



SSS Grapevine

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Catholic Schools Week at Saint Paschal Baylon



Every Catholic Schools Week across the country interesting events celebrate the beauty of our formation in these hallmark schools. Saint Paschal Baylon, Highland Heights, celebrated with a few extra events, including Vocation Days. On Monday, January 26, the "Sunday school" or PSR students were able to hear a panel representing the vocations that serve God: marriage, religious priest (*our very own Fr Louis Demba Ndione SSS top row, second from the left*), sisters - with three Sisters of Notre Dame, a Norbertine priest and son of the parish, Fr Alan Benander OPRAEM, seminarian and single vocation with Maria Trivisano (*bottom, second from the right*).



Our 8th graders keep the tradition of signing a special song of blessing and gratitude for their education and love of God.



During the day school, another panel (*similar vocations and folks*) shared their stories (*with a different seminarian and single person*).



8th Graders in the day school learn the history of the French pilgrimage, spirituality, sites, and our holy founder, Saint Peter Julian Eymard. Father Lane shares the stories of the recent Eymard Pilgrimage (November 2024). They want to know about the food, the fun, and the best places to be in France. They take copious notes, hoping that their parents or grandparents might take them on an upcoming pilgrimage.



Before the Mass, Bishop Woost, the Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, talked with the first graders before we began the Mass. They asked about his “dress code,” as one first-grader said. Later, after the Mass, when he shared his vocation story and the story of his other two brothers, who are priests of the Diocese of Cleveland, our students asked brilliant questions that made the bishop think because he had never been asked many of the questions before.



Bishop Woost received a question from one of our students about his call and vocation as a child and his current position as bishop. “What do bishops do?”



The wonderful custom of former teachers and Principal Emerita Carol Jansky returning for Catholic Schools Week's special Mass of honor continued.

Province Associates Quarterly Meeting

Fifty participants participated in the first 2025 Quarterly meeting of the Associates of the Blessed Sacrament in the USA. Members from across the continent joined to hear, reflect on, and discuss two key topics: the Jubilee Year of Hope and the recent Pilgrimage of Saint Peter Julian Eymard in France.

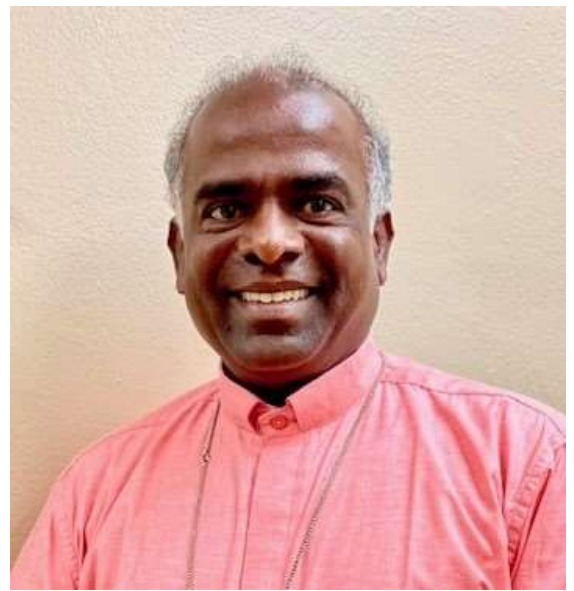


Gloria Jung, Holiday, Florida Associates leader, gave the history, background, and theology of the Jubilee Logo. With over 300 submissions, our focus on the award-winning design was revealed in May 2024. This logo has rich meaning and guides us on our journey.



Gloria Jung – Holiday Florida

Novice Director for the Province of Saint Ann and Pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Houston, Texas, Father Paul Gnanasekar SSS (*known as Father Sekar*), gave the biblical, theological, and historical aspects of a Jubilee Year. Tracing the origins in the Hebrew Bible through the Jewish



Father Gnanasekar Paulraj SSS

faith and then in our own Christian tradition from the year 1300, Father Sekar outlines the importance of this time of grace, mercy, and hope. We are to always walk through the Holy Doors and be open to the new possibilities of forgiveness and grace that “pilgrims of hope” readily share.



November 2024 Eymard Pilgrimage Group

Provincial Father John Thomas Lane SSS and pastor of Saint Paschal Baylon, Highland Heights, Ohio, shared highlight photos of the November 2024 pilgrimage “in the footsteps

of Saint Peter Julian Eymard.” Through the 65-slide presentation, he reviewed the pilgrimage of hope that led the folks from across the country, “Eymard pilgrims,” to (re)discover the life of our holy founder, especially in the light of his 214 anniversaries of his nativity and baptism this week. There were many exciting memories and photos to share with hopes that others would plan for a future Eymard Pilgrimage in October 2026 or 2027, depending on interest. Please let Father Lane know of your desire to participate in a future pilgrimage.

Stay close to the *Grapevine* for the announcement of our next Associates Quarterly Meeting and a special topic to unite Associates in the life of the province.

Father Superior General and General Consultor to make their Canonical Visit to the USA



Father Philip Benzy Romician SSS



Fr Francisco Junior Marquez SSS

This August, Father General Philip Benzy Romician SSS (*India – also known as Father Benzy*) and General Consultor Father Francisco Junior Marquez SSS (*Brazil – also known as Father Francisco Junior*) will be making a special “canonical visit” to the Province of Saint Ann during the jubilee year. This formal process is when the General Superior meets the province: its council, the local ordinary (*bishop*), each religious (*when possible*), the associates, ministry sites, and the consultative bodies that serve with the SSS (*our pastoral staff and pastoral councils*). Here is the schedule, which coincides with a few province jubilee events, and these highlights:

- August 3: Arrive at the Provincialate, Highland Heights, Ohio
- August 4–8: Province Assembly retreat director, Highland Heights, Ohio
- August 9–12: Parish Picnic, Annual SSS Cemetery Mass, visit with our three communities in Northeast Ohio, and parish life
- August 13–14: Visit our seminary, Catholic Theological Union (CTU), Chicago, Illinois
- August 14–16: Saint Mary Church, Menasha, Wisconsin, 125th Anniversary Celebration
- August 16–18: Corpus Christi Parish, Houston, Texas
- August 19–21: Saint Joseph Parish, San Antonio, Texas
- August 22–26: Holiday, Tampa, and Orlando, Florida
- August 27–29: Saint Jean Baptiste, New York, New York
- August 30: Farewell and departure