

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 5, 2025



Faith and Service and the Hidden Kingdom

We do not see it, but it is everywhere we look;
We do not hear it, but its message is constantly whispered throughout the world;
We cannot touch it, but its energy flows through every interaction, every connection.

This Kingdom of Yours, O God, is hidden in the ordinary stuff
that makes up our everyday lives;

It is like yeast in a loaf of bread, like a tiny seed
that imperceptibly sprouts and grows in the secret, unseen place.

And while we may miss it, or doubt it, or wonder why it appears weak in the face of evil,
this Kingdom of Yours exerts an inexorable influence on us
calling us to be more than our selfishness and pride would lead us to believe we are ...
leading us to love and serve and connect in ways that leave us and our world different,
more alive, more real, more whole.

And so, God, we celebrate this hidden Kingdom of Yours
we praise You for its gentle power,
and we open ourselves, once again, to its life-giving influence. Amen.

John van de Laar

Today's Scriptures speak about faith, trust, and serving others.
 Faith does not need to be big to be real.
 Even a little faith, if it is true, can do great things.

Faith grows when we trust God, even when life feels unfair or hard.
 It means waiting for God's plan and believing God is working ...
 even if we cannot see it yet.

This Sunday also speaks about using the gifts God has given us.
 Each person has something to offer, and we should use these gifts to help others.
 Serving God is not about seeking praise or rewards.
 It is about doing what is right because it is what God asks of us.

When we trust God and serve with love, we show our faith in simple, everyday ways.

Faith and service belong together.

Young Catholics



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Reflection
 REFLECTION



Katie Benoit
 Sean Contreras
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♦ When have you struggled with doubt or impatience in your faith? ♦ What does having faith like a mustard seed mean to you? ♦ How do you serve others without expecting anything in return? ♦ How does fear sometimes stop you from doing what God calls you to do? ♦ How can you encourage others to stay strong in their faith? ♦ What steps can you take to grow in faith and trust in God?

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Total collection	\$ 7,788.00

*Amount needed each week
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We must seek together how to be a missionary Church,
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Pope Leo XIV



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Contact Susan Amann at (708) 790-8141, or email her at (samann@sscm-usa.org).

Or visit <https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html>

DON'T MISS CHECKING OUT THEIR OCTOBER PROGRAMS!

**Pray every day for VOCATIONS
to the priesthood and consecrated life!**



Altar Servers assisting at the Spanish Mass were trained last week and we now have six servers beginning their ministry. We are recruiting young people who attend the English Masses to serve as well. We will have training of Altar Servers this Tuesday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

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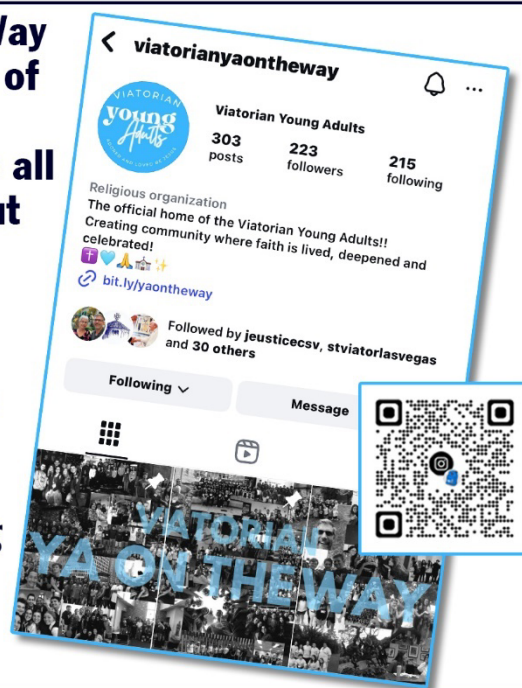
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Bishop Hicks' Column
October 2025



MAKE

When I arrived as your bishop five years ago, I laid out a vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action, emphasizing that a thriving Church is one where we truly know, love, and serve God. The big question remains: how do we actually do that? How do we move from just having a vision to putting it into real practice?

This is why I wrote the pastoral letter *MAKE! and launched it just this month*. It builds on [Bishop Conlon's 2018 pastoral letter GO!](#), which draws on the Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel ([Matthew 28](#)): "Go and make disciples." *MAKE!* vulnerably reflects my heart. I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him too. It expresses my desire to give everyone a practical, loving roadmap to becoming disciples and making disciples, with a hands-on guide for passing our faith from one generation to the next.

Right before publishing it, I have to admit that I was filled with some self-doubt. I wondered, "There are so many other issues I could be writing about: the Eucharist, Pro-Life concerns, Vocations, Care of Creation, Immigration, Violence, and more. Is making disciples really the best topic?"

The Holy Spirit answered that question for me last month during a meeting at the headquarters of the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops \(USCCB\)](#) in Washington, D.C. Our committee was presented with the results of a large national survey of thousands of priests across the country. One question asked, "Out of all the issues in the world, which one most needs to be addressed by our Church?" The number one response from priests nationwide was clear: passing the faith on to the next generation.

The statistician went on to explain that this does not mean priests consider the other issues unimportant. Rather, they recognize that if we do not have people in the pews, if this generation and the next are not alive in their faith and participating in the life of the Church, then all of those other issues will

eventually lose their voice in the Church. We first need to form disciples who are rooted in Christ, so that they in turn can carry the mission forward and address these other urgent concerns with faith and courage.

This is why *MAKE!* is so important. It is not just another document, and it is certainly not meant to sit on a shelf and collect dust. It is a living invitation to every Catholic in our diocese to move from simply managing decline to boldly embracing mission. We all want to belong to a Church that is alive, thriving, and centered on the salvation of souls. That future depends on how seriously we take this call to be made into disciples so that we can go out and make disciples.

The letter offers a clear path: conversion, confession, communion, commission, all held together by prayer. These are not abstract concepts but real, concrete steps that anyone can begin today. I both invite and urge you to read the letter. And then read it again. Pray over it, discuss it with your family, your friends, or a group in your parish. Choose one small action and begin.

If each of us takes this seriously, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Joliet can become a Church on fire with love for Jesus. Boldly, I want our diocese to be the most evangelizing diocese in the country, not out of competition, but because I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him and be saved through Him too. This is our time, and this is our mission. Let us first be disciples, men and women of all ages who know, love, and serve Jesus, so that together we can go out with joy and courage to *MAKE* disciples, starting now.

To learn more about my pastoral letter and how to make disciples for Jesus, visit make.diojoliet.org.



HACER

Cuando llegué como su obispo hace cinco años, presenté una visión de catequesis, evangelización y fe en acción, enfatizando que una Iglesia próspera es aquella en la que verdaderamente conocemos, amamos y servimos a Dios. La gran pregunta sigue siendo: ¿cómo lo hacemos realmente? ¿Cómo pasamos de tener una visión a ponerla en práctica?

Es por eso que escribí la carta pastoral HACER! y la lancé este mes. Se basa en la carta pastoral del obispo Conlon de 2018 GO!, que se basa en la Gran Comisión del Evangelio de Mateo (Mateo 28): "Id y haced discípulos." ¡HACER! refleja mi corazón de manera vulnerable. Amo a Jesús, y quiero que tú también lo ames. Expresa mi deseo de darles a todos una ruta práctica y amorosa para convertirse en discípulos y hacer discípulos, con una guía práctica para transmitir nuestra fe de una generación a la siguiente.

Justo antes de publicarlo, tengo que admitir que estaba lleno de algunas dudas. Me pregunté: "Hay tantos otros temas sobre los que podría estar escribiendo: la Eucaristía, las preocupaciones Pro-Vida, las Vocaciones, el Cuidado de la Creación, la Inmigración, la Violencia y más. ¿Hacer discípulos será realmente el mejor tema?"

El Espíritu Santo me respondió esa pregunta el mes pasado durante una reunión en la sede de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) en Washington, D.C. A nuestro comité se le presentaron los resultados de una gran encuesta nacional de miles de sacerdotes en todo el país. Una pregunta era: "De todos los problemas del mundo, ¿cuál es el que más necesita ser dirigido por nuestra Iglesia?" La respuesta número uno de los sacerdotes de todo el país fue clara: transmitir la fe a la próxima generación.

El estadístico continuó explicando que esto no significa que los sacerdotes consideren que los otros temas no son importantes. Más bien, reconocen que si no tenemos personas en las bancas, si esta generación y la siguiente no están vivas en su fe y

no participan en la vida de la Iglesia, entonces todos esos otros temas eventualmente perderán su voz en la Iglesia. Primero necesitamos formar discípulos que estén arraigados en Cristo, para que ellos a su vez puedan llevar adelante la misión y abordar estas otras preocupaciones urgentes con fe y valentía.

Es por eso que HACER! es muy importante. No es un documento más, y ciertamente no está destinado a sentarse en un estante y acumular polvo. Es una invitación viva a todos los católicos de nuestra diócesis para que pasen de simplemente manejar el declive a abrazar audazmente la misión. Todos queremos pertenecer a una Iglesia viva, próspera y centrada en la salvación de las almas. Ese futuro depende de qué tan en serio tomemos este llamado a convertirnos en discípulos para que podamos salir y hacer discípulos.

La carta ofrece un camino claro: conversión, confesión, comunión, comisión, todo unido por la oración. Estos no son conceptos abstractos, sino pasos reales y concretos que cualquiera puede comenzar hoy. Le invito a leer la carta. Y luego la lea de nuevo. Ore por ello, discútalo con su familia, sus amigos o un grupo de su parroquia. Elija una pequeña acción y comience.

Si cada uno de nosotros toma esto en serio, con la guía del Espíritu Santo, la Diócesis de Joliet puede convertirse en una Iglesia encendida de amor por Jesús. Audazmente, quiero que nuestra diócesis sea la diócesis más evangelizadora del país, no por competencia, sino porque amo a Jesús, y quiero que lo amen y se salven a través de Él también. Este es nuestro momento y esta es nuestra misión. Seamos primero discípulos, hombres y mujeres de todas las edades que conocen, aman y sirven a Jesús, para que juntos podamos salir con alegría y valentía a HACER discípulos, a partir de ahora.

Para obtener más información sobre mi carta pastoral y cómo hacer discípulos para Jesús, visite make.diojoliet.org.

¡Hagamos discípulos para Jesús!

Descargue y lea la nueva carta pastoral del Obispo Hicks, MAKE, para descubrir cómo usted y sus seres queridos pueden vivir como discípulos y ayudar a hacer otros discípulos en su comunidad.



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MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People of the Diocese of Joliet

Let's **MAKE** Disciples for Jesus!

Download and read Bishop Hicks' new pastoral letter, MAKE, to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in your community.

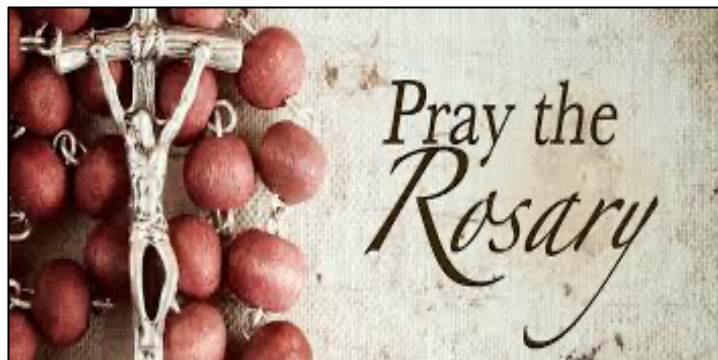


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**Saturday, November 1 at the 4 p.m. Mass:
All Saints / All Souls Memorial**

**Sunday, November 2 at the 10 a.m. Mass:
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as Pastor of St. Patrick Parish,
followed by Brunch at the Knights Columbus Hall**

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WEEKDAY LECTOR		L. Born		
SACRISTANS ~ OCTOBER 10		P. Johnson / K. Kingsnorth		

*Please pray for the sick and the dying, and for all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound, those in nursing homes or hospitals,
and those who have asked for our prayers!*

Prayer Line ... please call (815) 932-9423.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 6 ***St. Bruno***

7:15 Vivian and Robert Danca (Wed. Ann.)
(by Danca Family)

Tuesday, October 7 ***Our Lady of the Rosary***

7:15 Kay Serafini (by Serafini Family)

Wednesday, October 8

7:15 Special Intentions of Paula Galvan
(by Sr. Theresa Galvan, CND)

Thursday, October 9 ***St. John Henry Newman***

7:15 Carla Surprenant (Birth. Ann.)
(by John and Judy Surprenant)

Friday, October 10

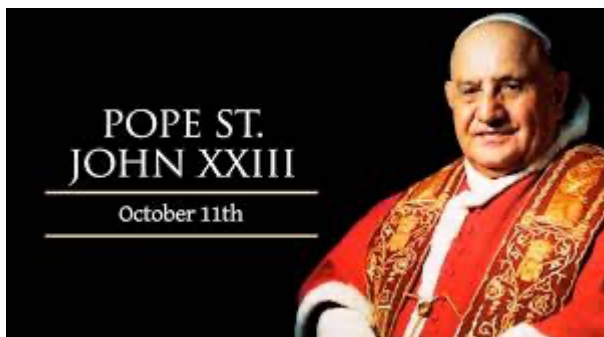
7:15 Fr. Eugene Sullivan, CSV (by Parish)

Saturday, October 11 ***Pope St. John XXIII***

4:00 Ross Bertrand (Death Ann.)
(by Phil Angelo)/
Bill and Gladys Goreham (Wed. Ann.)
(by Jim and JoAnne Schwade)/
Alan "Butch" LaRoche
(by Sharon Draude)/
Ardis Dupuis (by Sandy Smith)

Sunday, October 12

7:00 John Surprenant (Ann.)
(by John and Judy Surprenant)
10:00 Judy Swanson (Ann.)
(by Amy Schneider) /
Anna Guttman (by Kathy Ryan) /
Mose Arseneau (by Dolores Arseneau)
Jerome Klonowski
(by Klonowski Family)
4:00 (Sp.) Parishioners and Benefactors



Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

Pope St. John XXIII



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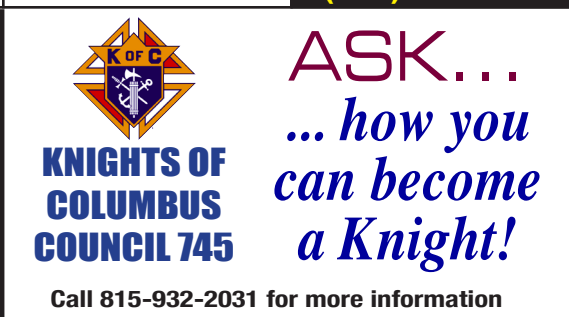
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