



Claver Kitchen ↗



Mass at Our Lady of the Lake ↗



Community Garden ↗

Walking With the Poor

Grant program provides assistance to those in need

The Western Province's Walking with the Poor Program was established in 2017 to celebrate the Vincentians' 200 years of ministry in the United States, and since its inception, \$682,000 has been distributed for direct service to the poor across a dozen different cities.

Recipients of the program are nominated for funding annually by Vincentians in the Western Province.

"These funds have helped the homeless, single mothers, food pantries, community garden programs, counseling, evangelization and formation for Spanish speaking communities, the imprisoned, survivors of abuse and much more," said Teresa Manna, Chief Development and Communications Officer for the Western Province. "This program allows the Western Province to expand its reach beyond its own ministries and apostolates to make a greater impact on those living on the margins of society."

This year's recipients offer a range of support for those in need:

- Catholic Chaplains Office at Century Regional Detention Facility for Women in Los Angeles provides chaplaincy services for incarcerated women.

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Hotel Hope ↗

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Dear Friends,

Grace and Peace in the Lord Jesus!

I can only hope that when this letter is published, some fall weather has begun to take hold. As of this writing, in late July, much of the country is under a heat advisory with oppressive humidity thrown in here in St. Louis. Better days are surely in store, regardless of what we may be experiencing now.

I look forward to this issue of *The Vincentian* each year, as it includes our annual Mission Impact Report, which offers statistics, vignettes, and anecdotes that illustrate the great work that my confreres are doing across the province in the mission of St. Vincent de Paul.

You can find us educating the clergy and laity, evangelizing the less fortunate, conducting parish missions, and serving in parishes from Louisiana to Alaska, each of which operates its own programs for the materially poor. In this report, their passion and creativity are evident, and it makes me proud to be among them.

You will also find articles on Fr. Kevin Fausz, C.M., and his three San Antonio parishes, our jubilarians, and our great supporter, Ernie Wish, as well as a list of our Associates of the Little Company, donors whose support is invaluable to our work.

I wish you pleasant weather and good health. Please pray for me, as I do for you.

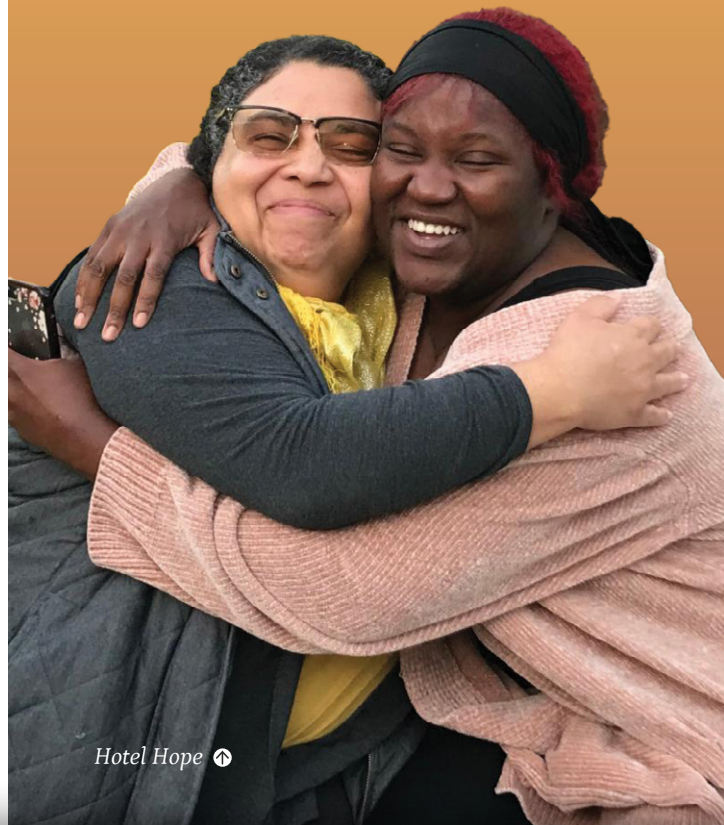
Sincerely in St. Vincent,

Rev. Joseph S. Williams, C.M.

Fr. Joseph S. Williams, C.M.
Provincial Superior

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- St. Vincent de Paul Community Garden, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, and Claver Kitchen in San Antonio, Texas, offer a variety of food support services, including with produce grown on-site by members of the community.
- Our Lady of the Lake University Division of Mission and Ministry in San Antonio offers confirmation retreats for marginalized youth, run with the help of students at the university.
- The Knights of Columbus Clergy in the Court for Kids in Dallas, Texas, provides support for children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care, including food, clothing, and other basic needs.
- Hotel Hope in New Orleans, Louisiana, is a homeless shelter for women and their children that provides an important resource for women in difficult situations.



Hotel Hope 

Donor Lauds Vincentian Spirit of Respect, Concern for the Poor

In his youth, Ernie Wish says he was a “Christian nomad.” But after years of a boyhood friend urging him to look into Catholicism, Ernie joined the Church.

That was back in the 1950s. Ernie and his wife Joan were a young Chicago couple working hard to make ends meet and looking forward to starting a family.

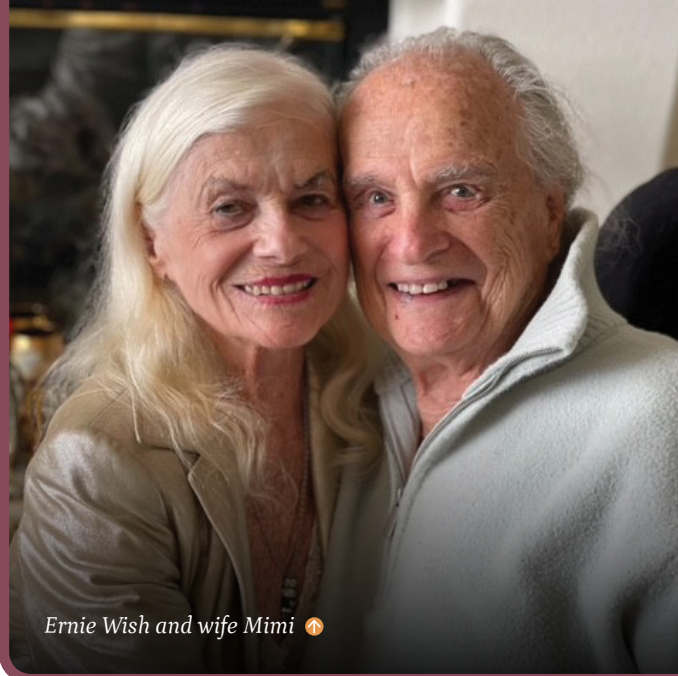
“I’d gotten out of the Army,” Ernie recalls. “We didn’t have two nickels to rub together. We both needed jobs, and I wanted to finish college with the help of tuition assistance from the GI Bill.”

Enrolling in DePaul University, Mr. Wish began what has become a 75-year relationship with the school and the Vincentians.

“I made friendships at DePaul that were everlasting and life-changing. Fr. John Richardson (C.M.) became a dear, dear friend. He was at the altar when Joan and I renewed our vows at 25 and 50 years. I was also good friends with Fr. Comerford O’Malley (C.M.).”

As their means grew, Ernie and Joan began a tradition of financially supporting the Congregation of the Mission. Ernie says it was the Vincentians’ spirit of concern for the poor and others in need that led him to adopt an attitude of giving.

“The confreres have an urge to help people,” he said. “Their being is directed to the less fortunate. The lesson I took from the Vincentians was to care for people who are in need. And it isn’t about great wealth. It’s about the little things, treating people with dignity – from the one



Ernie Wish and wife Mimi 📍

who sweeps up behind you at a restaurant to whoever else you meet day-to-day.”

After Joan’s passing, the widower remarried. Fr. John presided over Ernie and Mimi’s vows back in 2005. The couple, now 94 and 93 years old, continue providing for the community of priests and brothers dear to their heart.

“If I had a single word to capture the Vincentians’ attitude that rubbed off on me, it is RESPECT,” he said. “Respect others and show it in kindness in every way you can. To me, the Vincentians embody that. Charitable giving can and should be a joy. People who do not know the joy of giving miss one of the great experiences of life.”

Ernie Wish is a 1957 and 1991 graduate of DePaul University. His dedication of time, talent, and treasure to Vincentian education and ministries confirms his commitment to emulating the life of St. Vincent de Paul.



📍 Wish Field at DePaul University is named for the Wish family. Ernie Wish is a longtime supporter of the Vincentians and DePaul University.



Fr. Kevin Fausz, C.M., conducts a baptism at Holy Redeemer Church, one of his three parishes in San Antonio. ➔

THREE PARISHES

Food for the Faithful

Fr. Kevin Fausz pastors three San Antonio parishes

Fr. Kevin Fausz, C.M., seldom seems to slow down. The energetic Vincentian is pastor of three parishes in San Antonio, Texas, just for starters, and really brings the liturgy to the congregation, walking out and engaging his congregants, whether speaking to a packed Sunday Mass or a weekday service with a dozen people.

“You have an hour to feed people with music and liturgy,” Fr. Fausz said. “I think any of our parishioners would say they feel welcome.”

The Perryville, Missouri, native said he started thinking about the seminary in second grade. He signed up to go to the seminary high school in Cape Girardeau but ultimately decided to attend St. Vincent High School in Perryville, after which he attended DePaul Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis. He spent eight years working as a nurse, but thoughts of the priesthood never left him.

“People would say to me, ‘You would make a good priest,’” he said. “I thought I should at least see.”

He entered the seminary at age 27 and was ordained in 1991. His second assignment was a 14-year stint as pastor back home in Perryville, and during an ensuing sabbatical, he studied in San Antonio, where he discovered Holy Redeemer Parish, the only Black parish in the Archdiocese. Having studied at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies in New Orleans, he was drawn to the parish, and over time things began to fall into place for him to stay. Parishioner, Carol White, who had worked at the archdiocese, recommended him to the archbishop.

“She was the one who really kept the office going,” he said. “When I arrived, they had had nine pastors in 24 years.”

That was 17 years ago, and five years later, he was asked to take over Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a Hispanic parish. Five years after that, he was asked to take on St. Michael’s, also Hispanic, with more recent immigrants than those at Perpetual Help.

“Over the years, I think I have a good pulse on the people in the parishes,” he said. “I try to be as present as possible, knowing I can’t be at all three places at once. The important thing is that the people know that I love them.”

Fr. Fausz also serves on some community boards, is spiritual moderator for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, ministers to the imprisoned, is state chaplain for the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, and is chaplain at Our Lady of the Lake University. In addition, he took on the role of treasurer for the Western Province last year.

“It’s crazy, the energy that it gives me,” he said. “I feel really blessed to be doing what I’m doing. I want to do it as long as I can.”





Cheryl Klein helps a food pantry client fill out an order form. ⬆



Carol White chats with a parishioner after Mass at Holy Redeemer. ⬆

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Fishing in the Deep

Food pantry volunteers feed their faith by feeding the poor



On Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. you will find Cheryl and James Klein, retired educators, at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry across the street from Holy Redeemer Parish. The pantry is open Tuesday through Friday with a different group of volunteers manning each day.

They take orders at their pick-up window with a few other volunteers, like Cecilia Herrera, a retired respiratory therapist, and Shirley Ellis, who runs the Claver Kitchen across the street and had just finished distributing box lunches, which they have been doing during the kitchen's renovation.

"I've been at the parish since 2002," she says, listing her volunteer activities. "Social Justice Committee, Prayer Breakfast, Mardi Gras, and Juneteenth. We are here to take care of our spiritual health, but also for our community."

James agrees, divulging that they were inspired to volunteer because of Fr. Kevin Fausz, C.M.

"There was a sermon where Jesus said they needed to fish in the deep, and that is what he is doing," he said.

Cheryl said the pantry serves 200 to 225 people a month. The clients range from the homeless to immigrants living with multiple families in one house.

"There is a big need here," she said. "Father sees it and has a vision. When we hear of a need, we respond. The Vincentian Charism is evident in all of this."

How You See Jesus

Carol White reflects on her life in the Church and the Vincentian charism

At 88 years old, Carol White can look back at her work in the San Antonio Archdiocese with satisfaction of a career spent in service of others.

Carol and her husband, Deacon Thomas White, moved in 1961 from Massachusetts to San Antonio, where Thomas served in the U.S. Airforce, and settled at Holy Redeemer Parish, where they raised nine children.

Thomas retired from the Airforce as a headquarters commander in 1982 and announced at the ceremony that he was going to be ordained as a deacon, having started classes already.

Carol was working for the San Antonio Archdiocese and retired after nearly 30 years. Later, as an administrator at the parish, she advocated for Fr. Fausz to come to take over as pastor.

"He is the epitome of the Vincentians," she said. "Everything he does is for Jesus and the poor."

She listed his many initiatives for the needy, including food programs and beyond.

"It has been great having his passion in the parish," she said. "He helps us look at the poor in a different light and realize that serving the poor is how you see Jesus."



35,000+

Families Served
in Parish Missions



40 Seminarians in
Kenya and the U.S.

Continuing a connection and collaboration that has endured for 400 years, **FR. PERRY HENRY, C.M.**, serves as Provincial Director for the Daughters of Charity St. Louise Province in St. Louis and **FR. RAY VAN DORPE, C.M.**, serves as Chaplain for the Seton Residence in Evansville, Indiana.

MISIONEROS VICENTINOS AND VICENTINO LAICOS IN LOS ANGELES both received support from the Province for retreats and other activities.

“These retreats are foundational to cultivating committed Catholics and play an active role in building the spiritual and community life of our parish.”

FR. GARY MUELLER, C.M.

Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish,
Los Angeles



2024-2025

**Mission
Impact**



50+

Senior Vincentians
Receiving Assistance



\$500,000

Distributed from Richardson
Fund to Benefit Catholic
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“I STARTED TO GIVE A BRIEF ENGLISH SUMMARY of my homilies at the Spanish Mass for young people and the spouses of the Hispanic people at Mass who don’t speak Spanish. An Anglo fellow who is married to a Peruvian woman joined the RCIA and became a Catholic after he was finally able to understand the preaching.”

FR. HANK GRODECKI, C.M., who recently celebrated his 50-year jubilee and ended a seven-year assignment as pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral in Anchorage, Alaska



12,800

Families Served
in U.S. Vincentian
Parishes from
Louisiana to Alaska



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FR. GUILLERMO CAMPUZANO, C.M.



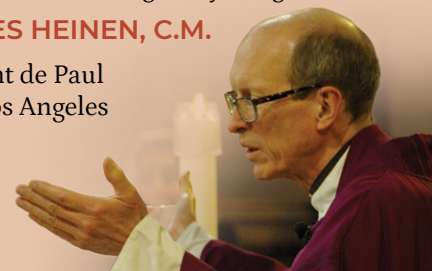
122,600

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"To evangelize is about saying 'Yes' to the reign of God. We are about doing the Father's will and increasing it there by the number of people who are doing the same. This multiplication of agents of Love is leaven affecting everything."

FR. MILES HEINEN, C.M.

St. Vincent de Paul
Parish, Los Angeles



THE WESTERN PROVINCE SUPPORTS

- Survivors Legal Support Services in St. Louis for victims of domestic abuse
- Pastoral Migratoria, helping Hispanic individuals become leaders in the church
- Wildfire relief efforts in Los Angeles

30

Students Enrolled
in the Jitegemee
Small Business
Education
Program in Kenya



The Western Province provided financial support for **TWO NEW ORLEANS ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS: HARRY TOMPSON CENTER AND OZANAM INN.** The Thompson Center provides showers, medical supplies, and more to nearly 5,000 guests per year, and the Ozanam Inn provides emergency shelter and transitional programs to more than 1,300 men and women annually.

With the support of the Western Province, the **SETON SOUP KITCHEN** at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Chicago serves more than 90 meals a day and a variety of other personalized assistance for those in need, including housing assistance and help finding employment to break the cycle of poverty.



60,000

Individuals Served in Vincentian
Parishes in Kenya and Uganda



Thank you! Your generosity has been so important in the lives of those in need, not only in the U.S. but in Kenya. We are ever grateful for your prayers and gifts. Our priests and brothers will remember you in prayer.

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“There’s such a need, especially among their older priests in residence. If there is anything I can do to help, I want to do so.”

—Anne Godar Julius, St. Louis, Missouri



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“The Vincentians work from their hearts, getting people engaged and helping them understand the Church and how to build your relationship with God. To me, that’s what sets the Vincentians apart.”

—**Connie Eichhorn**, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Jubilarians of 2025



50 YEARS

Fr. Henry Grodecki, C.M.

Born in 1948 in Joliet, IL, Fr. Hank entered the Congregation of the Mission in 1966 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1975. He earned an S.T.L. degree in dogma and sacramental theology from the Pontifical University of Sant'Anselmo and taught at St. Thomas Seminary in Denver. He served as pastor in many parishes in Colorado, Missouri, and Alaska. He also served four years as President and CEO of the Association of the Miraculous Medal. *"I continue to be astounded by the people of God in every parish community I've served," he said. "They have inspired me by their fervent and joyous response to what God calls them to be—the very Body of Christ, his Son."*



50 YEARS

Fr. Patrick Mullin, C.M.

Fr. Pat was born in 1948 in Pasadena, CA, and joined the Vincentians in 1966. He was ordained in 1975 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Los Angeles. He has done everything from parish ministry to seminary formation to Director of St. Mary's Seminary Retreat Center in Santa Barbara. He is currently a Senior Confrere in Care at St. Mary's of the Barrens in Perryville, MO. *"From my earliest years as a seminarian, I have wanted to communicate to others the truth of God's love for us," he said. "The opportunity to do this during my years as a priest and as a Vincentian has been a privilege and a grace."*



60 YEARS

Fr. Thomas Croak, C.M.

Fr. Tom was born in 1938 in St. Louis, MO. He entered the Vincentians in 1956 and was ordained to the priesthood in Chicago in 1965. Fr. Croak was a dedicated teacher at DePaul Academy and Cardinal Glennon College, followed by many years at DePaul University. With degrees in history and law, he started at DePaul a legal clinic which was eventually named the "Croak Community Legal Clinic," providing legal workshops and presentations to DePaul students and the broader community. *"I have been fortunate to be a Vincentian," he said.*



60 YEARS

Fr. Prudencio Rodrigues de Yurre, C.M.

Fr. Prudencio was born in Junguitu, Spain, in 1941. He entered the Community in Limpias, Spain, in 1957 and was ordained at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Chicago in 1965. With degrees from De Andreis Seminary and St. Louis University, he has spent his priesthood teaching and ministering to Hispanic Catholics in Denver, Phoenix, and Los Angeles. He also served as Associate Director of the Association of the Miraculous Medal. *"The community has assigned me to many works during these 60 years, but none of them has been more fulfilling than what I have done and am still doing: promoting the devotion to Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal among the Hispanic people," he said.*



60 YEARS

Fr. Juan Antonio Ruiz, C.M.

Born in 1941 in Madrid, Spain, Fr. Tony entered the Vincentian community in 1957 and was ordained in Chicago in 1965. He holds master's degrees in theology and language and has served as a seminary formator and a parish priest in Florida, Texas, Arizona, and California. *"I have received so much love from God, calling me to become a missionary priest. Letting the people work side by side with the pastor and associates made my ministry light and joyful. I am very grateful for the people God put on my path that helped me be the person I am today."*

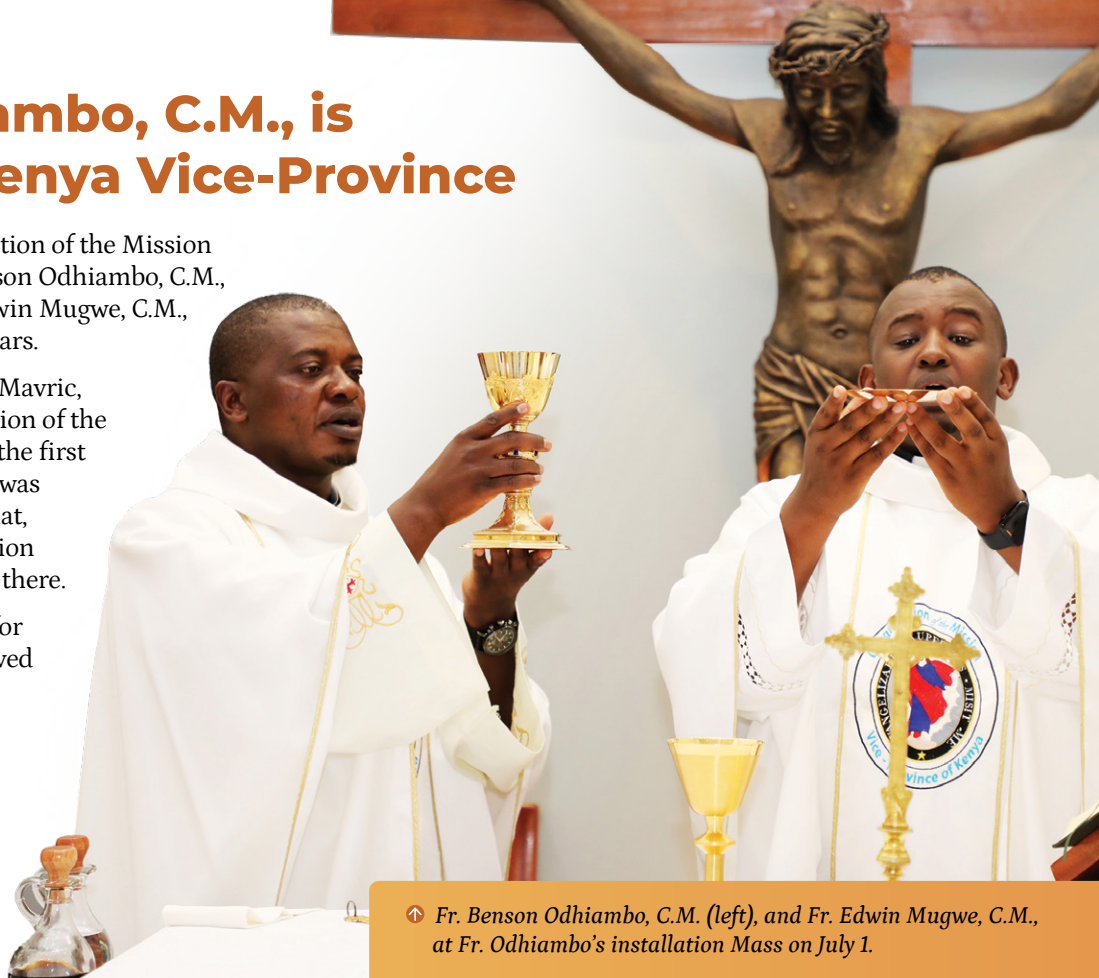
Fr. Benson Odhiambo, C.M., is New Leader of Kenya Vice-Province

On July 1, 2025, in Nairobi, the Congregation of the Mission Vice-Province of Kenya installed Fr. Benson Odhiambo, C.M., as the new Provincial, succeeding Fr. Edwin Mugwe, C.M., who served in that role the prior three years.

Fr. Odhiambo was selected by Fr. Tomaz Mavric, C.M., Superior General for the Congregation of the Mission, to succeed Fr. Mugwe, who was the first Provincial for the Vice-Province when it was erected in 2022. For 1 ½ years prior to that, Fr. Mugwe served as superior for the Region of Kenya and was the first Kenyan leader there.

Fr. Odhiambo expressed deep gratitude for the messages of encouragement he received from across the Vincentian world.

“I’ve chosen as my motto the prayer of Jesus in John 17: ‘That they may be one,’” Fr. Odhiambo said. “Unity is our strength. If we walk together, nothing can defeat us. Our unity will be the witness that draws others to Christ.”



↑ Fr. Benson Odhiambo, C.M. (left), and Fr. Edwin Mugwe, C.M., at Fr. Odhiambo's installation Mass on July 1.

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Fr. McDevitt Named President, CEO of St. Luke Institute



Fr. Patrick McDevitt, C.M., who served as Provincial of the Western Province from 2020 to 2024, was recently named President and CEO of Maryland-based St. Luke Institute, an independent Catholic mental health treatment and education center for priests, deacons, religious women and men, and other ministers.

The appointment was announced in July; previously, Fr. McDevitt served as Chancellor and Director of Mission for the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois.

“I am overjoyed to join Saint Luke Institute as its new President,” Fr. McDevitt said. “St. Vincent de Paul, the founder of my community, called his members to dedicate their lives to the formation and care of the clergy, religious, and laity in ministry. The mission and work of SLI beautifully aligns with that of St. Vincent de Paul and my life’s work.”

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