

# From the Diocese



## November: Love for the Poor

We have many relationships in our lives—with our family, our friends, our co-workers, and perhaps even with our favorite sports team! Pope Leo XIV is also inviting us to have a relationship with the poor and those in need.

Recently, our Holy Father issued his first papal exhortation on Love for the Poor. I am not sure how many of you read papal encyclicals. But, I want to encourage you to read this one. It's an easy read and very down-to-earth, consisting of five chapters and 121 paragraphs. It all starts with God's love for us. Pope Leo said his desire is "that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor."

Perhaps we can ask the question, "Who, me? What can I do for the poor?" Saint Mother Teresa went through these questions, too. She said, "I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things."

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family! St. Peter, with passion, tells us that "God has filled us with every blessing from the heavens." We give thanks to God for all the blessings bestowed on us. I am reminded of a homily from a bishop who asked one of his retired priests why he is so joyful. The priest shared that when he was 13 years old, on his birthday, he was encouraged to write down all the things that he was grateful to God for. He then said that he had been doing that on his birthday ever since. The list grew, and yes, there were many difficulties and struggles, but giving thanks to God is what he felt gave him peace and joy.

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**Dilexi Te**



Scan to read Pope Leo XIV's first Papal Exhortation on Love for the Poor



## Upcoming Events

— 11/1

All Saints' Day

Holy Fire

Beach Schmidt, FHSU, Hays

S.H. School Auction

Colby, 6:30p.m.

— 11/2

All Souls' Day

— 11/4

Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, 12:05p.m.

— 11/7

Teacher's Institute

St. Mary's, Salina, Mass at 9a.m.

Catholic Charities

Annual Adoption Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, 5p.m.

— 11/16

World Day of the Poor

— 11/17

iGiveCatholic Advanced Giving

— 11/20-22

NCYC

Indianapolis, Indiana

— 11/27-28

Thanksgiving, Chancery Closed

*Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!*

## SAINTS + THEIR FRIENDS

### ST. FRANCIS & ST. CLARE

St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare of Assisi lived in the 1200s. As a teen, Clare was inspired by Francis' preaching. The two grew to love each other deeply.



### ST. PERPETUA & ST. FELICITY

St. Perpetua was a noblewoman, and St. Felicity was a slave. Around the year 200, they were imprisoned and martyred for their faith.



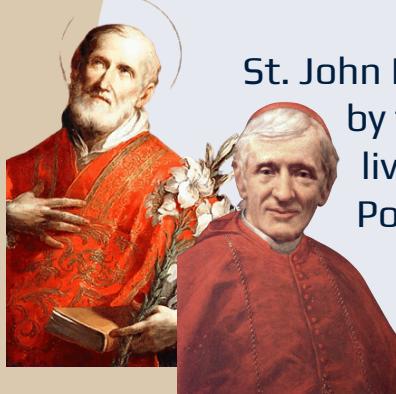
November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints' Day, a day we celebrate all the canonized Saints! Many saints have had friends in Heaven, or with them on Earth, that have helped on their journey. Through roommates, siblings, and strangers, the Holy Spirit has brought about beautiful, sometimes unexpected, sanctifying relationships.

### ST. BENEDICT & ST. SCHOLASTICA

St. Benedict and St. Scholastica were twins! Once, Scholastica prayed that she could talk to her twin for longer- and then it started storming outside, keeping him at the convent longer!



### ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN & ST. PHILLIP NERI



St. John Henry Newman was inspired by the life of St. Phillip Neri, who lived 300yrs before him. Soon, Pope Leo is set to declare John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church!

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS & ST. TERESA OF AVILA

St. Teresa of Avila was 27yrs older than St. John of the Cross, and they both had very different personalities. Yet, they grew to be great, holy friends.

