



## Special supplement inside: Catholic Ministries Appeal



To learn more about how the Catholic Ministries Appeal serves more than 70,000 Catholics across the Diocese of Evansville, look for a special supplement on the appeal, which begins on page 9.

## Rotary Club of Evansville honors Father Tenbarge with 20 Under 40 distinction

By JOHN ROHLF  
The Message assistant editor

Diocesan Director of Vocations Father Tyler Tenbarge was recently honored as one of the Rotary Club of Evansville's 2025 20 Under 40 recipients.

Father Tenbarge is one of 20 individuals who were recognized in the Evansville community who are younger than 40 years old and have exhibited leadership qualities and characteristics in their various roles throughout the community.

Father Tenbarge, 37, said he is proud that a non-religious body decided to welcome a religious person "to the table." The Rotary Club of Evansville selected a wide range of folks from the greater community this year, most of whom are in business, healthcare or education, Father Tenbarge said.

"That someone who is attempting to represent Christ and the Church in daily work was also

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The Message file photo

**Father Tyler Tenbarge, diocesan director of vocations, raises the Monstrance during Holy Hour prior to the Memorial Mass for Pope Francis April 28 at Sacred Heart Church in Evansville.**



## Build Hope with Us

Special to The Message

Especially during this Jubilee Year of 2025, we are all called to be Pilgrims of Hope, a hope rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ. As a concrete way of fulfilling this Jubilee imperative, the Diocese of Evansville is participating in a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Evansville to build a home for a family in need. This initiative offers a meaning-

ful and tangible way for our whole local Church, our Diocesan offices and parishes together, to fulfill the Lord's commission to serve those in need by providing safe, affordable housing for a struggling family.

The future homeowner for the Diocesan Jubilee Build is Mi'Kyla and her young daughter. Their home will be built in the 1500 block of Florence Street in a neighborhood with several other Habitat houses.

An official groundbreaking for their home is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9.

We are so grateful to all of the parishes and institutions that have responded so far with pledges of sweat equity and monetary contributions towards our \$100,000 goal. Our diocesan contribution of \$50,000, plus the parishes and schools that have partnered with us thus far, brings us to \$67,000. With future partnerships, we will reach our goal for the build.

In addition to financial support, all are invited to join the diocesan office staff in a pledge of "sweat equity" toward the build. Consider organizing a parish service day — maybe make it a friendly competition with a neighboring parish to see who can donate more sweat equity hours!

As you know, providing shelter for those who are without proper housing is a corporal

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## Encounter Hope: Building Christ-centered families

Diocese of Evansville prepares for Jubilee Year gatherings focused on families

Encounter + Deepen + Engage

Becoming One with CHRIST

### Encounter HOPE

A Jubilee Year Event  
Building Christ-Centered Families

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> | 8 am - 4 pm (CST)  
Opening Mass with Bishop Siegel | St. Benedict Cathedral  
Adult Conference Following Mass | Reitz Memorial HS Auditorium

Featured Speakers

Bobby & Jackie Angel | Mark Hart | Fr. Alex Zenthofer

Ticket \$50  
Limited Seating available.  
Scan for more information.  
Or visit [evdio.org/encounter](http://evdio.org/encounter)

Diocese of Evansville  
Celebrating the Jubilee Year

Friday Night Bilingual HOLY HOUR  
December 5<sup>th</sup> | 6-7 pm (CST)  
St. Benedict Cathedral. No Ticket Required.

Featuring Tony Melendez

Encuentro + Profundizar + Involucrarse

Haciéndonos Uno Con Cristo

### Encuentro de ESPERANZA

Evento para el año Jubilar  
Construyendo una Familia en Cristo

Sábado 06 de Diciembre | 8 am - 4 pm (Centro)  
Catedral de San Benito  
1328 Lincoln Ave., Evansville, IN 47714

Misa Con el Obispo Siegel  
Y Conferencia para Adultos  
Tony Melendez

Boletos \$30  
Escanear para más información  
o visita [evdio.org/encuentro](http://evdio.org/encuentro)

Hora Santa Bilingüe  
Con Tony Melendez

Viernes 05 de Diciembre  
6-7 pm (Centro)  
Catedral de San Benito  
No requiere boleto.

Diocese of Evansville  
Celebrando el Año Jubilar

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*Editor's note: For an article in Spanish, please see inside on page 15.*

On Dec. 6, the Diocese of Evansville is excited to invite you to Encounter Hope/ Encuentro de Esperanza, two diocesan-wide gatherings dedicated to building Christ-centered families and set as a capstone of our diocesan observance of the

Jubilee Year of Hope. With one gathering in English and one in Spanish, the events will focus on building strong, Christ-centered families whose members reflect the Gospel message and strive to live as missionary disciples in the world.

The need to strengthen our families has never been more urgent. Venerable Sister Lúcia of Fatima once wrote, "The final battle between Christ and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family." These words, echoed often by

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