

Catholic Charities awarded grant for Neighbor to Neighbor expansion



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Catholic Charities of Evansville was one of 27 organizations to receive grant funding from the Welborn Baptist Foundation. The grant will go towards the expansion of the Neighbor to Neighbor program.

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Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Evansville was one of 27 community organizations to receive a grant from the Welborn Baptist Foundation.

Welborn awarded \$2.87 million in grant partnerships across 27 grants to community organizations participating in the Foundation's 2025 Christ-Centered Communities grant cycle. Formally presented at a celebration luncheon June 17, the grants will support programs and initiatives through 2026 focused on place-based approach-

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'I became empty so that I could be filled'

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On Saturday, May 31, sixteen pilgrims departed St. Celestine Church to walk 17 miles to St. Mary of the Visitation in Huntingburg. The following day, those same pilgrims walked another 17 miles to reach St. Meinrad. Inspired by his walking pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago in August 2023, Deacon Mike Seibert organized and led the pilgrims in celebration of the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope.'

When I agreed to this pilgrimage, I think I agreed to it more in theory than in actuality. I did not really consider what it would be like to walk 34 miles in two days. Honestly, that's probably for the best, because had I stopped to con-

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A group of pilgrims walk during the walking pilgrimage to two pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee.

Savio holds annual pilgrimage

Savio held its annual pilgrimage to the tomb of Bishop Simon Bruté June 27. This is the sixth year of the pilgrimage, which is held around the date of his death, which is June 26. In the *first photo at top*, pilgrims gather around a statue of Servant of God Bishop Simon Bruté in the museum of the Old Cathedral in Vincennes. In the *bottom right photo*,

Father Clint Johnson distributes Holy Communion at a Mass in the crypt of the Old Cathedral Basilica in Vincennes near the tomb of Bishop Simon Bruté. In the *bottom left photo*, Diocese of Evansville Seminarian Eli Steckler looks over the shoulder of Julian Swartzentruber from Our Lady of Hope Parish in Washington as they visit the library of Bishop Simon Bruté in Vincennes. After the visit in Vincennes, Diocese of Evansville Director of Vocations Father Tyler Tenbarge led the group from Vincennes to Evansville to Swonder Ice Rink to celebrate the anniversary of the death of the first bishop of Vincennes.



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