

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

Parish Priest: Fr. Maurice Okolie

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Mondays, Weekends & Stat Holidays – offices are closed. Please contact office to schedule an appointment.



August 2026 – Monthly Newsletter

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS TIMES:

Weekdays	Rosary, 7:30 AM Mass: 8:00 AM
Wednesdays	Rosary, 4:30 PM Mass: 5:00 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena to follow Mass
Saturdays	Rosary, 8:30 AM Mass: 9:00 AM, & 5:00 PM (Vigil, for Sunday)
Sundays	Rosary, 8:30 AM Mass: 9AM, 11 AM, & 5:00 PM
First Friday's	Benediction/Adoration 3:00 PM, Mass 4:00 PM

**Monday of long weekends & Stat. Holidays: Rosary @ 8:30 AM, Mass @ 9:00 AM*

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 10:00–11:00 AM, & 3:45–4:45 PM

If you are unable to attend confession during these times, please call office or an appointment:
250-762-3910

MASSES AT CARE HOMES

Village at Mill Creek – 1st Tuesday of the month @ 9:45 am
Summerwood Retirement Resort – 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am
Cottonwoods – 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 10:30 am
The Dorchester – Last Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 am

WHAT DO CATHOLICS ACTUALLY BELIEVE?

Not sure what Catholics believe—or know someone who has questions? Come and discover what the Catholic faith teaches through our RCIA Program!

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey for adults who are not baptized and would like to learn more about becoming Catholic. It is also open to those who are missing one or more sacraments, such as Confirmation.

Together, we will learn about the Catholic faith, pray, ask questions, and grow in our understanding. The journey includes videos, prayer, and special rites celebrated at Mass.

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Classes are Wednesdays from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in ICC Hall, beginning in September.

Start date to be announced. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, please see Fr Maurice or contact Leanne (RCIA coordinator) at 250-762-3910 ext. 4 or leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the Month of August:

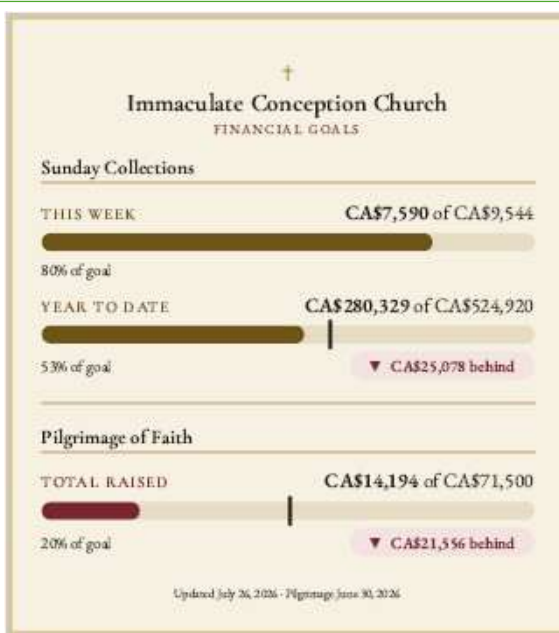
For evangelization in the city.

"Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community."

KELOWNA AND AREA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick/pastoral emergencies or for end-of-life blessings (Last Rites) please call 250-878-1502 (24/7).

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be received more than once!!



30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION BISHOP GREGORY J. BITTMAN

Join us in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of the Most Reverend Gregory J. Bittman, Bishop of Nelson.

Monday, August 17, 2026 | Immaculate Conception Church,
Kelowna Mass at 5:00 pm | Dinner at 6:30 pm (Parish Hall)

Tickets are selling fast. \$20/person. Purchase online via the QR code to the right, or visit the parish office for assistance, or pick up hard copy tickets at Loaves & Fishes



ENTER INTO SILENCE



NOTIFICATIONS



ALARMS

Please silence notifications and alarms before Mass.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED:

Linda Kirkpatrick	Juliana Lavell
Chaz	Cyslin Isaacs
Neil Herzog	Maritess Steiman
Chloe	Rhonda Jennens
Loreta Batandolo	Roy Velmonte
Jason & Mary Angela Newcomb	Justina Mikosa
Ken & Lynda Antao	Mildred Reyes
Filomena Rotundo	Kathe Gonzaga Carpena
Ashton Therrien	Michelle Miller
Bishop Gregory Bittman	Victor Kovac
Irene Heisler	Phillip Dos Santos
Lawson	Marlene Hughes
Teresa Kovacs	Dorota Nowak
Elizabeth Downey	Chinee Fajardo
Maggie Johnstone	Rosario
Samuel Jovez	Luisito & Crispin Clemente
Rick Prost	Nancy Brisson
Sheila Lowe	Ginoefa Diakow
Teresa McGauley	Rick Lock
Chiamaka Aghaizu	Mertis Filiatrault
Josephine Bruch	Sister Barbara
Diane Lynott	Candace Gilmore-Stephensen
Hazel Csordas	Anne Engel
Rihnon Coatsworth	Rachel Donegan.
Helen Zentner	Catherine Fortunat
Theresa Kaller	Michael M
Kathleen Mayhew	Trudy Szulkies
Jesse Wilson	Cherie Lynn Walsh
Bambina Tinto	Suzanne Crowe
Anne Mould	Alicia L
Rose Harry	Arthur & Gudrun Cobham
Adam Gorges	Marcus Cresswell
Joyce Tremmel	Ray Pauluk
Sandra Park	Desjardines Families
Loretta Bouchard	Helena Plaxton
Braulio Gonzales	

To add or remove a name from the parish prayer list, kindly contact the Parish Office at 250-762-3910 or email icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

MASS INTENTIONS Repose – R. Intention – I.

Sat.	01-Aug	9:00 AM	R.	Armerinda Russo
		5:00 PM		Michele & Jessica Turanec
Sun.	02-Aug	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM	R.	Nina Bruni
Mon.	03-Aug	9:00 AM	I.	Ben McMillan
Tues.	04-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Grant & Theresa Fuergutz
Wed.	05-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Elliot Perrault
		5:00 PM	I.	Bill Nicholls
Thurs.	06-Aug	8:00 PM	I.	Mary Angela Newcomb
Fri.	07-Aug	8:00 AM	R.	Frank Kozar
		4:00 PM	I.	Knights of Columbus
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Sat.	08-Aug	9:00 AM	I.	Diane Beamish
		5:00 PM	I.	Paulet Issacs
Sun.	09-Aug	9:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		11:00 AM		All Parishioners Intentions
		5:00 PM		Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mon.	10-Aug	8:00 AM	R.	Kay Marshall
Tues.	11-Aug	8:00 AM	R.	Peter Huang
Wed.	12-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Emely Pasqualotto
		5:00 PM	I.	Fr. Maurice Okolie
Thurs.	13-Aug	8:00 PM	I.	Theresa Fuergutz
Fri.	14-Aug	8:00 AM	I.	Jacqueline McMillan



Knights of Columbus Corner



Join the Knights for **Breakfast** August 2nd after the 9am and 12pm Masses. Proceeds for this month's breakfast will go to Post Secondary Education Bursaries.

Calling all men 18 and over to join the Pandosy KofC Council
FREE 1-YEAR ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP

You can enjoy the benefits of being a Knights of Columbus Member, including Accidental Death Benefit and the famous Columbia Magazine. Go to: www.kofc.org/joinus
Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

After joining, please check your INBOX for confirmation.
Contact pandosy2558@gmail.com

St. Vincent's Corner:



We are often asked "when is enough?" We reflect on the words of scripture in Matthew 25: 35 to 40, and then reflect on how can we assist with changing the situation rather than just refusing further assistance. This may be arranging with other agencies or contacting family, or contacting our members of parliament, etc. Through your generosity enough can always be more.

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Thank you for your prayers and support.
May our every action be an action for justice

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icc.ssvp@gmail.com Thank you again for your generosity.



Catholic Women's League

OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Renew your membership or become a new member - Perks include:
Monthly social gatherings, lots of prayers, quarterly newsletter, friendship, community + more!

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Ladies 16 and older are eligible for full memberships. Kids of all ages are always welcome with their mother/guardian & are encouraged to participate!

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CWL on Summer break – Will resume Sept. 8, 2026
General Meeting Sept. 15, 2026 at 6:30pm.

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Questions/e-transfer info? Contact Monaco Parker:
250-300-7773/cmparkerfamily@gmail.com

Help us improve the Diocese of Nelson Website by taking a **quick survey**:



You may also access it here: <https://forms.gle/eeA8SkbEytACLcPQ8>

Your feedback is much appreciated!

This survey is distributed and monitored by the Diocese of Nelson

STEWARDSHIP FOR ICC

WAYS TO DONATE:

- **e-Transfer:** etransfer.icc@nelsondiocese.org
In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection, or a Special Collection.
- Regular offerings/collection envelopes.
- Pre-Authorized giving (PAG).
- Mail your Offerings
- QR Code.

Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, to arrange for weekly ICC Offerings Envelopes, or for PAG information,
250-762-3910 | icc.kelowna@nelsondiocese.org

Our parish has a Formed subscription!
Sign-up information is in the church entrance!



To find this week's featured content, visit
<https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>
or scan the QR Code to download the Formed app to your phone or device!

FORMED

WEEK OF AUGUST 2ND, 2026

- ✚ The Transfiguration | Sacred Art
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1666625/>
- ✚ The Cure of Ars: St. John Vianney
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3919003/>
- ✚ St. Alphonsus Ligouri | Catholic Saints
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2819441/>



ANNUAL FR. McGIVNEY MASS & DINNER

AUGUST 13, 2026

MASS 5:30PM - DINNER TO FOLLOW
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

COME JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
AS THEY CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THEIR
FOUNDER AND PRAY FOR PAST KNIGHTS.

DINNER TICKETS:

BEFORE AUGUST 6TH \$15.00

AFTER AUGUST 6TH \$25.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
LOAVES & FISHES



Diocese of Nelson Perpetual Adoration Chapel

839 Sutherland Avenue

We give thanks to the many faithful who have kept our Perpetual Adoration Chapel thriving for 27 years. Watch this space—exciting updates are in the works.

Email: adorationkelowna@gmail.com

Contact: Luke Mitton - Text/Telephone: 778-214-0680

Catholic Mountain Star Fall Edition We are now accepting submissions for the Fall CMS. The Fall 2026 CMS will feature Weddings and Anniversaries. The deadline for submissions is the 30th of September. catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org

Leave a Legacy of Faith

Have you considered leaving a gift to Immaculate Conception Parish in your Will? It's a meaningful way to help our faith community flourish for generations to come. Your gift can support a ministry close to your heart or be directed wherever the parish's needs are greatest.

To learn more, with no obligation, please contact the parish office. A member of the Finance Committee would be pleased to speak with you confidentially.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart... for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

For News and Announcements from the Diocese of Nelson visit:
<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/news>

To find the readings of the day go to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://www.cccb.ca/>



KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY

**Saturday, August 29th
Noon - 2 pm**

**WALK
FOR**
Life

**Mission Creek
Regional Park
2363 Springfield Road**



**kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com
250 870-4103**

prolifekelowna.ca

A Heartfelt Thank You

Our sincere thanks go to the many parishioners who generously gave their time, strength, and willingness to serve by helping move our new office furniture. Your generosity and teamwork are a beautiful reflection of the spirit of our parish community.

With grateful appreciation to: Maurice & Isabel Matte, James Kitella, Tony Cortens, Tony Ibrahim, John Goncalves, Grant Fuergutz, and everyone else who contributed.

We are also deeply grateful for the opportunity to acquire quality office furniture from a local office that was downsizing and moving. Through their generosity, the furniture was made available to Immaculate Conception Church at a very minimal cost, almost as a gift.

We were further blessed by an anonymous donation that generously covered the entire cost of the furniture. We are sincerely grateful to everyone whose kindness and generosity made this possible.

As we complete the setup of our new office, we look forward to offering expanded office hours and providing an even more welcoming, efficient, and accessible place to serve our parishioners and all who visit Immaculate Conception Church. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. May God bless you for your generosity and faithful service.

Ukrainian Family Seeking Rental Home

A hardworking family from Ukraine, parents to seven children (no pets), is searching for a 5-bedroom home to rent in the Kelowna area. In Ukraine they owned a home, farm, and business, and they come highly recommended as reliable, respectful renters. If you know of a home for rent or can help in any way, please contact Inna Makovei at 250-826-6318 or Vasyl Makovei at 250-808-4927. Your help would be deeply appreciated.



Join Bishop Gregory and the Father Pandosy
Mission Committee on
Friday, August 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm
at Father Pandosy Mission

Come and explore your faith history starting with an hour of
adoration.

Join us in retracing the footsteps of Father Pandosy who brought
our Catholic faith to the Okanagan.

Come for a guided tour and an hour of adoration
followed by trivia, prizes, snacks and more!

August 14, 2026

5:00 pm

3685 Benvoulin Rd,
Kelowna, BC V1W 4M7

This is an outdoor event.
Please bring lawn chairs and
umbrellas for shade.



Gathering in the Spirit 2026



Seton House Registrants

Tuesday evening through until Saturday night
including meals from Wednesday to Saturday

Cost: Nelson Diocese \$547

Non-Nelson Diocese \$647

(Extra night is available to those who require a
Saturday night stay \$90.00)

(There is limited subsidy from the Pilgrimage of Faith for
those in the Nelson Diocese, please contact Alexa Dolor
250-448-2725 for details).

Commuters

The cost for commuters
\$308.00

Contact for info & registration
ndccrs2020@gmail.com

Gathering Starts/Finishes

September 16, Wednesday morning
at 8:00 a.m.

Finishes on September 19,
Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

September 16-19

Seton House of Prayer, Kelowna, B.C.

Guest Speaker: John Connelly

*"Draw Near to My Sanctuary—Abundant
Life and True Love Await"*

Contact for info & registration
ndccrs2020@gmail.com

Hosted by the Charismatic Renewal

Rise Up 2026

by

Catholic Christian Outreach
(CCO)

Rise Up is Canada's national Catholic conference
for young adults. Hundreds of students and young
professionals (ages 18 to 35) meet for worship,
talks, Mass, and life-changing encounters with
Jesus from Dec 29 to Jan 1 at a selected location in
Canada.

Rise Up 2026 will be held in Vancouver from Dec
29, 2026 to Jan 1, 2027. Young adults in Nelson
Diocese are encouraged to attend. Planning is
ongoing for young adults interested in attending.

For more information and registration, scan the
QR code or visit the link below.



<https://forms.gle/H7uRLe1vw0dxEUZ9>

Come Join Us At

Immaculate Conception Church

For The Harvest Festival

Music - Food - Family Fun Activities
and Harvest Bazaar

All proceeds raised go toward the
future Palliative Care Facility

Saturday September 26, 2026

10-3pm

839 Sutherland Ave.

Kelowna

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, all funds raised will be transferred to the Delta Hospice Society.





THE ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS

a lay order of men and women within the Catholic Church, who live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the charism of St. Francis and Clare of Assisi, gather monthly for prayer, faith formation and fellowship.

*You are invited to **Come and See!***

The Little Flowers of St Francis Fraternity gathers on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm at *Our lady of Lourdes Parish in West Kelowna.*

For more information, please contact
Maria: (778) 214-2705



SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES (OCDS)

Come and See!!

The members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, under the protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in the biblical tradition of the prophet Elijah and inspired by the teachings of St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross, seek to deepen their Christian commitment received in baptism.

For more information call Loretta at
250-448-5633
or Doug at 613-363-8246

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office FIRST when enquiring about your child's baptism. At least one Parent and all Godparents must have received all sacraments of initiation (Baptism Eucharist and Confirmation), and be actively practicing Catholics. We ask that you call or email the office **at least 6 WEEKS prior** to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation.

Sacrament of Marriage

As a Catholic, the most important part of preparing for the sacrament of marriage is asking Jesus to be at the center of the marriage. In preparation of this special sacrament we ask that you contact the office at least 6 months prior to your requested wedding date.

Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, running from **January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027**. As part of this Jubilee, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Revelstoke has been designated a pilgrimage site. All parishioners are warmly invited to visit and take part in this grace-filled year.

A plenary indulgence may be obtained during the Jubilee – for oneself or for a departed soul – by those who participate devoutly and fulfill the usual conditions:

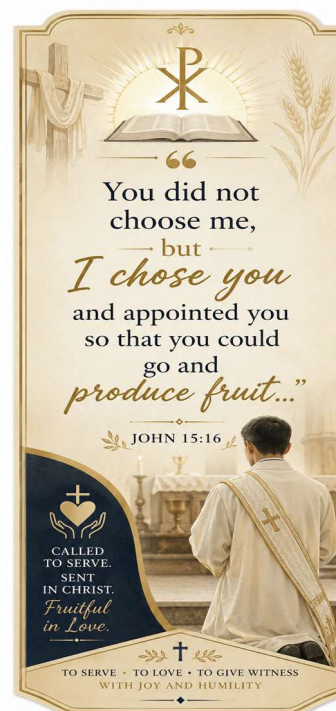
- **Sacramental Confession** – to be in a state of grace (within eight days before or after)
- **Mass and Eucharistic Communion**
- **A pilgrimage** to any Franciscan church or a church dedicated to St. Francis, where one renews the profession of faith by reciting the Creed
- **The Lord's Prayer**, reaffirming our dignity as children of God through Baptism
- **Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father**, affirming our unity with the Church and the Pope

Young Adult Franciscan Festival of Tents

A weekend of faith, fun, and nature for young adults (18–39): Mass, reconciliation, talks, faith discussions, and games. Sept 4 (7 PM) to Sept 6 (1 PM) at Our Lady of Victory Camp, Lacombe County, AB. Cost \$125 (food and accommodation included; bunk beds or bring your own tent). To register, e-transfer the fee to ofskolbe@gmail.com. Info: maritzachouza@gmail.com.

PARISH/MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS CONTACT INFORMATION (AREA 250 UNLESS INDICATED)

Parish Priest.....	Fr. Maurice Okolie.....	762–3910
Permanent Deacon	Dcn. Rod Attwell	rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org
Parish Secretary	Andrea Mitton.....	762–3910 ext 0
Parish Fax.....		763–7450
Maintenance.....	Douglas Rasmussen.....	762–3910 ext 0
RCIA.....	Leanne Hopegood	762–3910 ext 4
		leanne.icckelowna@gmail.com
Youth / Religious Ed.	David Ziebart	762–3910 ext 3
		david.icckelowna@gmail.com
CWL	Monaco Parker.....	300–7773
CWL Hospitality Chairperson	Monaco Parker.....	cmparkerfamily@gmail.com
Charismatic Prayer Grp	Piera.....	215–7100
Clubhouse Daycare		860–4393
Creighton Model Fertility Care.....		469–2541
Diocese of Nelson Admin Office.....		448–2725
Hospital Chaplaincy		878–1502
IRHS- High School	Robert Plaxton, Principal...	762–2730
Kelowna Right to Life	Marlon Bartram.....	870–4103
Knights of Columbus.....	Tony Ibrahim.....	pandosy2558@gmail.com
Loaves & Fishes		868-8933
Militia Immaculatae.....	Eileen Collins	575–3553
Music Ministry call Parish Office ..		762–3910
Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre.		763–2112
Rachel's Vineyard		762–2273
		rvokanagan@gmail.com
Reach Out Youth Counselling		763–7892
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Meg.....	826–5562
		icc.ssvp@gmail.com
St. Joseph Elementary	Maddy Pedrette, Principal ..	763–3371
Seton House of Prayer		764–4333



[Jeffrey Loma Transitional Diaconate Ordination Mass Live Stream Link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uv45yQ3p4) or <https://youtube.com/live/Ubv45y-Q3p4?feature=share>

Brother Jeffrey Loma (Bro. Jeff), 36, is a seminarian intern of the Diocese of Nelson. He completed his philosophical and theological formation in the Philippines, earning his Philosophy Studies, Ecclesiastical Degree in Theology, and a Master of Arts in Theology. Specializing in finance in the field of business, he holds a Bachelor in Business Administration, Master in Business Administration, and a candidate for Doctor of Business Administration.

He is the third of four children and his family resides in Canada. He arrived in Canada in July 2024 and soon began his internship formation in the Diocese of Nelson. Since then, he has gained a wide range of pastoral experiences through his assignments in various parishes across the diocese including Cranbrook (East Kootenay – prior to his acceptance to the Diocese), Trail (West Kootenay), Penticton (South Okanagan), and currently Kelowna (North Okanagan).

Prior to entering the Nelson Diocese internship formation, Bro. Jeff worked for five years as a university educator in the Philippines, teaching Business Administration and Theology, where he shared knowledge of faith, doctrine, and moral teachings. He also gained experience working in the banking sector early in his career. Although he found fulfillment in teaching and academic research, he gradually recognized a deeper calling in his life. Sensing a longing that professional success could not satisfy, he discerned God's invitation to serve more fully in a personal and pastoral capacity. This led him to leave his academic career and pursue his vocation to the diocesan priesthood.

One of the most transformative moments in his life came during his early years in seminary formation in the Philippines when he unexpectedly lost his voice due to a rare neurological vocal chords disorder known as spasmodic dysphonia. For someone preparing for the priesthood — a vocation centered on preaching, teaching, and pastoral communication — the experience became a painful and deeply challenging journey. For 4 or 5 years, he struggled not only with physical limitations, but also with uncertainty, discouragement, and the emotional weight of losing the ability to speak. Despite these trials, he continued to hold on to his faith, trusting in God's purpose even during moments of silence and suffering.

Through God's providential care, perseverance, prayer, medical treatment, and the support of family, friends, and mentors, Bro. Jeff miraculously regained his voice. More importantly, the experience transformed his understanding of suffering, compassion, and faith. His journey became a testimony of hope and resilience that has inspired many people facing their own personal struggles and hardships. Today, he often shares his story as an encouragement to others, reminding them that even in moments when life seems uncertain or broken, God continues to work through suffering and can bring healing, purpose, and renewed strength.

In his personal time, Bro. Jeff enjoys reading books, learning new things, painting, gardening, biking, walking, and exercising. He has a particular interest in creating ritual prayers, retreats, and guided meditations, as well as in planning and organizing activities and events.