

Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church Iglesia Católica Santa Rita de Casia



Jesus dijo:

"Donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, ahí estoy yo en medio de ellos".

Mateo 18:20

Jesus said,

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20



September 10, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Clergy

Fr. Oscar Cortés, Parochial Administrator
Fr. Manuel G. Gómez, Parochial Vicar

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Mr. Rick Martin, *Perm. Deacon*
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Larry Sexton, *Finance Council*

Upcoming events! - ¡Próximos eventos!

Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima - September 13th - 7:30 p.m. - Chapel
Rosario a Nuestra Señora de Fátima - 13 de septiembre - 7:30 p.m. - Capilla

St. Peter Study - Starting September 20th - 9:00 a.m. - Parish Center

Forgiven - Starting September 21st - 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
Perdonado - empezando el 21 de septiembre - 7:00 p.m. - centro parroquial

Protecting God's Children - September 25th - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Center

Come and See - September 29th - 6:00 p.m. - Parish Center
Ven y Mira - 29 de septiembre - 6:00 p.m. - Centro Parroquial

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🕒 Mon - Fri, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Pastoral Message

Mensaje Pastoral

What will you do with your life after you die?

While this seems to be an impossible question, an oxymoron, it's telling in that God's way is not our way. This is a valid question, something to ponder and study to understand. In last week's Gospel from Matthew Jesus tells us "whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

Cardinal Francis George said it another way "the only thing we take with us when we die is what we have given away" If we give our lives to others as Jesus did, take up the cross as He did, as a sacrifice for others we will find our life. A life given away is one found after death.

How much of our time is spent in forming our thinking, our way of life to that of Christ's? To understand, live and share our Catholic faith and lives with others?

St Rita's has a great resource **Formed.org** to help us do just that. **Formed** has been lauded as the Catholic Netflix of movies which is true but it also is a Catholic Kindle loaded with books, Lighthouse Talks like you find in the kiosks in the vestibule, programs like Symbolon that we've presented in the past, Audiobooks, Children's content, Young adult content, Sacramental Prep, Bible studies, lives of the saints, apologetics and Knights of Columbus products and more! The amount of content in Spanish is fantastic and growing! Signup is easy, anywhere you have internet access; your PC, iPad, laptop or smartphone.

1. Go to www.formed.org
2. Scroll down to the right to Register
3. Use the parish code afo216 (the only time you'll need this)
4. Enter your email address and enter your own password

Anyone in our parish can use the St Rita's access code, registered or not and immediate family members off at college for example.

Join us Sunday September 17 at 11:30 AM. Bring your Smartphone, laptop or iPad and we will help you register this great resource for understanding your faith.

Don Walter

St. Rita's Formed Administrator

¿Qué vas a hacer con tu vida cuando mueras?

Aunque parece una pregunta imposible, una contradicción, esto significa que lo que nos tiene deparado Dios no es lo que nosotros queremos. Esta es una pregunta válida, algo para reflexionar y estudiar para poder entenderlo. En el Evangelio de San Mateo de la semana pasada Jesús nos dice: "el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará. ¿De qué le sirve a uno ganar el mundo entero, si pierde su vida?"

El Cardenal Francis George lo dijo de otra manera "lo único que nos llevamos con nosotros cuando morimos es lo que hemos dado." Si damos nuestras vidas a los demás como lo hizo Jesucristo, tomamos nuestra cruz como Él lo hizo, como un sacrificio para otros, entonces encontraremos nuestra vida. Una vida entregada es la que se encuentra después de la muerte.

¿Qué tanto de nuestro tiempo pasamos formando nuestro pensamiento, nuestra manera de vivir como Jesucristo, para entender, vivir y compartir nuestra fe católica y las vidas de los demás?

Santa Rita tiene un gran recurso llamado **Formed.org** para ayudarnos a hacer justamente esto. **Formed** ha sido elogiado como el Netflix católico de las películas, pero también es un Kindle católico que tiene muchísimos libros, pláticas de Lighthouse como las pláticas de los CDs que están en la sala de acogimiento, programas como Symbolon, el cual hemos presentado en el pasado, audiolibros, contenido para niños, contenido para jóvenes y adultos jóvenes, preparación sacramental, estudios bíblicos, las vidas de los santos, apologética, productos de los Caballeros de Colón y mucho más. La cantidad del contenido en español es fantástica y se está incrementando continuamente. Inscribirse es fácil en cualquier lugar en donde se tenga acceso a internet: la computadora, el iPad, la laptop o el teléfono inteligente.

1. Ir a www.formed.org
2. Ir hasta donde dice Register
3. Utilizar el código de la parroquia afo216 (esta es la única vez que se utilizará este código)
4. Poner la dirección de correo electrónico y tu propia contraseña.

Cualquier persona de la parroquia puede utilizar el código de acceso de Santa Rita sin importar si están registrados en la parroquia o no, también lo pueden utilizar los miembros de tu familia que están en la universidad.

Acompáñanos el sábado 16 de septiembre a las 7:00 p.m. Trae tu teléfono inteligente, tu computadora o iPad y te podemos ayudar a inscribirte a este gran recurso para entender tu fe.

Don Walter

Administrador de Formed de Santa Rita

SVdP's Walk for the Poor

St. Vincent De Paul Society will have their annual Walk for The Poor on **September 30th**. Fr. Oscar will again be walking for St. Rita's. Starting next Sunday, we will be taking pledges after the masses for two weeks. All the funds collected stay in St. Rita's parish to help the poor in our boundaries. Please support Fr. Oscar in this mission of charity.

If you would like to be a walker and earn service hours for school or Confirmation, please call the St. Vincent De Paul phone line (630-892-6186) and leave a message. We'll get back to you with all the information. Thank You!

Caminata Anual por los Pobres

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul llevará a cabo su Caminata Anual por los Pobres el **30 de septiembre**. Padre Oscar estará participando otra vez representando a Santa Rita. A partir del próximo domingo estaremos aceptando donativos después de todas las misas durante dos semanas. Todo lo recaudado se quedará en la Santa Rita para ayudar a los pobres que viven dentro de los límites de la parroquia. Por favor apoyen al Padre Oscar en esta misión de caridad. Si quieren caminar y obtener horas de servicio para la escuela o la confirmación entonces llamen a San Vicente de Paul (630-892-6186) y dejen un mensaje. Nosotros les regresaremos la llamada con toda la información que necesitan.

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS**Saturday, September 9**

8:00AM Mass – ✱ Irene Schramer
 11:30AM Mass – Wedding Adan & Susana Reynoldo
 1:00PM Mass – XV Francia Ramírez
 4:30 PM Mass – ✱ Bridget & Pat Costello
 6:00 PM Misa – ✱ José Velez

Sunday, September 10

8:30AM Mass – ✱ Father Loi Mai, ✱ Quynh Mail
 10:15AM Mass – ✱ Jim Colwell, father of Tom Colwell
 12:00PM Misa – ✱ Roberto Rubio, ✱ Ramón Rubio
 7:00PM Misa – Cumpleaños Victoria Bullón y María Quintana

Monday, September 11

7:30AM Mass – ✱ Bridget, Pat & Cathelin Costello

Tuesday, September 12

7:30AM Mass – ✱ Living and deceased members of the Gaul Family

Wednesday, September 13

7:30AM Mass – ✱ Joseph & Mary Broski
 7:00PM Misa –

Thursday, September 14

7:30AM Mass – ✱ Francis Rossquer

Friday, September 15

7:30AM Mass – ✱ Juan Saltijeral
 1:00PM Mass – Wedding Darci Navarro & Roberto Hernández
 4:00 PM Mass – Wedding Stephanie Salinas & Martin Correa

Saturday, September 16

8:00AM Mass –
 11:30AM Mass – XV Alondra de la Isla
 1:00PM Mass – 25 aniversario Juana y Francisco Guerrero
 4:30 PM Mass – ✱ Violet & Richard Huberty
 6:00 PM Misa – ✱ Roberto Rubio, ✱ Ramón Rubio

Sunday, September 17

8:30AM Mass – ✱ Courtney Voda
 10:15AM Mass –
 12:00PM Misa – ✱ Roberto Rubio, ✱ Ramón Rubio
 7:00PM Misa –

Stewardship of Treasure Report**Weekend of September 9 & 10, 2017**

Total Offertory:	\$8,864.89
EGiving:	\$ 1,129.00 (incl. mail)
Mission	\$3,594.77
Arise envelopes	\$ 311.00 (incl. mail in & e-giving)
(Atmosphere, Replace/renovate, Infrastructure, Safety/securityEnergy Efficiency)	

Use our secure Online Giving.

EVENTS/EVENTOS

All events must be scheduled through the Parish Office.
 No exceptions.

Monday, September 11

10:00am Legión de María (Franciscan Room)
 7:00pm Legión de María (Augustinian Room)
 7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (Franciscan Room)

Tuesday, September 12

7:00pm Grupo de oración (Franciscan Room)
 7:00pm Adult Sacramental Preparation (School)
 7:00pm Preparación Sacramental Adultos (escuela)

Wednesday, September 13

7:00pm Misa (Capilla)

Thursday, September 14

6:00pm Grupo de Oración (Augustinian Room)
 6:30pm Church Cleaning Team #3 (Church)
 7:00pm Legión de María (Franciscan Room)
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus (Franciscan Room)

Friday, September 15

6:30pm Grupo de Oración (Capilla)
 7:00pm RCIA (Franciscan Room)

Saturday, September 16

7:00pm Formed Workshop (Parish Hall)

Pray for the Sick/Oremos por los Enfermos

* Monika Danner * Dona Supplefrick
 Spencer * Jane De La Torre * María Ma-
 yorga * Paul Quinn * José Corral Díaz
 * Doroteo Cazares * Gabriela Grace
 * Tolentino Rodríguez * Elvira González
 * Ruth Ann Pineda * Irma Chávez Gamboa
 * Fr. Lou Busemeyer SJ, * Kate Novak
 * Manuel Jacobo * Mary Cassidy * Deacon
 Bruce Waterman * Angie Greviskes * Merrilee Lubshi-
 na * Edna Rolfe * Sergio Campos * Thang * Anna Co-
 llier * José Armando Torres García * Ángel Hernández
 Hernández * David Green

¡Damos gracias a Dios por sus bendiciones!**9 y 10 de septiembre de 2017**

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Utilice nuestro sistema de donaciones en Internet.

Rosary to our Lady of Fatima

Wednesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m.
(right after Wednesday evening Mass) in the
the Chapel.

**“Continue to say the Rosary every day
in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to
obtain the peace of the world...”**



Rosario a Nuestra Señora de Fátima

Miércoles 13 de septiembre a las 7:30
p.m. (inmediatamente después de misa de
7:00 p.m.) en la capilla.

**“Es necesario rezar el rosario... Con la
oración a la Virgen se puede obtener la
paz”.**

WEDNESDAY MORNING FAITH STUDY



ST. PETER, a study of our 1st Pope

9:00AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT THE PARISH CENTER
SEPTEMBER 20TH

THERE IS A \$10 MATERIAL FEE

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

Can't make it wednesday mornings,
but want to follow along.
Formed.org, studies, Lectio series, Peter

100 aniversario de las apariciones de la Virgen de Fátima

En honor a los 100 años de las apariciones de la Virgen de Fátima, la **Legión de María** quiere visitar los hogares para promover la devoción a María y el rezo del Santo Rosario.

Estas visitas serán a los hogares de los feligreses que así lo deseen. En estas visitas tendremos la oportunidad y la bendición de conocer más sobre la devoción Mariana, de esta manera podremos inculcar en nuestros hijos la fe a María a través del Santo Rosario como lo pidió la Virgen de Fátima: **“Orad, orad, porque familia que reza unida permanece unida”.**

En la sala de acogimiento hay formas para registrarse y habrá alguien que les ayude a llenarlas si así lo desean.

St. Rita's Fall Adult Formation Series Kick-Off



Starting Thursday, September 21

Join us in person Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center or, if you prefer to set your own schedule do it online: Formed.org.
For more information, contact Julieta Jacobo 630-892-6089 or jjacobos@saintritaofcascia.org

A partir del jueves 21 de septiembre

Empecemos la serie de otoño de Educación para Adultos



Acompañenos a las clases los jueves a las 7:00 p.m. en el Centro Parroquial, o si prefieren estudiar a su propio ritmo, pueden hacerlo en Formed.org.
Para mayor información contactar a Julieta Jacobo 630-892-6089 o jjacobos@saintritaofcascia.org

Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Ministry

Facing a significant loss – such as the death of a loved one, a stillbirth, or a miscarriage – can leave you and your family in need of help and hope. Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Ministry at St. Peter in Geneva provides a place for you to find community and gain practical tools for grieving.

To sign up for our fall Monday sessions starting September 11, contact Colette McKenna at (630) 232-0124, ext. 105 or email ols@stpetergeneva.org.



Grupo de oración de Santa Rita

Le invitamos a nuestro grupo de oración todos los viernes a las 6:30 pm en la Capilla.
Por favor acompañenos.

No pierda la oportunidad de dar gracias a Dios por la bendición de otra semana.



1917-2017
The Mysteries of Fatima
Presented by Msgr. Deutsch

Wednesday, October 18th
7:00—8:30 p.m.
Church

Msgr. Deutsch will share some spiritual reflections about Our Lady of Fatima and her significance in our spiritual lives. Please encourage family and friends to come and enjoy this presentation.



Want to join Formed but don't know where to start?
Want to learn everything about Formed?

Join us **Sunday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall to register, download the app and answer any questions you might have about this wonderful evangelization tool.



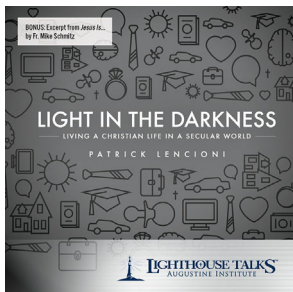
¿Quiéres inscribirte a Formed pero no sabes como hacerlo?
¿Quieres saber como funciona la app de Formed ?

Ven el **sábado 16 de septiembre a las 7:00 p.m.** al sótano de la iglesia para inscribirte, bajar el app de Formed y obtener las respuestas que necesitas para utilizar esta maravillosa herramienta para crecer en tu fe.

Featured CD

Light in the Darkness

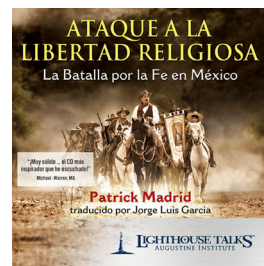
Patrick Lencioni is the founder of The Table Group and the author of 10 books which have sold over 4 million copies and been translated into more than 25 languages. In this talk Patrick provides a hopeful yet cautionary lesson about the dangers of living a partially Christian life.



CD de la semana

Ataque a la Libertad Religiosa

¿Qué precio pagaría usted por la libertad religiosa? En esta presentación Patrick Madrid explora la historia de la persecución sistemática de la Iglesia Católica en México en 1920. Con la evaluación completa de los hechos, Patrick relata como muchos miles de católicos estuvieron dispuestos a tolerar los terribles sufrimientos y martirio por su amor y fidelidad a Cristo y a su fe católica.



PARISH INFORMATION

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday (English).....7:30 AM
Wednesday (Spanish).....7:05 PM
Saturday (English).....8:00 AM & 4:30 PM
Saturday (*Spanish*)6:00 PM
Sunday (English).....8:30 & 10:15 AM
Sunday (*Spanish*).....12:00 & 7:00 PM

Eden Mass (English) every 4th Monday of each month
(September–May) at 2:00pm, at Eden supportive living
311 S Lincolnway St, North Aurora, IL 60542

Reconciliation.....3:00-4:15 PM
Saturday (English & español)

Baptisms - Infants /children

Please contact the parish office 3-4 months in advance to arrange for Baptism 630-892-5918.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): a process for adults to come and ask questions about the Catholic Church to prepare for Baptism or entrance into the church. For more information contact the parish office, 630-892-5918 or attend the next Come and See evening as listed in the bulletin.

Confirmation - 7th grade through junior in HS

Contact Sheryl Colwell at 630-892-5918 x251.

Adult Confirmation/First Communion

Attend the next Come and See evening as listed in the bulletin.

Weddings

Minimum of 6 months required for preparation.
Contact the parish office to make an appointment with the priest.

Sick Calls

Please inform the parish office of any sick parishioners as soon as possible so a Priest can visit the hospital or residence immediately.

Religious Education

Contact: Rae Eigenhauser at 630-892-9507.

St. Rita Catholic School

Contact Mrs. Elizabeth Faxon, School Principal at 630-892-0200

Ministry of Evangelization

Adult formation, retreats, small communities.
Contact: Julieta Jacobo at 630-892-6089

St. Vincent de Paul

For emergency assistance, please call 630-892-6186 and leave a message with your contact information.

Parish Registration

Catholics who live within the parish boundaries of St. Rita Catholic Church are encouraged to register.

INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

Horario de las misas

Lunes-viernes (inglés en la capilla) 7:30AM
Miércoles (español en la capilla).....7:00PM
Sábado (inglés en la capilla)8:00AM
Sábado (inglés en la iglesia) 4:30PM
Sábado (español en la iglesia) 6:00PM
Domingo (inglés en la iglesia)8:30, 10:15AM
Domingo (español en la iglesia) 12:00, 7:00PM

Confesiones

Sábado (inglés y español en la iglesia)3:00-4:15 PM

Bautismos

Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial de 3 a 4 meses antes.
Llame a la oficina parroquial 630-892-5918

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana Para Adultos (RICA): Este es el proceso para adultos que están interesados en la iglesia católica para que vengan y hagan preguntas. Para más información llame a la oficina parroquial, 630-892-5918 o asista a la próxima sesión de Ven y Mira. Esta información está en el boletín.

Confirmación - 7mo al 11vo año

Contacte a Sheryl Colwell 630-892-5918 x251.

Confirmación/Primera comunión para adultos

Asista a la próxima sesión Ven y Mira. Información en el boletín.

Matrimonios

Necesita 6 meses de preparación matrimonial.
Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita con el padre.

Unción de los enfermos

Por favor informe a la oficina parroquial si sabe de algún feligrés enfermo tan pronto como pueda, para que un sacerdote lo visite en su casa / hospital inmediatamente.

Quinceañeras

Llame a la oficina parroquial para más información entre 10 y 12 meses antes de la fecha que desea la misa.

Educación religiosa

Contacte a Rae Eigenhauser al 630-892-9507

Escuela parroquial de Santa Rita

Contacte a la directora Elizabeth Faxon al 630-892-0200.

Ministerio de evangelización

Contacte a Julieta Jacobo al 630-892-6089

San Vicente de Paul

Para recibir ayuda parroquial llame al 630-892-6186 y deje su mensaje con su información.

Registro parroquial

Si usted es católico y vive dentro de los límites parroquiales de Santa Rita, lo invitamos a registrarse.

Protecting God' Children

Our next session of Protecting God's Children will take place on **Monday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center.

All ministers who serve in our parish need this training. If you have any questions call 630-892-6089.

Ministries –Weekend of September 16 & 17, 2017
Ministerios– fin de semana del 16 y 17 de septiembre de 2017

	Sat, September 16 4:30 pm English	Sun, September 17 8:30 am English	Sun, September 17 10:15 am English	Dom 17 de septiembre 12:00 p.m. español	Dom 17 de septiembre 7:00 pm español
EM'S Ministros de Eucaristía	Ann Iglesias - 1 Randy Sondgeroth - 2 Jerry Grimes - 3 Margaret Weiland - 6 Julie Spina- 7 Volunteer - 8	Bob Schuerman - 1 Helen Schuerman - 2 Cheri Thurow - 3 Don Thurow - 6 Barb Pennington - 7 Ellen Voda - 8	María Barraza - 1 Tracey Jenkins - 2 Donna Hughes - 3 Chung Hoang - 6 Maria Hoang - 7 Jim Cisneros - 8	Martín - 1 María S. - 2 Guadalupe - 3 Reyna - 4 Lucía - 5 Elva - 6 Honorio - 7 Ofelia - 8	Andrea Corral - 1 Serafin Sánchez - 2 Irma Barragán - 3 Luis Patiño - 4 Jesús Arceo - 6 Enrique Cerda - 7 Guille Cerda - 8
Lectors Lectores	LaVerne Taylor - 1 Mary Ellen Bender - 2	Beatriz Mendoza - 1 Julieta Jacobo - 2	Elizabeth Sayasane - 1 Jennifer Sayasane - 2		Silvia Castillo - 1 Domingo Castillo - 2
Altar Servers Monagillos	Megan Warren Maggie Kallas Isabella Ponce	Adam Rentz Becky Rentz Rory Bennett	Faith Aala Samantha Poss Natalia Salazar		Jaqueline Magaña Yanely López Mitchell Carlos Jesee Carlos Nathaly Quintana Matziel Fabian Félix

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 11

Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 12 - Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 13 - John Chrysostom

Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 (or Lk 2:33-35)

Saturday, September 16 - Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, September 17

Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes 11 de septiembre

Col 1:24-2:3; Sal 61:6-7, 9; Lc 6:6-11

Martes 12 de septiembre

Col 2:6-15; Sal 144:1-2, 8-11; Lc 6:12-19

Miércoles 13 de septiembre - San Juan Crisostomo

Col 3:1-11; Ps 144:2-3, 10-13ab; Lc 6:20-26

Jueves 14 de septiembre - Exaltaci de la Santa Cruz

Num 21:4b-9; Sal 77:1-2, 34-38; Flp 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Viernes 15 de septiembre - Nuestra Señora de los Dolores

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Sal 15:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 (o Lc 2:33-35)

Sábado 16 de septiembre - San Cornelio y San Cipriano

1 Tm 1:15-17; Sal 112:1-7; Lc 6:43-49

Domingo 17 de septiembre

Ec (Sir) 27:30-28:9; Sal 102:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Vocation Corner: Personality vs. Persona

A few years ago, I was listening to a talk in which the presenter said, “God speaks to us in our persona while we respond to Him in our personality.” He started using examples from the Bible like Moses whom God called to deliver the people of Israel from Egypt. Initially the response of Moses was not proportionate to the calling of God. God calls Moses “Deliverer” and Moses responds multiple times saying “Choose someone else...No one will believe me.” God was calling Moses to be the person He (God) created him (Moses) to be and Moses was making excuses. So, when God calls us to something He calls us in our persona, who He created us to be. Often times we, like Moses, respond in our personality, who we think we are and of what we are capable. The truth is that God has created us for so much more than what we think we can do

or who we think we are. Essentially, God called Moses “Deliverer of Israel” and Moses said “I’m just Moses.” God’s purpose for Moses was far greater than what Moses thought of himself, despite having just murdered someone. Some of the greatest saints were the greatest sinners: St. Paul was also a murderer, St. Augustine lived a frivolous young life, and Bl. Bartolo Longo was a satanic priest. So, no matter what your past has been or how ineffective you think you would be following God down a path toward priesthood or religious life, consider that possibly God is calling you in your persona but those doubts are part of your personality. Consider the truth that you were called for greater things than you think and listen to the persona of who God is calling you to be.

- Fr. Sean Grismer, Assistant Vocation Director

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