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SUNDAY HYMNS

(Easter Sunday)

Our Lady of Walsingham Cathedral

The Spacious Firmament on High (1712)
Joseph Addison (1672-1719)

The Strife is O'er (1861)
Francis Pott (1832-1909)

At the Lamb's High Feast (1849)
Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport

Hail Thee, Festival Day (6th C.)
Venatius Fortunatus (c. 530-c. 600)

The Day of Resurrection (1862)
Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain (1859)
Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (1708)
Tr. John Walsh (1750-1825)

St. Thomas More, Scranton

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He is Risen, He is Risen! (1846)
Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895)

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Francis Pott (1832-1909)

St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington

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At the Lamb's High Feast (1849)
Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (1866)
W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

St. Thomas More, Toronto

Ye Sons and Daughters of the King (1851)
Tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

The Sinless One to Jordan Came (1982)
G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

Our Lady and St. John, Louisville

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (1708)
Tr. John Walsh (1750-1825)

He is Risen, He is Risen! (1846)
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St. Alban's, Rochester

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Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (1739)
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Octave Day of Easter

This week's newsletter includes news from around the Ordinariate, including liturgical notes on the Octave by Dr. Clint Brand, Bishop Lopes' Easter Message, some news on Corpus Christi's new academy, excerpts from Lancelot Andrewes and George Herbert, and more. Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

Would you consider writing a Parish Profile? Is there a ministry, good work, or event you'd like others to know about? Would you help excerpt passages? Email ordinariateneewsletter@outlook.com to tell us more. Thank you to all the contributors this week!

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BISHOP LOPES' EASTER MESSAGE

Bishop Stephen J. Lopes is the Bishop of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

Each year the Church celebrates a solemn Vigil of Easter. It's our most sacred night. After preparing the fire in the Pascal candle, we entered the darkened church, and are caught by surprise: the Lord is risen and dispels the darkness of sin and death. These are dramatic moments throughout the Easter Vigil, because we proclaim a dramatic truth: Jesus Christ is truly risen from the grave. There's a particular striking line in the Easter proclamation that begins the Solemn Vigil. It says, "Oh happy fault, oh necessary sin of Adam, that won for us so great a Redeemer". It's odd to speak of sin in this way, especially original sin, that introduced a complete rupture in our relationship with God. How can it be happy? But here's the heart of the Easter mystery: the overwhelming truth that God desires to share the communion of the blessing Trinity with us. Our sin, even the primal disobedience of the First Sin, does not outstrip God's desire to share His life with the men and women He created in His own image and likeness. Our sin does not cause God to abandon us, but it gives rise to His plan of grace and salvation. The whole Easter Vigil, in its prayers, in its biblical readings, in the rituals and images recalls God's plan for our salvation, from creation to the covenant, from the burning bush to the Red Sea. In all of it, the Father is preparing us for the fullness of his life and love in his only begotten Son. In the mighty sweep of this salvation history, there are numberless ways our sin jeopardizes the plan of God's grace and love. But his wisdom and grace always triumph. As we celebrate Easter this year, think of your own history with God. Let yourself be caught up in the depth of His love for you, and the depth of His desire to be in communion with you. At Easter, Christ our life is risen and he invites us to rise with him to new and abundant life, so desired by our Heavenly Father. Happy Easter.



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If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above

Lancelot Andrewes, *Sermons of the Resurrection*, pg. 309.

...The common sort look to Easter-day no farther than Easter-day fare, and Easter-day apparel; and other use they have none of it. The true Christian enquireth farther, what is the agendum of the feast, what is the proper acts of Easter-day? The Church has hers, and we have ours. Nothing more proper to a Christian than to keep time with Christ, to rise with Him this day, Who this day did rise. That so it may be Easter-day with us as it was with Him; the same that was the day of His, be also the day of our rising.

Thus then it lieth. Christ is risen, and if Christ, then we. If we so be, then we 'seek;' and that we cannot, unless we 'set our minds.' To 'set our minds' then. On what? On things above. Which above? Not 'on earth,' so is the text, but 'where Christ is.' And why there? Because, where He is, there are the things we seek for, and here cannot find. There 'He is sitting;' - so at rest. And 'at the right hand;' - so in glory. 'God's right hand;' - and so for ever. These we seek, rest in eternal glory. These Christ hath found, and so shall we, if we make this our *agendum*; begin this day to 'set our minds' to search after them.

Because it is to the Colossians, the colossus or capital point of all is, to rise with Christ, that is the main point. And if you would do a right Easter day's work, do that. It is the way to entitle us to the true holding of the feast. That so we may, these two opera Paschalia are commended to us. 'Things above,' 1. to make them our search, 2. to fix our minds on them...

But all this while we are wide. For where is all this? Here upon earth. All our 'above' is above one another here, and is ambitious above, and farther it mounted not. But this not the Apostle's, not the 'above' or 'the right hand' he meaneth. No: not Christ's right hand upon earth, but that right hand He sits at Himself in Heaven. The Apostle saw clearly we would err this error: therefore, to take away as he goes all mistaking, he explains his 'above' two ways. 2. Privative: *non quæ supra terram*, hear you, 'not upon earth;' His 'above' is not here upon earth. This is where not 2. Then positive: to clear it from all doubt where, he points us to the place itself, 'above,' there 'above,' where Christ is, that is, 'not on earth.' Earth is the place whence He is risen. The Angels tell us *non est hic*: seek Him not here now, but in the place whither He is gone, there seek Him in Heaven. Heaven is a great circle. Where in Heaven? In the chiefest place, there where God sits, and Christ at His right hand.

So that upon the matter, the fault he finds, the fault of our 'above' is, it is not above enough, it is too low, it is not so high as it should be. It should be higher, above the hills; higher yet, above the clouds; higher yet, higher than our eye can carry, above the Heavens. There now, we are right.

And indeed the very frame of our bodies, as the heathen poet well observed, giveth thither upward: *calumque tueri jussit*, and bids us look thither. And that way should our souls make; it came from thence, and thither should it draw again, and we do but bow and crook our souls, and make them curvæ in terris animæ, against their nature, when we hang yokes on them, and set them to seek nothing but here below.

And if nature would have us no moles, grace would have us eagles, to mount 'where the body is.' And the Apostle goeth about to breed in us a holy ambition, telling us we are 'born for high matters' than any here; therefore not to be so base minded as to admire them, but to seek after things above. For contrary to the philosopher's sentence, *Quæ supra nos nihil ad nos*, 'Things above they concern us not,' he reverses that; yes, and we so to hold, *ea maxime ad nos*, 'they chiefly concern us.'

Come to the last now. And why this place above? I shall tell you. For there is Christ, and Him we seek to-day if it be Easter-day with us; and if we seek where He is, He is above certainly...

---Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626), Bishop of Winchester, oversaw the translation of the KJV and is known for his sermons.

Easter Wings

Lord, who createdst man in wealth and store,
Though foolishly he lost the same,
Decaying more and more,
Till he became
Most poore:
With thee
O let me rise
As larks, harmoniously,
And sing this day thy victories:
Then shall the fall further the flight in me.
My tender age in sorrow did beginne
And still with sicknesses and shame.
Thou didst so punish sinne,
That I became
Most thinne.
With thee
Let me combine,
And feel thy victorie:
For, if I imp my wing on thine,
Affliction shall advance the flight in me.

Easter

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.
Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or, since all musick is but three parts vied
And multiplied,
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.
I got me flowers to straw thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.
The Sunne arising in the East,
Though he give light, & th' East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.
Can there be any day but this,
Though many sunnes to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we misse:
There is but one, and that one ever.
--George Herbert (1593-1633) was an Anglican priest, musician, and trilingual poet.

AROUND THE ORDINARIATE

- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— First Communion will be celebrated in 2 weeks at the 9:30 and 11:15 Masses, both followed by receptions
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— The Shrine Shop will be open, 10-2 today
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— The *Chorus Angelorum* Gala will be held on Friday, April 30th at 6:30 PM
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Catholic Kids Camp has been scheduled for July 26-30 2021
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— The 6th Annual Converging Roads Medical Ethics Conference will be held Apr. 17 in Houston
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— Sunday, A 9:45 AM, Adult Catechesis, Mr. Eric Domuret “Communism and the Medieval Theater”
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— A 9 week Bible Study for women who have had abortions will begin Monday. See Bulletin for more.
- *OLW Cathedral, Houston TX*— The Holy House Academy Choir will sing Evensong on April 21 at 5 PM

- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— Adult choir rehearsal remains Wed. 7 PM, Youth will follow Sun. 10:30 Mass starting in 2 weeks
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— 9 children received first holy communion today. Congratulations!
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— Bishop Lopes will confirm 62 youths Saturday at a 4 PM Solemn High Mass, reception following
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— Bishop Lopes will celebrate a Solemn High Mass next Sunday at 1 PM, reception following
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— The prayer group meets on Zoom 7:30 PM Thursdays, Men’s Examen group 10:30 AM
- *St. Mary the Virgin, Arlington TX*— Adoration is offered on Fridays, 1-5 PM

- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*— Please return all Lent Boxes for St. Peter’s Kitchen as soon as possible
- *St. Alban, Rochester NY*— Four new parishioners were received at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations!

- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is now running Wed. and Fri. 9:45-11:45 AM
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— Msgr. Perkins, the Vicar general, visited today from Houston to announce St. John’s new pastor and celebrate Fr. Ousley’s career at the parish
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— The Wednesday Bible Study resumes this week on its study of St. Luke’s Gospel
- *St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport PA*— The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday and Saturday, 10-3

- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— Potluck luncheon today following the 10:15 AM Mass. A Divine Mercy Holy Hour follows at 3 PM
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— The Mass this Wednesday will be a TLM
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— The Young Adults Group meets Apr. 15 at 7 PM
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— A Theology of the Body course for youth will be offered, with information after Mass next Sun.
- *Incarnation, Orlando FL*— A Rummage Sale will be held Apr. 24, with drop-offs available Apr. 20-23

- *OLSJ, Louisville KY*— The Fundraiser Easter Vestments have been delayed
- *OLSJ, Louisville KY*— God & Geek is meeting Tuesdays at 7 PM, and the Online Bible Study Mondays at 10 AM (both online)
- *OLSJ, Louisville KY*— The Fri. 5:30 Mass will be a Sung Requiem Mass for HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

- *St. Aelred’s, Athens GA*— Ladies Reading Group meets Tuesdays, 6 PM, now reading “Mrs. Frisby & the Rats of NIMH”
- *St. Aelred’s, Athens GA*— Volunteers sought: ushers, sacristans, helpers to green the Church, and cooking
- *St. Aelred’s, Athens GA*— On May 2nd, Fr. Tipton will give a presentation on the community’s progress to Quasi-parish status
- *St. Aelred’s, Athens GA*— The St. Thomas More Academy is seeking Fall enrollment, open House Apr. 19 at 6 PM
- *St. Aelred’s, Athens GA*— A poll is currently being taken for the viability of a second Mass, said on Sundays at 8:30 AM

- *St. Thomas More, Scranton PA*— Maria Kaupas Academy returns to school tomorrow from break
- *St. Thomas More, Scranton PA*— Today, for Divine Mercy Sunday, 2-5 PM will be held adoration, confession, the rosary, the reading of St. Faustina’s story, praying of the Chaplet and veneration of the image, concluding with Evening Prayer
- *St. Thomas More, Scranton PA*— Daily Office 8 AM and 4:30 PM, Wednesday Evensong cantored, 1st Friday by Academy choir

- *St. John the Evangelist, Calgary AL*— The 6 PM Mass on Friday will be a requiem Mass for HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

- *St. Thomas More, Toronto ON*— STM choir will sing Mass on Easter, Whitsunday, and Jun. 27th, the Patronal Festival

- *St. Luke, Washington DC*— The Church is currently under renovation, with a temporary sanctuary well arranged in the school

Some Easter Liturgical Notes

St. John the Baptist in Bridgeport kept a processional station at the Baptismal Font, while St. Thomas More kept a station before the altar. Some communities like OLSJ, who cannot celebrate the Vigil, were able to coordinate confirmations and first communions into the community's Mass on Easter Day. Especially notable is the practice of our Cathedral where, for 20 years, some parishioners have fasted from food from Holy Thursday until the Easter Vigil, breaking fast at the community's "St. Lawrence Barbeque" held after the service. Frustrated with the lack of open restaurants after the end of the Vigil, parishioners had organized a community barbeque to celebrate the end of the Fast and beginning of Easter, a beautiful example of the community encouraging the growth of spiritual practices during Holy Week. Happy Easter!



Homily for Easter Day

The Stencil Library

While they are remodeling their church, St. Luke's in DC has been celebrating Mass in a school auditorium. As the shut-down turned this into a months-long problem, they have taken some creative steps to beautifying their temporary setup. [The Stencil Library](#) is an online store with a wide selection of sacred and secular designs available in different formats. The community was able to find a good combination of options to beautify their makeshift sanctuary. Given that many communities meet in these sort of circumstances regularly (St. Thomas Becket, St. John Vianney, and St. John Fisher, to name a few), this may be a helpful resource to consult especially for other Ordinariate communities.



Sunday, April 11

Morning

Diocese of Anagni-Alatri, Italy
Syrian Catholic Patriarchate of Antioch, Lebanon
Diocese of Quilmes, Argentina
Diocese of San Juan de los Lagos, Jalisco, México

Monday, April 12

Diocese of Jabalpur, India
Archdiocese of Manizales, Colombia
Diocese of Marsabit, Kenya
Diocese of Pueblo, Colorado, USA
Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese of Teheran, Iran

Tuesday, April 13

Diocese of David, Panama
Diocese of Escuintla, Guatemala
Diocese of Nevers, France
Archdiocese of Osaka, Japan
Diocese of Tenancingo, México, México

Wednesday, April 14

Diocese of Belley-Ars, France
Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota, USA
Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Palestine
Diocese of Khulna, Bangladesh
Archdiocese of Pouso Alegre, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Thursday, April 15

Diocese of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Diocese of Novo Hamburgo, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
Diocese of Pagadian, Philippines
Mission Sui Iuris of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
Diocese of Tehuantepec, Oaxaca, México

Friday, April 16

Diocese of Albacete, Spain
Diocese of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea
Archdiocese of Kupang, Indonesia
Italo-Albanese Catholic Territorial Abbey of St. Maria di Grottaferrata, Italy
Diocese of Valle de Chalco, México, México

Saturday, April 17

Diocese of Acerra, Italy
Military Ordinariate of Australia
Archdiocese of Gorizia, Italy
Diocese of Netzahualcóyotl, México, México
Diocese of Vijayawada, India

Evening

Diocese of Armenia, Colombia
Archdiocese of Nanchang, China
Archdiocese of Santa Fe de Antioquia, Colombia
Diocese of Yendi, Ghana

Diocese of Cần Thơ, Viet Nam
Diocese of Magangué, Colombia
Diocese of Ogoja, Nigeria
Archdiocese of Palembang, Indonesia

Eritrean Catholic Archeparchy of Asmara, Eritrea
Diocese of Barra, Bahia, Brazil
Diocese of Saitama, Japan
Apostolic Prefecture of Western Sahara

Archdiocese of Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Archdiocese of Santiago de Cuba
Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Shamshabad, India
Archdiocese of Vaduz, Liechtenstein

Diocese of Beauvais, France
Diocese of Chosica, Peru
Diocese of Esteli, Nicaragua
Diocese of San Jose, Philippines

Diocese of Huarí, Peru
Diocese of Masbate, Philippines
Diocese of San Pablo, Philippines
Diocese of Shimoga, India

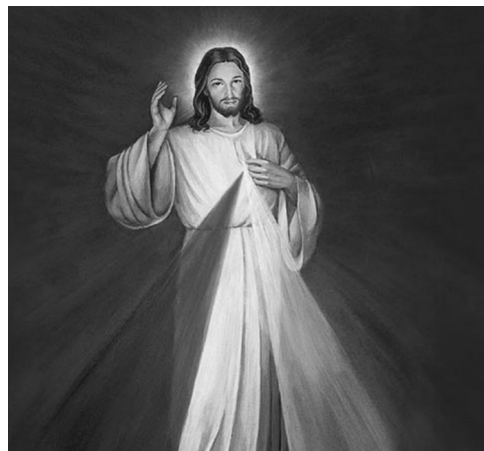
Diocese of Hsinchu, Taiwan
Diocese of Pescia, Italy
Diocese of San José del Guaviare, Colombia
Diocese of Santa Rosa de Copán, Honduras

Divine Mercy Sunday

In our time we rejoice to call this day “Divine Mercy Sunday,” as Pope John Paul II officially designated the Sunday of the Easter Octave in honor of the revelation of the Divine Mercy to St. Faustina Kowalska in the early decades of the twentieth century. In the Hour of Mercy, St. Faustina learned, the risen Lord draws all believers to reach out with faith to His Sacred Heart as the pierced fountain of the Waters of Regeneration and the Blood of Redemption. These healing streams flow through Mary’s Immaculate Heart, as well, and this day we ought to remember her old English title “Mother of Mercy,” so beloved of St. Richard of Chichester.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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LESSONS FOR THE WEEK (2020-2021 ORDO) (purchase [here](#))

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (White) (Octave Day of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday)

Apr. 11: MP Pss: 146-147 Lessons: Is 51:1-16 ♦ Lk 24:13-35 Te Deum DWM 444 Gloria Creed, Lec 44
(Sun.) EP 2 111-113 Is 15:1-18 ♦ Lk 36-49

Eastertide Feria of the Second Week of Easter (White)

Apr. 12: MP Pss: 1-3 Lessons: Dt 1:3-18 ♦ Acts 1:1-14 D 444, L 267
(Mon.) EP 4, 7 Dt 1:19-end ♦ Acts 1:15-end

Eastertide Feria of the Second Week of Easter [*St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr*] (White/Red)

Apr. 13: MP Pss: 5-6 Lessons: Dt 2:1-25 ♦ Acts 2:1-21 D 444, L 268; D 712, L 551
(Tues.) EP 10-11 Dt 2:26-3:5 ♦ Acts 2:22-end

Eastertide Feria of the Second Week of Easter (White)

Apr. 14: MP Pss: 119:I-III Lessons: Dt 3:18-end ♦ Acts 3:1-4:4 D 444, L 269
(Wed.) EP 12-14 Dt 4:1-24 ♦ Acts 4:5-31

Eastertide Feria of the Second Week of Easter (White)

Apr. 15: MP Pss: 18:I Lessons: Dt 4:25-40 ♦ Acts 4:32-5:11 D 444, L 270
(Thurs.) EP 18:II Dt 5:1-21 ♦ Acts 5:12-end

Eastertide Feria of the Second Week of Easter (White)

Apr. 16: MP Pss: 16-17 Lessons: Dt 5:22-end ♦ Acts 6:1-7:16 D 444, L 271
(Fri.) EP 134-135 Dt 6 ♦ Acts 7:17-34

Eastertide Feria of the Second Week of Easter [*BVM: Mass of Saint Mary 4 ; St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*](White)

Apr. 17: MP Pss: 20-21 Lessons: Dt 7:1-11 ♦ Acts 7:35-8:4 D 444, L 272; D 994, L 707-712; D 779
(Sat.) EP 1 110, 116-117 Dt 7:12-end ♦ Acts 8:4-25

The *Vidi Aquam* in Paschaltide

At the Easter Vigil the Celebrant blesses the baptismal font and the water therein with the sign of the cross. Then he lowers into the font the Paschal Candle lit from the New Fire, thereby hallowing the baptismal water with which he proceeds to sprinkle all the assembled faithful on this most holy night and throughout the Easter season. With this compact and elemental symbolism the Church sums up and embodies the Paschal mystery of our Lord's death, burial, and resurrection. And with this action the Church certifies the sacrament of baptism as the means of our incorporation and redemption in the Mystical Body of Christ.



Over the course of the great fifty days of Eastertide, for seven weeks, the rite of blessing the congregation with “lustral” water begins the celebration of the principal Sunday Mass. At our parish church this ceremony marked all of the Masses for Easter Sunday, and it will continue before the Sunday Solemn Mass up to and including the solemnity of Pentecost. Just as we recall our baptism every time we dip our fingers in holy water and make the sign of the cross, upon entering a church, the rite of sprinkling constitutes a special renewal of our baptismal vows.

In traditional Catholic usage, the ceremony of sprinkling before Mass outside of the Easter season is called the Asperges, from the Latin word taken from Psalm 51 intoned at the beginning of the ceremony. During Paschal time, we hear the words *Vidi aquam* (“I beheld water”) from the antiphon attached to the verses of Psalm 118, as the priest makes his way down the nave scattering holy water from the aspersorium and blessing the people. Dating back to the tenth century, this ancient ritual serves to remind us that our baptism precedes, makes possible, and readies our souls and bodies for participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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The Corpus Christi Academy

A few months ago, Corpus Christi in Charleston announced their opening of a Christian Classical School this upcoming Fall. Peter Smith of St. Alban's, in an [article](#) at the *National Catholic Register*, has interviewed the head of school to learn more about the institution. With strong support from the local diocese as the only Classical Catholic School in the area, the school is launching initially as a hybrid-model, emphasizing students participation in sacred singing, regular recitation of Morning Prayer, and the integration of all subjects together, rather than distinct classes, in a mentoring environment. “We're training the students to take part in intelligent conversations, reading and discussing primary source texts with faculty.” While first planned in 2019, the school has been developed rapidly over the course of the pandemic. Dr. Nicole Koopman of St. Louis University, the director, was previously a visiting assistant professor of History at the College of Charleston specializing in the High Middle Ages. Keep them in your prayers!