

Celebrating the Feast of St. Isidore

Catholic Rural Life celebrated St. Isidore's Day on Monday, May 16, 2022, in Hanover, Kansas. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church served as the host for this year's event. Prior to the event, Catholics from the Dioceses of Lincoln, Kansas City, and Salina participated in an online Novena to St. Isidore.

Approximately 70 people attended the Mass which was celebrated by priests of the Kansas City, Salina, and Lincoln Dioceses. Officiating the Mass were Father Quentin Schmitz of the Diocese of Kansas City, Kansas; Fathers Loras Grell and Brian Wirth from the Diocese of Lincoln; and Fathers Joe Kieffer, Rich Daise, Jerome Morgan, Soosai Rathinam, and Deacon Ed Souza, all from the Diocese of Salina.

Activities after the Mass included a blessing of animals and farm land, as well as visiting Rick and Jane Samland, local farmers known as Hired Hands. The Samlands have a small butchering operation and perform metal fabrication and repairs for fellow farmers. The group also visited Landoll Corporation, a manufacturer of farm and industrial equipment in Marysville, Kansas. Founded by Don



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News Item submitted by Linda & David Edell

Chapter Event Highlights

CRL—Madison: Bishop Donald Hying celebrated Mass at St. Augustine's Church in Footville, Wisconsin. There were about 75 people in attendance. After Mass, Bishop Hying blessed seeds, livestock, machinery, and the fields near the church. The bishop made remarks about the benefits of the local church coming together to pray for a fruitful growing season and an abundant harvest. CRL staff member Tim Streiff spoke briefly after Mass about CRL and the benefits of membership in the local chapter and national organization.

CRL—San Angelo: The diocese hosted their 21st Annual Rural Life Mass at a family-owned pecan orchard on May 16 in St. Lawrence, Texas. Bishop Michael Sis celebrated the Mass amongst the pecan trees and blessed seeds and machinery afterwards. Bishop Sis was assisted at the Mass by six priests and two deacons from the diocese. Though it was a warm day, there were nearly 100 people in atten-





dance from the diocese and local area.

CRL—Saginaw: The Diocese of Saginaw hosted their 2nd Annual Rural Life Mass at the Thumb Octagon Barn Agricultural Museum in Gagetown, Michigan. Bishop Robert Gruss celebrated Mass with five priests of the diocese and preached on the value and vocation of the agricultural leader. CRL staff member Tim Streiff spoke after the Mass during lunch about CRL and seeing God's hand in creation. There were around 200 people in attendance.

CRL—Mt. Carmel: A new chapter has formed at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middletown, New York. The shrine is located within the Archdiocese of New York and is situated on 60 acres in the Hudson River Valley. The Carmelites who serve the national shrine have deep roots in rural life and care of creation. They work together with local parishes to serve the farmers and the rural communities in their part of upstate New York.



Brendan Bannigan New Director of Development



Brendan Bannigan is CRL's new Director of Development.

Brendan joined Catholic Rural Life in March 2022. He has more than 20 years of development experience in healthcare and higher education, including 11 years with the University of St. Thomas where he still teaches philanthropy. He is a Certified Fundraising Executive and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, serving on the Education Committee. Much of his career has been focused on a variety of fundraising campaigns ranging from new hospitals and school buildings to college scholarships. He is bringing his passion and experience to Catholic Rural Life to help lead our Sowing Seeds for Faith and Growth campaign. He lives in Eagan, Minnesota, with his wife Kathleen and their twin twelve-year-old sons.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Gregory Aichele - Winona, MN

Melinda Marie Blanchard -
Littleton, CO

Karen Bowman - Glendale, AZ

Deanna Brekke - Winona, MN

Lucas Briola - Latrobe, PA

Tammy J Byers - White, SD

Judy Ann Dunbar - Dassel, MN

Deborah Eiers - McKinleyville, CA

Philip Feiten - Winona, MN

Jesus Garza - Stanton, TX

Susan Mary Gass - Freeburg, IL

Ryan Alan Hanning - Joelton, TN

Sharon Horace - Evansville, IN

Tom Keaveny - Saint Cloud, MN

Father Bob Lacey,

St. Benedict Church - Yankton, SD

Brandon Ley - Saint Cloud, MN

Madeline Grace Meyer -
Wheatland, CA

Carlos Palacian - Burien, WA

Leonard Raymond Pease -
Mesa, AZ

Susan Raymond - Selma, AL

Fernand Ricard - Shoreline, WA

Richard Schlosser - Edgeley, ND

Katy D Slater - Star, ID

John Soileau - Ville Platte, LA

Jim Tomaszewski - Cincinnati, OH

John Swift Vanderlaan - Lapeer, MI

Melinda A Young - Marysville, WA

For more information

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