

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

Wed.	April 28 th	11:30am	St. John
Thur.	April 29 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	April 30 th	9:00am	St. John
(Adoration following Mass until 11:00am)			
Sat.	May 1 st	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	May 2 nd	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	May 2 nd	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confessions

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John
 Thursdays after 7pm Mass St Columbkille
 Saturdays 11:00am St Columbkille

Readings for the Week

Monday, April 26th

Acts 11: 1-18 John 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 27th

Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 28th

Acts 12:24-13:5a John 12:44-30

Thursday, April 29th

Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20

Friday, April 30th

Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 1st

Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 2nd

Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24
 John 15:1-8

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE
AT ALL CHURCH ENTRANCES

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4460.00

Loose - \$81.00

Building Fund - \$70.00

Rice Bowl Collection - \$47.31

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

112 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of April 24 & 25

Saturday St John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Joseph: ~ Bianco Oro

St. Columbkille: + Mary McKnight

In this Sunday's Reading

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." - John 10:14-16

We know that we are God's sheep; His flock. He leads us, but do we always hear His voice? Do we hear Him about how he wants us to live? That is a very good thing to pray about.

Prayer for National Abuse Prevention Month

Lord God,
 send your Holy Spirit
 upon your people gathered before you.
 Relieve the sufferings
 of all who have been wounded
 by the violence of sexual abuse.
 Renew in your people
 the firm resolve
 to protect the weakest members of society,
 especially our children.
 Let us know your loving kindness
 and help us to bring the healing and reconciliation
 of your kingdom,
 where you live and reign in union with the Son and Holy
 Spirit
 God for ever and ever.
 Amen.

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Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Tuesday & Wednesday program includes:

Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (April 27)

Ubyly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (April 28)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (April 28)

Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting on May 2nd in the Parish Center. Meeting will be from @ 5:00-7:30pm.

Youth group is for all 7th thru 12th graders.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

Scripture Study

We will be gathering at St. Columbkille Church from 6:30 - 8PM. April 26. We will be studying "Biblical Women in Crisis, Portraits of Faith and Trust." By Jeanne Kun. For questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088 or Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281. Social Distancing and Masks are required.

Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held Sunday April 25 at 6:30 pm at St. Columbkille church in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please call Dana Irion at 989-553-0585 or Fr. Nate at 989-658-8145.

National Abuse Prevention Month

If you are a victim/survivor of clergy abuse or know of someone who is, you are urged to make direct contact with local law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's investigation hotline at 844-324-3374. You are also welcome to contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 989-797-6682 or victim.assistance@dioceseofsaginaw.org. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can assist victims in obtaining counseling services. If you have cause to suspect a child or young person is being neglected or abused by anyone, immediately contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at its 24/7 hotline number: 855-444-3911. If you are currently witnessing child abuse or neglect, call 911.

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VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

April 26: Del Czewski, Barb Roggenbuck, Luci Kubacki

May 3: Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski

May 10: Judy Messing, Ann Ympa, Marge Briolat

5:00pm Saturday May 1st St. John

Lector: Jerry Sorenson

EMHC: Jerry Sorenson

Ushers: Bob Brahmer, John Guigar, Rich Trepkowski

8:30am Sunday May 2nd St. Joseph

Lector: Suzanne Kroetsch

EMHC: Chuck Izydorek

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Kevin Hessling, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday May 2nd St Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Jerry Fischer

Ushers: Dennis Sweeney, Terry Sweeney



Good Shepherd Christian Mothers is offering their college textbook fund. Applications are available to all parish high school graduating seniors at all churches or by stopping by the parish office or by calling 658-8824 and getting it emailed or mailed to you. They offer three awards of \$400.00! Deadline to return application is April 29th 2021 at 3p.m. Recipients will be announced at Mass.

Sausage Dinner

Sunday, April 25 from 2 to 6pm at K of C, Ruth Take out only. Adults \$10. Serving homemade sausage, mash potatoes, gravy, baked beans, macaroni salad, coleslaw and dessert.

Rosaries

At 4:30 starting on May 1st at St. John Church
At St. Joseph Church @ 8:10am before Mass and prior to 10:30 Mass at St Columbkille on Sundays.



Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst? --- Fr. Nate's Update

(I "shot" these turkeys... with my camera on a truck ride with Allen and Adam Peruski. We had gone turkey hunting that morning, but didn't see any. I'm grateful to them for my first time turkey hunting!)

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy Easter, HE IS RISEN!

First, some humor: BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- The spring retreat will be held May 10th and 11th.
- The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join.
- The outreach committee has enlisted twenty-five members to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- The third verse will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- The agenda was adopted. The minutes were approved. The financial secretary gave a grief report.
- Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.

Catholic Church Tour: The Sacred Heart: "In Catholic art, the Sacred Heart is usually depicted as a flaming heart. It is also usually shining with divine light, pierced (presumably from a lance), encircled by a crown of thorns, surmounted by a cross, and bleeding. Sometimes it is shown in the bosom of Jesus Christ. The wound, thorns, and blood represent Jesus' crucifixion, and the flames represent the transformative power of divine love.

"What Is the Meaning of the Sacred Heart? The Sacred Heart represents Jesus' physical heart and represents divine love. It is a devotion of Catholics everywhere and encapsulates the message of Jesus' long-suffering love and passion towards humanity. On its own, the heart is a symbol of love. But the Sacred Heart, pierced and wrapped in thorns, shows the depth of Jesus' love. It indicates that he was prepared to suffer and die for all people, and that his love is eternal"

-owlcation.com/humanities/catholic-symbols

Praise Report: This past Holy Week, at our Good Friday service, two attendees (Fr. Nate is proud of them, whoever they are!) noticed a parishioner seated in front of them crying. They reached out their hands and comforted her. In her words, "The two who tried to comfort me had absolutely no idea why the tears were rolling down my face. They never asked, just reached out in their way. Let them know it was appreciated and I prayed for them and still do. Also... I pray for the Holy Spirit to boldly move others physically or spiritually to "see a need and do a deed."

10 Year Ordination Anniversary Open House- Sunday May 16, 12:00-2:00pm: Stop in the tent by the parish center to celebrate Fr. Nate Harburg's 10 Year Ordination Anniversary Open House! Food graciously provided by Knights of Columbus and Christian Mothers. Lawn games. Etc.

Reflection on the Resurrection by Charles Colson (*Colson was one of President Nixon's closest aides who went to prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate affair*)

"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me..."

"You see, before all the facts about Watergate were known to the public—in March 1973—it was becoming clear to Nixon's closest aides that someone had tried to cover up the Watergate break-in. There were no more than a dozen of us. Could we maintain a cover-up—to save the president? Consider that we were political zealots. We enjoyed enormous political power and prestige. With all that at stake, you'd expect us to be capable of maintaining a lie to protect the president.

"But we couldn't do it. The first to crack was John Dean. First, he told the president everything, and then just two weeks later he went to the prosecutors and offered to testify against the President. His reason, as he candidly admits in his memoirs, was to "save his own skin." After that, everyone started scrambling to protect himself. What we know today as the great Watergate cover-up lasted only three weeks. Some of the most powerful politicians in the world—and we couldn't keep a lie for more than three weeks.

"So back to the question of [the] historicity of Christ's resurrection. Can anyone believe that for fifty years that Jesus' disciples were willing to be ostracized, beaten, persecuted, and all but one of them suffer a martyr's death—without ever renouncing their conviction that they had seen Jesus bodily resurrected? Does anyone really think the disciples could have maintained a lie all that time under that kind of pressure?

"No, someone would have cracked, just as we did so easily in Watergate. Someone would have acted as John Dean did and turned state's evidence. There would have been some kind of smoking gun, or a deathbed confession.

"So why didn't they crack? Because they had come face to face with the living God. They could not deny what they had seen. The fact is that people will give their lives for what they believe is true, but they will never give their lives for what they know is a lie. The Watergate cover-up proves that 12 powerful men in modern America couldn't keep a lie—and that 12 powerless men 2,000 years ago couldn't have been telling anything but the truth."

Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) During Eastertide, it is traditional to pray the Regina Coeli instead of the Angelus early morning, noon, and/or after Night Prayer. "A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who devoutly recite" it during Eastertide. Here it is:

L/ Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. R/ The Son whom You were privileged to bear, alleluia.

L/ Has risen as he said, alleluia. R/ Pray for us to God, alleluia.

L/ Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, alleluia. R/ For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

L/ Let us pray: All/ O God, it was by the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that You brought joy to the world. Grant that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joy of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

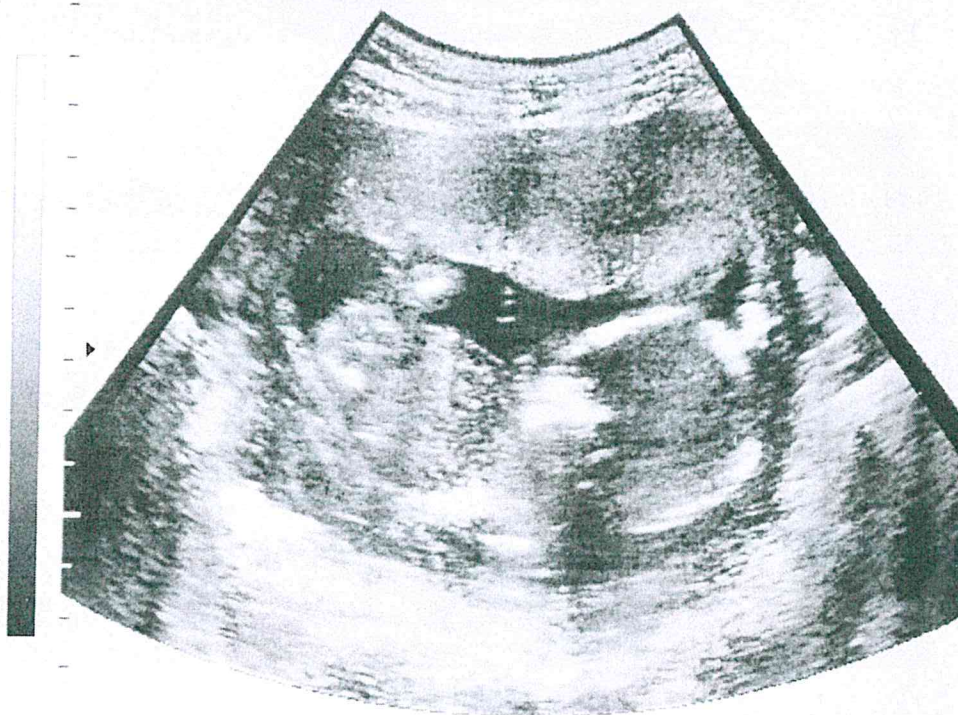
Let Us Pray: (*Pope's April Intention*): *We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis. Lord hear our prayer!*

God loves you, I love you, I pray for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg

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Jeanne at 989-670-3315

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T-SHIRT**

Any teens registered by
May 10th will receive a
FREE T-Shirt!!

REGISTER by emailing
huronrtl@gmail.com
with your name, phone
number, and shirt size.

April 25, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I really feel for teenagers these days. It seems that today's kids face - if not *more* challenges than I did - at least many more *ways* those challenges can present themselves. The usual adolescent pressures present themselves in person, as always, but also now on the many forms of social media. For young people, and all of us, living as "children of God" is certainly not for the faint of heart! As our Psalm today says, we should place our trust in God - take refuge in him - rather than in what others may think of us. Why? Because living as disciples of Jesus can fly in the face of cultural norms. After all, Jesus was the stone the builders rejected - who became the cornerstone! He and the apostles challenged the status quo and faced ridicule and rejection, and even death because of it. Still, they always did the right thing. That's hard, for sure. But Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for us, and that requires a response. Discipleship calls us to serve others by doing the right thing so that God's kingdom will triumph over the kingdom of darkness.

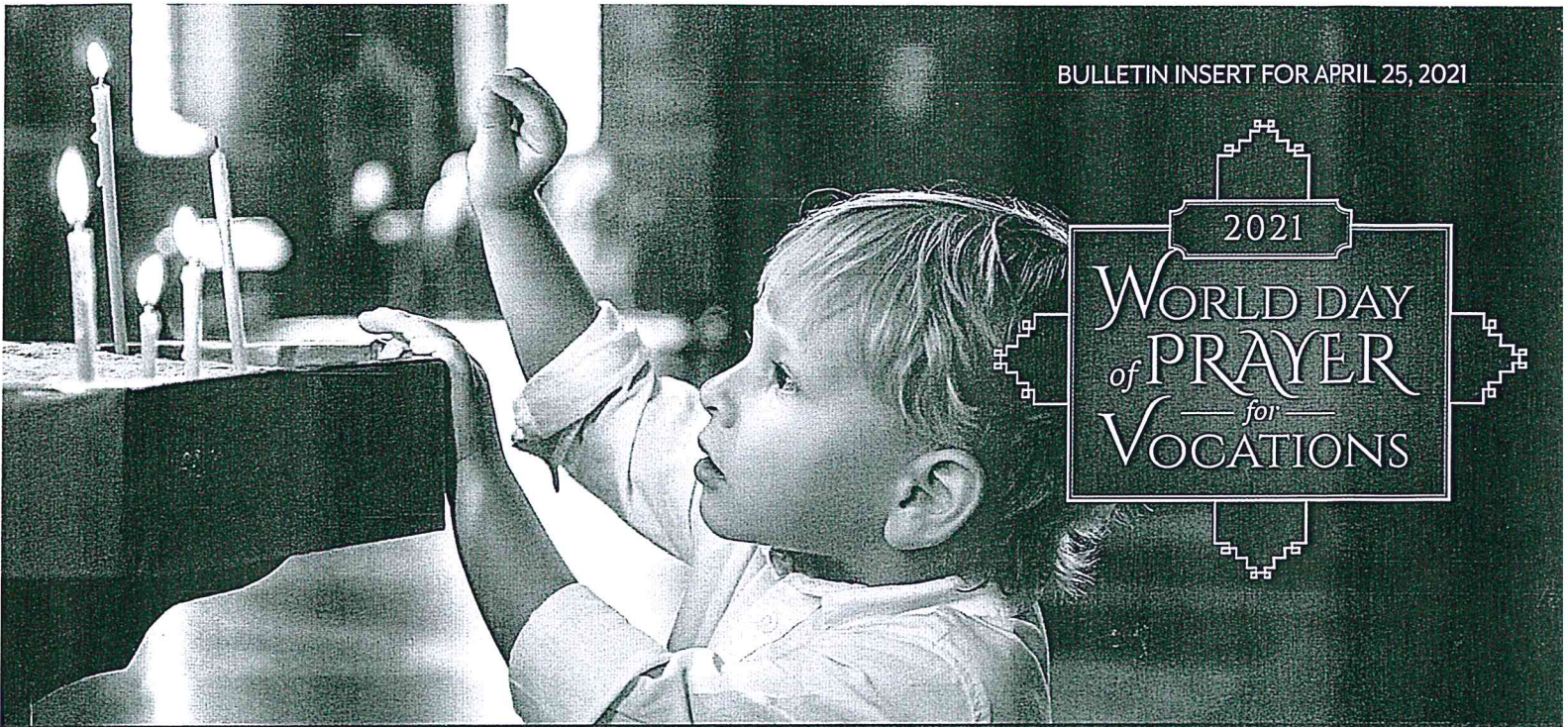
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

St. John told his community that "the reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." The key to being a loving force for good in the world is humility, and looking to God, rather than how we are perceived on social media or the car we drive, for our identity and worth. Tackling our ego begins by taking stock of what we value and whose opinion (rightly or wrongly) matters to us. Once we have explored those troubled waters, we can absorb St. Teresa of Calcutta's advice: "Accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked. Be kind and gentle even under provocation." Our slow steady witness shines light into darkness. The consistent challenge of our Christian behavior, offered without judgment, will promote God's values in our families, schools, work, and neighborhoods. Our faithful witness allows God to work. Remember, God uses the stones that are rejected to become the cornerstone.

PRAY Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to live humbly. Then ask the Spirit to open the door for you to invite others to know the joy of living according to God's ways. In the meantime, pray the *Litany of Humility*. It will help train your ego to seek God's approval only.

"Beloved,
WE ARE
GOD'S
CHILDREN
NOW."



2021
WORLD DAY
of PRAYER
for
VOCATIONS

"YOU NEVER CEASE TO GATHER A PEOPLE TO YOURSELF." ~EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

"I CAN'T SERVE GOD AND MONEY"

SILICON VALLEY BUSINESSWOMAN ENTERS CONVENT

As a Deloitte executive and founder of a successful internet startup called Jetlore, 36-year-old businesswoman Montse Medina didn't seem like an obvious candidate for the convent. Earlier this year, though, she dropped a bomb via Twitter and LinkedIn: she was giving up everything to become a contemplative Catholic nun.

As she wrote in her epic "break up letter" with the business world, the pursuit of money and prestige had left her empty. She was finally going to pursue a call to religious life that she had felt since she was young. After carefully studying various orders online, and visiting a specific community many times, Montse finally chose the Monastery of Santa Ana in Spain.

Interestingly, her genius for online marketing may not be lost in her new vocation. The nuns support themselves by making homemade pasta, pies, and pastries—then selling them via an online store.



Montse Medina is an online entrepreneur who recently became a nun.

WHY I'M LEAVING: AN EXIT LETTER

"I used all the talents that the infinite goodness of our God had given me, but I used them for my own glory and to accumulate wealth in this world. I was seeking only my own interest. And I was deceiving myself because far from making me happy it only caused me an ever-growing emptiness...."

"The restlessness of my soul has led me to seek the will of God in Catholic communities, in volunteering, I even planned to found an NGO but I could not find peace in any of these projects. Now, following the call to offer myself to the Lord in contemplative consecrated life, I have found peace of the heart...."

"I have made the most important and at the same time the simplest decision of my life. I have decided, without any regrets, to stop investing in my earthly future and start investing in my future for eternal life."

Read the full letter at aciprensa.com

HOW TO TAKE THE LEAP

For most young women in today's culture, the very idea of religious life seems absurd. And yet... a tiny part of the heart can wonder, 'Could God be calling me?' A book from a sister in New York City has advice on answering that question: *Discerning Religious Life*, 200pp, available at vianneyvocations.com



Ordained in a Mask

Bridgeport seminarian Brendan Blawie was dismayed when he heard that Bishop Frank Caggiano, quarantined with COVID, wasn't going to be able to ordain him. But with more than a decade of higher education, including Officer's School for the Marines, Brendan knew how to soldier on. Becoming a priest would be the culmination of a long journey from his hometown of Newton, CT to Virginia Tech, Franciscan University, Quantico, and finally, seminary in Rome. After all that, the pandemic was a small hurdle. Thankfully, Bishop James Massa from Brooklyn was able to stand in on the day of ordination. "I am filled with gratitude and joy to have arrived at this point in my life," said Fr. Brendan, "To lay down all that I am, to be configured fully to Christ as His priest."



Photo by Amy Mortesen for the Diocese of Bridgeport



A RETREAT IN IMAGES

What's it like to be poor on purpose? Is it embarrassing to talk to strangers about Jesus? Do you get angry when the poor are ignored? The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs) explore these questions and open a window into their life and work in an amazing new photo book with 200 super-crisp photos and six provocative essays: *A Work of God: Images of Renewal*, available at vianneyvocations.com

"There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation!" ~Saint John Paul II



FOR PARENTS

GROW A GARDEN AT HOME

Happiness is doing the will of God! And because you desire your children's happiness, it's vital to help them discover and accept their vocations. Here's a simple "growing guide" to help your family bear fruit:

Prepare the soil: Call a special family meeting about your priorities. Pray, "Lord Jesus, we consecrate our family and our futures to you."

Plant the seed: Say, "I would be proud of you if God called you to be a priest/sister/brother and you said yes."

Water the garden: Infuse faith into your environment. Pray as a family; get involved in youth group; invite priests and sisters to dinner.

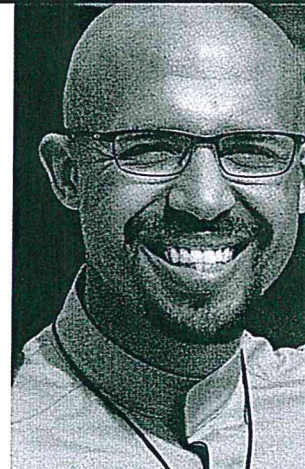
Campus Conversion

Brother Ray Morris grew up on the Jersey Shore as a "cultural Catholic" whose family rarely went to Mass. By the time he entered Rutgers University, the Catholic faith was the furthest thing from his mind. To make some extra money, he took an office job answering phones, which just happened to be at the university's Catholic Center. "It was there I met the Brothers and everything changed," he said.

His job opened the door for Ray to give going to Mass another try. "Ten years later, I'm still here!" he jokes, then adds with sincerity, "After I encountered Jesus, the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, and peace—quickly began to appear in my life."

Brother Ray entered the novitiate for the Brotherhood of Hope in 2014 and made his final vows in January 2021. Now it's official: his life's work is reaching out to students not unlike himself.

"I believe that colleges are the key battleground for the hearts and minds of the young in our Church," Brother Ray said. "Our method is to start by fostering real relationships with students. So basically, I walk around campus playing sports and sharing meals with students, building relationships and (hopefully) leading them closer to God. It's a mission that is fun at times and disheartening at others, but always worthwhile. It's a genuine gift to serve God and His Church in this way!"



Brother Ray belongs to the Brotherhood of Hope, a relatively new religious community whose main focus is evangelization on college campuses. They "go deep" with students, working one-on-one and in groups to help young people encounter Jesus, leave sin behind, and develop habits of virtue and daily prayer.

brotherhoodofhope.org