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FR. CHRIS MARTIN

Fr. Chris Martin was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 2006. Fr. Martin has served as the associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish Cottleville, Vocation Director of the Archdiocese, Director of the Kolbe House of Discernment, the administrator of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the Vice-Rector of Cardinal Glennon College, and most recently as the pastor of St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Ellisville before being appointed the Vicar for Strategic Planning by Archbishop Rozanski. Fr. Martin received a Doctorate in Ministry from the Catholic University of America in 2020. He is an annual speaker for the Steubenville Youth Conferences and currently serves as a board member of Life Teen International and the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri.



LINDA PUTNAM

Linda Putnam is the Project Manager for Strategic Planning. As part of the Core Team, she streamlines workflow by coordinating people and resources to ensure that all projects, deliverables, and schedules are on track. She is an administrator in support and liaison to the Vicar of Strategic Planning. Most recently, Linda was the Business Manager at St. Clare of Assisi in Ellisville. Linda brings with her over twenty years of experience in marketing, sales and customer service. Linda and her husband, Mike and have two children attending Catholic schools. She has volunteered in many leadership and support roles for parishes and schools.



MIKE SCHOOL

Michael School serves as Executive Vice President for the Catholic Leadership Institute. Prior to this role, Mike served the Catholic Diocese of Richmond for 12 years as the Executive Director of the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life, Director of the Office for Evangelization, and Director of the Office of Social Ministries. Mike's career includes corporate experience as an IT Project Manager and a Corporate Learning Consultant for Capital One. Mike also leads a consulting company to support several Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, and non-profits. Mike holds a BBA in Information Technology and BA in Government from the College of William and Mary as well as a MA in Religion and Religious Education from Fordham University. Mike and his wife, Kathleen (K), live in Richmond, VA with their six children.



NANCY J. WERNER

Nancy J. Werner has served as Chancellor of the Archdiocese of St. Louis since 2009. She serves as a liaison to the Archbishop and his staff, parishes, religious communities, and the public, and she supervises the Office and the Residence of the Archbishop, the Office of Communications and Planning, the Office of Natural Family Planning, and the Office of Archives. Prior to this role, Nancy served as Chancellor for the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan, for five years after serving 17 years in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. A native of Marshall, Minnesota, Nancy earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies and philosophy from Mount Marty University in Yankton, South Dakota, and a Master's degree in pastoral administration from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. She additionally serves on the Boards of Trustees of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri, and of Mount Marty University.



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FR. JOSEPH MCCAFFREY (FR. MAC)

On July 1, 2019, Fr. Joseph McCaffrey was installed as the first pastor of newly formed Holy Spirit Parish of Lawrence County by David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh.

"Fr. Mac" was born and raised in the former mining town of Muse, PA, Cecil Township, Washington County. In 1983, he graduated cum laude with a major in Philosophy and a minor in Psychology from Duquesne University and St. Paul Seminary. The Diocese of Pittsburgh assigned him to the major seminary of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, where he graduated summa cum laude with a Master's Degree in Biblical Studies and Master's Degree in Divinity in 1987. In the same year, Bishop Anthony Bevilacqua ordained him a Priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh at St. Paul Cathedral on May 23rd.

His first priestly assignment was as Parochial Vicar at St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin Parish in Whitehall, Pennsylvania. He served for 1½ years in that position and was later assigned to St. Benedict the Abbot parish in Peters Township, Washington County. Soon after, he was also appointed the first Chaplain to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the Pittsburgh office. In 1995, Fr. McCaffrey gained the distinction of being the youngest priest assigned as a pastor in the Diocese of Pittsburgh when he was appointed pastor of St. James the Apostle in New Bedford. At the same time, he was appointed Chaplain to the New Castle Youth Development Center, a maximum-security prison for juvenile offenders. Fr. McCaffrey built an interfaith chapel in the center of the facility which was dedicated in November 2001.

On June 24, 2002, he became pastor of Saints John & Paul Parish in Franklin Park. As pastor of Saints John & Paul Parish, he oversaw the building of the 1,500-seat church which Bishop Zubik dedicated on May 2, 2010.

Fr. McCaffrey remains Chaplain to the FBI and is a member of the FBI's Advanced Crisis Intervention Team. In January of 2020, he was appointed as Chairperson of the FBI Chaplains Steering Committee. As a chaplain, he has been called upon to serve after such tragedies as the crash of US Air Flight 427, Egyptian Air, Kosovo War Crimes, 9/11 United Flight 93 in Shanksville, the line of duty deaths of two special agents and numerous interventions and critical incidents. Fr. McCaffrey has also served on several diocesan boards and councils.

You might be surprised to know that Fr. McCaffrey was a Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officer for the state of Pennsylvania and is a licensed private pilot with an instrument rating. He was also blessed with the opportunity to fly with the Blue Angels on June 4, 2014! Fr. Mac was elected President of the National Association of Priest Pilots in 2019.



SR. ANNIE BREMMER

Sister Ann Bremmer, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities. She entered her congregation in 1980. Ann holds a B.S. in Education from Duquesne University and a Masters in Health Administration from St. Louis University. She completed work on a Masters degree from the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University in 2006.

Sister Ann taught in Catholic grade schools in Pittsburgh and in Texas. She was the vocation director for her religious community. Sister Ann also served as the C.O.O. at St. Francis Medical Center in Pittsburgh and St. Francis Hospital of New Castle. From 2003 until 2009, she was Director of the Portiuncula Foundation which was founded in 2003 to support efforts that advance health and well-being in the communities where the Sisters of St. Francis live and work. She joined the Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs in 2004 and continues to lead pilgrimages to Franciscan Sanctuaries.

In 2012, Sister became the Pastoral Associates at Sts. John and Paul Parish in Wexford and is presently the Pastoral Associate for Holy Spirit Parish, Lawrence County.

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'ALL THINGS NEW' BRANDING EXPLAINER

THE SIGNATURE / MOTTO

'All Things New' is derived from Revelation 21:5, "The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." The motto signifies a fresh start while also keeping positive and encouraging as it speaks to our belief that God is with us and desires ongoing renewal for individuals, parishes, ministries and the Archdiocese as a whole. 'Steadfast in faith, forward in hope.'



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SYMBOLISM BEHIND THE LOGO

The 'All Things New' logo design encompasses three main themes: first, it is based off of the rosette stained glass window at the Cathedral Basilica. Second, it's floral look symbolizes new life. Third, it resembles a monstrance which contains the Eucharist - the source and summit of our lives as Christians.

The lighter blue layer of "petals" can be symbolized as our parish community/family that is close to Christ and our mission in the New Evangelization to reach those that are a part of our community but have not encountered Christ.

The darker blue layer of "petals" is symbolic of our mission as we expand out into the world. Our mission is to be rooted inward but always looking and moving outward towards the world to engage it.



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GUIDING TEXTS

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**EVANGELII
NUNTIANDI NO. 18**

For the Church, evangelizing means bringing the Good News into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and making it new: "Now I am making the whole of creation new." But there is no new humanity if there are not first of all new persons renewed by Baptism and by lives lived according to the Gospel. The purpose of evangelization is therefore precisely this interior change, and if it had to be expressed in one sentence the best way of stating it would be to say that the Church evangelizes when she seeks to convert, solely through the divine power of the message she proclaims, both the personal and collective consciences of people, the activities in which they engage, and the lives and concrete milieu which are theirs.

**GO MAKE
DISCIPLES NO. 10**

The simplest way to say what evangelization means is to follow Pope Paul VI, whose message *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (On Evangelization in the Modern World) has inspired so much recent thought and activity in the Church. We can rephrase his words to say that evangelizing means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence are the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God.

**JOY OF THE
GOSPEL NO. 27**

I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself. As John Paul II once said to the Bishops of Oceania: "All renewal in the Church must have mission as its goal if it is not to fall prey to a kind of ecclesial introversion".



DEFINITIONS

WHAT IS EVANGELIZATION?

Evangelization means bringing the good news of Jesus into every situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the power of the Gospel itself.

HOW DO WE EVANGELIZE?

At the core of evangelization is the proclamation of the Gospel message and the individual response of the person. Individuals who have responded to the call to conversion then go on to commit themselves to showing God's mercy to the world and to contributing to the just ordering of society with Gospel values.

WHAT IS A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE?

This term comes from Pope Francis' document on Evangelization, "The Joy of the Gospel". The Archdiocese of St. Louis has defined a Missionary Disciple as one who encounters Christ, grows in their relationship with him and then witnesses him to the world (in word and deed). Put simply, a missionary disciple is a person who evangelizes. We are all called to be missionary disciples!

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL MESSAGE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT?

While it is hard to boil down to a simple statement, Pope Francis says the core of the Gospel is the Kerygma or "first proclamation". While there are many formulations of this core message, one simple formula is:

1. Creation: God created us to be in relationship with Him.
2. Sin: Through original sin, we broke that intended relationship with God.
3. Redemption: Jesus Christ came and died for our sins and restored our relationship with God.
4. Conversion: We all must respond in faith to the graces offered to us.
5. Immersion: Living in the grace of the Church and witnessing his love to the world around us.

– Adapted from Chris Stefanick's *Evangelization Course on the Revive Parishes Platform*



FAQ'S

WHAT IS THE STRATEGIC PASTORAL PLANNING INITIATIVE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE?

- The Archdiocese of St. Louis is in the beginning stages of a strategic pastoral planning initiative to examine all of its parishes, schools, ministries and agencies, evaluating our effectiveness as a local Church in proclaiming the Gospel and identifying opportunities for improvement and renewal.
- The goals are:
 - o To “make all things new” by Gospel renewal in our parishes, schools and other ministry efforts
 - o To enhance our evangelization efforts to those on margins of society
 - o To secure a vibrant future for the Church in St. Louis
- This initiative is in response to the call of our Lord to be missionary disciples, and to the Church’s desire to “make all things new” by the Power and Joy of the Gospel.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS? WHY NOW?

- The Church and its people continue to evolve as society evolves.
- The landscape of Catholic faithful in our archdiocese looks different today than it did even a few decades ago.
- This process will allow us to move our ministries forward to meet people where they are--spiritually and geographically--while remaining constant in mission and rooted in faith.

WHAT WILL THIS ENTAIL?

This process will affect the entire archdiocese. We are in the beginning stages of the process, which begins with prayer and listening, while also collecting data and feedback from various stakeholders--including our priests, deacons, lay leaders and faithful--which will inform the rest of the planning process.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

This is a multi-year project. We are in the beginning stage of discernment, which is guided by prayer, listening, and collecting information from various stakeholders. From there, we will develop options for a strategic plan, and ultimately, we will implement a plan throughout the entire archdiocese. The information we are collecting now will help inform the plan and timeline.

WILL WE BE CLOSING PARISHES AND SCHOOLS? IF SO, HOW MANY WILL WE CLOSE?

We are in the beginning stages, so we are still collecting data and feedback from various stakeholders—including priests, deacons, lay leaders and faithful -- which will guide the planning process for evangelization. While we are not yet in a place to make any decisions regarding structures, we anticipate a significant impact on our current blueprint and will address immediate needs as they arise.