gethsemane*

During this impactful session, we will ask the Lord for physical healing, the healing of psychological wounds, and the forgiveness of our sins—both individually and as a Body of Christ.

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Day 4 Saturday, July 20: National Eucharistic Congress

"Stay with us." Luke 24:29

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke recounts that the disciples "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Using the early Church as a model, this day will build up participants as disciples through Jesus Christ to live out the Gospel in their love of both God and neighbor.

Independent breakfast.

8:30 am: Catechetical sessions and daily Mass.

Break: Independent lunch.

2:00 pm: Breakout sessions and festival programming in the afternoon.

3:30 pm: City-wide Eucharistic Procession.

Break: Independent dinner.

8:00 pm: General Session 4 – *This is My Body*

Through Scriptural formation, the communion of the Body of Christ, reception of Sacramental Grace, and fervent prayer, we will be prepared and empowered to be Eucharistic missionaries.

Overnight at Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel.

Day 5 Sunday, July 21: National Eucharistic Congress Closing

"They set out at once." Luke 24:33

Pope Francis said the Eucharist is "a summons to go forth, as missionaries, to bring the message of the Father's tenderness, forgiveness and mercy to every man, woman and child." Throughout the history of the Church, the Holy Spirit has empowered the Church to go to the ends of the earth to share the good news. On this last day of the Congress, we will be commissioned to go out into the world as missionary disciples as we enter the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival: the Year of Mission.

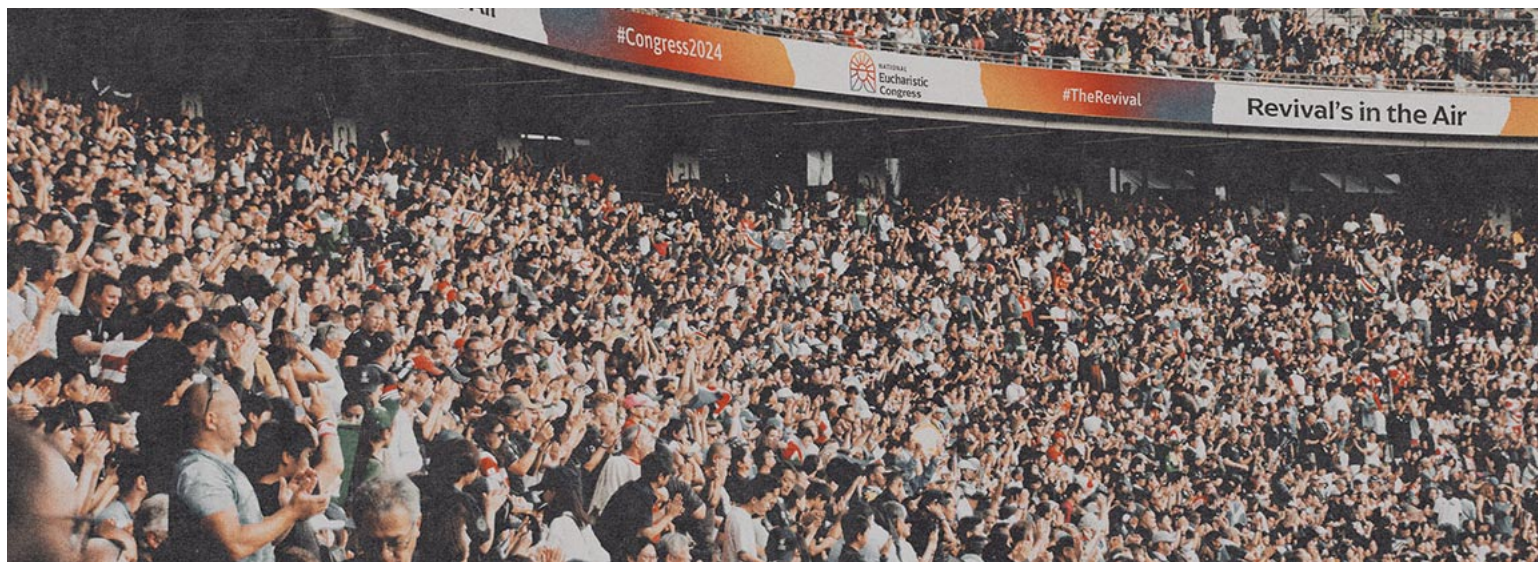
Independent breakfast.

8:30 am: General Session 5 – *To the Ends of the Earth*

This last day will commission us to go out into the world as missionary disciples to share the love of Christ in the Eucharist in our homes, schools, workplaces, parishes, and communities.

11:00 am: Closing Mass.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is strongly recommended that all participants purchase insurance when they travel since the tour operator is not responsible for non-refundable payments, damaged luggage, or trip interruption. We also strongly suggest that you purchase the Cancel For Any Reason upgrade in order to cover your travel investment for unforeseen circumstances that are not covered by PWT as noted above under DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY. PWT offers an optional Passenger Travel Protection Plan. These benefits and services help ensure the well-being of the passenger while traveling worldwide. The insurance premium is based on total package price, including taxes, single supplements, deviation fees, late charges, etc (see chart below). **If the insurance premium is included with your deposit, the passenger will be covered for pre-existing conditions.** The insurance plan can be purchased at any time thereafter, excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions, until final payment has been made. **Plan payments will not be accepted after final payment has been made. All plan payments are non-refundable.** If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour program, travel insurance can be purchased for an additional \$4.00 per day. Additional coverage needs to be requested. The insurance plan will not automatically be extended. **The insurance plan will only cover pre-paid arrangements made through PWT.** The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for the following: trip cancellation/interruption/delay, accident/sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation /repatriation, lost baggage/personal effects, accidental death & dismemberment, and 24-hour Emergency Travel Assistance Services. Benefits and services are provided by Travel Insured International. Upon claim approval, reimbursement is up to 100% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. **The Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) add-on can be purchased for an additional cost** (see pricing chart below). This includes reasons for cancellation not otherwise covered by the regular policy. You can cancel up to 2 days prior to departure and receive reimbursement of up to 80% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. Payment for CFAR must be included with your deposit at the time of enrollment. **CFAR coverage cannot be purchased by New York State residents as per state law.** Once you begin your trip, coverage under the plan will end as soon as you go back to your return destination. This means that if you return home early, your coverage will terminate early as well. Losses incurred after your coverage ends cannot be reimbursed. Be sure to review the policy coverage on the link below, or when you receive a copy of the policy upon enrollment. If you need further information, please call Travel Insured International at 1-866-684-0218. This travel insurance is underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ under policy number T-2508.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS: In the event that PWT pays for any service that is later reimbursed by the travel protection plan (e.g. hotel or buses for trip interruptions or delays), by signing the enrollment form I agree to assign any of those payable benefits to PWT up to the individual allocated amount of the payment made by Peter's Way.

Peter's Way Tours Passenger Travel Protection Rates*

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Plan Cost + CFAR
\$0 to \$500	\$ 103	\$ 153
\$501 to \$1,000	\$ 128	\$ 191
\$1,001 to \$1,500	\$ 153	\$ 228
\$1,501 to \$2,000	\$ 178	\$ 266

*Rates are as of 5/1/22 and are subject to change.

CFAR coverage cannot be purchased by New York State residents as per state law.

TO VIEW YOUR PLAN TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND EXCLUSIONS, VISIT:
Passenger Protection Plan <https://www.petersway.com/docs/PetersWayProtection-Plan.pdf>