




# *Hearts on Fire*

## *Magazine*



## Living Stones Campaign

Continued gifts and support are allowing the IPF office to flourish. Read the Living Stones Campaign Recap to learn about how the campaign progressed and the goals that were reached on pg 6.



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## Cover Photo:

Archbishop George Lucas celebrates Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and other IPF priests before blessing the new IPF offices.

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## Our Mission

In collaboration with Catholic seminaries and dioceses, we form seminarians, priests, and bishops in holiness and accompany them in their ongoing spiritual growth, so they can more effectively lead others to Christ.

## Our Vision

We envision a joyful and powerful renewal of holiness across the U.S. Catholic Church as more diocesan seminarians, priests, and bishops seek and commit to a personal, deep, and sustained spiritual communion with the Trinity.

## Our Objectives

1. Live out our beliefs and convictions in everything we do with humility and magnanimity, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, knowing we are nothing without God.
2. Stay focused on why we exist: to serve the spiritual formation needs of diocesan seminarians, priests, bishops, and those involved in priestly formation.
3. Ensure the ongoing excellence of our programs, retreats, publications, and activities by proactively seeking input and information from others.
4. Sustain and grow funding to ensure that IPF continues its mission for generations to come.

# From the IPF Executive Director:

## Dear Friends of IPF,

I was struck, recently, at the IPF Spiritual Direction Training Program for priests we host in Illinois at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, at how much our participants are renewed in their priesthood each time we gather. We meet for three weeks each year over a span of three years. The 160 priests in the program arrive on a Sunday evening, after a long day of travel from various points in the U.S. Many of them pastor multiple parishes. There is a sense of fatigue as they arrive. After a brief welcome, and going over logistics for the week, we begin the program. The priests are divided into smaller groups, and a staff member from IPF leads a brief prayer in each small group. Then each priest has the chance to express to his brothers a grace that he desires to receive from God during the week. I always find myself uplifted by their faith, honesty, and the plain language they use in speaking to God.

By the end of the week — Friday morning — we gather again with the priests in smaller groups. The weariness that was apparent on Sunday has been transformed into much laughter and a real sense of fraternity among the priests. An IPF staff member leads a brief prayer, and the priests have a chance to express to their brother priests what grace they received from God during the week. This has been the most impactful part of the program for me, to be a “fly on the wall” listening to how God works in the lives of these men. They return to their parishes ready for the next weekend's masses, often preaching and teaching on the topics they learned during our week together.

Our mission at IPF is to accompany seminarians and priests in deepening their spiritual lives so they may lead others to Christ. I am grateful for all who support the work of IPF. It is a testament to the faith you have in the priesthood and the work of IPF. This issue of our magazine is dedicated to all who support us, financially, spiritually, by your friendship and guidance.

Sincerely in Christ,

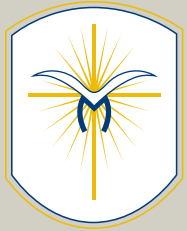


Fr. Brian Welter,  
Executive Director of IPF



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# INSTITUTE *for* PRIESTLY FORMATION FOUNDATION

## From the IPF Foundation President



I continue to be inspired and amazed by all of God's many blessings for the mission of IPF. The generosity of individuals and families who willingly share their time, prayers, expertise, and financial support to IPF never ceases to amaze me, especially in this struggling economy. We have met great challenges and achieved an abundance of success.

We are drawing near to our first-year anniversary of moving into our new headquarters in Omaha, April 1, 2023. The building is wonderful! It has nice parking, beautiful natural light, and is a perfect one-story building with plenty of room for growth. We will have a beautiful chapel and an area to entertain. Most of the finishes are complete, however there have been supply chain issues along the way. We are awaiting the furniture for the chapel, and tables and chairs for our hospitality area. A few other finishing touches are still in progress: placing artwork on the walls, finishing the installation of some technology, and completing outside work. It is only through the grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit that this has all been accomplished in one year.

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All of us at the Foundation this past year have been very busy planning and executing the Living Stones Capital Campaign to raise the funds for the building. We have had wonderful guidance from our Finance Committee, Corporate Board, Foundation Board, and of course, all of you. Your prayers and generous financial support from across the country have made a significant impact. See page 6 for further information on the campaign.

For the first time in five years, we are excited to host an in-person benefit: *IPF Presents Hearts on Fire: Journey to Omaha Benefit Banquet* on April 13, 2023. All funds raised at the event will go to "Fill the Gap" for the Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians. For those not able to attend, there will be a virtual IPF Presents Hearts on Fire event where you can offer your support to "Fill the Gap" as well. We will once again be having an in-person Lenten Morning of Reflection on March 25, 2023, and providing a Lenten reflection for those outside the Omaha area. More details will be forthcoming in future emails.

It has been a very busy and exciting year! We are so grateful for the beautiful gifts we have received this past year for the IPF building and IPF programs. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we have received many blessings and appreciate your support of our priests and seminarians. Thank you for all you do for IPF.

You remain in our prayers,

Mary Buttell,  
President of the IPF Foundation



Archbishop Lucas giving a homily at the Mass during the combined board members meeting in October 2022.

IPF Presents

# Hearts on Fire

## Journey to Omaha Benefit Banquet

After several years' absence, we are excited to announce that IPF will again host an in-person banquet on April 13, 2023. Celebrating the many gifts and blessings of these recent years, most especially our new home/office, we invite you to the "IPF Presents Hearts on Fire: Journey to Omaha Benefit Banquet," which will be held at the St. Robert Bellarmine Mainelli Center located at 11802 Pacific Street in Omaha, Nebraska.

The evening begins with a 6 p.m. Social Hour. Dinner and a program for the evening will follow. Tim and Sally O'Neill have graciously agreed to co-chair the event.

The program will feature the presentation of the St. John Vianney Award for Priestly Service to Archbishop George J. Lucas in recognition of his steadfast support of the IPF mission throughout his years here in Omaha.

The program will also acquaint attendees with one of the most important features of the summer program for seminarians: the dedicated adjunct faculty and spiritual directors who join us each summer in Omaha. We'll have a chance to hear from a few of these dedicated priests, who despite many commitments at home, choose to offer themselves to the service of the seminarians who join us each summer. Participants will have a chance to assist the Institute in "filling the gap" between the actual cost of the summer seminarian program and the tuition paid by dioceses.

Ticket price is \$125 per person. Underwriting opportunities are available. Please contact Tina Targy at 531-272-8490 or ttargy@priestlyformation.org for more information about the event or to volunteer.



Scan the QR code to the right to learn more about the IPF Presents Hearts on Fire: Journey to Omaha Benefit Banquet





# Living Stones:

*Building a Foundation for the Future Recap*

## Timeline

### November of 2021

- IPF found and purchased a building on 11626 Nicholas Street in Omaha, Nebraska.
- The silent phase of the Capital Campaign began.
- Anonymous donors provided IPF with \$1,503,900 used for half of the cost of the building as a down payment and a start-up budget to begin renovations.

### February of 2022

- Demolition and renovation began.

### March of 2022

- The Living Stones: Building a Foundation for the Future Capital Campaign kicked off.
- In this stage of the campaign, \$259,640 was raised with individual donations.
- A \$140,000 grant from an anonymous foundation for the renovation of the Chapel was received.
- Not included in this figure are the In-Kind Gifts to the project of \$5,084.

### August of 2022

- The \$500,000 Matching Fund was launched as an incentive to complete the Campaign.
- \$293,392 was raised toward the Match.
- \$204,633 was pledged; \$69,665 has been collected and is included in the above figure. Not included in the figure is the \$134,968 in pledge payments yet to be paid.
- With total pledges and collected donations, IPF came close to meeting the Match.

### January of 2023

- \$500,000 was deposited into the Living Stones Capital Campaign by the IPF Foundation, completing the Match. \$36,950 was added to the Match in pledges and individual gifts toward the campaign for a total of \$540,795.

**Total Collected for the Living Stones Capital Campaign is \$2,737,727 and still counting**

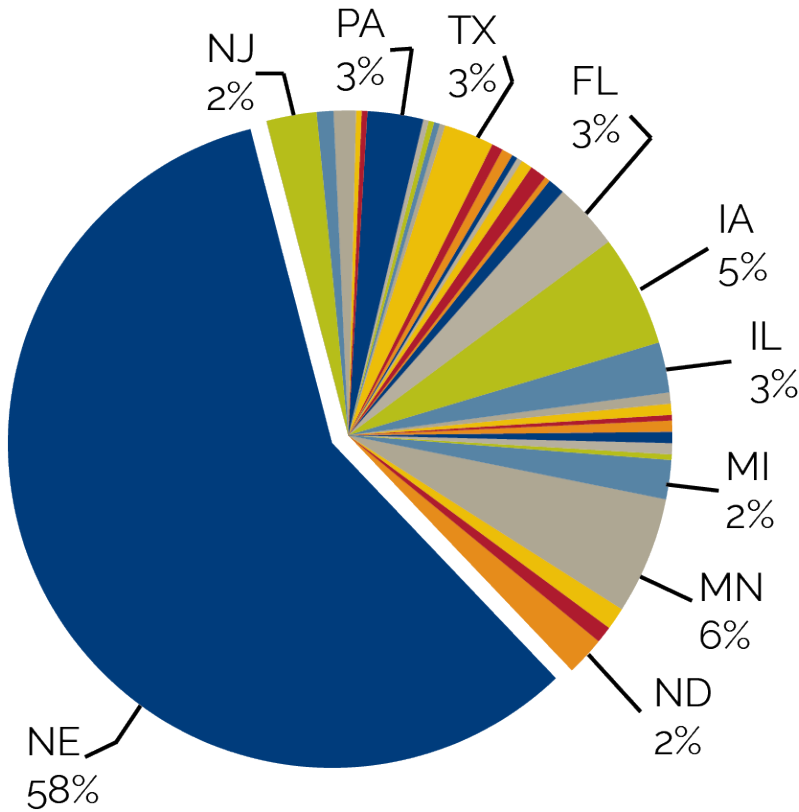
2021	Amount
Anonymous Donor	\$1,000,000
Anonymous Donor	\$500,000
Anonymous Donor	\$3,900
<b>2021 Total</b>	<b>\$1,503,900</b>
2022	
Chapel Grant	\$140,000
Living Stones Original Appeal	\$259,640
Living Stones Match	\$293,392
<b>2022 Total</b>	<b>\$693,032</b>
Not Included in 2022 Total	
Total Pledges	\$204,633
Outstanding Pledges	\$134,968
In-Kind (2022 & 2023)	\$5,084
2023	
Living Stones Original Appeal	\$3,845
Living Stones Match	\$36,950
Foundation Match	\$500,000
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$540,795</b>
Not Included in 2023 Total	
Outstanding Pledges	\$114,968
<b>2021, 2022, 2023 Total</b>	<b>\$2,737,727</b>

Completed and remaining projects for the building can be found on pg. 9.

The Institute for Priestly Formation and the IPF Foundation are so grateful for our wonderful new office space. Pages 6 and 7 offer a timeline and an update on the Living Stones Capital Campaign, including the \$500,000 match offered by the Board of Directors of the Foundation and an anonymous donor to provide for the IPF headquarters.

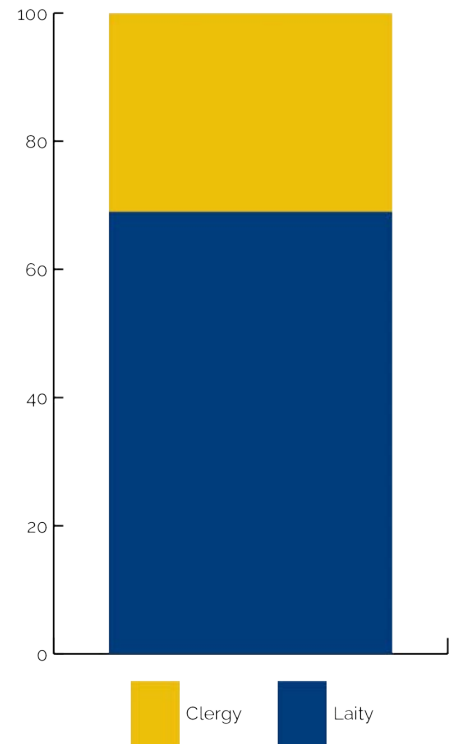
### Donations to Living Stones Campaign grouped by State

Percentage of Local Donors (Nebraska & Iowa) 63%  
 Percentage of National Donors 37%



### Donations to Living Stones Campaign by Laity and Clergy

Laity 69%  
 Clergy 31%



# Blessings

## Received between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022

IPF regrets any errors or omissions.

If you notice an error, please contact the Institute at 531-272-8476 or email [ipf@priestlyformation.org](mailto:ipf@priestlyformation.org).

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 Rev. John Grimes  
 Rev. William Gurnee  
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 Thomas and Mary Halpin  
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 Frank and Mary Jo Harty  
 David and Ann Hawk

## Completed Building Projects:

- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrade
- Replacement of all ceiling tiles and LED lighting throughout the building
- Purchase of needed appliances and furniture
- Exterior signage
- Interior painting and wall coverings throughout the building
- New carpeting and vinyl flooring throughout the building
- Construction of three additional soundproof office spaces
- Soundproofing rooms for Spiritual Direction
- Construction of main conference room and two additional smaller conference rooms
- Landscaping
- Moving costs
- Paid \$1,100,000 on mortgage (over half of the building costs)
- Exterior repair costs
- Building security system upgrade
- Migration from Creighton's technology system
- New technology infrastructure and equipment
- Migration from Creighton's phone system
- New phone system
- Technology for boardroom and two conference areas
- Remodel of the Kitchen/Lunchroom

## Building Projects Remaining:

- Retire the Building Mortgage
- Completion of Chapel with Furnishings
- Exterior Work



Fr. Dennis Spies

## Lenten Reflection Opportunities

Do you need some encouragement, time in prayer, an opportunity to meet others from the Omaha area, or a few hours to yourself with the Lord?

The IPF Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 25th can check all these boxes. Join us at 8:15 a.m. for Mass at Christ the King Church in Omaha, followed by a continental breakfast, a reflection from Fr. Jim Rafferty on "Return To Me With All Your Heart," prayer time, and reflection led by the IPF staff.

This is an opportunity for the laity to share in the "charisms of IPF" that are used in their spiritual formation programs. Come encounter the Lord's voice and His love at the annual Institute for Priestly Formation Lenten Morning of Reflection.

The Lord is calling you to spend some time with Him. To register, go to our website at [priestlyformation.org](http://priestlyformation.org) or call Tina Targy at: 531-272-8490.

Alternatively, IPF released a twenty-minute Lenten reflection from Fr. Dennis Spies on Ash Wednesday. View it at your leisure, and use it to enhance your Lenten spiritual journey.

## Blessings, continued

- Rev. John Hennessey
- John and Jacque Herdzina
- Roger and Rita Hermsen
- Rita Higgins
- Harry and Janie Hoch
- Rev. Paul Hoelsing
- Rev. Paul Hoffman
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- Rev. Mark Hollis
- Troy and Lisa Hottovy
- Rev. Norman Hunke
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- Dr. Richard and Paula Jaworski
- Peg Jeffrey
- Maureen Johnson
- Nancy Johnson
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- Estate of Bette Kathol
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- Trudy Lazure
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- Terry and Colleen White

# Combination Board Meeting: Coming Together for a Better IPF



The IPF corporate board of directors and the IPF Foundation board of directors had a joint meeting in October 2022. Both boards are essential to our daily operations by providing wisdom and guidance for the decisions that IPF faces. Our boards typically meet two times each year at separate meetings. The joint board meeting strengthened each individual board as everyone became more familiar with the roles of both boards. Aside from agendas that are typical of board

meetings, we also have Mass together and end the day with dinner. Both boards are filled with members who have a deep love for IPF. They provide a crucial relationship as they foster IPF's ongoing mission of helping seminarians and priests in their spiritual lives. Our board members look forward to the IPF board meetings, and they enjoy spending time in prayer, discussion, and fellowship with each other.

## Blessings, continued

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Marty and Carolanne Crowley  
Dr. Timothy Crowley and Celia LaGreca  
John and Terri Crudo  
Rev. Tim Cusick  
Markus and Francesca Dammermann  
Rev. Brandon Dang  
Lucretia Danielson  
Rev. Connor Danstrom

Nick Danze  
Rev. Andrew Dawson  
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Rev. Eugenio de la Rama  
Rev. Mark DeCelles  
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Daniel Delmore  
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Bishop William Dendinger  
Keith and Teri Deras  
Louis and Kathy D'Ercole  
Greg Dietz  
Jennifer Dilisio  
Tom and Gina DiMatteo  
Rev. Jeffrey Dobbs  
Mike and Sue Dobel  
Antone and Patricia Dobrauc  
Richard Donner  
Rev. B. Thomas Donovan  
John Dorman  
Mae Doty  
Jane Doucette  
Schuyler Dougherty  
Rev. Christopher Downey  
Rev. Adam Droll  
Rev. Ted Dudzinski  
Judith Duffy

Joyce Duffy  
Georgia Ebel  
Rick Echevarria  
Marlyn and Mary Eckerson  
Jon and Paula Eden  
Bob and Judi Eilertson  
Rev. Ryan Elder  
Joseph and Judy Engelbert  
David and Donna Erker  
Patrick and Sue Ervin  
Dennis and Kathy Esch  
Rev. Alberto Esposito  
Kirk and Elaine Estee  
Rev. Glenn Evers  
Woody Falgoust  
Rev. Brian Fallon  
Ronald and Corene Faltin  
Rev. Thomas Fangman, Jr.  
John and Joan Fangman  
Thomas and Denise Farley  
Maya Fayad  
Robert and Linda Fell  
Jerome and Betty Fenna  
Rev. Luke Ferris  
Deacon Terry and Karen Ficenec  
Ray and Karen Filipowicz  
Mike and Casey Findley  
Daniel Fitzgerald



From the top left: The full group of priests in the Diocese of Honolulu, Hawaii is seen outside of the hotel where the clergy conference took place.

Fr. Jim Rafferty offers a reflection for priests in the Diocese of Honolulu, Hawaii.

## Blessings, cont.

Dr. Robert and Karen Fitzgibbons  
Patrick and Sharon Flanery  
Patricia Fleming  
Scott and Susan Flood  
Craig and Georgia Ford  
Deborah Fortina  
Sue Fraley  
Rev. Gerard Francik  
David and Sarah Franco  
Lawrence Fredrick  
Daniel and Dorothy Fritsch  
Edmund Galas  
Robert Galligan  
Rev. Joseph Jude Gannon  
Ruth Gappa  
Joan Gatz  
Barry and Mary Agnes Gerken  
Rev. Joseph Gile, STD  
Rev. Kenneth Gill  
Vincent Gillmore  
John Gilsdorf and Jan Duffy-Gilsdorf  
Rev. Brendan Glasgow Jr  
Sidney and Susan Gnann  
Shirlee Goaley  
John and Mary Godek  
Greg and Mary Goergen  
Rev. Martin Goetz  
Rev. Seth Gogolin  
Jeffery and Cathy Gokie  
Matthew and Christine Gollobit  
Keith and Mary Gonzales  
Rev. Scott Goodfellow  
Deacon David and Ruth Ann Graef  
Ron and Shirley Graeve  
Rev. David Graham  
Kathleen Grandsaert  
Kimberly Grassmeyer  
Shelly Gray  
Diane Greiner  
Rev. Dan Greving  
Bishop Jeffrey Grob  
Mike and Kathy Gross  
Rev. Kenneth Gross  
Peter and Julie Guile  
Jerome Guld  
Rev. Vincent Gulikers  
Shane and Shirley Gunderson  
Deacon Omar and Miriam Gutierrez  
Charles and Janet Haas  
Marilyn Hansen  
Honorable Tom and Kath Harmon  
Bishop Bernard Harrington  
Rev. Thomas Hart  
Rev. Ben Hasse  
John and Mary Hauschild  
Kathy Havranek  
John and Ann Hawkins  
John Heenan  
Matthew and Suzanne Heffron  
James Heim  
Bill and Mary Katherine Helget  
Dale and Jo Helling



## Vocation Directors' Retreat: Seeking the Lord in Silence

Bethany Center in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida, was the setting for the annual vocation directors' retreat, January 22-30, 2023. This silent directed retreat, sponsored by the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD), gathered vocation directors from twenty-five dioceses across the country for a time of spiritual refreshment.

IPF staff members, Fr. Jim Rafferty, Kathy Kanavy, and Fr. Rich Gabuzda, served as directors, assisted by IPF adjunct staff members Fr. Vinnny Fortunato, OFM Cap., Trudy McCaffrey, and Fr. Art Proulx.

The vocation directors met each day for Mass and had a meeting with their individual spiritual directors. Eucharistic Adoration and confession were offered each evening. Otherwise, the directors spent the day in silence and personal prayer.

IPF has partnered with NCDVD for many years to serve diocesan vocation directors in strengthening their own interior lives. Fr. Rafferty offers daily meditations at their National Convention. IPF staff and adjunct staff offer workshops on prayer and discernment.

At the heart of this partnership is a silent, directed retreat offered to the vocation directors. As they come to experience the Lord in new and deepening ways, they are strengthened in their own relationship with God, become more discerning on standing firm in their identity, and are then better able to be free to serve those who come to them.

# Updated Contact Information for IPF Staff Members



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Rev. Lawrence Hoffmann  
Daniel and Sheila Hoffmann  
James and Sandra Hollenbeck  
Jo Holloway  
Holy Child Catholic Parish  
Norris and Carol Hoover  
Mary Howard  
Dr. Robert and Theresa Howell  
Jim and Monica Hughes  
Rita Hughes  
Lavern Huliska  
Dr. Robert and Marianne Ivany  
Beverly Jackson  
Rev. Joseph Jacobi  
Richard Janousek  
Paul and Barbara Jansen  
Randy and Cindy Jensen  
Paula Johnson  
Margaret Kaminski  
Chuck and Kathy Karnik  
Dennis and Norma Kathman  
Rev. Ryan Kaup  
David and Marilyn Keller  
Rev. David Kelly  
Rev. William Kelly  
Mary and Michael Kelly  
Kevin and Gaelyn Kelly  
Richard and Mary Kelly  
Patricia Kemp  
Steve and Julie Kenney  
Rev. Jason Kern  
Timothy Kerr  
Scott and Suzanne Kerr  
Paul and Brigid Kerschinske  
Chris Killian  
Rev. Chad King  
Lorane Kinney  
Loral Kirke  
James and Mary Kirkpatrick  
William and Kathy Kizer  
Virginia Klemm  
Rich and Jackie Kmiecik  
Rev. Marcus Knecht  
Michael and Susan Knier  
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Knights of Columbus Council #06429  
Knights of Columbus Council #7889  
Knights of Columbus Council #9264  
Knights of Columbus Council #10894  
Knights of Columbus Council #13080  
Patrick Knobbe  
Karl and Michelle Koch  
Tim and Janet Koch  
Rev. Keith Koehl  
Randy Koenigsnecht  
Catherine Kollmeyer

## Blessings, continued

Daniel Kopczynskie  
Tom and Pat Kopfle  
Tom and Sue Korgie  
Jerry and Anne Kotlik  
William and Mary Kovar  
Rev. Russell Kovash  
Allan and Mary Kramer  
Marcel and Sheila Kramer  
Ron and Jan Kramer  
Dr. Ralph and Carol Kramper  
Rev. James Kramper  
Mary Jo Kriz  
Helen Kronschnabel  
Daniel and Nancy Kuhl  
Mary Ann Kuhn  
John and Deb Kukula  
Deacon Joe and Rene Laird  
Msgr. Robert Laliberte  
Geo (Mike) LaMair  
Thomas Langan  
Rev. Timothy Lange  
Karen Lange  
Carol Lankford  
Rita Lawler  
Mitzi LeClair  
Ed and Lois LeFebvre  
Lee Leriger  
William and Marion Lester  
John Leyba  
Gregory and Stacey Lickteig  
George and Mary Liebenritt  
Samantha Lierz  
Ron and Shirley Longacre  
Deacon Dennis and Kathy Lovell  
Rev. Matt Lowry  
Tom and Nancy Lund  
Suzanne Macaulay  
Rita Macaulay  
Louis Macey  
Gretchen Mack  
John Magennis  
Paul and Ruth Maginn  
Rev. John March  
Marist Sisters  
Dr. Julie Masters  
Donald Matulek Jr.  
John and Bobbi Matyja  
Kelly and Lisa Mauer  
JoAnne Mauritz  
Mary Maxwell  
Rev. Matthew McCarthy  
Dave McClow  
Honorable Craig and Cathy  
McDermott  
Dan McGill  
Dr. James and Ann McGill  
Robert McGowan Jr.  
Rev. Eldon McKamy  
Mary McKeon  
Sheila McMahan  
Kathryn McMurtrie  
Jim and Nancy McNulty

Cully McVaney  
Tom and Margo Meehan  
Eugene and Mary Ann Meister  
Kira Mello  
Barbara Melser  
Marcia Merboth  
Rev. Thomas Merkel  
Charles Merkel  
Mark Meuer  
Greg and Janie Mikuls  
Lorraine Miller  
Michaela Miller  
Jo Anne Mirabelli  
Peter and Renilda Mishek  
Tom and Jan Mlnarik  
Dr. Jerome and Susan Moga  
Donna Moga  
Nigel Moodley  
Peter and Maris Moriarty  
Jennifer Moser  
Rev. Patrick Moser  
Rev. Joseph Mosley  
Dr. Robert and Diane Muelleman  
Iva Mueller  
Angie and Jerry Murphy  
Kenneth and Judy Nanfito  
Rev. Dale Nau  
Joseph and Patti Neuberger  
Trung Nguyen and Lan Tran  
Tim and Beth Nielsen  
Rev. Brian Noel  
Rev. Mark Nolte  
Joseph and Joan Norman  
Michael and Carol Nowak  
Joseph and Caitlin O'Connor  
John and Ann O'Donnell  
Lois O'Gara  
Joan O'Keefe  
Rev. Kizito Okhuoya  
Mary Helen Olsen  
Craig and Kay Olson  
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Tim and Sally O'Neill  
Rev. Thomas Orlando  
Msgr. Stephen Orr  
Daniel and Jenni Owens  
Rev. Joseph Paddock  
Richard Palasz  
Josei Papa  
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Jim and Mary Patterson  
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Roger and Mary Peirce  
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*Photo above: Mary Buttell and Valerie Conzett share laughter at the Advent Morning of Reflection event in December 2022.*



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 Rev. Michael Petkosek  
 Kevin and Cindy Pfeifer  
 Lorraine Pierce  
 Rev. John Pietramale  
 Mark Pilon  
 Franklin and Elizabeth Pinter  
 Ken and Marian Pitz  
 Dennis and Denise Podjenski  
 Rev. Tim Podraza  
 Ron and Susan Pogge  
 Brent and Michele Pohlman  
 Joseph and Kara Pollpeter  
 Greg and Laurie Porter  
 Cathy Potter  
 Michael Potthoff  
 Delmer and Mary Jane Powell  
 Msgr. Patrick Pratico  
 Dr. Elizabeth Prigge  
 Rev. Thomas Pringle  
 Vernon and Jill Prinster  
 Rev. Troy Przybilla  
 John and Mary Pulick  
 Mark and Mary Purtle  
 Tom and Karen Quiner  
 Jamie Quinlan  
 Doug and Margaret Quinn  
 Patrick and Shirley Ramaekers  
 Mary Rankin  
 Dr. Stephen and Anne Raynor  
 Dan and Janelle Reeder  
 John and Sharon Reefe  
 Jon and Janie Reeves  
 Kris Reicks  
 Deacon Jay and Mary Ann Reilly  
 Rev. Timothy Reker  
 Rev. Fernando Ricaud

Madison Richter-Egger  
 Patrick and Margaret Ricketts  
 John and Nadine Ries  
 Rev. Kevin Ripley  
 Robert and Mary Riviere  
 Joanne Roberts  
 Patrick and Teresa Roche  
 Susan and Dan Rock  
 Joe Rodgers  
 Todd and Jolene Roecker  
 Larry and Amy Roland  
 Dennis and Shirley Ronspies  
 Mike and Kristi Rooney  
 Mary Fran Root  
 Michael Root  
 Richard Rossi  
 David and Mary Rossman  
 Florence Roth  
 Rev. Nicholas Rouch  
 Rev. Andrew Roza  
 James Ruane  
 Dr. Susan Hersker Rubinstein  
 Joseph and Regina Rudawski  
 Carol Runger  
 Elaine Russell  
 Alice Ryan  
 Justin Ryan  
 James and Marlene Safford  
 Caroline Safford  
 St. John Paul II Newman Center  
 St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
 Derek Saldanha  
 Rev. Stephen Salocks  
 Sr. M. Rosella Salvato, I.H.M.  
 Brian and Amy Sauser  
 Mark and Lisa Scherer  
 Sara Scheunemann  
 John and Teresa Schlautman

Msgr. Bernard Schmitz  
 Joseph and Mary Scholl  
 Jonathan and Jennifer Schopp  
 Larry and Debbie Schroer  
 Brenda Schroll  
 Toby and Molly Schropp  
 Steven and Rose Ann Schuler  
 Theresa Schumacher  
 Bill and Barbara Schumacher  
 Rev. Hugh Schwartz  
 Carla Settimi  
 Doug and Marilyn Sharp  
 Colleen Simonsen  
 Tom and Jan Simpson  
 Dave and Joanne Sjostedt  
 Thomas and Mary Ann Sladek  
 Rev. Kyle Sladek  
 Jesse and Ashley Sladky  
 Melisa Smet  
 Cathy Smith  
 Patrick and Sue Smith  
 Dr. James and Marguerite Smith  
 Kathleen Smithberg  
 Bill and Sherry Snodgrass  
 John and Joyce Sobotka  
 David and Shannon Spargo  
 Gene and Marilyn Spence  
 Loretta Spesia  
 Rev. Kenneth St. Hilaire  
 Gigi Stamp  
 Gregory Stangler  
 Raymond and Beverly Starman  
 Msgr. Michael Steber  
 Peg Steffensmeier  
 Msgr. Ralph Steffensmeier  
 Robert and Sandy Stier  
 Dick and Mary Stieren  
 Joshua Stika



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Stoppini Foundation  
Rev. William Straten  
Christopher and Sarah Stravitsch  
Janine and Scott Strunc  
Rev. Paul Sullivan  
Dr. Paul and Judy Tamisiea  
Rev. Joseph Taphorn  
Mike and Lori Taylor  
Joseph Teeling  
James Parr and Therese Turschuren  
Rev. Mathias Thelen  
Jerome and Margaret Mary Thoendel  
Rev. William Thompson  
Jerold and Linda Thomsen  
Lawrence Thummel  
Dennis and Judith Tierney  
Steve and Cecelia Tonn  
Leslie Torstenson  
Marjorie Uerling  
Ivan and Mary Van Dyke  
Rev. Anthony Vanderloop  
Kristin Vankat  
Rev. Joe Vogel  
Gerald and Linda Vogel  
John and Clostina Vrbka  
Ken and Beth Vyvlecka  
Bill and Sherry Wachtler  
Shannon Walsh  
Rev. Christopher Walsh  
Doug and Betty Walsh  
Randy and Andrea Walther  
George and Margarita Wanek  
Mary Ward  
Joseph and Helen Wardian  
Charles Warner  
Charles and Janice Wear  
Rev. Zachary Webb  
Carla Wehling  
Rick and Maureen Weitkemper  
Margaret Weller  
Rev. David Wells  
Lori Wells  
Dan and Carol Werner  
Richard and Ginny Weston  
Paul and Peggy Weston  
Rev. Timothy Whalen  
Chris and Kathy Wheeler  
Carrie Whitacre  
Warren and Nancy Whitted  
Dennis and Claudia Wier  
Lily Wilson  
Susan Wilson  
Rev. Thomas Wilson  
Janet Wintle  
Patrick and Silvia Wolff  
Janet Wolken  
Rev. Thomas Woodhouse  
Rev. Timothy Wratkowski  
Frank Zelazny  
Joseph and Denise Ziegler  
Douglas and Pauline Zima  
Bishop David Zubik

# IPF Foundation Board Introduces New Members



Mr. Jim Czyz



Mr. Brett Frevert

We are happy to welcome two new members to the IPF Foundation Board. In November of 2022, the IPF Foundation Board of Directors voted to add two outstanding new members to the Board, Jim Czyz and Brett Frevert. Jim and Brett will be installed at the Foundation Board Meeting on March 31, 2023.

**Jim Czyz** is an Omaha native and a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) with a BSBA and major in accounting. He is a CPA and spent seven years with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells in Omaha. Jim joined the local Cummins distributor in Omaha as VP of Finance in 1978 and held various management positions before becoming President in 2000. After thirty four years with the distributor, he retired in June 2012.

Jim and his wife, Mary, have been married for over fifty years. They are members of St. Robert Bellarmine parish in Omaha. They have three children and ten grandchildren.

He is a member of Legatus (Catholic CEO Organization), the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and the Archdiocese Committee for Development (ACD). He holds positions on KVSS Spirit Catholic Radio Development Committee, Poor Clare Sisters Advisory Council, St. Robert Bellarmine Foundation, and the IPF Foundation Board.

**Brett Frevert** is a fifth-generation Nebraskan, born and raised in Wayne County. Brett converted to Catholicism in 1985 and has been active in the Church since, providing nearly sixty years of Catholic education for his four kids. With the strong recommendation and support of Fr. Steven Stillmunks, Brett launched CFO Systems in 2004, providing fractional CFO leadership to a wide range of entities across the country.

Brett currently serves on the Wayne State Foundation Executive Committee, the Finance Council for the Omaha Archdiocese, and the IPF Foundation Board.

Jim and Brett are very welcome additions to the IPF Foundation Board, and we are most grateful for their expertise and service.

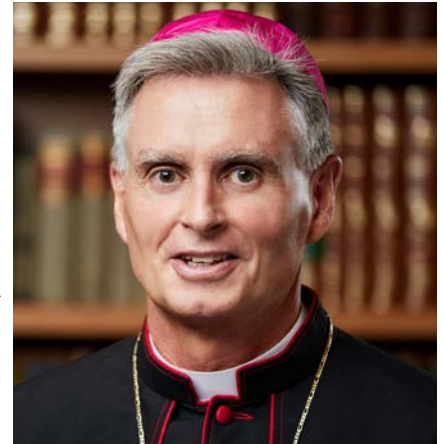
# New Faces on the IPF Bishops Council

IPF relies on various advisory bodies for our mission. One of them is our IPF Bishops Advisory Council. We have seventeen bishops from across the U.S. who help us in our mission of serving the spiritual lives of seminarians and priests. Here is a quick look at three of our newest members:

## Bishop Thomas Daly (Diocese of Spokane)

Thomas Daly was born April 30, 1960, in San Francisco. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of San Francisco in 1982; a master of divinity from St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, California in 1987; and a master of education degree from Boston College in 1996. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 1987. He served as a curate at Our Lady of Loretto Parish in Novato, California, and later as a teacher and campus minister at Marin Catholic High School in Kentfield, California. After these assignments, Bishop Daly became involved in the archdiocesan vocation's office, serving concurrently as director of vocations and president of Marin Catholic High School.

Pope Benedict XVI named him auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of San Jose on March 16, 2011. He was ordained on May 25, 2011. Pope Francis named him the seventh Bishop of Spokane on March 12, 2015. Bishop Daly was installed on May 20, 2015, in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes in Spokane.



Bishop Thomas Daly

## Blessings, continued

### Partner

Kay Abrahamsen  
John Addy  
Dean and Therese Ahrendt  
Gary and Pat Allgeier  
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Mary Ambrose  
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Vince and Linda Antonelli  
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George and Joan Baca  
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Virginia Barnes  
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Lynne Beier  
Jean Bellinghausen  
Steven Belt  
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Luke and Alice Benes  
Kathleen Bennett  
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Robert and Kristin Berg  
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Eddie Biwer  
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Jeffrey and Susan Blumel

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Dan and Lauren Bopp  
Jerry and Michaeleen Boulay  
Rev. Matthew Bowe  
Kent and Carol Brady  
Mary Briganti  
Mary Brinkman  
Lois Brookhart  
Lloyd and Betty Brooks  
Roger and Laura Buddenberg  
Dave and Jan Bunkers  
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Gerald and Sharon Butnick  
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William and Molly Dankbar  
Miles and Lynn deMayo  
Terrence and Susan Delvin  
Betty DeWall  
Linda DiLeo  
Carrie Donovan  
Deeanna Duncan  
John and Lucy Dupont  
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Dan and Cheryl Erker  
Diane Evanac  
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Deacon David and Peggy Fischman  
Bonnie Flynn  
Joseph and Bonnie Fowler  
Michael and Tami Fraser  
Godfrey Friedt



**Bishop Ronald A. Hicks**

**Bishop Ronald A. Hicks (Diocese of Joliet)**

Bishop Ronald A. Hicks is the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, where he was installed in September 2020. He was ordained an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2018, where he had served as vicar general since 2015.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Nilus College of Loyola University in Chicago and both his Master of Divinity degree and his Doctor of Ministry degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. He was ordained a priest for the archdiocese in 1994 and served as an associate pastor at parishes in Chicago and its suburbs, before being called to serve as dean of formation at the former St. Joseph College Seminary in Chicago; as regional director of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) in Central America, which oversaw the care of more than 3,400

abandoned and orphaned children; and as dean of formation at Mundelein Seminary.

Bishop Hicks serves on the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He also serves on the board of the Catholic Extension Society and the Mundelein Seminary Advisory Board.



**Bishop David L. Toups**

**Bishop David L. Toups (Diocese of Beaumont)**

Bishop David L. Toups was ordained and installed the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Beaumont, Texas on August 21, 2020. Growing up in both Louisiana and Florida, as the youngest of three, he was ordained a priest in 1997 for the Diocese of St. Petersburg. He has previously served in parish ministry in Florida, in the office of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations in Washington, DC, and as a seminary professor, dean, and rector/president at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida. He is responsible for numerous articles and is the author of two books: *Reclaiming Our Priestly Character* (2008) and *The Priests We Need: A Rector Speaks to His Seminarians* (2019), both by IPF Publications.

## Blessings, continued

Peter and Teresa Fritton  
Scott Fryda  
Dee Gaeta  
Rev. James Garvey  
Armand and Mary Rae Gibbons  
Dianne Gill  
Bob and Janet Glennan  
Evelyn Goodman  
Mary Goodwin  
Eric and Theresa Gottuso  
Stephen and Eileen Gralewski  
Barb Gray  
DeWayne Greim  
Isaac Grelk  
Joe and Mary Gronewold  
Michael Haller Jr.  
Christine Halliburton  
Kathleen Hansen  
Larry and Linda Harrington  
Donald and Marg Hawk  
Victoria Hegarty

Adam and Shannon Herink  
Charles and Anna Hill  
Carol Hilt  
Michael and Marion Hindes  
Tom and Rogene Hoff  
Ray and Jeanne Huelskamp  
Mary Huetig  
Terrance and Catherine Hughes  
Bernadine Humlicek  
Robert and Madaline Hursh  
Jim and Shirley Jackovich  
Danielle Jacobson  
Edward and Linda Janeczko  
Dane and Ashley Johnson  
Richard and Barbara Johnson  
Margo Juarez  
Lori Kaess  
Mary Kallsen  
Susan Kambhu  
Kevin and Julie Kaminski  
Ron and Maxine Kantor

Kevin and Jackie Kathol  
Jolene Kathol  
Simon and Aileen Kazinetz  
Ronald and Vicki Keller  
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Thomas and Danielle Kenny  
Kiewit Corporation  
Rev. James King  
William and Sharon Kingston  
Cindy Klassen  
Wendell and Sabrina Klein  
Jo Anne Klosner  
Rick and Sandy Kmiecik  
Elizabeth Knapp  
Teri Kneifl  
Knights of Columbus Council #10184  
Clyde and Mary Ann Knoblauch  
Rita Knopik  
Joanne Korol  
Clarissa Kosch  
Dennis and Judi Koubisky



## Blessings, continued

Daniel Krawczyk  
 Phil and Denise Kreski  
 Rev. James Kulway  
 Charles and Joanne Kuster  
 Rev. Robert Lacey  
 C.W. and Cecilia Ladue  
 Thomas and Laurie Lange  
 David and Brenda Langenberg  
 Marilyn LaPorta  
 Deb Larson  
 Dr. Paul and Louise Latzko  
 Jean Lauer  
 Florence Lavender  
 Gina Lawler-Sitzmann  
 Christina Legner  
 Anakin LeGrand  
 Keith and Joyce Leinenweaver  
 Cory and Angela Libis  
 Sr. Faustina Lightfoot  
 Kyle and Amber Loecker  
 Kevin and Becky Loftus  
 John and Kathleen Lounsbery  
 Dave and Ann Lund  
 Ben Lundstrom  
 Madonna House  
 Steve and Maggie Maher  
 Kathleen Mandina  
 James and Carol Mangimeli  
 Hugh and Eileen Manhart  
 Judy Mansidor  
 Sam and Lucy Marasco  
 Rosa Marquez  
 David Mata  
 Molly Mattingly  
 Daniel Matuella  
 Mike and Donna May  
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## Seek First the Kingdom of God

### IPF's Successful Advent Morning in December 2022

On Saturday, December 10th, in Omaha, Nebraska, over 200 people gathered at Christ the King Church for IPF's annual Advent Morning of Reflection, which began with 8:15 a.m. Mass. Fr. Brian Welter, the Executive Director for IPF, gave the main presentation, entitled, "Seek First the Kingdom of God." Many hearts were moved as Fr. Brian and the IPF staff guided the participants through a morning of insightful reflections by contemplating a painting by Margaret Tarrant, depicting the moment Joseph and Mary were told there was no room at the inn. These are a few comments from those who participated:

#### 1st Time Attendee:

"I was so refreshed by the morning's invitation to look inside myself. Throughout all the talks and reflections there was a consistent encouragement to 'go within' to where the Lord was personally speaking in my heart rather than to just grasp exterior concepts or conversation. Thanks to that attitude, I was able to encounter the Lord's voice and love — where it has always been — inside of me. The work the Lord was already doing in me was stirred up and strengthened by this mini retreat."

On the top right:  
Attendees at the 2022  
Advent Morning of  
Reflection listen to  
the speakers.

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# Tributes



Archbishop George Lucas blesses the new IPF office building, along with Fr. Rich Gabuzda, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Archbishop Samuel Aquila, Fr. Steven Stillmunks, and Fr. Brian Welter.

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# George J. Esseff, Sr.

## A Legacy of Love, Kindness, and Charity

December 2022 marked the end of the earthly life of George J. Esseff, Sr., a long-time friend and benefactor of the Institute. Introduced to IPF by his brother, Msgr. John Esseff, George quickly perceived the importance of the IPF mission, and just as quickly stepped up to be of assistance from our earliest days.

George was a successful businessman, but dedicated much of his energy to assisting many charities at home and abroad. The Esseff Foundation's support extended to Haiti, Vietnam, Uganda, and Lebanon.

George served for many years on IPF's Mission Advisory Council, travelling to Omaha twice each year for Council meetings. His business background was of great help to us, but that gift was accompanied always by a lively faith in God, love for the Church, and love for the priesthood. Back in 2002, George and his wife, Rosemary, were among the first honorees to receive IPF's Our Lady of Guadalupe award for their support of IPF and their generous response to Jesus in their acts of charity.

George and his brother, Msgr. Esseff, jointly authored a book, *Brothers and Fathers*, which chronicled the intertwining lives of these two brothers and their unique ways of living out the gift of fatherhood. George and his wife, Rosemary, raised four children, who brought eleven grandchildren into the world, who in turn gave George and Rosemary twenty great-grandchildren. For his part, Msgr. John has been a spiritual father to countless individuals on many continents.

The Institute and all those associated with the IPF mission have been blessed by the faith, love, and generosity of this man of God. May the Lord grant him the reward of a good and faithful servant!



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## Pre-Ordination Retreat: Time with the Lord in December

This winter, the Institute for Priestly Formation continued to offer a retreat experience for those approaching ordination in the coming months. Between December 28 and January 6, twenty-two seminarians made an eight-day silent directed retreat in preparation for ordination as deacons or priests later this spring.

The retreat took place once again at the Pax Christi Retreat Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. The seminarians came from fourteen different U.S.

dioceses. Their days focused on four individual prayer periods through the day, with individual spiritual direction and Mass together. Four priests served as spiritual directors accompanying the men in their spiritual experience.

The time with the Lord in silence and prayer can be a meaningful reaffirmation of the Lord's call to ordained ministry and the assurance of his faithful presence in all that will follow. Please pray for all those preparing for ordination in 2023!



Twenty two seminarians were led by four IPF priests during their silent pre-ordination retreat from Dec. 28th, 2022 through January 6th, 2023. The retreat took place in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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## Expressing Appreciation for Our Priests

To give thanks is a choice we can make every day. When was the last time you shared your appreciation for Sunday's homily or the opportunity to receive the Sacraments? What about spiritual direction received during crisis or shared reflection of God's goodness in a time of joy?

These are just a few of the ways our priests share the heart of Christ with us on our spiritual journeys. Offering appreciation and encouragement back to them enriches all our lives.

Whether it is for the ordinary moments of daily life, or an anniversary, a birthday, a retirement, it is always the perfect time to recognize their service through the presentation of the Saint John Paul II Medallion.

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For more information, please email Elizabeth Wells at [bwells@priestlyformation.org](mailto:bwells@priestlyformation.org) or call 531-272-8426.

# IPF's Successful Advent Morning in December 2022, continued

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"IPF's Advent Morning of Reflection was so necessary in recentering my focus during a season that can be so busy. I was amazed how the observations others shared were a source of grace for my own prayer, and gratified by the sense of Christian family I experienced in the other attendees. It also enkindled in me enthusiasm toward IPF's dedication to serving our priests — the emphasis on prayer and the Holy Spirit made me confident that our priests are being well formed by IPF. I left feeling renewed and ready for Christmas!"

Thank you to the IPF staff and all the volunteers who made the day such a success!

If you were unable to attend or if you would like to re-visit Fr. Brian's talk, it can be found on the IPF website: [www.priestlyformation.org](http://www.priestlyformation.org).



From the top: Fr. Brian Welter chats with several people during one of the morning's break times.

Fr. Richard Gabuzda visits with a woman at the Advent Morning of Reflection.

Kathy Kavanvy gives some tips for prayer time during the Advent Morning of Reflection.

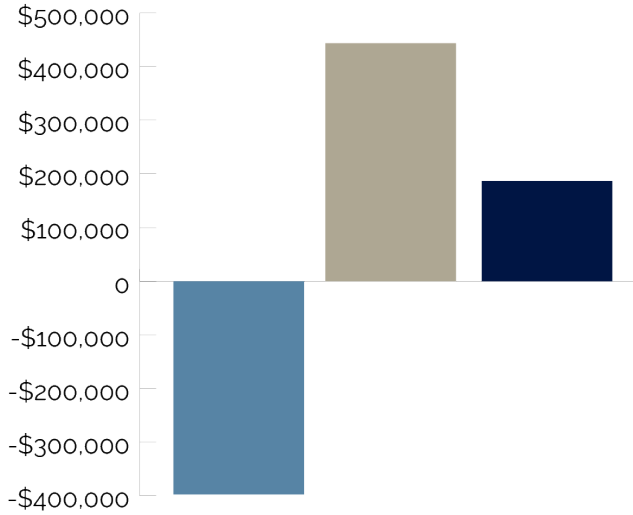
To the left: The image from the morning, "No Room at the Inn" by Margaret Tarrant



Scan the code with your phone to view the 2022 Advent Reflections!

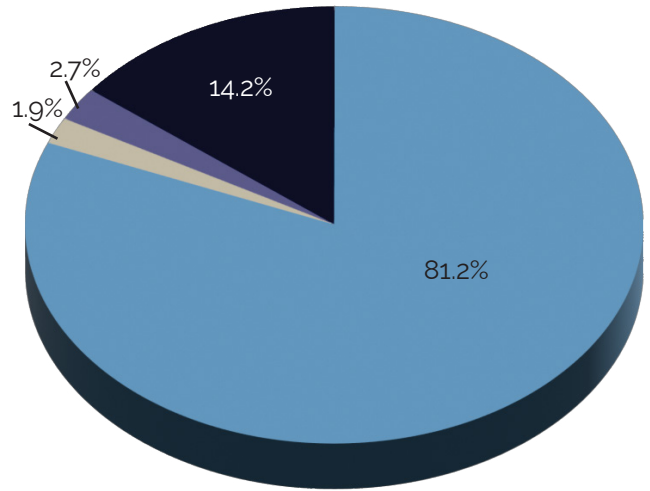


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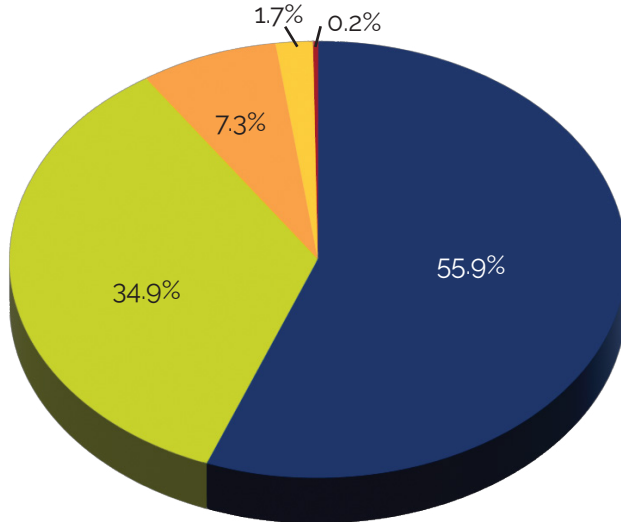
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	<b>\$233,784.91</b>

## 2022 IPF Foundation Expenses



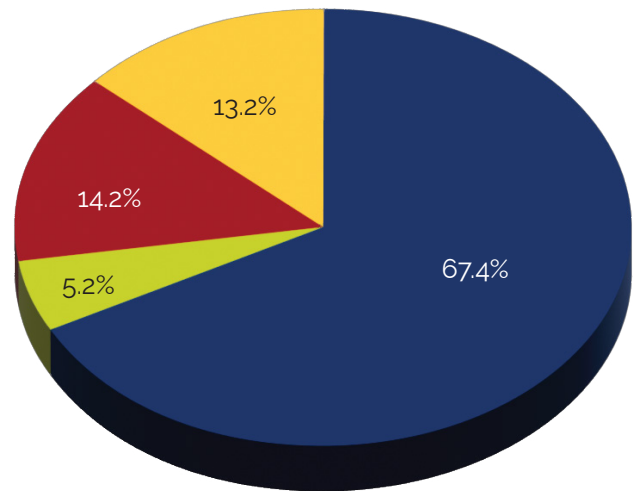
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<span style="color: #A6987A;">■</span> General and Administrative	\$8,299.50
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<span style="color: #002060;">■</span> Support to IPF	\$60,670.64
	<b>\$428,120.67</b>

## 2022 IPF Revenues



<span style="color: #002060;">■</span> Program Fees, Tuition, Room & Board	\$1,767,949.04
<span style="color: #9ACD32;">■</span> Contributions	\$1,104,715.62
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<span style="color: #FFD700;">■</span> Other Auxiliary Income	\$54,359.30
<span style="color: #8B0000;">■</span> Investment Income	\$7,584.16
	<b>\$3,164,608.12</b>

## 2022 IPF Expenses



<span style="color: #002060;">■</span> Program Expenses	\$2,104,752.04
<span style="color: #9ACD32;">■</span> Fundraising	\$162,838.71
<span style="color: #8B0000;">■</span> Support to IPF Foundation	\$443,727.50
<span style="color: #FFD700;">■</span> General and Administrative	\$413,235.74
	<b>\$3,124,553.99</b>

*These are best estimate numbers for 2022. Any changes that occur will be included in the next magazine.*



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- ▶ March 16-19, 2023  
**Propaedeutic Symposium**  
USML Conference Center,  
Mundelein, Illinois
- ▶ March 25, 2023  
**Lenten Morning of Reflection**  
Christ the King Parish  
Omaha, Nebraska
- ▶ March 30, 2023  
**IPF Corporate Board Meeting**
- ▶ March 31, 2023  
**IPF Foundation Board Meeting**
- ▶ April 13, 2023  
**IPF Presents Hearts on Fire: Journey to Omaha Benefit Banquet**  
St Robert Bellarmine  
Omaha, Nebraska
- ▶ April 14, 2023  
**IPF Presents Hearts on Fire Virtual Event**  
Online
- ▶ April 23-28, 2023  
**Spiritual Direction Training Program, Sec. A**  
Mundelein Seminary, Illinois
- ▶ May 7-12, 2023  
**Spiritual Direction Training Program, Sec. B**  
Mundelein Seminary, Illinois