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['You will become an icon of Christ the Servant,' Bishop Woost tells new transitional deacons](#)

“We gather here today as a community with Easter joy,” Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost told the faithful who attended the April 18 transitional deacon ordination Mass in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.



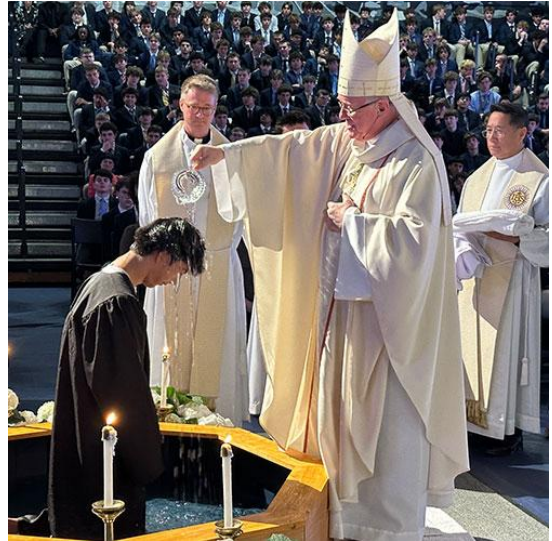
Three men studying at Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology were ordained by Bishop Woost in the presence of Bishop Edward Malesic. They will serve as deacons at parishes in the diocese for a year as they continue their formation and discernment for potential priestly ordination next spring.

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[Eight Saint Ignatius High School students initiated into the faith at school liturgy](#)

April 15 was a special day at Saint Ignatius High School.

After months of study and discernment, eight students became the newest Catholics in the school community and in the Diocese of Cleveland. With special permission from Bishop Edward Malesic, Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost – a Saint Ignatius alumnus – celebrated the Mass of initiation in the school’s Sullivan Gym, which had been transformed into a worship space that featured a specially constructed baptismal font.



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## [Walking with Moms in Need gains traction, eyes Lake County expansion](#)

There is a growing movement to assist pregnant and parenting mothers in need, including in the Diocese of Cleveland. Some parishes have adopted the Walking with Moms in Need program, launched in 2020 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

About two dozen representatives of parishes in Lake County gathered April 21 at St. Gabriel Parish in Concord Township to learn how they can get involved.

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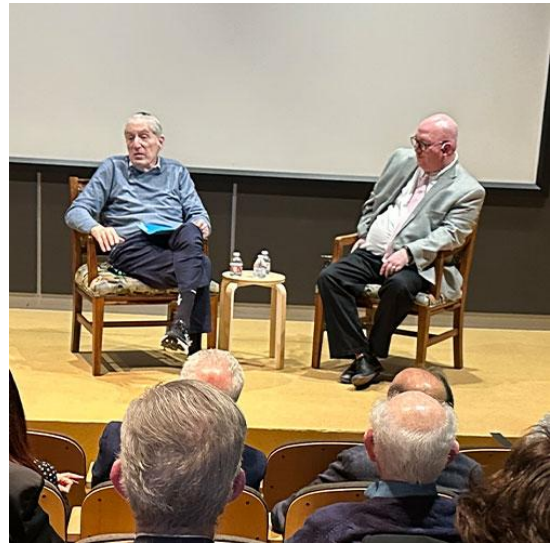
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### [Catholic Jewish Bridgebuilders discuss human dignity, antisemitism at annual forum](#)

Members of the Catholic and Jewish communities have come together annually since 1988 for an evening of learning and discussion to enhance knowledge of each other's faith. Formerly called the Catholic Jewish Colloquium, its name changed recently to Catholic Jewish Bridgebuilders.

This year, the topic was human dignity and antisemitism, illustrated by the story of Marty Glickman, an athlete, sportscaster for the New York Knicks, New York Giants and New York Jets, and an educator who fought antisemitism.



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### [Bishop Malesic examines what the young Church is seeking at Legatus program](#)

Legatus of Cleveland invited Bishop Edward Malesic to speak at its April monthly meeting, which began with Mass in Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd Chapel at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe.



In his homily, the bishop reminded the Legates and guests that God has a plan and we are all part of it. “We were loved into existence by God ... Everything has a purpose ... God gives meaning to our lives,” he said, unlike science, which has limitations.

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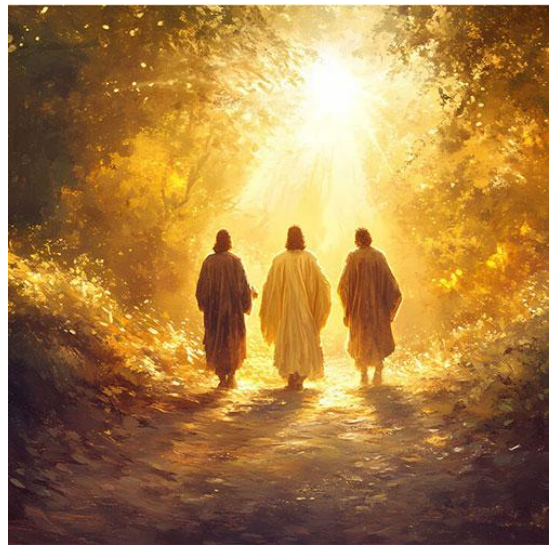
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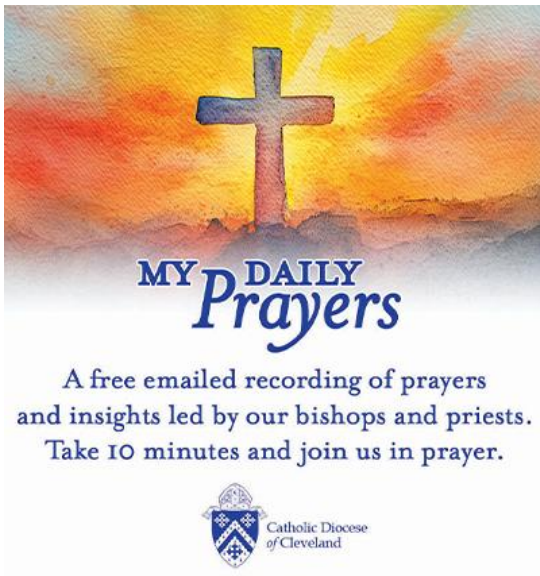


## [Scripture reflection: Third Sunday of Easter](#)

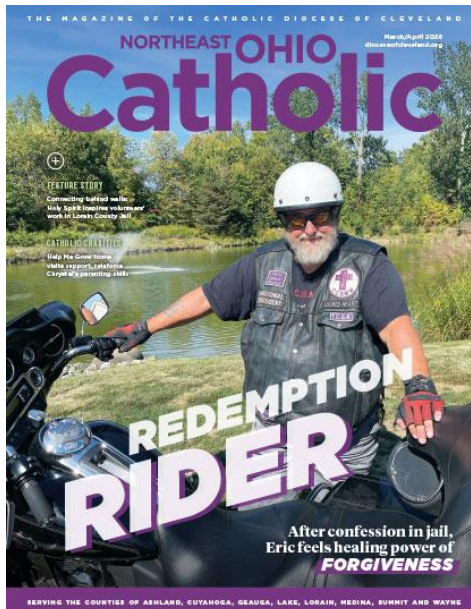
In his weekly Scripture reflection, Bishop Edward Malesic writes about the disciples who were walking away from Jerusalem, heading home to Emmaus after the Resurrection. He called it one of the most vivid and moving scenes in the Gospels. Their hopes had been placed in Jesus, whom they believed would be “the one to redeem Israel.” But now, as far as they understood, he was dead. They heard reports that the tomb was empty and even went to see it. But that wasn’t enough to convince them. Confusion lingered; hope had given way to disappointment.



Read the entire reflection [here](#).



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**And finally...**

Did you know that May 1 is the registration deadline for [Operation Good News](#) "Navigating Life with God's Perfect Vision" retreat? The event is May 29-31 at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma. It includes two nights' lodging, six meals and program materials. Cost is \$150 per person for commissioned OGN Members, \$100 for first-time attendees. Click [here](#) to learn more or to register.

It's also time for the next round of First Friday club programs. Father Damian Ference, diocesan vicar for evangelization, will speak at the First Friday Club of Greater Akron's lunchtime program on May 1 at Our Lady of Cedars in Fairlawn. Cost is \$25. Click [here](#) for details and reservations. Father Dave Tomaszycski, a priest from the Archdiocese of Detroit, will speak on Archbishop Fulton Sheen at the lunchtime April 30 meeting of the First Friday Club of Cleveland at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Cost is \$35. Father Tomaszycski is also the author of a book about the archbishop. Click [here](#) for details and a reservation link. And finally, the First Friday Forum of Lorain will hear a presentation from Paul Orlousky, former television journalist/investigative reporter and current host of "God Calling" on The Rock Catholic Radio at its lunchtime program on May 1 at Tom's Country Place in Avon. Cost is \$25. Learn more or make a reservation [here](#).

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Wednesday in the [Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#) after the noon Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is 12:30-5:30 p.m., confessions are heard 5-5:30 p.m. and vespers/benediction are at 5:30 p.m., Click [here](#) to sign up for an adoration time slot.

Birdies for Babies, a fundraiser for [Zelie's Home](#), will be 5:30-8:30 p.m. April 30 at Top Golf in Independence. Click [here](#) for details or to register. Proceeds benefit Zelie's Home, a caring community for pregnant and parenting women.

**Also:** be sure to check the [event listings](#) on the [diocesan website](#) for more information on upcoming events.

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