

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14, 2019



SAINTS CYRIL AND
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A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit



15th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

July 13, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM VP For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For the Members of O. L. Mother of Mercy Secular
Discalced Carmelites ❖ For Beth Ledford & Family
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families
- 5:30PM VP For the Intentions of the Blue Army of Fatima
❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz
❖ For Jillian Haio req. Mom & Dad ❖ For Rob Lavisky
❖ †Guadalupe Merlos (6th Ann.)
❖ †Andrew & Anne Rzepka

July 14, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nedela

- Dr 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37 (105)
- 7:30AM VP For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family
❖ For Christine Gracey ❖ For the Shiner Family
❖ †Anastacio & Gregoria Isip
❖ †Richard Baginski ❖ †Stefan & Luba Korytowski
- 9:30AM VP For Dung Vu ❖ For Joe Honce IV (B'Day) req. Parents ❖
†Richard & Esther Baginski req. Vitale Family
❖ †Bruno & Marie Wojdyski req. Daughter
❖ †Francesca Russo req. Daughter ❖ †Marie Kristoff
- 11:30AM JN (Slovak) For the Makarewicz Family
❖ For Liptak Family req. Kopil Family
❖ For the Kopil Family ❖ †George Rafaidus Sr.
❖ †Alousius Keena ❖ †Maria Irene Hirjakova
❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Prusak Family
- 1:30PM VP For the Intentions of all Parishioners
- 6:00PM PC (Latin) - Tridentine:
For Fr. Libor & all Parishioners req. Balaz & Stanley
Families
- 8:30PM PC For Tim & Victoria Roddey & Family
❖ For David & Kathy Schaefer & Family req. Nash-
Brown Family ❖ For Rick Vennettilli & Children
❖ †Elvidio Vennettilli
❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

July 15, Monday – Pondelok

- 6:00AM VP In Thanksgiving req. Kola Gojcaj
- 9:00AM VP For Pavlin Vacaj ❖ For the Eichbauer Sisters
❖ For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
❖ †Maria Irina Hirjakova
- 12:00PM JN,d For Angelique Smith (B'Day) ❖ †Agnes Tobin
❖ †Steve Sprouse ❖ †Cathy Hawkins

July 16, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Jonathan Wilkins req. Grandma
❖ For the Ohotnicky Family ❖ †Maria Irina Hirjakova
- 9:00AM JN †Richard & Esther Baginski req. Miller Family
- 12:00PM VP †Fr. Val Rykowski

July 17, Wednesday – Streda

- 6:00AM PC For Jonathan Wilkins req. Grandma
- 9:00AM VP (Latin) For Gay Anne Chaney req. Arkwright Family
❖ For Mark Louis & Family ❖ For Pavlin Vacaj & Family
❖ †Maria Irina Hirjakova

- 12:00PM JN For Linda ❖ †Victoria Elias
❖ †Edward Bajkowski ❖ †Victor Lucia req. Zitny's

July 18, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM PC In Thanksgiving req. Kola Gojcaj
- 9:00AM JN For Kola Gojcaj ❖ †Mary & Joseph Aiello req. Family
❖ †Maria Irina Hirjakova ❖ †Barbara Wasilewska
- 12:00PM LM For Matthew Margiewicz req. Parents
❖ For Ching Tolentino ❖ †Eagan & Family
❖ †Emanuel "EZ" Manos
- 7:00PM VP In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
❖ For the Priests of St. Cyril's
❖ For Seminarian Patrick Blenman req. Grandparents
❖ For Diane Corrigan req. Zitny's

July 19, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM PC For Bill Morris (B'Day)
- 9:00AM VP For Kola Gojcaj ❖ †Clair & Christine Branch
❖ †James Brooks ❖ †Maria Irene Hirjakova
- 12:00PM ML For Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Sarmad, Hikmat, Rawiya & Samir
❖ †Dolores Keeling ❖ †Norman Gregory Lim
- 4:00PM *Wedding: Danielle Goonis & Adam Biroth

July 20, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Gayle Hornbacher (B'Day)
❖ For Toby Haynes (13th B'Day)
❖ For Joe Honce IIII (B'Day) ❖ †Maria Irene Hirjakova
- 5:30PM VP For Paul & Carroll Schuller
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Noah Whitney req. Ed & Chris Margiewicz
❖ For Valentin Vacaj req. Mara Vacaj
❖ †Greg Manning
❖ †Charles & Theresa MacDonald req. Family

July 21, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nedela

- Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42 (108)
- 7:30AM JN For Mark Varchetti ❖ For Robin Kassmya
❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families
❖ †J.R. Chamness req. Barbara
❖ †Russell Anderson ❖ †Joseph Marine
- 9:30AM ML For Joe Honce III req. Family
❖ For Nancy Arabbo & Family
❖ †Sue Scarchilli ❖ †Eva Fleck
❖ †James LaPalm req. Baltrinic Family
❖ †Anthony Shermetaro
- 11:30AM VP (Slovak) For a Special Intention req. Paul Belanger
❖ For Monika Torkos (B'Day)
❖ For Delinda, Isaac, Yousif & Family
❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Prusak Family
❖ †Emanuel Manos req. Daniela Grisak
❖ †Maria Tkacova req. Mary Jacko & Family
- 1:30PM LM For Cardinal Burke req. Marian Catechists
❖ For Angela req. Grammie & Papa
❖ For Rianna Hana ❖ †Joanitta Nakimuli
❖ †Andrew & Anne Rzepka ❖ †Elvidio Vennettilli
- 6:00PM PC (Latin) - Tridentine:
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM PC For the Ushers of St. Cyril's ❖ For Widows & Widowers
❖ †Sito Morfe ❖ †Mario Galicia
❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

Mass Celebrant Legend:

Fr. Libor Marek – LM
Fr. Juraj Nuota – JN, Fr. Paul Czarnota – PC
Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM-ML, Visiting Priest-VP, Deacon Preaching-d

Wedding Banns!

July 19, 2019: Danielle Goonis & Adam Biroth

July 14, 2019 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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★ FESTIVAL NEWS ★ FESTIVAL NEWS ★ FESTIVAL NEWS ★

Friday, August 23 * Saturday, August 24 * Sunday, August 25

Inquiries and questions; please contact:

John Fournier, Chairman, Festival Committee, (248) 410-5866 or j4nier58@gmail.com

Time to SIGN-UP! Volunteers Needed

In order to make our Festival a great success, volunteers are needed in many areas. Sign-up sheets are now available on the wall in the vestibule. Decide how you can contribute to the success of our Parish Festival and please sign up in one, or more, areas to help on one, two or three days of our Festival!

Talent Show



Whether you are a musician, an actor, a poet, a singer, a dancer, a magician or any other variety of talented individual, we want YOU to showcase your talents and perform in this year's Talent Show! Please find the Sign-up Sheet hanging on the wall in the vestibule entrance to the church. Festival Performance Date: Friday, August 23 starting at 6:00PM under the Big Tent.

Questions, please contact: Denis Duggan, (248) 240-8391 or email: denis.m.duggan@gm.com

Kids Tent Donations Needed

Donations are needed for the Kids Carnival Games Tent. Please bring new clean toys to the church and place them in the marked bin in the coat room or in the Gallery. It doesn't need to cost an arm or a leg! Items should be priced at \$1-\$5 each. Anything from the games, toys, or crafts section will do.

Following is a list of greatest wants from the kids: *Chalk *Markers *Clay *Playdough *Bouncy Balls * Board Games *Webkins *Beanie Boos *Baby Dolls *Plastic Animal Figures * Slinkys *Craft Kits *Stickers *Paint Supplies *Jewelry-making Sets *Bubbles *Squirt Guns *Mini Skateboards *Skylander Figures *Lego Mini Figures & Small Sets (including Lego Friends for girls) *Glow-in-the-Dark Stickers & Items *Dress-up Fairy Wings *Crowns *Costume Jewelry *Masks *Action Figures *Race Cars *Pool Noodles *Pool Kick Boards *Etc.

Best places to shop are 5-Below & \$1-Tree.

When in doubt, Gift Cards are always welcome. (Please drop Gift Cards off in the Parish Office.) All toys may be placed in the marked boxes near the Parish Hall entrance or in the Coat Room off the vestibule.

Thank you for supporting our Festival! For more information, please contact the Co-Chair: *Ann Marie Szczerba*, (586) 850-5775



29th Annual Slovak Festival Planning

The Slovak Festival Program Booklet Committee is now accepting ads in PDF format for the Festival four-color booklet. Ads may be full-page, half-page, or quarter-page. Prices vary depending if one wishes to purchase a 4 foot x 6 foot banner with the booklet ad.

The Committee invites those parishioners with businesses to support an ad in the program booklet. Let's have some fun also by having families or individuals purchase ads and/or banners! Time to get creative — maybe an ad or banner from ministries within the parish? The Committee will help you consider all ideas or possibilities.

The Committee will also accept donations toward the costs to produce the program booklet. Just be sure to let the Committee know how you wish your name to be acknowledged in the booklet.

DEADLINE FOR PDFs is July 30!

If you have questions or want to place an ad:

Tom Starynychak, Committee Chair, (586) 489-8661, tstarynychak@gmail.com or *Frances Schena*, (586) 381-1128, frances schena@att.net

Parish Festival Raffle • 2nd Early-Bird Drawing • July 28

* The final Early Bird Drawing for \$200 will be held on Sunday, July 28, 2019. Please continue to turn in your sold ticket stubs. You may place them in the collection basket or turn them in to the office. If you need more tickets to sell or buy, they are available in the parish office.

Thank you for your support.

Karen Bove, Festival Raffle Chairperson



If you have pictures from previous Festivals, please drop them off in the Parish Office or send them to: bulletin@saintcyrils.org

BFM THE BASILIAN FATHERS MISSIONS

Basilian Fathers Missions Appeal • July 13 & 14

At the invitation of the Archbishop, Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, and the Archdiocese of Detroit Mission Office, the Basilian Fathers Missions are grateful to Father Libor Marek and the parishioners of SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church for hosting Father James O'Neill CSB this Saturday, July 13 and Sunday July 14.

Father O'Neill will discuss the Basilian Fathers' work in Mexico and Colombia at all Holy Masses this weekend. Funds support over 700 student tuitions at INSA in Cali, Colombia - a Basilian institution ranked among the top 40 schools in the country. Along with your help, the Basilian Fathers Missions also work to feed, cloth, teach, and evangelize in Mexico, improving the lives of thousands living in San Lorenzo and Mexico City.

Thank you for your generous support of the Basilian Fathers Missions.

Young Catholic Professionals • July 17

Young Catholic Professionals' Detroit Chapter is inviting all 20-39 year old adults both single and married to join us for an Executive Panel Discussion at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, on Wednesday, July 17, starting at 7:00PM.

Executive Panel Discussions are quarterly events focused on living virtuously in the workplace. Three panelists lead discussion about the virtue of justice and what it means to practice this virtue in daily life. Afterwards, table leaders bring the discussion down to the individual level. At the end of the evening, a representative from each table shares their collective insights with the rest of the group. Food, beer, and wine will be provided.

This event will be free to YCP members (\$20 non-members).

For more information please visit our Facebook page at YCP Detroit or www.ycpdetroit.org. Additional questions can be sent to: Parish Ambassador Coordinator,

Francesca Montana at francesca.montana@ycpdetroit.org

Czech & Slovak Festival • July 20 & 21

Enjoy one of the largest Czech & Slovak Festivals in Michigan next weekend, July 20 & 21. What's happening at this year's "Festival of Music & Food" at the Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave, Dearborn Heights, MI? We will provide dance and listening music of the highest quality. We have two dance troupes-The Ukrainian Kolomeka Dance Ensemble and a youth group-Marlina will be performing & sharing dances they have mastered. The Festival is enjoyed by all ages. Savor our ethnic foods served throughout the day. We guarantee you won't go home hungry! Eat your fill of Kolaches- our famous Czech dessert- [Featured on a local TV station], a sweet roll with fruit center. Enjoy refreshing imported beers in our air-conditioned hall or Outdoor Bistro Pavilion. Visit the Pastry booth or Czech vendors and displays. Admission is \$5 a day for Adults, and children 14 & under are free.

Times: Saturday from 1:30-9:00PM; Sunday from 12:30-7:30PM.

Questions, please contact:

James Mack, (734) 734-542-4820 or (586) 924-9233

Church & Chapel to be Painted

July 15-26

Beginning this Monday, July 15, we will be beautifying our Church and Chapel with fresh coats of paint!

For the safety of everyone and in order to provide complete access to the Church and Chapel for the painters and their equipment, all **weekday Holy Masses** will be celebrated in the Parish Hall from Mondays to Fridays, July 15 - 19 and July 22 - 26.

The **weekend Holy Masses will be celebrated in the Church.**

The painting will also affect our Adoration Schedule. We will, unfortunately, have to close Adoration from Saturday, July 13, 9:00AM, until Monday, July 29, after the 9:00AM Holy Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation as we make our worship space beautiful for Our Lord.



Our Lady's Rosary Makers * Friday, July 19

The Rosary Makers will meet this Friday, July 19, in Room #113 from 1:00PM—3:00PM.

For more information, please contact:

Jo Ann, (586) 979-1078 or Helen, (586) 469-3181

Tools for Growing in Faith * FORMED

As a community, we all have UNLIMITED access to the best Catholic faith formation materials on the market, all in one easy location: www.FORMED.org. FORMED has resources for all ages. There are in-depth faith formation programs, Bible study programs, Lighthouse Catholic Media audio talks, full length movies, children's audio programs and e-books!

All you have to do to gain access is log onto: www.FORMED.org.

Scroll down and enter our parish code: 90c575.

You will then be prompted to set up your own personal account so that you can have full access to all of the amazing faith formation materials available through FORMED.

Online Giving

To give using your mobile device simply text SSCYRIL to 77977 and a link to the giving page will be sent to you.

To give online you can simply go to our website

www.saintcyriels.church and select "GIVE" on the homepage.

**If you decide to use online giving and no longer need your envelopes, please send an email to business@saintcyriels.org requesting they be canceled.

Mobile App

We have launched a Church App to be used on mobile devices. You will be able to access things like daily readings for Mass, a digital Bible, weekly bulletins and our electronic giving page. As we continue to work to add to the app we hope to include access to event information, homilies and other recorded talks and more.

To download the app, you can either text "SSCyrilApp" to 77977 to receive a text with a link to the app or you can go to your Mobile App Store and download the "My Church by Pushpay" app and search for SSCyrilApp or you can select "Find my church by name" and search for SS Cyril.



Pancake Breakfast * Sunday, July 28

The Men's Club, with the assistance from the Knights of Columbus Squires, will host another great Pancake Breakfast in the Fr. Mikus Hall on Sunday, July 28, after the 7:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM Holy Masses.

Invite your family and friends to join you for a delicious breakfast with: *homemade buttermilk pancakes, fresh scrambled eggs, baked red-skin potatoes, sausage links, toast, orange juice coffee!*

Prices: Children (12 and under): \$4
Adults (over 12 years old): \$6 * Family Max: \$25

St. Monica Sodality Holy Mass * Sunday, July 28

Jesus tells us "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Please join us for Holy Mass as we persevere in prayer for our loved ones.

The next St. Monica Sodality Holy Mass takes place next Sunday, July 28, at 1:30PM.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministries NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS

The COR(inthian) Team is a group of committed adults who walk the faith journey with teens by hosting youth Nights, developing mentoring relationships, and growing in knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith with teens. The commitment is most Monday evenings for Life Teen and Thursday evenings for EDGE September-May. Life Night Cor must be practicing Catholics over 21 years of age. EDGE Middle School Cor must be practicing Catholics 18 years of age or 16 with parents' permission.

Both Cor Teams will need 12 committed adults before the first Nights to make the Life Teen and EDGE ministries possible. Please prayerfully discern if God is calling you to this mission field right here.

For more information, please contact:

Alexandria Lewis at (586) 641-7672 or:

lifeteencyril912@gmail.com or edgecyril678@gmail.com

Registration for Life Teen and EDGE for Fall, 2019

Parents: Register your high school and middle school teen for the fall 2019-2020 at: <https://tinyurl.com/cyrilparent>

Life Teen and EDGE Summer Events

(open to incoming teens & outgoing seniors) include:

July 22nd: Life Teen Rosary and Game Nights

July 18th and July 25th: EDGE Park Night

July 13th: TRUE – Life Teen Girls' Day Retreat

July 27th: Life Teen Guys' Canoe/Kayak Day

Registrations for the Girl's Retreat and Canoe Day (signed hard copy required) are available via email

Summer Benefit Music Concert • August 3

Mark your calendars! A Summer Benefit Concert for Holy Family Parish, our Sister Parish in Africa, will be performed on Saturday, August 3, at 7:00PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall. The Concern features local performers: *Stephanie Weil*, vocalist, *Michael Semaan*, pianist, and *Aaron Marshall*, guitarist, presenting Baroque, Classical & Romantic works.

Suggested minimum admission fee: \$5 per individual, \$10 per family.

For more information: (248) 250-6005

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Do you know anyone who has never been baptized? Do you know anyone who has never been confirmed? Do you know anyone who has not received 1st Holy Communion? Want to know more about what the Catholic Church teaches?

If you have never been Baptized, Confirmed, received First Holy Communion, and want to; or if you have, but just want to know more about what the Catholic Church teaches, now is your time to act!

Beginning Thursday, September 5, is the Ss. Cyril & Methodius RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) course. Classes will be held every Thursday from 7:00—9:00PM. This course will teach you the Catholic Faith in order to prepare you for receiving these Sacraments which will be offered at the Easter Vigil, April 11, 2020.

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

Steven Piskorowski, (586) 883-3093

Marian Catechist Apostolate Catechism Course for Adults

Are You Thirsty To Learn More About Your Faith? Want To Be Prepared To Share The Gifts of Christ's Truth and Love As Found In Its Fullness In The Teachings and Practice of The Catholic Faith? Then This Is For You!

Information meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 7:00PM. Classes start in October on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM.

Servant of God, Father John Hardon, S.J. courses were written at the request of Saint Pope Saint John Paul II to instruct adults 18 years and older and has been updated by Cardinal Raymond Burke. The Basic Course is to enrich you intellectually and spiritually. It instructs you to deepen your love for the Catholic Faith, to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, the Blessed Mother, and to use terms from the Catholic perspective correctly. Topics covered include: * Salvation History * The Apostles Creed * The Ten Commandments * The Beatitudes * The Seven Sacraments * Prayer * The Lord's Prayer

For more information and to order books please go to Mariancatechist.com

Have questions? Please contact:

Deacon Phil McCown at wadephil@yahoo.com or (586)246-4337

Catholic Services Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the CSA. Please allow six weeks for processing your payment by the Archdiocese. Please remember that any shortfall will come from our parish funds. Don't forget you can choose either nine monthly or quarterly payments if you prefer.

CSA GOAL: \$ 192,212

PLEDGED-TO-DATE: \$ 146,818

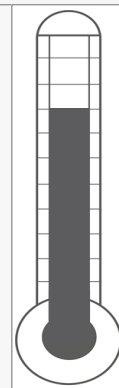
SHORTFALL: \$ 45,382

NUMBER OF PLEDGES RECEIVED: 313

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If you have not contributed, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Even if you are only able to contribute a small amount, every bit helps.

Thank you! Questions, please contact:

Rob Avery, ravery@saintcyrils.org, (586) 726-6911

PRO-LIFE NEWS



LOCAL PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATION, RIGHT TO LIFE – LIFESPAN, SUPPORTS THE DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION BAN

At this time, the Board of Directors of Right to Life-LIFESPAN will support the Citizen's Initiative Petition being circulated to ban dismemberment abortions in the State of Michigan.

In 2003, again by way of an Citizen' Initiative Petition, the State of Michigan banned what is known as Partial Birth Abortion in which all but the living infant's head is delivered, intact, from the woman's body and a sharp instrument is inserted into the back of the baby's neck, into the brain, causing death. (The ban was found constitutional by the US Supreme Court in 2007 *Gonzales v Carhart*)

When this procedure was disallowed, abortion practitioners began using dismemberment abortions to bring about the child's death. Instead of partially delivering the living baby's body, medical instruments are inserted into the woman's uterus and the baby's limbs are cut from his/her body and brought out of the uterus, piece by piece. This procedure also provides intact fetal body parts, much sought after for research purposes. It is this procedure that the dismemberment ban petition is intended to prohibit.

Our Michigan legislature has already passed such a ban, and the current governor has promised to veto this and any other measure that restricts abortion practice in our state. The goal of the Initiative Petition drive is to secure a sufficient number of signatures to bring the issue back directly to our legislature where a simple majority vote by the legislators on the measure will again ban this procedure. The language cannot be changed or amended and must be voted on as presented. Assuming our Michigan legislators will again approve the ban, it then becomes law and cannot be vetoed by the governor. Should the legislature choose not to vote on the measure, it then goes onto the November ballot for a vote of the citizens of the State of Michigan.

Volunteers who are 18 years and older (and registered voters) will be needed to help with this petition drive after all Saturday and Sunday Holy Masses. **For more information on when Ss. Cyril & Methodius will begin this petition drive and to offer your assistance as a volunteer to collect signatures, please call Lynn Gura at the Right to Life – LIFESPAN office at (248) 816-1546 or email her at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org and put in the subject line: SSCM Petition Drive.**

The Michigan Catholic Conference and Archdiocese of Detroit fully support this petition drive.

Thank you! *Lynn Gura*, Parish L.I.F.E. Ministry



PARISH L.I.F.E. MINISTRY

Attention everyone 18 and older...If you are not registered yet to vote, please register for a voter ID so that you can participate in the very important Dismemberment Abortion Ban petition drive that will be taking place at our parish in the near future. Your signature will be collected along with the other signatures to help make this petition drive a success for the pre-born children being killed by abortion in the 4-6 month stage of fetal development. The Partial-Birth Abortion method has already been banned in Michigan. The Dismemberment Abortion (also known as D & E, dilation and evacuation) is the other form of abortion done at this stage of life and we are seeking to ban it as well in our state.

There are other choices for women who face an unexpected pregnancy: assistance during pregnancy and with parenting once their babies are born or assistance with adoption. These choices are Life giving, not Life ending. If you have any questions about this petition drive, please contact the Right to Life – LIFESPAN office at (248) 816-1546 or email at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org (put in the subject line SSCM Petition Drive).

Thank you very much! God bless you! *Lynn Gura*, Parish L.I.F.E. Ministry



The Catholic Diocese of Kahama

BISHOP'S OFFICE

Dearest Parishioners SS. Cyril and Methodius.

July 4th 2019

I am Bishop Minde, your lovely **Son, Brother and Servant** of the People of God in His Vineyard.

With God's Grace, I arrived back home very safely.

I would like to take this short moment to express my **deepest appreciation and thanks** to Fr. Libor, the Pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius, Fr. Juraj and to **all the Parishioners of SS. Cyril and Methodius** for your sincere prayers to me, and to my Diocese, also for your **wonderful love, care and concern** to me. Still, I thank you so much for your lively **Spiritual-Pastoral and Missionary partnership** with the Catholic Diocese of Kahama, and particularly, your Sister Parish "**The Holy Family Parish – Kagongwa**".

My Stay with you at **SS. Cyril and Methodius** almost for three weeks was so much enriching. It was indeed a **beautiful and precious** moment for me to pray; to adore the **Jesus of Eucharist** for a long time; to **hear so many confessions**; and to share the **Spiritual, Pastoral and Missionary experience (s)** with so many people in various moments and in different places, Oh, it was a wonderful moment to me, I am really missing it; I am also missing you!!! But, for sure I am always deeply united with you in Prayers.

As I always tell you, I am a very poor Bishop, I have nothing which through it, I can repay you, but, only one thing I can do, and I do it so often, that is, **I love you very much, and I pray for you always.**

In fact, prayer is the most precious **GIFT** which one can deeply **give and share** with his loved ones in **so many times; so deeply; so freely; so committedly**. Prayer in its nature is very **missionary, very rapid**, it has got a **supersonic speed**; it is an **ever international flight**. In Spite of distance, Prayer does Miracles, just imagine, you pray for someone here and now, and immediately, the prayer flies to a person addressed to, it enters his/her heart, and from nowhere, immediately he/she receives the power of prayer mysteriously and begins to feel in her/his whole person **so happy, joyful, peaceful, so much consoled, filled with new strength, new spiritual desire, new determinations, full of new hope, strength, courage, dynamism, filled with the Holy Spirit, and thus, new zealously, ardent readiness to achieve new things, forward ever, backward never.**

Oh, Oh, Oh, Prayer is just a **wonderful Gift**; let us, therefore, pray for each other always, let us really be **sincere, faithful and committed** to our prayers to each other.

I am always praying for you all, kindly I also ask for your holy Prayers.

GOD BLESS YOU

With Prayer and Much Love, I remain,

+ Ludovick J. Minde, ALCP/OSS
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Kahama.

