



## Legatus names Father Tenbarge 2025 Chaplain of the Year

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Legatus recently recognized Father Tyler Tenbarge as the 2025 National Chaplain of the Year.

Father Tenbarge, who serves the Diocese of Evansville as director of vocations, chaplain and director of the Father Deydier House of Discernment in Evansville and director of the diocesan propaedeutic program, is also the chaplain to the Evansville Chapter of Legatus.

"I was honored and humbled to receive the chaplain award," Father Tenbarge said. "This recognition belongs not just to me, but to the faithful men and women of our Legatus chapter whose love for Christ and His church inspires me to serve them. It has been a privilege to serve alongside people who strive to bring their faith into their families, workplaces and our community."

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel said he is grateful to Father Tenbarge for the time and energy he has dedicated as chaplain of the Evansville chapter in the early years of its formation and growth. It is great to see that his efforts and accomplishments have been recognized by the leadership of Legatus, Bishop Siegel said.

Dean Happe, Diocese of Evansville Chancellor and COO, said this honor is a fitting recognition for Father Tenbarge.

"Father Tyler's selection as Legatus National Chaplain of the Year is a fitting recognition of his faithful priesthood, authentic witness and dedication to helping others grow closer to Christ," Happe said. "The Diocese of Evansville and our local Legatus chapter are blessed by his leadership and proud to see his service recognized on the national level."

According to the press release from Legatus announcing the award, Father Tenbarge has become a spiritual anchor for Legatus members and their families. The release states that through the celebration of Mass, time spent in Eucharistic adoration, the sacrament of Reconciliation and thoughtful spiritual guidance, he has helped cultivate a culture where faith is not simply discussed, but actively lived.

"Legatus chapter meetings are designed to nourish the spiritual lives of Catholic executives, and Father Tenbarge has embraced this mission wholeheartedly," the release states. "His presence encour-



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Father Tyler Tenbarge, middle, is recognized at the 2026 Legatus Summit as the 2025 Chaplain of the Year.

ages members to integrate their Catholic faith into every aspect of their lives — within their families, businesses and communities."

The National Chaplain of the Year award celebrates priests whose leadership strengthens the mis-

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## 6 things to know about the Sacred Heart devotion

By OSV NEWS

(OSV NEWS) — The U.S. bishops consecrated the United States to Jesus' Sacred Heart June 11 during their spring meeting in Orlando, Florida. Here are six things to know about devotion to the Sacred Heart.

**1.** The devotion has ancient roots. When the Roman soldier struck the crucified Jesus with his sword, blood and water flowed from his side. That

blood and water have long been understood to symbolize an outpouring of God's grace. Over the centuries, saints and theologians produced writings reflecting on the Sacred Heart, but it remained a personal devotion.

**2.** The devotion spread due to the visions of a young French nun. Beginning in 1673, Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque of the Visitation order at Paray-le-Monial, France, experienced a series of visions of Jesus over the span of 18 months. In those visions, Jesus displayed his Sacred Heart as a symbol of his love, and he told her to work to universalize devotion to his heart. These visions are the basis for the First Friday devotions and the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus we have today. The image of the Sacred Heart as a wounded heart afire, encircled by a crown of thorns and surmounted by a cross, also

came from those revelations. St. Margaret Mary was canonized in 1920.

**3.** The devotion is rooted in prayer, liturgy and acts of reparation. St. Margaret Mary said Jesus told her that, despite loving mankind so much that he gave his life for them, he was being treated with irreverence, coldness and ingratitude. He wanted the world to recognize the love he continually poured out for them, symbolized by his Sacred Heart, and for mankind to make amends for their ingratitude. Jesus urged St. Margaret Mary to begin a personal devotion to his divine heart by receiving Holy Communion every first Friday and spending an hour in prayer the night before, both focused on seeking his pardon and making prayerful reparations for mankind's desertion of his love.

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A painting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is seen during Palm Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Prescott, Ariz., April 13, 2025.



### Happy Anniversary, Bishop Siegel!

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel celebrates the 38th anniversary of his priestly ordination June 4. Bishop Siegel celebrated Mass, and then he enjoyed lunch with many members of the diocesan staff. Happy 38th anniversary, Bishop Siegel! See more photos on page 5.

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