



# The MESSAGE

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## Bishop Siegel names Eric Girten diocesan Vice-Chancellor



ERIC GIRTEN

By THE MESSAGE STAFF

After an extensive search process, Bishop Joseph M. Siegel has appointed Eric Girten, Director of the Office of Marriage, Family and Life for the Diocese of Evansville, as Vice-Chancellor. Eric will assume his duties April 22, and a national search will begin immediately for a new Director of the Office of Marriage, Family and Life.

Bishop Siegel said, "For the past 6.5 years, Eric has done excellent work in the Family and Life Office and is very knowledgeable of our Diocese. I am confident that as Vice-Chancellor, he will provide the knowledge and expertise to assist our parishes, schools and

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## Deacon Promises professed at Holy Cross Parish in Fort Branch

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel and Diocese of Evansville candidates for holy Orders, in the photo at right, pose for a photo after they professed their Deacon Promises April 9 at Holy Cross Parish in Fort Branch. Shown in the photo are seminarians Nick Biever, left, Clint Johnson, Bishop Siegel, seminarians Keith Hart and Aaron Herrenbruck. The seminarians will be ordained transitional deacons by Bishop Siegel April 20 at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville. Look for another photo from the April 9 Deacon Promises on page 5.



At left, Diocese of Evansville candidates for holy Orders, Aaron Herrenbruck, far left, Keith Hart, Clint Johnson and Nick Biever make a Profession of Faith and an Oath of Fidelity in the presence of Bishop Joseph M. Siegel April 9 at Holy Cross Parish in Fort Branch.

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## Diocese holds second annual Deo Gratias Society celebration

By MEGAN ERBACHER  
The Message editor

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel welcomed more than 175 members of the Diocese of Evansville Deo Gratias Society for Mass and a celebration April 14 at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville.

The second annual event began  
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Megan Erbacher

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel celebrates Mass April 14 at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville for more than 175 members of the Diocese of Evansville Deo Gratias Society.



## Total solar eclipse fun



The Evansville area experienced a total solar eclipse April 8. All the schools in the Diocese of Evansville were closed April 8 to allow students and their families the opportunity to view the total solar eclipse. Some schools were closed for the day, while some schools utilized a virtual learning day.

Several parishes and schools shared photos of their total solar eclipse viewing parties from across the diocese. *The Message* will publish additional photos of eclipse viewing from across the Diocese of Evansville on page 2 and in upcoming weekly editions.

We thank parishes and schools across our diocese for sharing these memories with *The Message!*

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Knights of Columbus Council 1131 members "saw a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" when they decided to offer a total solar eclipse viewing party from the parking lot of St. Joseph School and Parish in Princeton. They offered parking spots for a fee, and several people joined the fun. Pictured are K of C Council 1131 members Mark Tuley, left, project chairman; Mark Russell, co-chair; Jim Elliott and John Pflug. They plan to donate proceeds to a local charity.