



## Rev. Jack Durchholz dies July 14

Rev. Jack J. Durchholz, 69, senior priest of the Diocese of Evansville, died July 14. He was born July 11, 1957, in Evansville, Indiana, to the late Martin and Mildred (Folz) Durchholz.



FATHER JACK DURCHHOLZ

He was ordained a priest March 18, 1995, at Good Shepherd Parish in Evansville by Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger. He served the Diocese of Evansville in many ways over the years, most recently as pastor of St. Clement Parish in Boonville, before retiring from active ministry in February.

Visitation will be from 1-6 p.m. CDT Sunday, July 19, with a Vigil Service at 5:30 p.m., at Good Shepherd Parish, 2301 N. Stockwell Rd, Evansville, IN 47715. Visitation will continue at 9 a.m. Monday, July 20, at Good Shepherd.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph M. Siegel and concelebrated by priests of the Diocese of Evansville at 10 a.m. CDT Monday, July 20, at Good Shepherd. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Evansville.

Look for full coverage of Father Durchholz's Mass of Christian Burial in a future issue of *The Message*. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

## Freyberger to begin, Stefanich to continue studies in Rome

By JOHN ROHLF  
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Diocese of Evansville seminarian Nick Freyberger is preparing to head to Rome for studies at the Pontifical North American College, where he will join fellow seminarian Dylan Stefanich, who has studied there the past two years.



NICK FREYBERGER



DYLAN STEFANICH

### Freyberger: Foundation set in deep trust 'prepared me the most for the upcoming move'

Later this month, seminarian Nick Freyberger will arrive in Rome to begin his studies at the Pontifical North American College. He will study in Rome after spending the past two years at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. He also spent his propaedeutic year of seminary formation in Evansville.

A son of St. Joseph Parish in Jasper, Freyberger said as early as his propaedeutic year, Father Tyler Tenbarger, diocesan Director of Vocations, presented going to Rome as a potential option. He said with the diocese wanting to ideally have two men at each seminary and Father Tyler Underhill coming back to the diocese as a diocesan priest, part of it was practical of wanting to have another seminarian in Rome.

During Bishop Siegel's visit to Kenrick-Glennon this past fall, he asked Freyberger what he was thinking for semi-

nary for next year. At that point, it was hard to think about the challenges of going to Rome, Freyberger said.

"The Lord was kind of bringing these things up of really the things I was going to struggle with," Freyberger said. "And I think in particular, my niece was just born last September. And then my nephew was born the March before that. So just looking at being away from family and especially being away from the niece and nephew and missing out on some elements of their young life and being close to them, was just really struggling with maybe the sacrifice of having to step away from that."

Freyberger said on the same day as Bishop Siegel's fall 2025 visit to Kenrick-Glennon, the gospel that day was "he who does not hate father or mother or sister or brother for my sake cannot be my disciple."

"I remember that kind of piercing my heart in that moment," Freyberger said. "But at the same time, kind of a great peace coming over as the bishop reading the gospel but then the homily afterwards and feeling him

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## Vatican confirms excommunication of SSPX bishops, declares schism

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One day after the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) consecrated four bishops without the permission of Pope Leo XIV, the Vatican issued a decree declaring the excommunication of all bishops involved in the ceremony and stating that the group is in schism.

Published on July 2 by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the decree specified that the consecrating bishops, Bishops Alfonso de Galarreta and Bernard Fellay, as well as the four bishops consecrated, Bishops Pascal Schreiber, Michael Goldade, Michel Poinsinet de Sivry and Marc Hanappier, have incurred excommunication "latae sententiae" for performing the consecra-

tions. These excommunications, according to canon law, can only be removed by the pope.

The decree also warned Catholic clergy and lay faithful not to adhere to the SSPX's "schism," under penalty of automatic excommunication.

The dicastery, in an explanatory note, lamented that doctrinal discussions between the

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## Sisters of Providence elect new leadership

Special to The Message

The Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, gathered at the Woods from June 28-July 7 for their 41st General Chapter meeting. The meeting culminated in the election of the Congregation's leadership team for the next five years.

Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp was named General Superior. Sister Lisa Stallings was selected as vicar. Sister Anne Therese Falkenstein, Sister

Tracey Horan and Sister Norene Wu were elected as general officers.

Sister Jeanne is a native of Indianapolis. Prior to being elected General Superior, she most recently ministered as the Congregation's vicar/general treasurer and as General Councilor in the previous term.

Sister Jeanne entered the Congregation on Aug. 23, 1975. She professed perpe-

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Members of the 2026-2031 Sisters of Providence new leadership team include Sister Norene Wu, front row from left, Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp, Sister Anne Therese Falkenstein, back row from left, Sister Lisa Stallings and Sister Tracey Horan.