

CACINA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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MISSION

We are an inclusive Catholic community committed to living out the Gospel message of Jesus and offering sacramental justice to all regardless of gender identity, marital status, or sexual orientation, and we are committed to fighting for social justice to end racial disparities.

CORE VALUES

CACINA believes each person is beloved and created in the image of God, without exception.

CACINA places high value upon gender equality, diversity of peoples, and inclusion of all in the ministries of the church.

CACINA believes the Gospel calls for a commitment to social justice and action to serve the poor.

CACINA is a welcoming Church preaching the Gospel of LOVE of both neighbor and ourselves.

CACINA respects Catholic tradition in liturgy and spirituality, we worship in community with Eucharist as our centering prayer and other communal devotions while encouraging the spiritual growth and commitment to the Body of Christ.

CACINA believes in shared governance among laity and clergy in our discernment and in our leadership.

VISION

Our Vision is to be invitational and to create a welcoming, active, engaged community of Christ's disciples, where all of our parishes and missions welcome everyone to worship and serve. It is the Lord Jesus calling to us, "Come follow me".

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CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Where are You, GOD?

As morning breaks I look to You My Creator: too soon though I become aware that I have awakened another day in the claws of this worldwide pandemic; another day in which the number of deaths continue to soar; another day in which testing is lacking in consistency, accuracy, reliability and accessibility for all. At the same time schools are being pressured to OPEN putting children, teens, young adults and staff at great risk of contracting as well as spreading the virus.

It has been six months of continuous fear, depression, confusion, anxiety, physical distancing etc, to which it seems there is no end in sight! We are in need of your amazing grace, compassion and wisdom. In all of this strife WHERE ARE YOU? You are present somehow because You said, “I Am With you ALWAYS.” But, really, where are YOU?

“Even now, in the smile of the transport worker wheeling a patient to ICU; in the skill of the respiratory therapist; with the EMTs as they apply CPR; with housekeeping as each patient room is sanitized in record time; with the compassionate nurse as she sits with her dying patient; in the voice of the neighbor you have yet to meet who is on the phone inquiring as to your needs this day, etc. – LOOK for ME! LISTEN for my voice! You will find me everywhere and especially where pain and sorrow exist.”

I hear you: “What are YOU doing, my child, for your sisters and your brothers?”

Mary Desantis





NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS

Presiding Bishop Tony Santore appointed a workgroup of representatives from each diocese to craft a mission/values/vision statement for CACINA after soliciting input from all parishes in CACINA. The statement was affirmed by vote on September 23rd.

Bishop Santore recently led a meeting of all CACINA clergy via Zoom. It was a wonderful opportunity for clergy to bond and share about their various ministries.

The 2020 General Assembly was held via Zoom. It was a successful meeting in spite of our inability to gather in person due to Coronavirus risks.

The CACINA Blog has been reactivated and is receiving a lot of readership. Statistics show many people have been reading the blog over the last several months. <https://cacina.wordpress.com/>

The College of Bishops is proud of all of the efforts from clergy and lay people to increase the visibility of CACINA through various online platforms.

Fr. Victor Ray was recently appointed to lead ecumenism on behalf of CACINA. If you have ideas that relate to ecumenism, please reach out to Fr. Ray at victorray49@gmail.com

Bishop Ron Stephens has been working with Mthr. Monica Kennedy and Fr. Victor Desantis in revision of the curriculum for the St. Charles Institute. We thank God for sending us Mike Ellis, who will be ordained a deacon on October 3rd, and Gary Ferris who will be in the St. Charles Institute. Welcome!

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The House of Delegates Met on August 19, 2020. On November 1st - All Souls Day – a collection for the Cemetery Fund will be received. The following is from Bishop Frank explaining the fund:

The CACINA Cemetery Fund was originally established by Bishop Francisco Betancourt, FCR, and Father Dante Tarantini, FCR, for burial cost and grave marker for members of the clergy in financial need. Bishop Frank and Father Dante have personally taken care of the burial of Father Fedrick Schmidt, Father John Azzali and his husband. They have also purchased a grave for two other members of the clergy for use at a later date.

The HOD, at the GA of 2018, adopted this project and agreed to purchase three grave markers. Bishop Frank will handle those arrangements. A special collection will be received each year on All Souls Day to fund this project.

Click this link to make a donation online:
<https://catholic-apostolic-church-in-north-america-cacina.square.site/>

Thank you to the following who worked on the CACINA Mission/Values/Vision Team:

Diocese - San Damiano

Fr. Victor Ray, St. Theresa of Calcutta Parish
 Cindy Giddens, St. Theresa of Calcutta Parish

Diocese - Little Portion

Mary Desantis, St. John of God Parish
 Fr. Vic Desantis, St. John of God Parish

Diocese - Holy Trinity

Deacon Gil Booker, St. Andrews Parish
 Charlie Ernst, St. Charles of Brazil Parish

Who We Are AROUND CACINA

Our Lady Undoer of Knots

Founded in 2019 by Fr. Al Risdorfer, Our Lady Undoer of Knots is located in Pikesville, MD.

The parish community gathers for Sunday Mass at 6pm which is live-streamed on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/undoerofknotsparish/>. The beautiful worship space is provided by St. Mark's on the Hill Episcopal Church.

The parish's mission statement is "To help establish Christ's kingdom by providing a home for those who are lost." The mission is powerfully embodied in Fr. Al's vision of the congregation as a welcoming community for Christians who have experienced invalidation, marginalization, and exclusion in their faith communities.

At Our Lady, the gospel is good news for everybody!

Please visit this wonderful faith community on their website at <http://our-lady-undoer-of-knots.org/> and consider attending Mass when you're in the neighborhood!



The Lord's Prayer

St. Theresa's Parish Minneapolis Minnesota

St Theresa's Parish is a mission in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A lot has been going on around St Theresa's. First of all, like everyone, Covid hit us hard and we are now learning to do ministry in a different way.

We have made ourselves available to the Pride Institute, a drug and alcohol recovery center for pastoral care.

We are also working with an organization that helps families of color violated by the police.

When Covid is over, we look forward to working to reopen our parish using a recovery model for worship. We plan to continue our ministry with Pride.



Ways to practice being a Christian

Justice and Health

CACINA is a proud member of the
National Council of Churches

<https://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/about-us/>

and the World Council of Churches

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en>

We are also a member of Churches Uniting
in Christ

<https://churchesunitinginchrist.org/>

To find CACINA College of Bishops
Pastoral Statements on Racism and
Coronavirus go to this link

<http://www.cacina.org/index.php/news>

The Southern Poverty Law Center

www.splcenter.org

CACINA Praying and Sharing Zoom
Group

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm ET

Click this link to join:

<https://zoom.us/j/94588058594?pwd=VzlMcHRPc01iNlNsRXZ0WmhGK2lWQT09>

CACINA Rosary Group
Every Sunday at 7:30pm ET

Click this link to join:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqduqvrDIuHN0oezn-nj-hna8VMXUIryBw>

Vocations

St Charles of Brazil Institute

The St. Charles of Brazil Institute is an educational project whose principal purpose is the academic training of women and men for effective sacramental and pastoral service in the ordained ministry of The Catholic Apostolic Church in North America.

In the ecclesial tradition of “reading for holy orders”, the Institute utilizes a distance learning format in its educational style, and administers a curriculum that consists of twelve core courses covering studies in scripture, dogmatic theology, sacramental theology, moral theology, pastoral theology, liturgy, and the history and canons of CACINA. Courses are taught by instructors drawn from CACINA clergy, with regular input from designated mentors serving as “outside readers” who provide additional review of submitted assignments. All coursework is evaluated through a grading system.

Although The Institute exists principally to address the educational needs of aspiring ministry professionals who may have had little or no exposure to formal theological inquiry, it also functions as a board of review to evaluate the academic credentials of aspirants who already hold one or more degrees in a theological discipline, with a view towards addressing any deficiencies in core areas through the assignment of an amended course of study.