

November 19, 2023

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 Facebook: "St. Paul the Apostle Peotone"  
 Website: [StPaulPeotone.org](http://StPaulPeotone.org)

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** By appointment  
**RECONCILIATION:** Thursday: 7:30pm to 8pm  
 Saturday: 3pm to 3:45pm  
 Any time by appointment

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** t / b / a  
**FIRST COMMUNION:** Sunday, April 28, 2024  
**CONFIRMATION:** Saturday, May 11, 2024  
**MARRIAGE:** By appointment only  
 Please call at least 6 months in advance

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Call anytime  
 Please call the parish office to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member. Privacy laws prohibit hospitals from releasing information to clergy about hospitalized church members without the specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.

**ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday:** 4pm  
**Sunday:** 10:30am  
**Daily Mass:** Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri 7:15am  
**Communion Service:** Tuesday 7:15am


**Holy Days of Obligation:** Please see the bulletin  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursday 6pm to 8pm

**Communion Calls:** If you or someone you love is ill or homebound and would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office to make arrangements for regular visits.

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday 12:30pm to 5pm  
 Regular time to make appointments, registrations, etc.

**Regular bulletin deadline:** Wednesday by 12pm

Happy Thanksgiving from the staff of St. Paul the Apostle!  
The parish offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

 **The Mission Statement of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**  
 As disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in relationship with Him,  
 live the Faith, and share His Good News with others.

**COLLECTION SUMMARY: November 11—12, 2023**

Sunday Offertory*	\$3,249.45
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Minus	\$ 115.93
Adult envelopes used / distributed	69 / 528
<i>*Includes 10 Online Givers</i>	
Seminarian Fund	\$ 838.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00
All Souls	\$ 5.00



Secure and convenient **ONLINE GIVING** is available at [GiveCentral.org](http://GiveCentral.org).

Please put in zip code 60468 to find the St. Paul portal.

Are you a Catholic man 18 or older? Do you want to volunteer for your church and community? Are you ready to put your Faith into Action? Come learn about the Knights of Columbus! You can obtain information by contacting Membership Coordinator Dan Mott at 708 277-7086 or [motttd@rushenterprises.com](mailto:motttd@rushenterprises.com); contacting Grand Knight Patrick Frencl, visiting with any current member of the Knights or visiting our website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).



November, Thanksgiving, make a donation to the **Helping Hands Food Pantry**. Help others celebrate the holidays. The donation box and envelopes are located in the Religious Education entrance. Every dollar in cash equals \$8 of purchasing power for the pantry.



We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

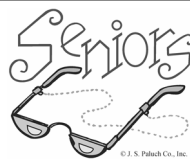
And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



*Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiaco-mo, Hannah and baby Culver, Julie Szudarski, Joe Ladislav, Owen Ruhbeck, Sharon Andrews, Sue Gomez, Joan Olsen, CJ Ogalla-Arebalo, Aris Tomac, Joe Rojas, Terry & Mary Urbanek, June O’Flynn, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merrifield, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Ray Romito, Francesca Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Harry & Geri Mokry, Carole Reichert, Deacon Milt Leppert, Pastor Richard Young, Joseph Terri, John Fahs, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, Mary Ann Librera, the Adamsick Family, Cassidy Novak, Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita Hall, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne Mihelic, Irene Manning, the Robert Polacek family, Rich Harms, TJ Stefanski, Linda Galica, all affected by COVID-19 and those that go unnamed.*

*Please note that only names given with permission of the person or family member will be added to the list.*



**MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT**  
Now until December 7, 2023

The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle is accepting appointments for an annual review of your prescription drug plan.

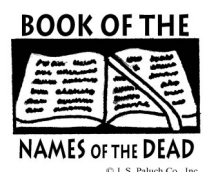
Premiums, drug tiers and formularies change from year to year. A review ensures you are on the best plan at the lowest cost.

Call 708 258-6917 and press 5 for Senior Assistance. Leave your name and phone number to schedule an appointment.

Our *BOOK of REMEM-*

*BRANCE* is available in the rear of the church.

Those listed will be remembered during intercessions during Masses in November.





Sat	11/18	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Rita Sheming</u></b> req by Family and <b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>
Sun	11/19	10:30 am—	+ <b><u>Deceased of the Wendt Family</u></b> req by Larry & Nancy Pilotto
Mon	11/20	7:15 am—	<b><u>Communion Service</u></b>
Tue	11/21	7:15 am—	<b><u>Communion Service</u></b>
Wed	11/22	7:15 am—	+ <b><u>Karl Mueller</u></b> req by Joseph & Diane Kenny
Thr	11/23	<b>8:00 am—</b>	<b><u>In Thanksgiving for All</u></b> <b><u>Our Blessings</u></b> <b><u>NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</u></b> <b><u>NO CONFESSION</u></b>
Fri	11/24	7:15 am—	+ <b><u>Leo &amp; Janet Pilotto</u></b> req by Larry & Nancy Pilotto
Sat	11/25	3:00 pm—	<b><u>CONFESSION</u></b>
		4:00 pm—	+ <b><u>Dale Knickrehm</u></b> req by Betty Knickrehm and + <b><u>Jack Joseph Kubu—</u></b> <b><u>9th Birthday Remembrance</u></b> req by Ed & Michelle Palmisano
Sun	11/26	10:30 am—	+ <b><u>Lionel L. Brashares</u></b> req by the James Kelly Family and <b><u>People of the Parish</u></b>

*If you are attending a Mass that you requested an intention to be said for, please sign the gift bearer book in the lobby and let an usher know you are here if you wish to bring up the gifts.*

Helping Hands is purchasing 180 holiday dinners.

A \$20 donation will provide a **Holiday Meal** for a family of four! Thanksgiving (turkey and all the trimmings) / Christmas (ham & all the trimmings).

Anyone wishing to make a donation can mail it to:

**Helping Hands / P.O. Box 508 / Peotone, IL 60468**

The sign-up poster for **ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING** is in the lobby. Everyone—families, singles, seniors, RE / FF classes, etc.— is invited to participate in this beloved tradition!



### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS for NOVEMBER 2023: For the Pope



We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Would you like to remember your living or deceased loved ones at one of our Masses? Perhaps for the anniversary of their death, to celebrate their birthday, wedding anniversaries or for their health. We have Mass cards, on request. For more information, please call the office at 708 258-6917.

Thank you for supporting the formation of our future shepherds



Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection for the ***I Will Give You Shepherds*** campaign. Our contribution of **\$838** will be invested in a new endowed fund, the Diocese of Joliet Seminarian Education Endowment Trust, which is restricted for the purpose of educating seminarians.

If you have already made a gift to the second collection, please know how much our seminarians appreciate your generosity. If you have yet to complete and return the envelope you received at Mass last weekend, you may still do so. If you need a second collection envelope, they are available on the Ushers table in the rear of the church.

You can also learn more about this campaign or make a gift online at **[www.givecentral.org/Seminarian-Education-Endowment-Trust](http://www.givecentral.org/Seminarian-Education-Endowment-Trust)**.

The main tendency of our human nature is to think of ourselves as the center of the universe. And given the power of today's technology in our contemporary society this tendency to focus just on personal needs increases enormously. But we are not God, we are not the center of the world. We are dependent upon God and our job in this life is to know him, love him, and serve him. If we follow that pattern we find the happiness we desire, because this is what we were created for.



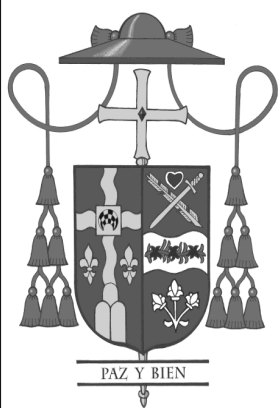
Squirrels were created to be cute and bury nuts. Humans were created to know, love, and serve God. God has given each of us a certain number of abilities and blessings and we are free either to squander them, burying them in the hole of self-indulgence, fear, laziness, and greed, or to use them as Christ would have us use them, which is the secret to happiness in this life and possessing eternal life to come.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta in that case always comes to my mind. One of the many stories of how she impacted the lives of the poor illustrates beautifully what it means to use our God-given talents well. Once she was staying with a community of sisters working with the Aborigines in Australia. While she was there, she visited an elderly man who lived in total isolation, ignored by everyone; his home was disordered and dirty. She told him, "Please let me clean your house, wash your clothes and make your bed." He answered, "I'm OK like this. Let it be." She said, "You will be still better if you allow me to do it." He finally agreed. So she was able to clean his house and wash his clothes.

While she was cleaning, she discovered a beautiful lamp, covered with dust; it looked like it hadn't been used in years. She said to the man, "Don't you light that lamp? Don't you ever use it?" He answered, "No. No one comes to see me. I have no need to light it. Who would I do it for?" Mother Teresa asked, "Would you light it every night if the sisters came?" He replied, "Of course." From that day on, the sisters committed themselves to visiting him every evening.

Mother Teresa left Australia; two years passed. She had completely forgotten about that encounter. Then she received a message from him: "Tell my friend that the light she lit in my life continues to shine still." In a sense, our life-mission is to do precisely that: to invest our talents in such a way that we light as many lamps as possible, in as many different ways as possible, bringing the Good News of God's trustworthiness, forgiveness, and love to all the people who are sick and dying with loneliness, selfishness, and regret. But to that we need to think of ourselves as servants of God totally dependent on His grace and mercy.

*+Rev. Roger D. Kutzner*



**BISHOP RONALD HICKS** will be celebrating Mass Saturday, December 2 at 5pm at St. Patrick (Wilton Center). This is an opportunity to hear our Bishop speak in a more intimate setting.

The **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER** and **LECTOR** schedule through December 31, 2023 is in the rear of the church. Please sign-up where you can!



**American Legion Auxiliary, Peotone Unit 392** will meet Monday, November 27, at 6:30pm at the Post Home (109 E. North Street). Prospective new adult and junior members are invited to attend. *Service, not self*





### CMAA Pledge Report for St. Paul the Apostle

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should continue to be made. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will fulfill our pledges. Since we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

As of November 12, 2023:

<b>PARISH GOAL:</b>	\$16,700
<b>AMOUNT PLEDGED:</b>	\$31,445
<b>AMOUNT PAID:</b>	\$29,815
<b>REMAINING BALANCE:</b>	\$ 1,603
<b># of DONORS:</b>	115
<b>2023 REBATE:</b>	\$ 9,181

Thank-you for your generosity!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

*(a holy day of obligation)*

Friday, December 8, 2023

Mass at 7:15am / 6pm

St. Boniface 8:30am / 7:15pm

#### **CCW CHRISTMAS BUNCO PARTY**

Monday, December 11 at 6:30pm

More details next weekend!

#### **CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY for the SISTERS at ST. FRANCIS WOODS**

Tuesday, December 12 from 1-3pm

Please see page 6 for donation suggestions.

The CCW "**Bundle Up**"

collection ends this

weekend. Join us as

we try to fill our "Bundle

Up" Basket with new mittens,

scarves, and stocking hats, sizes for

children as well as adult to be do-

nated to Helping Hands. The cold

weather is approaching fast. Help

us to keep some one warm this



Dear Members of St. Paul Parish and the Clothe God's Children Group,

Thank you for the many years of offering donations of toys, clothes, and household items. When I was pastor at St. Teresa of Kolkata, Maynardville, TN and St. John Paul II, Rutledge, TN, our members, especially our children greatly benefited from your generosity. May the local charities appreciate you as much as we do!

Thank you! Fr. Steve Pawelk

Dear Members of St. Paul Parish and the Clothe God's Children Group,

We can't thank you enough for your hard work and generosity since you began partnering with us in 2014. Our mission parishioners, especially our children have been blessed beyond measure thanks to St. Paul's!

Please stay in touch—blessings on your ministry. Julia

The annual *ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE* will be held at Peotone United Methodist Church (105 N. West) **TODAY—Sunday, November 19—at 6pm.** Please join us as we gather with all the Peotone area churches for a time of Thanksgiving worship!



Christmas Party for the  
Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart  
at St. Francis Woods (Frankfort)  
Tuesday, December 12, 2023  
1--3 PM



Please try to join us -- the good sisters love company!

#### BINGO PRIZE SUGGESTIONS

Candy	All kinds – especially chocolate (there are 3 nuns who are diabetic)
Snacks	Individually packaged
Small plants	Christmas ones are very popular
Postage Stamps	
Greeting Cards	All Occasion only
Hot Chocolate	Individual packages
Starbucks Bottled Coffee	

Bingo prizes can be placed in the boxes near the two church entrances.

#### ITEMS FOR EACH SISTER'S PRIVATE ROOM AND BATHROOM

Decorative towels  
Decorative pillows  
Christmas decorations  
Holiday Soaps

We would like to give each of the 29 nuns and 1 priest a \$20 GIFT CARD from any of the following: Walgreens / Walmart / Dollar Tree

Gift cards can be placed in the boxes at each of the entrances to the church. Checks should be made out to the CCW with a note in the subject line "Nuns Christmas party"

There are sign-up sheets for *COOKIE DONATIONS* and for those who would *JOIN US* for this much appreciated and fun afternoon.

Questions? Call or text Clem 708 710-1831



## Blessing of St. Francis Xavier Statue

**DECEMBER 3, 2023  
1 P.M.**

Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill

On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, and the final day of the Novena of Grace, a statue of the saint will be blessed at the BCC. The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese. Bishop Hicks will bless the statue at 1 p.m. that day, in an open ceremony so that all may witness this moving event.



## November 2023 NOVENA OF GRACE

From November 25 through December 3, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, our patron saint.

Copies of  
the  
Novena  
are  
available  
in the  
lobby.

Scan the QR code or  
visit the website for daily  
prayers and reflections.  
[diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th)



# Bishop Hicks' Column

November 2023

## LAUNCHING OUR 75<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE



A "JUBILEE" IS A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY, marking a certain time period. For example, a twenty-fifth anniversary is universally recognized as a silver jubilee, whereas the fiftieth is known as the golden jubilee. This month, we are officially launching the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of

Joliet, or the celebration of our diamond jubilee.

As they say, "diamonds are forever." This celebration gives us the opportunity to honor our past, commemorate our present, and look forward to the future with hope. Our year-long celebration will officially begin in December 2023 and end in December 2024. However, we have a few things happening in November that I would like to share with you and encourage your participation.

On Monday, November 6, 2023, we launched the first episode of a 14-part podcast series produced specifically for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In our pilot episode, Fr. Tom Paul, the chair of the Jubilee planning committee, and I talked about different ways that you can participate in our anniversary celebration. If you are a podcast aficionado, just listen on your favorite app by searching "Faith Into Action." Or you may try watching it on the diocesan YouTube channel. Either way, the links can always be found in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary section of our website, [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th), which can be read in English, Spanish, and Polish.

As we celebrate with great faith, hope, and love, I want to make sure we have many opportunities to pray together. A nine-day novena will begin on November 25, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This Novena of Grace is based on the writings of the patron saint of our diocese, St. Francis Xavier. For daily prayers and devotions, visit the website or see your Sunday bulletin.

The novena concludes on December 3, 2023. On that same day we will host an event at the Blanchette Catholic Center at 1 p.m., where I will bless a new statue of St. Francis Xavier. He will beautifully welcome employees and visitors at the main entrance to our diocesan offices to remind us of our missionary call to share our faith with all people.

Then, for an entire year we will celebrate in ways that highlight my vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action:

1. We will promote **catechesis** through faith formation to help the next generations *know about* Jesus and the Church. Through novenas, prayer cards, and lesson plans, we will grow the knowledge of our faith for all ages. We are blessed that our celebration is occurring in harmony with the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, which reminds us how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives.
2. We will also continue to **evangelize**, which is needed to truly know Jesus and *love* Him. True evangelization is realized when we believe in our minds, hearts, and souls that Jesus is real: He loves us, and we love Him. Through liturgies, prayers, media posts, podcasts, printed calendars, and commemorative books, we will actively **share** our faith and love of Jesus, who gives us eternal life through His life, suffering, death, and resurrection.
3. With catechesis and evangelization as our foundation, we will continue to put our **faith into action**. As Catholics, we *serve* the poor, the needy, and the marginalized. We speak for the unborn, the stranger, the abandoned, and those who are in most need of our care. As part of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I encourage all parishes to establish a day of service in the fall of 2024, responding to the various needs of each distinct community.

Jesus gave us such an incredible gift in the Church, and as baptized Christians, we are called to pass our faith on to the next generations. No one wants to belong to a Church that is merely surviving. Instead, we should have a burning desire to be a thriving Church that truly reflects God's light and God's love.

I encourage you to participate in some aspect of our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee during this next year. There is truly something for everyone, and I want each of you to know that YOU are a vital part of our celebration. So, together, rooted in Christ, let's live out the theme of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary: founded in faith, called to witness, and sent forth to serve!



From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

## DIOCESE OF JOLIET





# Columna del Obispo Hicks

Noviembre de 2023

## LANZAMIENTO DE NUESTRO 75.º JUBILEO



UN "JUBILEO" ES UN ANIVERSARIO ESPECIAL que marca un período determinado. Por ejemplo, un vigésimo quinto aniversario se reconoce universalmente como jubileo de plata, mientras que el quincuagésimo se conoce como jubileo de oro. Este mes, lanzamos oficialmente la celebración del 75.º aniversario de la Diócesis de

Joliet, o nuestro jubileo de diamante.

Como suele decirse, "los diamantes son para siempre". Esta celebración nos brinda la oportunidad de honrar nuestro pasado, conmemorar nuestro presente y mirar al futuro con esperanza. Nuestra celebración, que se extenderá durante todo un año, comenzará oficialmente en diciembre de 2023 y finalizará en diciembre de 2024. Sin embargo, en noviembre tendrán lugar algunos acontecimientos sobre los que me gustaría hablarles y a los que les invito a participar.

El lunes 6 de noviembre de 2023 lanzamos el primer episodio de una serie de podcasts de 14 partes producida específicamente para nuestro 75.º aniversario. En nuestro episodio piloto, el Padre Tom Paul, presidente del Comité de Planificación del jubileo, y yo hablamos acerca de las distintas maneras en que ustedes pueden participar en la celebración de nuestro aniversario. Si son aficionados a los podcasts, sólo tienen que buscar "Faith Into Action" (Fe en acción) en su aplicación favorita y escuchar. También podrían intentar verlo en el canal diocesano de YouTube. En cualquier caso, siempre podrán encontrar los enlaces en nuestro sitio web, en la sección del 75.º aniversario, [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th), presentada en inglés, español y polaco.

Mientras celebramos con gran fe, esperanza y amor, quiero asegurarme de que tengamos muchas oportunidades para rezar juntos. El 25 de noviembre, sábado siguiente al Día de Acción de Gracias, comenzará una novena de nueve días. Esta Novena de Gracia está basada en los escritos del santo patrono de nuestra diócesis, San Francisco Javier. Para conocer las oraciones y devociones diarias, visiten el sitio web o consulten el boletín dominical.

La novena concluye el 3 de diciembre de 2023. Ese mismo día, a la 1 p. m., en el Centro Católico Blanchette, celebraremos un acto en el que bendeciré una nueva estatua de San Francisco Javier. Él recibirá de una bella manera a empleados y visitantes en la entrada principal de nuestras oficinas diocesanas y nos recordará nuestro llamado misionero a compartir nuestra fe con todas las personas.

Luego, durante todo un año, celebraremos de distintas maneras, pero todas ellas enfocadas en resaltar mi visión de la catequesis, la evangelización y la fe en acción:

1. Promoveremos **la catequesis** a través de la formación en la fe para ayudar a las próximas generaciones a **conocer** a Jesús y a la Iglesia. A través de novenas, estampas con oraciones y planes de lecciones, haremos que el conocimiento de la fe se acreciente en todas las edades. Para nosotros es una bendición que nuestra celebración coincida con el Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional, una iniciativa de tres años que nos recuerda por qué la Eucaristía es fuente y cumbre de nuestras vidas.
2. También seguiremos **evangelizando**, lo cual es necesario para conocer verdaderamente a Jesús y **amarle**. La verdadera evangelización se realiza cuando, desde lo más profundo de nuestra mente, nuestro corazón y nuestra alma, creemos que Jesús es real: Él nos ama y nosotros le amamos. A través de liturgias, oraciones, publicaciones en los medios de comunicación, podcasts, calendarios impresos y libros conmemorativos, **compartiremos** activamente nuestra fe y amor por Jesús que, con su vida, sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección, nos da vida eterna.
3. Con catequesis y evangelización, nuestro fundamento, seguiremos poniendo nuestra **fe en acción**. Como católicos, **servimos a** los pobres, los necesitados y los marginados. Hablamos en nombre de los no nacidos, los forasteros, los abandonados y los que más necesitan de nuestros cuidados. En el marco de este 75.º aniversario, invito a todas las parroquias a establecer un día de servicio (en el otoño de 2024) para responder a las diversas necesidades de cada comunidad.

Jesús nos hizo un increíble regalo al darnos la Iglesia, y como cristianos bautizados, estamos llamados a transmitir nuestra fe a las siguientes generaciones. Nadie quiere pertenecer a una Iglesia que se limite tan solo a sobrevivir. Por eso, debemos tener el ardiente deseo de ser una Iglesia próspera, que refleje verdaderamente la luz y el amor de Dios.

Les invito a participar en algún aspecto de nuestro 75.º Jubileo este próximo año. Realmente hay para todos, y quiero que sepan que cada uno de USTEDES es una parte vital de nuestra celebración. Por eso, juntos, arraigados en Cristo, vivamos el lema de nuestro 75.º aniversario: "Fundados en la fe, llamados a dar testimonio y enviados a servir."



Desde podcasts y eventos juveniles hasta tarjetas de servicio y oración, escanee el código QR o visite **[diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th)** para obtener la lista completa de eventos y actividades relacionados con el 75.º aniversario.

# DIÓCESIS DE JOLIET

