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February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
World Marriage Day

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Intentions



Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: *Madonna Gamble*
Chancellor: *Bob Sutter*

Wednesday

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: *Bob Niese*

Thursday

5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: *For the People of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parishes*

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: *For Caregivers and Those Suffering from Addiction*

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: *Mark & Lucy Rietchlin; Ron & Barb Finegan; Jeff Belcik*

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: *Sandy Burkhart*

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: *Dorothy Blum; Bob Niese*

10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: *Tom Garrett; Jim & Agnes Nienberg*

Dear Parishioners,

Do you know of any young men ages 14 to 25 who are interested or at least curious about the priesthood? If so let me know because I might have overlooked them. So far, I have 5 men joining me to a dinner that helps one discern their life vocation in life. This dinner is called an Andrew Dinner and I want to make sure any young man curious in the priesthood has been invited.

An Andrew Dinner is NOT signing up to be in seminary and it is CERTAINLY NOT signing up to be a priest. Rather it is an informational meal and evening geared to answer any question a young man may have about the priesthood. If you know any man perhaps interested in attending such a meal please let me know at jsmith@toledodiocese.org

WHAT ARE ANDREW DINNERS?

St. Andrew Dinners afford priests the opportunity to invite individuals whom they might think have a priestly vocation or the qualities needed in a good priest in a relaxed, "no pressure" atmosphere of discussion and dialogue about the life of a priest and a priestly vocation that would normally not be afforded in the parish setting. The meal provides the accompanying priests the chance to share their vocation stories. This also gives the diocese vocation director the opportunity to interact with those who are open to God's will and the possibility of the priesthood. Fr. David Kidd and myself will encourage the young men to follow Jesus in whatever vocation he is called toward.

WHY ARE THEY CALLED ANDREW DINNERS?

St. Andrew is known as the ("First Called") as John the Baptist invited him to follow Jesus. After doing so, Andrew then brought his brother Simon Peter to the Lord. (John 1:38-41) Similarly, it is not enough for priests to be satisfied with their own priestly vocations. Like Andrew the Lord is asking priests to bring others to Him so that they may discover their vocations as well.

WHAT DOES A PRIEST NEED TO DO?

Priests simply invite those individuals from their parishes or respective ministries whom they feel might have a priestly vocation or possess the qualities needed to be a good priest. They should make sure that anyone they bring are of sufficient maturity and moral character. Likewise, all local diocesan norms regarding the transportation of minors should be adhered to.

Did you know?

I was never invited to an Andrew Dinner but I have been called to be a priest by Jesus Christ himself. Since I went to public school my parish priest overlooked me and never invited me to an Andrew Dinner. If I'm overlooking your son or grandson... PLEASE LET ME KNOW! I too was a diamond in the rough and went unnoticed.

In Christ, Fr. Jeff

**COLLECTION:**

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday, February 12

School Mass

Saturday, Feb 15**MUSIC MINISTER**

Kevin Willis

SERVERS

*Adam & Evan
Keller*

OFFERTORY

Doug & Tammy Lucius

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS**

*Kelsey Keller,
Doug & Tammy Lucius*

USHERS

*Jacob Gosser
Mark Vogt*

LECTOR

Samantha Schroder

(Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro
for the most up to date assignments)

Sunday, Feb 16**MUSIC MINISTER**

Kevin & Becky

SERVERS

*Deacon Wyer
Ruthie Faith*

OFFERTORY

Jeff & Kelly Vogt Family

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS**

*Dale Schroeder
Cheryl Rietschlin, John Bonen*

USHERS

Jeff Vogt & Joe Faith

LECTOR

Diane Metzger

COUNTERS

*Linda Schroeder, Cindy Keller
Kristi Faith*

Bible Readings for the Week of Feb. 9, 2025

Monday Gn 1:1-19, Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c, Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday Gn 1:20-2:4a, Ps 8:4-9, Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17, Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29b-30
Thursday Gn 2:18-25, Ps 128:1-5, Mk 7:24-30
Friday Gn 3:1-8, Ps 32:1-2, 5-7, Mk 7:31-37
Saturday Gn 3:9-24, Ps 90:2-6, 12-13, Mk 8:1-10
Sunday Jer 17:5-8, Ps 1:1-4, 6, 1Cor 15:12, 16-20, Lk 6:17, 20-26

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Catholic Schools Week Project Miracle Jars

For the kick-off to Catholic Schools Week, the Sacred Heart Community held an Open House. We had a fun competition, each classroom had a different Miracle Jar that Jesus did. The person who guessed the closest to the number of items in the Miracle Jar won the jar of goodies.



**Little Lambs next playdate:
Feb. 22nd at 9:00.**

A letter to Sacred Heart Parishioners:

On behalf of the Borgelt and Steele families, we would like to sincerely thank our parish community, neighbors and friends for the love, prayers, and support shown to us following Rhonda's unexpected, yet peaceful passing. The beautiful comments that were shared are a glowing tribute to Rhonda and the values she lived. She touched many lives. Your kindness has brought us comfort and strength.

*With sincerest gratitude and appreciation,
Sarah, Joe and Duane*



2025 Annual Catholic Appeal "Together For Good"

Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. For more information, visit acatoledo.org. Thank you!

Sacred Heart Parish Goal: 17,210.99

F.I.S.H. food pantry most needed items:

Reg. and decaf coffee & tea, peanut butter, canned fruit, and any form of dry pasta.

Thank you for your continued support!



DEANERY SPEAKER SERIES & EXPOSITION

Deanery Speaker Series and Exposition Thursday, February 13th. St. Bernard, New Washington

- 6:30 p.m.** - Snacks and Social Time
- 7:00 p.m.** - Presentation by Fr. Eric Mueller
"I have seen Him and now I can die"
- 8:00 p.m.** - Exposition

Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club of the Saint Juan Diego Deanery meeting will be **Wednesday, February 12th**. The cost of the luncheon is **\$21.00** at the Ontario Event Center. A meeting will follow the luncheon. All Catholic women in the Saint Juan Diego Deanery are encouraged to attend and get to know the Catholic women in our area. Current members will be contacted to verify reservations. **If you are a new member or have not come to a meeting in the past, please call Judy Wiparina at 419-756-1082 before noon on Thursday February 6th. to make your reservation.** If you are interested in carpooling, please call Sheryl Weber at 419-610-3884. We look forward to seeing current members and as well as other ladies who are interested in meeting other Catholic women in our Deanery.

St. Joseph Senior Citizen Luncheon Tuesday, February 18

Menu: Au Gratin Potatoes and Ham, green beans, grapes, dinner roll and dessert. Cost is \$4. **Please RSVP to the school office (419-683-1284) by Thursday, February 13.**

Attention High School Students !

Please join Steve & Sheila Vogt at the parish center for PSR. The dates are as follows: March 12, 19 & 26. April 2 and 9. Each session will begin at 7 and last approximately 1 hour. Hope to see you there!

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



"The Pursuit of the Common Good and Human Dignity: The Catholic Approach to Immigration"

As Bishop and Shepherd of the faithful in the Diocese of Toledo, I find it necessary to speak with clarity amidst the confusion and polarization that currently surrounds the issue of immigration, which has recently come to the forefront of our national discussion.

As recently reiterated by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States

Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "The Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party... No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church's teachings remain unchanged." Immigration issues are complex and we must be diligent in offering and advocating for the Church's teaching, especially concerning the common good and each person's right to human dignity.

Catholic Social Teaching has as its first principle the affirmation that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses an inviolable dignity. Enforcement of just

immigration laws is the right of every nation and is not in itself an affront to this dignity. Nations in their

prudential judgment must discern how best to regulate their borders while maintaining the common good and respect for each person, both immigrant and native citizen.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church lays out two balancing principles (welcoming the

foreigner and the responsibility to regulate national borders) which must be held together in balance. The disregard or overemphasis of either principle will lead to a distortion of the Church's full teaching on this vital issue.

First:

"The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him" (CCC 2241).



Flowing from this, we cannot affirm any immigration or deportation policy which:

- dehumanizes immigrants, legal or illegal, through hostile rhetoric or implies that they are anything less than children of God, made in His image and likeness.
- Detains immigrants indefinitely or deprives them of basic human necessities while in custody.
- permanently separates families, especially children from their parents, except where children are in danger of abuse.
- deploys excessive violence in enforcement of the law, except where needed to protect lives.

The second principle, which balances the first, states:

"Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens" (CCC 2241).

Because of this, we must reject any immigration policy (or lack thereof) which:

- encourages or normalizes illegal immigration.
- leads to de-facto "open borders," which harm the common good of both

immigrant and native citizen by facilitating the grave sins of violent crime, human trafficking and drug trafficking.

- exploits immigrants for cheap labor, which degrades their dignity and depresses the wages of native citizens.
- implies that immigrants, whether legal or illegal, have no responsibility to serve the needs of their host country or obey its laws.

As faithful Catholics and responsible citizens, we are duty-bound to pray for unity and to advocate for just immigration laws that prioritize the common good and protect the human dignity of each person. You are encouraged to contact your elected officials and urge them to uphold our nation's laws without compromising our Catholic principles.

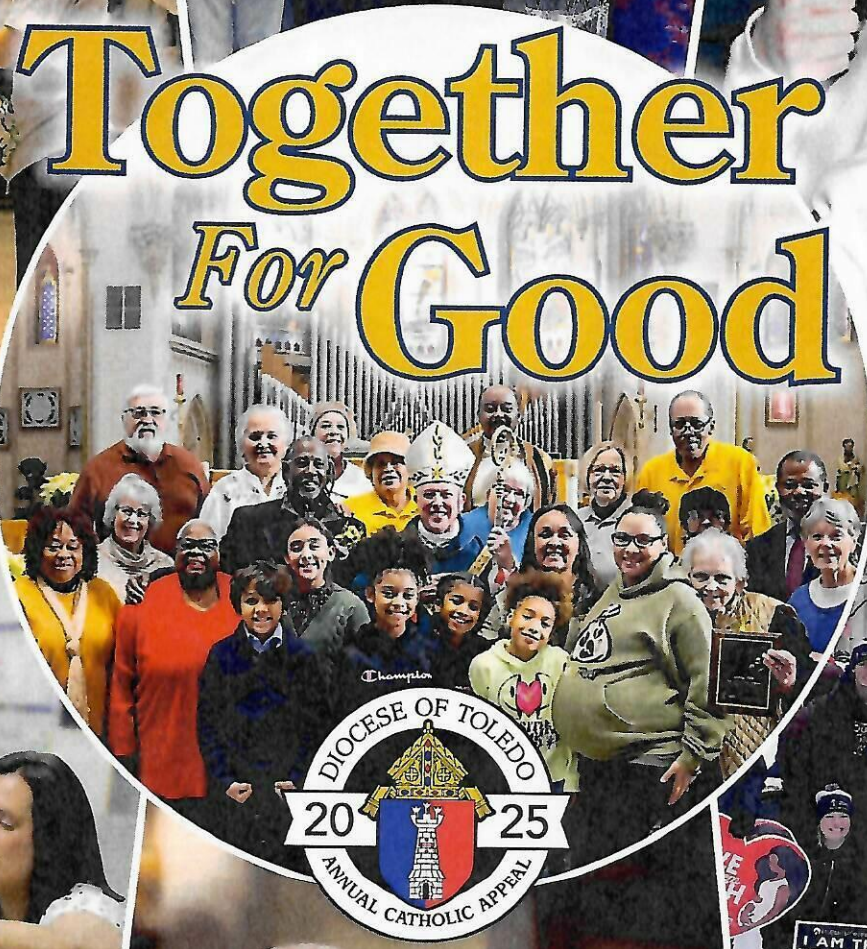
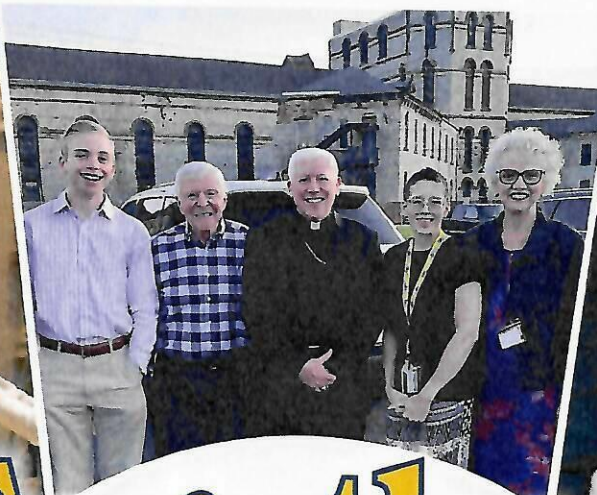
Christ founded the Church, his Mystical Body, to be "the pillar and foundation of truth" (1 Timothy 3:15) amidst a chaotic and sinful world. We stand firmly upon this pillar, trusting our Lord to enlighten our minds, direct our hearts, and lead us to the fullness of truth. Only in this balanced pursuit of truth, enabled by God's grace, can we hope to defend the common good and the human dignity of all peoples, both immigrant and native citizen.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
February 3, 2025

Further Reading:

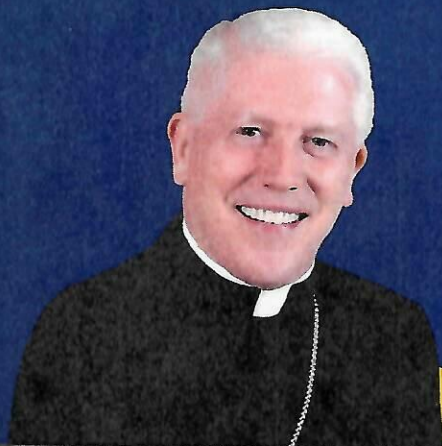
- Statement of Archbishop Broglio on Executive Orders Signed by the President
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/statement-archbishop-broglio-executive-orders-signed-president>
- "Human Dignity is Not Dependent on a Person's Citizenship or Immigration Status"
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/human-dignity-not-dependent-persons-citizenship-or-immigration-status>
- USCCB – Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples
<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/catholic-teaching-on-immigration-and-the-movement-of-peoples>



*"We know
that all things
work for good for
those who love
God, who are
called according
to his purpose."
- Romans 8:28*



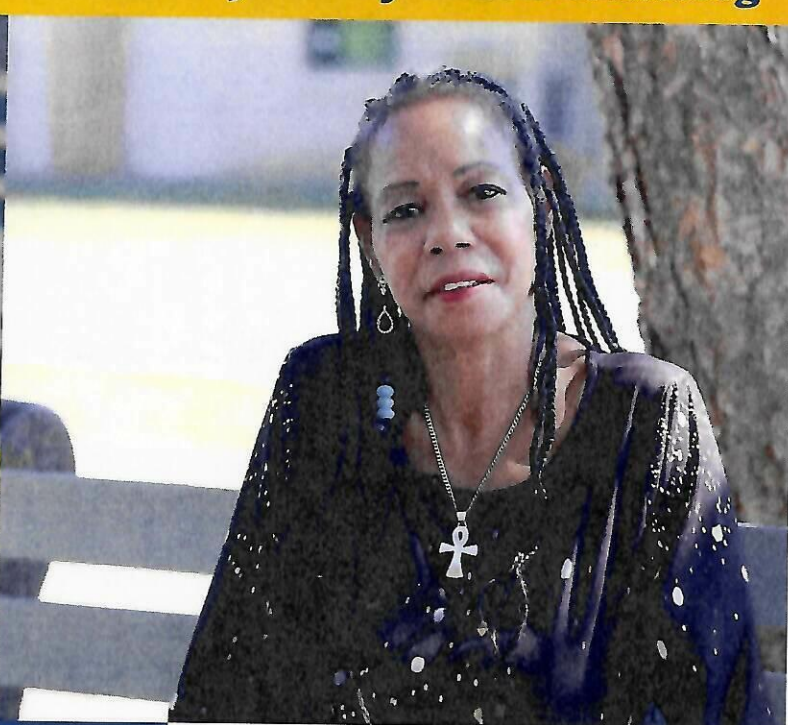
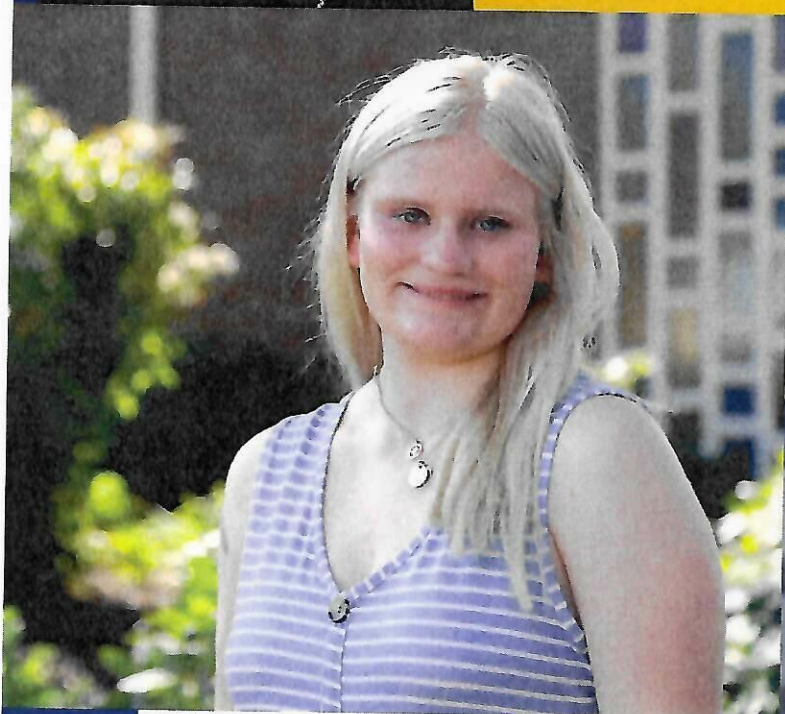
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"We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."

– Romans 8:28

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Strengthening Students in Faith

As Catholics we are universally called **"Together For Good."** I am reminded of this every day when I engage with my fellow students at the Newman Center. Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal are allowing me to grow in my faith as I pursue my education.

– Evelyn Smits
*Saint Thomas More Parish,
 Bowling Green
 Newman Center Student*

Caring for the Most Vulnerable

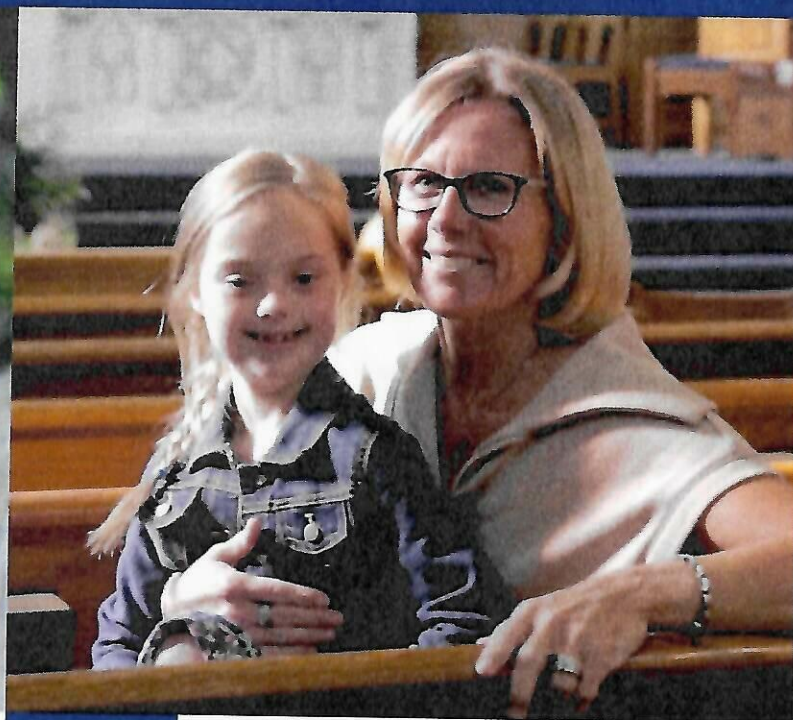
The support from the Annual Catholic Appeal helped me get back on my feet. It's more than just financial help; **it's a lifeline.** My new lease on life was made possible because of those who heeded the call to join **"Together For Good."**

– Essie Crump
*Recipient of Catholic Charities
 Services*

for good for those who love
according to his purpose.”

1s 8:28

Together For Good



Serving Those Who Serve Us

Because the Annual Catholic Appeal helps defray the cost of my seminary education, I am afforded the ability to answer **God's call** to the priesthood. As I have discerned my vocation, I have been deeply grateful to all of you who so generously give of your treasure, so that I may one day provide the gifts of the sacraments to the faithful of our diocese.

– **Deacon Travis Kahle**
Seminarian

Enhancing Faith Formation

My daughter with special needs has flourished thanks to the Annual Catholic Appeal. It's amazing to see her **faith grow** each day. Annie was provided the tools and lessons suited to her learning needs so that she can encounter Jesus.

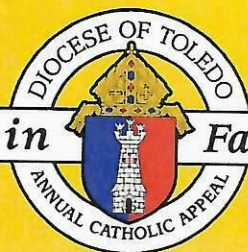
– **Maggie Viertlbeck**
Saint Joseph Parish, Maumee Parishioner

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There are several ways to support the Church beyond writing a check or using a credit card. Any of the below are **smart ways to make gifts** that may work better for you and ensure the **good works of the Church** for a **brighter future!**

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Euchre Tournament

February 23rd.

**** Please sign up by Feb. 16th.****

\$20.00 per team

Doors open at 12:30pm

Play begins at 1:00pm

50/50 drawings, food and drinks for sale

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Contact Kelsey Keller to register @ 419-565-1241

Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart PTO !



Love our Library Reading Program

Feb. 1 - 28

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<https://marvinlibrary.org/programs/>

Prizes awarded March 1st.

Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*.

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in October of 2021. The next on-site audit will be conducted in September of 2024.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**Please help find the owners of
these items left in the choir loft
by March 1st.**

Thank you!

