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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Living with the Heart of Jesus

Fr. Satish Joseph

The priests of the Archdiocese were at a convocation one and a half weeks ago in Wheeling, West Virginia. The theme of the convocation was “Leading with the Heart of Jesus: Prophet, Priest, King.” The theme made me very nervous because it sounded exclusive, triumphalist, and ritualistic. Despite my reluctance, once I was there, I decided to give it a fair chance. I also wanted to be there because this would be the first time that the new Archbishop was addressing the presbyterate. I was eager to know his vision, his plan, and his approach for the diocese, for the priests, and the people of God.

I want to share some of the main thoughts that emerged from the convocation and my personal reflection on them.

“Leading with the Heart of Jesus”

The main speaker for the convocation was Bishop David Bonnar of the diocese of Youngstown, Ohio. His very first talk on the first night put me at ease about the rest of the convocation. His talks on the priesthood were not focused, as I had feared, on high theology but were very grounded and pastoral. Much of the focus was on living the priestly life in these changing and challenging times with meaning—in fidelity to God, in fidelity to the Church, in collaboration with the bishop, and by serving the people of God in love, in humility, in holiness, and with joy!

Of course, there was an acknowledgement that the shadow of the child abuse crisis still hangs over the Church. On the other hand, it is also true that, in America, the Church has done the most when it comes to protecting children. Many organizations, for example, Boys Scouts of America, are now asking the Catholic Church for help in this regard. Bishop Bonnar also used the concept of “identity theft” which I believe can be applicable to all of us. He borrows the concept from the world of technology to caution priests from things that steal them of their meaning



and joy. This can happen to any of you as parents, youth, teenagers—that our lives become so cluttered and stressful that we lose our peace and joy. For priests these days, it is overworking, the stress of shepherding multiple parishes, balancing personal care and pastoral care, balancing prayer and ministry, balancing emotional strains and mental health, and balancing caring for people without trying to make everybody happy. The Catholic priesthood is a very fulfilling life, but identity theft is real.

The last talk of the convocation was the new Archbishop Robert Casey’s first address to the presbyterate. Even though the theme of his talk was “What Bishops Look for in Their Priests,” it was anything but that. He shared his childhood life, stories about his family, his experience as a pastor before he became a bishop and an archbishop, and his vision for an archdiocese that has its challenges but also addresses them. He made ample time for questions and answers and put me in great ease. I believe that his experience as pastor makes him very relational and practical with priests. I am convinced that this Archdiocese has gotten a good shepherd in Archbishop Robert Casey.

Beacons of Light and Families of Parishes

One of the main question priests have been posing to the Archbishop has been about the Beacons of Light. As he explained it, Beacons of Light is not the problem but a solution to a problem. The real problem is the number of priests and the number of people in the pews in church edifices that have unsustainable deferred maintenance issues. Beacons of Light puts focus on coming together as the people of God for the sake of mission and getting out of maintenance mode.

Priests also asked question about the fear of the closure of churches. Clearly the Archbishop’s response was that there will not be any arbitrary decisions, but that some churches may need to close because of the lack of people in the pews and the resources to sustain them. There are also situations in Families of Parishes where there

The call to priesthood is to live with meaning that is faithful to God and the Church, collaborating with the bishop, and serving the people of God with love, humility, holiness, and joy.

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more Masses than needed for the number of people the number of priests. In this context, the Archbishop reminded us that any change is not an end but a new beginning.

I want to add my personal comments to the Archbishop's words. A Family of Parishes is not a Mass factory where we mass produce Masses with priests celebrating 4 and 5 Masses a weekend only to find themselves celebrating it without love and zeal. As a priest, I must look forward to celebrating a Mass and not just celebrate one more Mass to get through the day.

The bottom line is that we live in changing times, in a changing church, in a changing world. The archdiocese, the priests, and the people must come together and address these changing realities as a people of faith. In last Sunday's scripture reading we hear faith defined as, "The realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). The Archbishop used the definition of the Nobel Prize winning Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore, who wrote, "Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark." In other words, things may look dark, but as a people of faith we live in the hope of a new dawn. Beacons of Light is an approach to addressing the reality of the church in this Archdiocese in a way that leads to the future with hope.

Acting in Faith rather than Fear

As I said earlier, even though I went to the convocation reluctantly. One of the main issues I have at such gatherings is the lack of comradery. I did not go the seminary here. I was ordained in India. I don't have friendships that I built over the years. But this time I decided to sit with people I had never sat with for meals and conversations. I compelled myself to sit with folks who are different than me. I decided to allow myself to be vulnerable. I am glad I did this because I learnt so much. I realized that even though we were different, we had so much in common. I learnt much about the thoughts, hopes, and dreams of people who are different than me, and I developed a new respect for them. I realized that so many of us have assumptions about people without knowing them. I am not saying I have new friends, but I will go the next convocation with much less anxiety.

In a changing world and a changing church, we are called to unite as a people of faith to meet the challenges of our time.

I believe that my personal experience also speaks to the fears we have about Beacons of Light and on a larger level to the situation in our nation. If we operate out of fear, we will make the wrong moves and the wrong decisions. Fear of the other, fear of those who are different, fear of changing, and the fear of losing does not help us to see the goodness in people and the common humanity that binds us. Politicians gain much from telling us that our differences should make us fear and hate each other. But they lie. Rather, whether it is our neighbors, our colleagues, our fellow-citizens, immigrants, refugees, men, women, gay, lesbian, transgender, Democrat, Republican, traditional, progressive, parishioners of St. Anthony, Holy Angels, St. Helen, Immaculate Conception, or St. Mary, let us sit with people we are anxious about, talk to them, get to know them. Let us allow them to get to know us. Soon we will realize that we have much more in common than we imagine. We will learn to not only respect our differences but to even celebrate them.

When we set aside fear and truly listen to one another, we discover our shared humanity and learn to celebrate our differences.

In conclusion, the theme of the convocation "Leading with the Heart of Jesus: Priest, Prophet, and King" is relevant for all of us—priests and laity. At every baptism when a child is anointed with the Sacred Chrism, the minister of the sacrament says, "As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live as a member his body sharing everlasting life." In other words, each one of us is anointed priest, prophet and king. Our identity is tied up with Christ who founded the Church. Not just priests, but all the baptized are called to have the heart of Jesus. May our sacred anointing as priest, prophet, and king become our bond of unity with Christ and with one another. In this way, may we become a "beacon of light" for our world. Amen.



WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS, & PRAYER**Schedule & Mass Intentions**

The services below are in English unless otherwise specified. Refer to the other side of the bulletin for Masses and other services in Spanish. Please note that the priest schedule is tentative and subject to change.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16				
4:30 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	+Andy & +Ann Hohos
5:00 pm	Mass (Reconciliation at 4:00 pm)	Holy Angels	Fr. Jim Fitz	
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time				
9:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony	Fr. Ted Cassidy	Sam & Jane Rankin
9:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	St. Helen	Fr. Len Wenke	+Charlie Stevenson
9:45 am	Mass (Reconciliation at 9:15 am)	St. Mary	Fr. Tony Geraci	Robert Obach
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels	Fr. Jim Fitz	James P. Martinez
11:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	
5:00 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Ted Cassidy	
MONDAY, AUGUST 18				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Ted Cassidy	+Jean Knapke
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Hours	St. Anthony		
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20: St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	+Patricia Morman
6:00 pm	Reconciliation	St. Helen		
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21: St. Pius X				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	+Josh Middleton
6:00 pm	Reconciliation, Adoration & Anointing of the Sick	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
9:00 am	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	+Kristine Kessel Thurman
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23				
4:30 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Ted Cassidy	+Rosemary Schneider
5:00 pm	Mass (Reconciliation at 4:00 pm)	Holy Angels	Fr. Len Wenke	
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time				
9:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony	Fr. Len Wenke	Deceased Members of the Voelkl Family
9:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	St. Helen	Fr. Ted Cassidy	+Colette Franks
9:45 am	Mass (Reconciliation at 9:15 am)	St. Mary	Fr. Tony Geraci	Mr. & Mrs. William Paull; Deacon Bill Saluke; David Sprague, Sr; Jerald North; Jerry Moorman
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels	Fr. John Klobuka	Thomas A. Vales
11:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	IC	Fr. Ted Cassidy	Kent Griffith
5:00 pm	Mass	IC	Fr. Len Wenke	

WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS, & PRAYER

Welcome to Bread of Life Family of Parishes

- Keechle Family (IC),
- Southworth Linegang Family (IC)
- Funez Avila Family (IC)
- Bridgid Fox (HA)
- Carranza Núñez Family (IC)
- Rojas Cobb Family (IC)

Baptisms

Congratulations to all those who were baptized recently. May they continue to grow in Christ's love.

- Annabelle Rose Edge (HA)
- Adam Michael Buck, Jr. (SH)
- Melody Jacas Martinez (IC)
- Evelyn Jacas Martinez (IC)

Marriages & Convalidations

Wedding Congratulations to those who were united in Holy Matrimony or had their marriage convalidated recently. We wish them all the happiness in the world as they begin their new life together.

- Sarah Sperber & Osiris Terry (IC)
- Thomas Yodar & Caroline Witt (SM)

Bereavement Ministry at Holy Angels

We are looking for volunteers to support the bereavement ministry at Holy Angels church. Volunteering would include ushering, lecturing, or volunteering as a funeral sacristan. Also volunteers are trained to plan with the families in preparation for the funeral mass. If interested please talk to or email Amy at agray@holyangelsdayton.org.



Celebrate Your Jubilee Wedding Anniversary with Archbishop Casey

Couples celebrating jubilee anniversaries in 2025 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on September 6 (Church of the Incarnation, Centerville) or 7 (St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered to the jubilarian couples. Couples should RSVP by August 25 at <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/divine-worship-and-sacraments/news/golden-jubilee-masses-with-archbishop>.



LOVE IN ACTION

St. Vincent Meal Sign-Ups

St. Anthony

Beginning in August, St. Vincent has asked all donors of casseroles to use the new doctor approved recipes. St. Anthony Parish will be bringing the lasagna recipe. The recipes and signup sheets can be found in the back of the church. The casseroles will still need to be frozen and labeled with a permanent marker (date, recipe name and church name). We still need donations of fruit, fruit juice, and cookies. Thanks to all who have made this ministry successful. All food donations should be brought to the Holy Angels Parish Office (1322 Brown St.) on **Tuesday, August 26 between 7:30–9:30 am.** Thanks to all who have made this ministry successful.



NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Bread of Life Family of Parishes' Picnic September 6, 2025 at Delco Park



Starting with Mass at 4:00 pm
Check-in 3:30pm-4:00 pm
Dinner and games following Mass
Cost: \$5 per person \$20 per family
You can buy tickets in person after Masses
August 16/17, 23/24 & 30/31 or online until
September 3 at membership.faihdirect.net/events/org/796.

Please bring a side or salad to share.

FAITH FORMATION

St. Helen Religious Education Registration Is Now Open!

Registration has begun for Religious Education classes at St. Helen. The first day of classes will be on August 24 from 10:15-11:45 am. You can pick up a form at the parish office or at the back of the church. Registration is also available online at <https://www.sthelenparish.org/youth.html>. Please contact Deb Danner (deb.danner@sthelenparish.org) if you need further information.



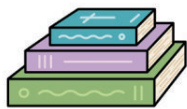
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Holy Angels Faith Formation Registration Open Now!

Our faith formation programs

- **Parish School of Religion (PSR)**—This family catechesis program is for students in grades 1-8 in public, non-Catholic private, and home schools and their families and will start Sept. 7 in Holy Angels School cafeteria from 9:00-10:30 am.
- **Sacrament Preparation** for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation—Classes will be outside of religious education class time this year. Also included are a retreat for each Sacrament, service project hours (for Confirmation), and a rehearsal.
 - Class dates: Sundays Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, and Oct. 26 from 9:00-10:30 am. Sessions will be held in the Holy Angels gym (Confirmation) and cafeteria (First Holy Communion).

To register: tinyurl.com/HAPSR2526, the parish website, or scan the QR code. Registration deadline: Aug. 24. Questions or to volunteer: Katy Dalrymple, kdalrymple@holyangelsdayton.org.



Immaculate Conception Faith Formation Registration Is Now Open!

Our faith formation programs

- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)** — for children age 3 (potty trained) through 6th grade. Class options:
 - Sundays, 9:15–10:45 a.m. (PreK–6th) (Limited Space)
 - Tuesdays, 4:30–6:00 p.m. (PreK–3rd)
 - Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00 p.m. (1st–6th)
- **Uprising** — our Middle School program for 7th and 8th graders. Uprising meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30–8:00 pm, starting September 16.
- **Sacramental Preparation**
 - First Holy Communion: 2nd grade and up. Monthly Wednesday evening sessions beginning October 8. Preparation includes First Reconciliation and a spring retreat.
 - Confirmation: Monthly Wednesday evening sessions beginning October 22 and a spring retreat.



Registration is open through September 2 and can be completed online through Faith Direct (<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/796>) or in person after Mass at the vestibule tables. For more information: icparishdayton.org/faith-formation.

Questions or to volunteer: Rachael Griggs at rachaelgriggs@icparishdayton.org or 937.2529919 ext. 209.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: August Spotlight

Immaculate Conception

This month we lift up words from Sofia Cavalletti in *The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey*, revised and updated.

The Child's Hunger

“Young Children not only have religious capacities but a particular religious hunger as well. When a child is hungry, he or she must be fed now, without waiting until tomorrow. This hunger is not always easy for us to satisfy, because little children live their relationship with God in a very different way than we do. But this same fact is also the source of wonderful gifts that come to us when we try to nourish their hunger for God. After all, God is not only the God of adults and, if Jesus said we are to be like little children to enter the kingdom of God, then they must have something to teach us.”

The Capacity to Enjoy

“Young children have a natural ability to enjoy their relationship with God in a very deep way. Children are capable of enjoying the presence of God; they are able to give themselves totally to God's love. It is only before the age of six that children are completely inside this joy.”

The Child's Need and Capacity for Relationship

“The child's deepest need is for relationship. There is a special rapport between young children and God. Why is their relationship with God so spontaneous and joyful? Because in this covenant relationship with God, children find what is most precious in themselves: the capacity to love.”

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), the Atrium (the prepared environment) is a place where the young child's relationship with God is nurtured. Please visit the registration table in the vestibule after Mass for more information about our CGS courses, times and how to register your child.



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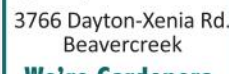
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DOMINGO, 17 DE AGOSTO: Vigésimo domingo del tiempo ordinario

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12:15 pm	Misa	Santa María	P. José Benítez	+Mercedes Dominga Lopez
LUNES, 18 DE AGOSTO				
6:00 pm	Misa	Santa María	P. José Benítez	La Comunidad Hispana
MARTES, 19 DE AGOSTO				
6:00 pm	Misa (Confesión después de la Misa)	Santa María	P. José Benítez	La Comunidad Hispana
MIÉRCOLES, 20 DE AGOSTO: San Bernardo, abad y doctor de la Iglesia				
6:00 pm	Misa	Santa María	P. José Benítez	La Comunidad Hispana
JUEVES, 21 DE AGOSTO: San Pío X, papa				
6:00 pm	Misa (Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento después de la Misa)	Santa María	P. José Benítez	La Comunidad Hispana
6:00 pm	Confesión, Adoración y Unción de los enfermos	IC	P. Len Wenke	
DOMINGO, 24 DE AGOSTO: Vigésimo primero domingo del tiempo ordinario				
9:00 am	Misa	IC	P. José Benítez	La Comunidad Hispana
12:15 pm	Misa	Santa María	P. José Benítez	+Monica Isella Tello Miranda

CULTO, SACRAMENTOS Y ORACIÓN

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Santa María

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MENSAJE DEL PÁRROCO

cualquier cambio no es un final, sino un nuevo comienzo. Quiero añadir mis comentarios personales a las palabras del arzobispo. Una familia parroquial no es una fábrica de misas donde se producen misas en serie, con sacerdotes que celebren cuatro o cinco misas cada fin de semana, solo para encontrarse celebrándolas sin amor ni celo. Como sacerdote, debo esperar con ilusión celebrar una misa y no limitarme a celebrar una misa más para terminar el día. La conclusión es que vivimos en tiempos cambiantes, en una iglesia cambiante, en un mundo cambiante. La Arquidiócesis, los sacerdotes y el pueblo deben unirse y abordar estas realidades cambiantes como un pueblo de fe. En la lectura de las Escrituras del domingo pasado, escuchamos que la fe se define como “la realización de lo que se espera y la evidencia de lo que no se ve” (Heb 1, 1). El arzobispo utilizó la definición del poeta indio ganador del Premio Nobel, Rabindranath Tagore, quien escribió: “La fe es el pájaro que siente la luz y canta cuando el amanecer aún es oscuro”. En otras palabras, las cosas pueden parecer oscuras, pero como pueblo de fe vivimos con la esperanza de un nuevo amanecer. Beacons of Light (Faros de luz) es un enfoque para abordar la realidad de la iglesia en esta Arquidiócesis de una manera que nos lleve al futuro con esperanza.

En un mundo cambiante y una iglesia cambiante, estamos llamados a unirnos como pueblo de fe para enfrentar los desafíos de nuestro tiempo.

Como dije antes, aunque fui a la convocatoria a regañadientes. Uno de los principales problemas que tengo en este tipo de reuniones es la falta de camaradería. No fui al seminario aquí. Fui ordenado en la India. No tengo amistades que haya construido a lo largo de los años. Pero esta vez decidí sentarme con personas con las que nunca había compartido comidas ni conversaciones. Me obligué a sentarme con gente diferente a mí. Decidí permitirme ser vulnerable. Me alegro de haberlo hecho porque aprendí mucho. Me di cuenta de que, aunque éramos diferentes, teníamos mucho en común. Aprendí mucho sobre los pensamientos, las esperanzas y los sueños de personas diferentes a mí y desarrollé un nuevo respeto por ellas. Me di cuenta de que muchos de nosotros tenemos prejuicios sobre las personas sin conocerlas. No digo que haya hecho nuevos amigos, pero iré a la próxima reunión con mucha menos ansiedad.

Actuar con fe en lugar de con miedo

Creo que mi experiencia personal también refleja los temores que tenemos sobre Beacons of Light y, en un nivel más amplio, sobre la situación de nuestra nación.

Si actuamos movidos por el miedo, tomaremos medidas y decisiones equivocadas. El miedo al otro, el miedo a quienes son diferentes, el miedo al cambio y el miedo a perder no nos ayudan a ver la bondad de las personas y la humanidad común que nos une. Los políticos se beneficiarían mucho al decirnos que nuestras diferencias deben hacernos temerosos y odiarnos unos a otros. Pero mienten. Más bien, ya sean nuestros vecinos, nuestros colegas, nuestros conciudadanos, inmigrantes, refugiados, hombres, mujeres, gays, lesbianas, transgénero, demócratas, republicanos, tradicionales, progresistas, feligreses de San Antonio, Santos Angeles, Santa Elena, Inmaculada Concepción o Santa María, sentémonos con las personas que nos preocupan, hablemos con ellas, conozcámoslas. Permitamos que ellos nos conozcan a nosotros. Pronto nos daremos cuenta de que tenemos mucho más en común de lo que imaginamos. Aprenderemos no solo a respetar nuestras diferencias, sino incluso a celebrarlas. En conclusión, el tema de la convocatoria “Liderar con el corazón de Jesús: sacerdote, profeta y rey” es relevante para todos nosotros, sacerdotes y laicos. En cada bautismo, cuando se unge a un niño con el Santo Crisma, el ministro del sacramento dice: “Así como Cristo fue ungido sacerdote, profeta y rey, que tú vivas como miembro de su cuerpo compartiendo la vida eterna”. En otras palabras, cada uno de nosotros es ungido sacerdote, profeta y rey. Nuestra identidad está ligada a Cristo, que fundó la Iglesia. No solo los sacerdotes, sino todos los bautizados están llamados a tener el corazón de Jesús. Que nuestra sagrada unión como sacerdotes, profetas y reyes se convierta en nuestro vínculo de unidad con Cristo y entre nosotros. De esta manera, podamos convertirnos en un “faro de luz” para nuestro mundo. Amén.

Cuando dejamos a un lado el miedo y nos escuchamos de verdad unos a otros, descubrimos nuestra humanidad compartida y aprendemos a celebrar nuestras diferencias.



MENSAJE DEL PARROCO

Vivir con el corazón de Jesús

Padre Satish Joseph

Los sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis asistieron a una convocatoria hace una semana y media en Wheeling, Virginia Occidental. El tema de la convocatoria era "Liderar con el corazón de Jesús: profeta, sacerdote, rey". El tema me ponía muy nervioso porque sonaba exclusivo, ritualista y triunfalista. A pesar de mis reticencias, una vez allí, decidí darle una oportunidad. También quería estar allí porque sería la primera vez que el nuevo arzobispo se dirigía al presbiterio. Estaba ansioso por conocer su visión, su plan y su enfoque para la diócesis, para los sacerdotes y para el pueblo de Dios.

Quiero compartir algunas de las ideas principales que surgieron de la convocatoria y mi reflexión personal sobre ellas.

"Liderar con el corazón de Jesús"

El orador principal de la convocatoria fue el obispo David Bonnar, de la diócesis de Youngstown, Ohio. Su primera charla, la primera noche, me tranquilizó respecto al resto de la convocatoria. Sus charlas sobre el sacerdocio no se centraron, como yo temía, en la alta teología, sino que fueron muy sensatas y pastorales. Gran parte del enfoque se centró en vivir la vida sacerdotal en estos tiempos cambiantes y desafiantes con sentido: en fidelidad a Dios, en fidelidad a la Iglesia, en colaboración con el obispo y sirviendo al pueblo de Dios

*La vocación al sacerdocio
consiste en vivir con sentido,
siendo fieles a Dios y a
la Iglesia, en colaboración
con el obispo y sirviendo al
pueblo de Dios con amor,
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niños. Muchas organizaciones, por ejemplo, los Boy Scouts of America, están pidiendo ahora ayuda a la Iglesia católica en este sentido.

El obispo Bonnar también utilizó el concepto de "robo de identidad", que creo que puede aplicarse a todos nosotros. Toma prestado el concepto del mundo de la tecnología para advertir a los sacerdotes de las cosas que les roban su significado y su alegría. Esto nos puede pasar a cualquiera



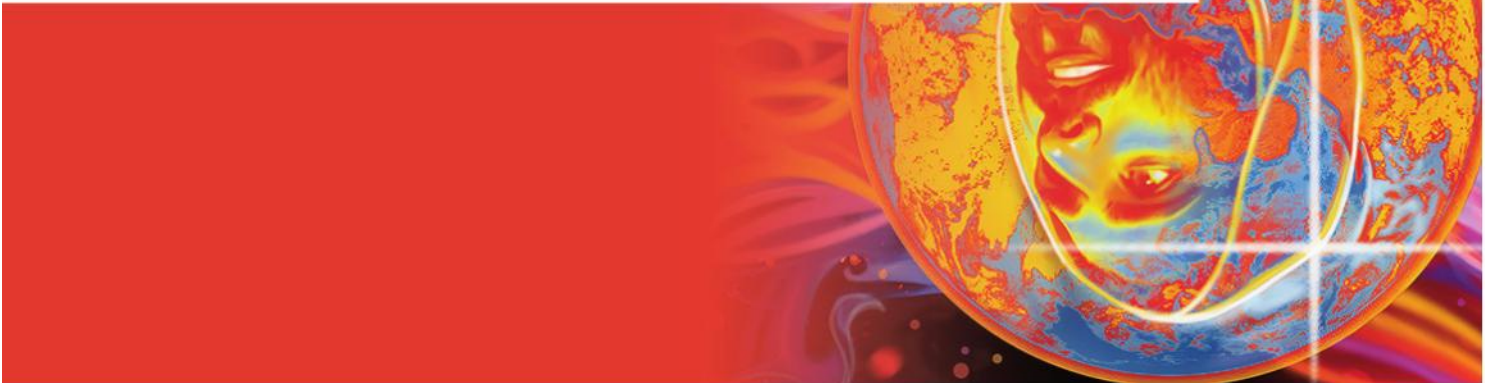
de ustedes, como padres, jóvenes, adolescentes: que nuestras vidas se vuelvan tan desordenadas y estresantes que perdamos nuestra paz y alegría. Para los sacerdotes de hoy en día, se trata del exceso de trabajo, el estrés de pastorear varias parroquias, equilibrar el cuidado personal y el cuidado pastoral, equilibrar la oración y el ministerio, equilibrar las tensiones emocionales y la salud mental, y equilibrar el cuidado de las personas sin tratar de hacer felices a todos. El sacerdocio católico es una vida muy satisfactoria, pero el robo de identidad es real.

La última charla de la convocatoria fue el primer discurso del nuevo arzobispo Robert Casey al presbiterio. Aunque el tema de su charla era "Lo que los obispos buscan en sus sacerdotes", fue todo lo contrario. Compartió su infancia, historias sobre su familia, su experiencia como párroco antes de convertirse en obispo y arzobispo, y su visión de una Arquidiócesis que tiene sus desafíos, pero que también los aborda. Dedicó mucho tiempo a preguntas y respuestas y me hizo sentir muy cómodo. Creo que su experiencia como párroco lo hace muy relacional y práctico con los sacerdotes. Estoy convencido de que la Arquidiócesis ha conseguido un buen pastor en el arzobispo Robert Casey.

Faros de Luz y Familias de Parroquias

Una de las principales preguntas que los sacerdotes han estado planteando al arzobispo ha sido sobre los Faros de Luz. Según explicó el arzobispo, los Faros de Luz no son el problema, sino la solución a un problema. El verdadero problema es el número de sacerdotes y el número de personas en los bancos de las iglesias que tienen problemas de mantenimiento diferido insostenibles. Los Faros de Luz se centran en unirnos como pueblo de Dios por el bien de la misión y salir del modo de mantenimiento.

Los sacerdotes también preguntaron sobre el temor al cierre de iglesias. La respuesta del arzobispo fue clara: no habrá decisiones arbitrarias, pero es posible que algunas iglesias tengan que cerrar debido a la falta de feligreses y de recursos para mantenerlas. También hay situaciones en las Familias de Parroquias en las que hay mas misas de las necesarias para el número de personas y el número de sacerdotes. En este contexto, el arzobispo nos recordó que



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