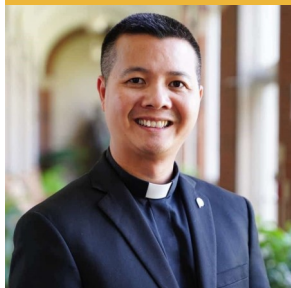


Catholic Information Center

Friends of the Center August 2023 Newsletter

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Dear friends of the Center,

August has arrived and I hear many people exclaim, “summer is flying by.” Having experienced my first Michigan winter, I can now relate to why people here try to squeeze as much as they can out of summertime.

But even while we continue to enjoy the relaxed pace of this summer month, we all know that it is time to begin preparing for the next season. Here in Michigan, parents and teachers will be preparing for the first day of school. High school and college athletes are already practicing for fall sports. Farm workers are preparing for the fall harvest of apples.

Here at the Catholic Information Center, we are also preparing for the new season. Enrollment is open for the Leadership Formation Institute for Hispanic Ministry starting in September. We are collaborating with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan to offer a mini course this October on what we can learn about addressing polarization by studying the Acts of the Apostles. And we are excited to be hosting Gerard Straub for this year’s Gallagher Talk on Sept. 28, 7-8:30 p.m. From his experience living in a Haitian orphanage, Straub will share the wisdom he has learned and what that can mean for us in our own daily living. Please join us if you can.

Exploring and developing future opportunities like these is why we are currently engaged in a planning process of prayer and renewal. There are two ways you are invited to participate.

First, we have developed a short survey. Sharing your perspective will help identify the spiritual needs and hopes of people we serve. A link to the survey and more information is on the back of this letter.

Second, you will be invited to a series of gatherings next month using the same method and approach of the current Synod. This method of spiritual conversation is already bearing fruit in parishes like the Cathedral where new ministries are being created.

Saint Paul reminds us to “Be ready to proclaim the Word in season and out of season.” (2 Timothy 4:2) These community conversations, together with input from the survey and guided by prayer with the Word of God, are key aspects to discerning what the Holy Spirit is calling us to commit to in the coming seasons.

We sincerely thank you for your partnership in the Center’s mission through your financial contributions and prayers - *in every season*. Be assured of our prayers of gratitude for you, asking for God’s abundant blessing in this season of grace.

With gratitude,

Fr. Dat

Very Rev. Dat Tran, CSP
Executive Director of the Catholic Information Center
and Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew

Pray for:

Anamoah Family
Hickox Family
Sheila Jennings
Fr. Joachim Lally
Bill Martin
Jane Steigmeyer Miller
Angie Ruiz
Norine Simmons
Underhill Family
Barbara Weidenfeller

**August Mass for CIC
Intentions:
Sunday, August 13
5:30 p.m. at the
Cathedral**

Please include your prayer intentions with your green envelope or email them to cicoffice@catholicinformationcenter.org

Visioning Survey

We know that living our faith is important, but it can be challenging when we find ourselves in tough conversations. This is where we can help! At the Catholic Information Center, our work is to equip Catholics as missionary disciples who bring the joy of the gospel to those who are currently disconnected from the Church. Through programs like our Leadership Institutes, we are providing ongoing formation that will deepen your understanding of your faith and empower

you to share this faith with those around you.

And this is where you can help. You are invited to participate in a short survey by scanning the QR code below or visiting our website.

Sharing your perspectives will provide essential guidance to develop impactful programming that addresses the needs and hopes of people in our communities. Thank you for your support.

Your generous and regular contributions help ensure a vibrant and enduring future for the Paulist ministry at the CIC. All donations, no matter the size, make a significant impact.

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Please help plan future programming by filling out this online survey:



we want your feedback!
TAKE THE SURVEY

For information about upcoming events, visit catholicinformationcenter.org

2023 Annual Gallagher Talk

Longing for God in Haiti
Thursday, September 28
7-8:30 p.m. ET
Attend on-site or online
Registration required



From filming the poor to living with the poor, **Gerard Straub** discovered a wisdom that can only be learned by living the Gospel in a radical way. His life is a journey from the glamour of Hollywood to a slum in Port-au-Prince where today Gerry operates a home of hope and healing for 60 abandoned kids. During the past 8 years, Gerry has turned the early morning hours into the time of attending to his own

inner spiritual poverty. The fruit of living in a busy orphanage and finding the lonely hours of silence are the spiritual lessons that are a prophetic message for our time.

The annual Gallagher Talk honors the life and work of **Father Joseph Gallagher, CSP** - CIC Director, 1978-1982. Father Gallagher believed that creating a “future brighter than any past” would demand ministries that reach beyond local churches into the marketplace at the intersection of faith and life. The annual talk helps the CIC meet our mission of connecting with those who seek to understand their daily life in light of the Catholic faith.