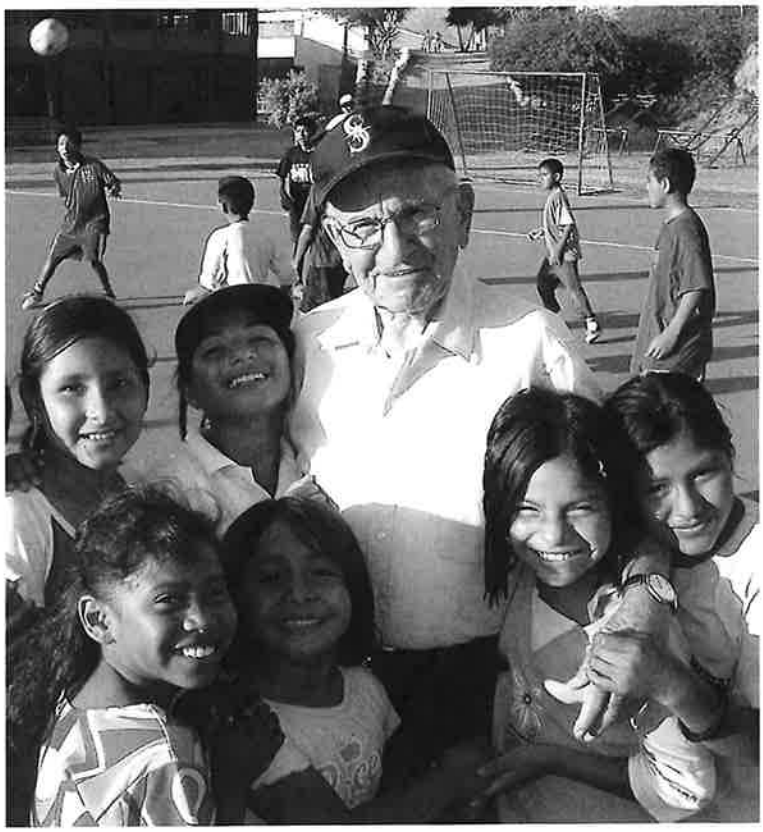
A Message from Bishop Gerard Battersby

Vatican Theologians Affirm Cause of Father Joseph Walijewsk)

With gratitude to Almighty God, I am pleased to announce that I have been informed that the Theological Congress of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Causes of Saints has concluded their review for the Cause of Father Joseph Walijewski. This marks a significant milestone and an important step forward in the advancement of the Cause for canonization.

The nine members of the Theological Congress carefully examined the documentation and theological considerations associated with the life, heroic virtue, reputation for holiness, and intercessory power of our Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, and unanimously returned a favorable vote, affirming the merits presented for their consideration. This positive outcome allows the Cause to proceed to the next stage of the process which involves consideration of the *Positio* by the Cardinals and Bishops who are members of the Dicastery. While additional steps remain, the favorable vote of the Theological Congress represents a noteworthy affirmation and source of encouragement.

We give thanks to God, whose grace was evident in Father Joe's priestly ministry and continues to bear fruit today through the lives he touched and the mission he inspired. I ask you to pray, pray for the Cause, and pray through Father Joe's intercession for your own needs and for those you love. If you receive a grace or favor you believe came through his prayers, please let us know. The road from Venerable to Blessed runs through exactly such answered prayers.



I do not know how long I will live.
But while I live, Lord, let me give
some comfort to someone in
need by smile or nod, kind
word, or deed.
And let me do whatever I can
to ease things for my fellow man.
I want naught but to do my part;
to "lift" a tired or weary heart,
to change folks' frown,
to smile again.
Then I will not have lived in vain,
and I'll not care how long I'll live,
if I can give and give and give.

If you have received an answer to your petition through Fr. Joe's intercession, please contact the Guild at: ***FrJoesGuild.org***

LITTLE FLOWER COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2026

Beginning at 6:30, the Rosary was prayed by those in attendance.
With the absence of both President and President Elect, the meeting was called to order by Secretary Jean Kupczak.
Pledge of Allegiance was said.
October minutes were available to review as a bulletin insert. It was questioned why the names of those who made motions and seconds are not listed. It was clarified that names were not necessary, just that motions were made, etc. The minutes were approved.
A thank you note from the family of Margaret Goytowski was read.
The Treasurers Report for September was shared, with ending balance of $7,621.87. No changes or corrections were noted. Approved and filed for audit.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

SPIRITUALITY: Lori Check shared a Prayer for Charity.
SERVICE: Anna Taylor reported that names are here for the NCHC Giving Tree. The tree should be up soon. We are still in need of someone to take on the position of Chairperson for the Service Commission. A description of the position is available.
LEADERSHIP: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CIRCLE OF JOY: Pantry is well stocked; requests are still low. Christmas baskets will be prepared. If you know anyone in need, please let Barb know.
FUNERAL DINNERS: Anna reported that there is an upcoming funeral on Thursday.
PARISH POTLUCK: Potluck will not be held in November nor December.
HOLIDAY SHOWCASE: It was reported that more "runners" are needed. This would be for the cafeteria area and getting things from coolers and freezers. Angie Hansen will mention this to her Confirmation students for service hours. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact LeeAnn, as she is scheduling volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Monthly Bingo with the Knights - tabled.
2. JoAnne received a list from Newman Catholic Schools of St Therese students for scholarship distribution. Three students are in the 9th grade. Motion was made and seconded to award the $1,000 scholarship money to two of these students at $500 each and add an additional $500 towards tuition for the third student. Motion carried.
4. Women's Community and/or Hagar House Holiday donations were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to gift $500 to each organization. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Magnificat Booklets were ordered by JoAnne and are already here. In the past, LFC has paid for these. Motion was made and seconded to again pay for the booklets. Motion carried.
2. Souper Bowl sale is coming up in February. Kim Mengel will again chair this event and check with Rebecca Anklam as a co-chair.
3. JoAnne shared that St Therese will be hosting Our Lady of Guadalupe workshops on November 30 and December 1st. Volunteers and needed for registration, gift table sales, hospitality and small group facilitating. Contact the office for volunteering and more information.
4. December 7 will be the LFC Christmas Party, beginning at 6:00. It was suggested that LFC pay for chicken and attendees bring a potluck of sides, salads, desserts, etc. Motion made, seconded and carried. Anyone wanting to participate in a gift exchange is to bring a $10.00 gift. Please include your name so that the recipient knows who it is from. Please RSVP to Jean @715-370-2484 by December 1st if you plan on attending.
5. Beverly shared that LFC received information regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal. This is tabled for future meeting.

Quarter Box Drawing was won by Angie Hansen.
Closing Prayer was Hail Mary.
Meeting was adjourned by Secretary Jean Kupczak.
Next meeting will be held Monday, December 7, 2026, at 6:00 pm, consisting of the Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Kupczak, LFC Secretary.