



Parishes And Curia Together

PARISH SUPPORT NEWSLETTER

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Calendar Dates and Special Collections to Note

- October 14 - Curia Connections - Columbus Day
- October 18 Special Collection - World Mission Sunday
- October 20 - Curia Staff Enrichment 11:30am-2pm

Join The Next Roundtable November 19, 1-3pm

Please submit questions you would like discussed to the PCI Steering committee, Vicariate Directors or PCI by October 30th, to give presenters time to prepare.

To Do List

- Send Monthly Update Report created in Servant Keeper to monthlyupdatelist@archstl.org if PCI has not been authorized to do so.
- **October 10** – Deadline for EPV Grant application submission.
- Attend Curia Connections **October 14**, Mass begins at 11:45

Training with Parish & Curia Integration

PCI offers classes for Parish Helper Online, Sacraments, Servant Keeper, and A to Z of Archdiocesan Parish Administration. Classes are held at the Rigali Center. Click the link below to see class offerings, dates and registration.

[Click here](#) for PCI Training Class offerings, dates, and registration



Please join us for Curia Connections, a quarterly gathering for parish staff members - including but not limited to Business Managers, Bookkeepers, Secretaries and other Parish Staff – which will provide opportunities for networking, information sharing, prayer, and fellowship.

**In October, all three vicariates come together
for one combined Curia Connections gathering:**

**Wednesday, October 14
Cardinal Rigali Center - 20 Archbishop May Dr, 63119
Beginning with 11:45am Mass with Archbishop Rozanski in the Chapel,
followed by lunch and a brief program in the Fleur de Lis Room**

Summary of Agenda:

- 11:45am Mass in St. Vincent DePaul Chapel
- Appreciation Lunch Provided in the Fleur De Lis Room - immediately following Mass we will enjoy lunch together; a variety of boxed lunches will be available.
- Spirituality of Administration - Vicariate Directors of Pastoral Ministry and Evangelization
- Updates from the Office of Parish Mission & Vitality
- Brief Presentations By:
Parish & Curia Integration (PCI) Steering Committee - Updates and Western Vicariate Member Selection
Respect Life Apostolate - Yes on Amendment 3 Resources
- Connect with Vicariate Teams and Curia Office Representatives - the following Curia offices have committed to having one or more representatives present. Many will be having lunch with us for informal conversation, and all will be present following the presentations at tables labeled with their office name so that you may visit multiple tables to ask questions, meet the "faces behind the emails" and connect with resources that your parish needs. As of now, the following Curia Offices and Agencies will be represented:

**Annual Catholic Appeal
Catholic Communications
Communications
Evangelization
Ecumenical and Interreligious
Faith Formation & Discipleship
Finance
Hispanic Ministry**

**Human Resources & HRIS
Marriage & Family Life
Parish & Curia Integration
Respect Life Apostolate
Rural parish Clinic
Shared Accounting/
Parish Accounting Services
SLAF**

REGISTER NOW

Please register by October 6

PCI Steering Committee - Western Vicariate

Are you a staff member of a parish in the Western Vicariate. Do you want to have an impact on the bridge of communication and projects between the Curia and the parishes? If so, put your name in the "hat" for the PCI (Parish & Curia Integration) Steering Committee at October's Curia Connection Meeting. The steering committee advises and supports PCI projects and initiatives. Monthly meetings are via TEAMS and members serve a two year term. One member from the western vicariate will be selected at the Curia Connections meeting on October 14th. You must be present to be selected and attend a brief meeting at the end of the Curia Connection meeting. Please consider serving on the committee and become instrumental in improving the support and communication between parishes and Curia.

Weekend Help Desk Coverage Sunset

Effective Friday, Sept. 18, the Office of Information Technology sunset weekend Help Desk coverage. This change is based on an analysis of service ticket volume and staffing resources. By consolidating our team in the office during regular business hours, the IT team will be better positioned to enhance training opportunities, expand support capacity, and provide stronger customer service.

New Help Desk Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed on Archdiocesan Curia holidays

How to Submit Service Tickets (any day or time):

 helpdeskrequest@archstl.org

 314-792-7593

Service tickets flagged as emergencies will be screened and prioritized accordingly.

For more information regarding this change, contact Patrick O'Donnell at patrickodonnell@archstl.org.

From Internal Audit

To help Internal Audit learn more about each parish's internal controls, we have created a short risk assessment survey to be filled out by pastors. This replaces a much lengthier risk and controls questionnaire we had parishes complete in prior years. The information gathered will ensure we are prioritizing resources for parish audits effectively. The survey also allows you to proactively voice concerns or request an audit. The survey was emailed to pastors, business managers and bookkeepers on September 29 via Flocknote. Please complete by October 30. If you have concerns or questions, please contact Bobby Parish, Director of Internal Audit, at 314-792-7241 or by email at bobbyparish@archstl.org. Thank you for your time!

Official Catholic Directory Update

Online Updating for The Official Catholic Directory, 2027 Edition has begun. Your parish OCD contact should have received an email from ocdedits@nrpdirect.com with the information below for reviewing and updating entities in the directory. We kindly ask that you carefully review, update, and submit your listing for inclusion in the 2027 Edition.

The Deadline to complete your updates and submit your information is October 23, 2026. If you are not a 'registered user', please register at ocdedits.com/login, click the 'Register' button and follow the registration process. Online updating is FREE.

If you are already a 'registered user/OCD contact simply go to ocdedits.com/login and enter your email and password. Can't remember if you registered this email? Simply go to the Register button and attempt to register. If you already have an account with this email address, the system will tell you. You can then use the password reset feature explained below.

If you can't remember your password? Use the 'Reset Password' button on the login page. Please be sure to check your spam/junk/promotion folders in case the reset password email gets re-routed to one of those folders. It is also a good idea to add our @nrpdirect.com domain to your 'safe senders' list in your email application prior to resetting your password.

It is important to review your listing. The Official Catholic Directory is the best way for donors and granting bodies to verify your entity's inclusion in the IRS/USCCB's Group Ruling Exemption. Failure to keep your listing current could impede your ability to prove your tax-exempt status. The directory is also a widely used reference source within the Church.

To help new users or acquaint existing users with the system, we'll be conducting a series of brief Webinars (approx. 45 mins) throughout the update cycle. Additional Help - Video Tutorials and User Guides: If you're unable to attend one of the webinars, we encourage you to visit the brief Video Tutorials posted under the 'Help' menu at the top of the screen to familiarize or acquaint yourself with how to navigate and utilize the system.

Please Note: The OCD Online Update System is a browser-based application that is optimized for use with Google Chrome. Wherever possible, please use a Google Chrome browser when using the system.

Monthly Update

Before sending in your parish Monthly Update list, please make sure the St. Louis Review field is not blank and contains one of the St. Louis Review codes Y, E, N, O or D. If you need Monthly Update instructions, please go to the Parish and Curia Integration Webpage and find the Monthly Update instructions on the Servant Keeper Tab or [click here](#).

Archbishop Rozanski Celebrates Red and White Masses for Healthcare Workers and Public Servants, and their families



Next Roundtable November 19, 2026

We invite you to join us for the next Roundtable session on November 19th, from 1-3pm. We encourage everyone to join the Teams meeting live if possible. There are opportunities to ask questions, participate in the discussion, and get clarification in real time. The recording is available afterward for anyone who can't attend, but joining live provides the most value.

Please submit any questions or topics you would like addressed at the next Roundtable to your Curia Steering Committee members, Vicariate Director, or to ParishCuriaIntegration@archstl.org by October 30. Look for your invitation including a more detailed agenda in your email the week of November 9th.

The more we learn about your parish needs, the better we can support your mission and help you create positive change in your parish and the community you serve. Your voice is an essential part of this process. We look forward to our next opportunity to gather around the table with you!

Ensuring Parish Viability Grants

Ensuring Parish Viability grants, awarded on an annual basis, are grants from the Archdiocese of St. Louis to parishes that have experienced demographic change to assist with capital project, debt, or evangelization efforts.

The grant process for Ensuring Parish Viability grants launched in August with a communication from Archbishop Rozanski to pastors inviting those eligible to consider applying for a grant. The timeline is below.

- **October 10 – Deadline for application submission.**

Helpful tip: Submit your applications early if you can. Any application received after October 10 will be denied or possibly considered as a lower priority.

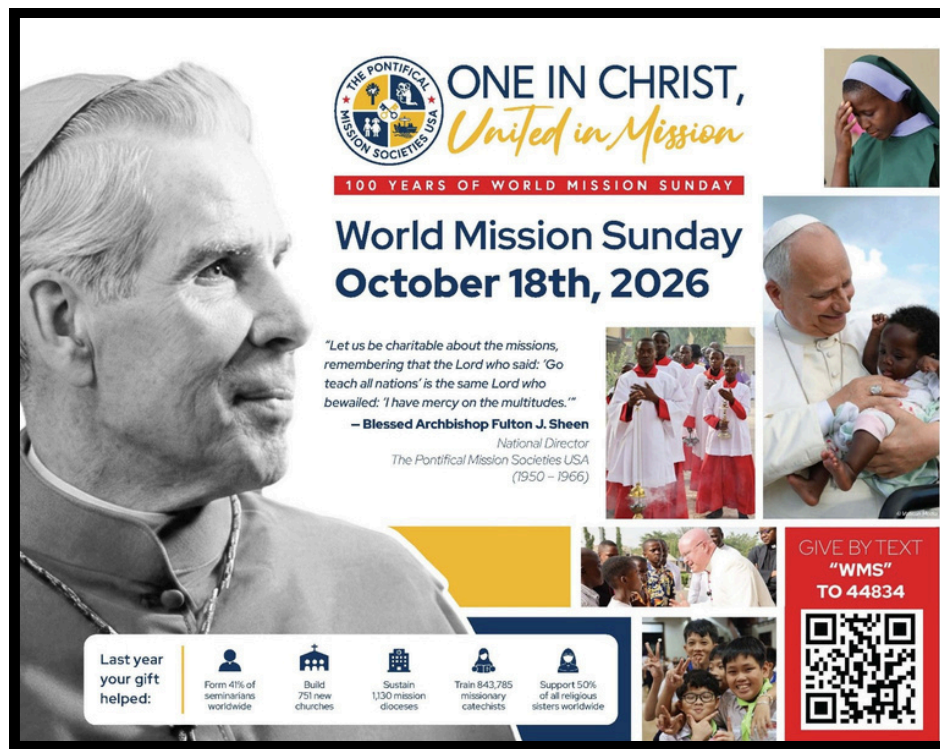
To give your parish the best chance of success, and to avoid having your application returned for correction, please be sure to use the helpful checklists provided with the application. Incomplete or incorrectly formatted applications cannot be accepted. **If you have questions about what type of project might be most successful, or other questions about eligibility or building the best proposal for your parish, please contact Brian Niebrugge at NiebruggeB@archstl.org or 314.792.7681.**

A to Z of Archdiocesan Parish Administration

PCI offers classes for Parish Helper OnLine, Sacrament recording and Servant Keeper, and has added an additional class “A to Z of Archdiocesan Parish Administration” This class provides a clear and practical foundation for understanding the responsibilities, expectations, procedures, and best practices involved in parish administration within our Archdiocesan structure. It introduces participants to the essential functions of a parish office, while also clarifying the parish’s relationship with, responsibilities to, and avenues of support from the archdiocesan curia. The class is designed to help parish staff understand not only what needs to be done, but also how, when, and with whom administrative matters should be handled in coordination with the Archdiocese.

All PCI Training classes are held monthly in the PCI training room at the Rigali Center. Space is limited to 10 attendees. Register by clicking on the link below.

[Click here for PCI Training Class offerings, dates, and registration](#)



The following materials are available for your parish's celebration of the 100th **World Mission Sunday on October 18: "One in Christ, United in Mission!"**

All materials can be accessed electronically at www.archstl.org/wms.

- Letter from Archbishop Rozanski
- Bulletin Inserts
- Before Mass Announcement
- Prayers of the Faithful
- And more!

All materials are available in both English and Spanish

If you would like us to send printed prayer cards to your parish featuring the Prayer for World Mission Sunday from Pope Leo XIV, please contact our office.

Posters and pew envelopes should arrive in September. Please place them in the church before the October 17 Vigil Mass. If your parish uses online giving, please make sure the World Mission Sunday collection is listed as an option.

With your help, World Mission Sunday directly supports the young and growing Church under the care of Pope Leo XIV in 1,130 mission dioceses and territories—more than one-third of all the Church's dioceses!

If you have questions or need additional materials, please contact our office at missions@archstl.org or 314-792-7655. Thank you for your generous support of the missions!

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#iGiveCatholic – December 1, 2026

For the **sixth straight year**, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will celebrate the *#iGiveCatholic* Giving Day on **Tuesday, December 1, 2026** - we hope that every parish, school, and ministry will consider joining us and *#iGiveCatholic* Board Member, Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski in this effort.

This will be a great opportunity to raise funds to help with special projects or for non-restricted purposes. Last year, **73** parishes, schools, and ministries raised **\$2,257,321** for their missions - more than any other archdiocese or diocese in the USA. The **top 10 organizations** in the archdiocese, both large and small, raised an average of **\$199,280** during the 2025 campaign!

Last year was our first year with the new MightyCause platform. With the first year under our belt, we expect this year to be **even better than last year**.

To sign up for email alerts on updates, announcements, and important info, please complete the short form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/archstligc.

Gratefully,

Brian Niebrugge

Executive Director, Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal

Archdiocese of St. Louis

Rural Parish Clinic

The Rural Parish Clinic mobile medical and mobile dental units serve rural uninsured residents aged 19-65 who meet income guidelines of less than 200% federal poverty level. We target the working poor-those who cannot afford insurance premiums or are laborers that are not offered healthcare in their work or are self-employed. To learn more visit us at www.archstl.org/rpc.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 ⊗ Bonne Terre 🦷 Bonne Terre	6 🦷 Bonne Terre	7 🦷 Bonne Terre	8 ⊗ St Clair 🦷 Bonne Terre	9 🦷 Bonne Terre	10 🦷 Bonne Terre
11	12 ⊗ Cadet	13 🦷 Union	14 🦷 Union	15 ⊗ Union 🦷 Union	16 ⊗ Warrenton 🦷 Union	17 ⊗ Warrenton 🦷 Union
18	19 ⊗ Potosi 🦷 Union	20 🦷 Union	21 🦷 Union	22 ⊗ Farmington 🦷 Union	23 🦷 Union	24
25	26 ⊗ Cadet	27	28	29 ⊗ St Clair	30	31

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PARISH & CURIA INTEGRATION

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Parish and Curia Integration serves both parishes and Curia. We serve St. Louis pastors, parish staff, Curia members, volunteers, USCCB and parishes outside of the diocese. It is our mission to provide training and support. We either have the answer, will get the answer, or refer you to someone who can assist. We are here to help.

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