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From the Desk of Mary...



Advent greetings from Our Lady of Grace Catholic Spirituality Center where we pray for you daily and where the work of spiritual direction continues to flourish with multiple referrals throughout 2024.

Since our last newsletter in early June, we have received great blessings and witnessed historic events in our Church and in our country.

The Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage that began at the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Minnesota on June 7th passed within a few blocks of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Spirituality Center on the morning of Friday, June 21st, the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. With stops at three parishes in Wauwatosa, it was a profoundly grace-filled day as hundreds of people processed with the Blessed Sacrament through the neighborhoods and city streets praying and singing hymns.

The Marian Route was so named because rural Wisconsin is home to the first and only Church approved Marian apparition site in the United States at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, sixteen miles from Green Bay. It was there that Our Blessed Mother appeared to Adele Brise, a Belgian immigrant, three times in 1859. Dressed in white, she identified herself as the Queen of Heaven and instructed Adele to catechize the children and not be afraid because she would help her.

From Green Bay the procession headed south gathering people and stopping at parishes along the way for a total of 20 days in the state of Wisconsin, nine of which were spent in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee where Jesus was welcomed in large numbers at various stops. The entire event, culminating with the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July, gave us an opportunity to renew our devotion to the Holy Eucharist. I'm sure God blessed our country in response to it.

The intensity of the last few months has not been lost on us at Our Lady of Grace. In the run up to an election like no other in our lifetime, prayer upon prayer was offered throughout our land for God's special favor and protection on our nation. We can be confident that millions of prayers were answered as we enjoy a peaceful transition of power filled with hope for the Jubilee Year 2025 and beyond. As we continue this Advent journey together, let us ask our Divine Savior, the Prince of Peace, to light the way as we strive to make our nation truly great in His eyes.

From all of us at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Spirituality

Center, from our hearts to yours, I thank you so very much for your wonderful support of our sacred mission in 2024 and wish you and those you love a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Masses for Your Intentions in 2025

In gratitude for your support, Holy Mass will be offered in 2025 at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary for all of our benefactors, directees and volunteers on the following Marian feast days:

February 11th (Our Lady of Lourdes), May 31st (the Visitation of Holy Mary), September 8th (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and December 8th (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception).

Serra Club of Milwaukee, Thank You!

We just received the great news that we have been awarded a grant from the Serra Club of Milwaukee to cover the rent for our office space in 2025 in recognition of the spiritual direction and vocational discernment we offer young adults who come to us at Our Lady of Grace. We are honored to receive this funding, and very grateful for all that the Serrans do to promote vocations in the Church.



As Always...

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Donations to the Center are our primary source of funding. We are so grateful for your generosity in this regard. All donations are tax-deductible and may be made payable to **Our Lady of Grace** and mailed to:

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