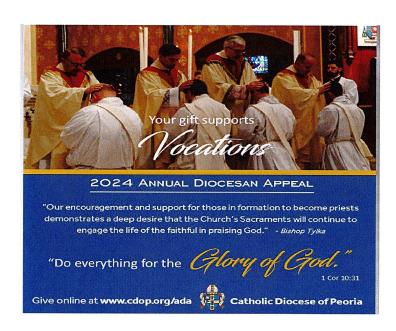
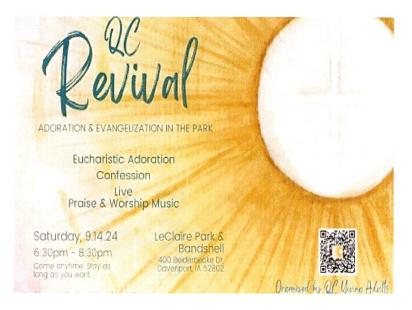
2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal September 7-8, 2024

"Do everything for the Glory of God."

Next weekend, Sept. 7-8, will begin our Annual Diocesan Appeal, which is an opportunity to help the Catholic Diocese of Peoria raise necessary funds for many ministries and apostolates that we as a single parish cannot offer. This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to support the Appeal. The mailing will include a pledge card and a return envelope addressed directly to the Diocese. You can make a one time gift or make a pledge over eighth months. We will also have pledge cards available in the pews next weekend. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.







Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

This September, if there is an interest, we will have an inquiry class for adults who are discerning if God is inviting them to join the Catholic Church.

If you are interested or have questions please don't hesitate to talk with Fr. Tony or call the Parish Office (309) 799-3414.



On Saturday, Sept. 14, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 65 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Locally, a Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am at the Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum. There will be a procession to the Cemetery Memorial site after Mass. Park along 31st Avenue. Please bring a chair. Questions? Contact Deacon Russ Swim, 309-786-3097, or Jean Paprocki, 309-794-1519.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

> Saturday, Sept. 14 Mass at 9:00am

Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum, Rock Island

For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org



Most Reverend Louis Tylka

Diocese of Peoria Office of the Bishop

August 30, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Do Everything for the Glory of God!" This is the theme for this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal. As disciples of Jesus, we are to live out our mission to "Go Make Disciples" - and we do so not for our own sake, but for the sake of God's kingdom and for the "Glory of God!"

In the coming year, the Church will be blessed with her first millennial saint when Blessed Carlo Acutis is canonized. In his brief life, he showed a heroic witness of faith. He is quoted as saying, "Everything fades, anyway. ... What will make us truly beautiful in the eyes of God is only the way in which we loved him and how we loved our neighbors." To love as Jesus loved is to "do everything for the glory of God!"

To ensure that we as a diocese can carry on our mission, it is vital that we receive the generous support of the faithful across the twenty-six counties that we call home. Our efforts to reach out to others and invite them to encounter Jesus through our parishes, our schools, our Newman Centers on college campuses, and through Catholic Charities are all examples of sharing the Gospel. Our efforts to defend and support human life, from conception until natural death, demonstrate our deeply held belief in the dignity of the human person. Our encouragement and support for those in formation to become priests demonstrates our deep desire that the Church's Sacraments will continue to be available to feed and enrich the life of the faithful. All of these endeavors give glory to God.

I ask you to join with me in supporting the ADA through your prayer and through your financial support. Together, we can make a significant impact spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Together, we can show that we truly desire to "Do Everything for the Glory of God!"

Know that I daily pray with and for you. I am grateful for the many ways in which you show the love of Jesus right here in the Heart of Illinois - it is what makes our Church so beautiful in the eyes of God!

God love you and God bless you!

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