



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them,
and they follow me.” - Jn 10:27



Mission Statement

Compelled by the love of Christ,
we love others,
deepen our faith,
and transform our world.



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NOTE FROM FR. MARK

Conclave: Who will elect the next Pope?

By Lisa Zengarini and Tiziana Campisi Vatican News*

The upcoming Conclave opening on May 7 will be less Eurocentric than it has ever been before, with over three-quarters of the 135 Cardinal electors appointed by Pope Francis, who reshaped the College of Cardinals, extending a more "generous" gaze on the peripheries of the Church.

The 135 Cardinals Electors of the College of Cardinals hail from 71 countries across the five continents.

More than three-quarters of them (108) were appointed by Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI appointed 22, and five were appointed by St. John Paul II, making them the "veterans" of the Conclave. They are French Cardinal Philippe Barbarin, Croatian Cardinal Josip Bozanić, Cardinal Vinko Puljić from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Cardinal Peter Turkson from Ghana.

Conclave to elect new Pope to begin on May 7

During his 12 years of pontificate Pope Francis significantly reshaped the College of Cardinals, making it a less Eurocentric and a more international body. This reflected both the late Pope's personal inclination to shift the centre of gravity of Catholicism toward the Global South, with a focus on the "peripheries," and the broader trend that the Church of the future will likely have an increasingly non-European face.

For the first time, 15 nations will be represented by their native Cardinal electors. They include Cardinals Chibly Langlois from Haiti, Arlindo Furtado Gomes from Cape Verde, Dieudonné Nzapalainga from the Central African Republic; John Ribat from Papua New Guinea; Charles Maung Bo from Myanmar; Antoine Kambanda, from Rwanda, Soane Patita Paini Mafi, from Tonga, Sebastian Francis from Malaysia, Anders Arborelius from Sweden, Jean-Claude Hollerich from Luxembourg, Cardinal Virgilio do Carmo da Silva from Timor Leste, William Seng Chye Goh from Singapore, Adalberto Martínez Flores from Paraguay, Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla from South Sudan, and Cardinal Ladislav Nemet from Serbia.

53 Cardinals from Europe

However, Europe still carries a significant weight in the College of Cardinals. The old continent is represented by 53 Cardinal electors (some of whom head Dioceses and Archdioceses in non-European countries or serve as Apostolic Nuncios abroad or in the Curia), with Italy still having the most significant number (19), followed by France (6) and Spain (5).

37 Cardinals from the Americas (16 from North America, 4 from Central America, and 17 from South America), 23 from Asia, 18 from Africa, and 4 from Oceania.

Thus, while the European Cardinals still represent the majority of those who will gather in the Conclave, the "rest of the world" now clearly surpasses Europe, with the Americas significantly increasing its "weight."

Although regional representation alone won't determine the outcome of the election of the new Pope, which is also influenced by other critical factors, the geographical aspect cannot be overlooked, given the global impact of the Pope's role.

The Ages of the Cardinal Electors

Regardless of the age of the Electors, the youngest Cardinal in the College is the Australian born Ukraine Mikola Bychok, aged 45, while the oldest is the Spaniard Carlos Osoro Sierra, aged 79.

Six Cardinals were born in the Seventies: they are Italian Cardinal Baldassarre Reina, the Vicar of the Diocese of Rome who will turn 55 this coming November; Canadian Frank Leo (1971); Lithuanian Cardinal Rolandas Maikrickas, the Coadjutor Archbishop of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (1972); Indian George Jacob Koovakad, Prefect of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue (1973); Portuguese Americo Manuel Alves Aguiar (1973), and Italian born Giorgio Marengo (1974), Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia, which will be represented for the first time in a Conclave.

Other age groups include 50 Cardinals born in the Forties, 47 in the Fifties, and 31 in the Sixties. The most represented birth year group is 1947, with 13 Cardinals aged or approaching 78.

NOTE FROM FR. MARK (continued)

33 Cardinals belonging to religious orders

Among the Cardinal electors, 33 belong to 18 different religious orders. The Salesians are the most represented with five members: Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, Virgilio Do Carmo da Silve, Angel Fernandez Artime, Cristobal Lopez Romero, and Daniel Sturla Berhouet. Four belong to the Order of Friars Minor (Luis Cabrera Herrera, Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Jaime Spengler, and Leonardo Steiner), and four are Jesuits (Stephen Chow Sau-yan, Michael Czerny, Jean-Claude Hollerich, and Angel Rossi). Three are Conventual Franciscans (Francois-Xavier Bustillo, Mauro Gambetti, and Dominique Mathieu).

Attending the Conclave will also be two Dominicans (Timothy Radcliffe and Jean-Paul Vesco), two Redemptorists (Mykola Bychok and Joseph Tobin), two members of the Divine Word Missionaries (Tarcisio Kikuchi and Ladislav Nemet), and one each from several other Congregations: Augustinian Robert Prevost, Capuchin Fridolin Ambongo Besungu Discalced Carmelite Anders Arborelius, Cistercian Orani João Tempesta, Claretian Vicente Bokalic Iglic, Pius X Secular Institute member Gérald Lacroix, Lazarist Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel, Consolata Missionary Giorgio Marengo, Missionary of the Sacred Heart John Ribat, Scalabrinian Fabio Baggio, and Spiritan, Dieudonné Nzapalainga.

Two absentees

Of the 135 Cardinals eligible to vote, two have confirmed they won't be able to attend the Conclave for health reasons, bringing the total down to 133.

FYF

We will be off this week, given that I will be traveling. We will be back next week, and as someone suggested, we will be talking about the need for evangelization in the life of the Church. How evangelization is essential if we are ever going to catechize or teach the faith. I think the lack of a culture of evangelization is one of the significant problems in the life of the Church, and we will seek to address that next week on **Sunday, May 18 at 7 pm**. Join us!

WESTMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECITAL

May 18, 2025 @ 4 pm

Organist Christa Miller will be performing at the Westmont Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, May 18 at 4 pm**. Please enter the church from the parking lot side. All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY

Join us for the Our Lady of Fatima Rosary on **Tuesday, May 13**, at Our Lady's Grotto beside the church. Please bring a chair and a friend!

WELCOME TO OMOS!

We would like to welcome new parishioners:

- ◆ Greg Lunko & Ginny Weir Lunko
- ◆ Paul & Terri Denk
- ◆ Daniel & Caitlin Miller

SAVE THE DATE
OMOS PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3



Cleaners, and mulchers, and makers! Oh my!

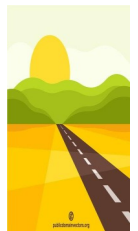
It's your favorite time again! **Serve Others Saturday, May 17, 9 - noon!** As always, we have many important projects to tackle! Our gardeners are looking for people to help spread mulch over all of the flower beds on campus. We have our semi-annual highway cleanup, which covers

Menoher Blvd. from below Westmont Elementary School and out to Westmont High School. We will be making cozy blankets for area kids and seniors in need. The hardest thing this SOS will be to choose which project to do!

Cleaners: Help to turn Menoher Blvd. into a yellow brick road! (9 - 12 people make this an easy task!)

Mulchers: Please bring a rake and/or shovel to help! Many hands are needed!

Makers: Send some snuggly love to an area resident!



Attention Campers!

IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in the process of recruiting volunteers for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Last year we had over 100 kids attend, so we need your help!

We are looking for 25-30 people who are willing to lend us their time for some or all of our VBS week, July 7-11. VBS runs from 9am-12pm. We have a variety of positions for people of all ages and abilities. Children in grade 7 and above are welcome as helpers, too!

All adult volunteers must complete diocese and state background checks. We will gladly help you with this.

Please contact Marianna Golias at 814-341-8236 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

TRUE NORTH VBS AT OMOS IS FROM MONDAY, JULY 7TH - FRIDAY, JULY 11TH 2025

CAMPERS WILL BE ON THE TRAILS FROM 9:00AM - 12:00PM RAIN OR SHINE

OMOS TRUE NORTH IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN K-5TH GRADE



Meet Wonder!
When we wonder, we can trust Jesus.

Meet Claudia!
When we feel alone, we can trust Jesus.

Meet Kody!
When we feel powerless, we can trust Jesus.

Meet Earnest!
When we need hope, we can trust Jesus.

Meet Bruce!
When we need help, we can trust Jesus.

Get ready to explore our faith like never before with "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World". This year we are bringing the Book of Matthew to life through interactive scripture, engaging Bible adventures, praise and worship, snack time, and recreational time that is rooted in the scripture of the day. Campers will receive their own Book of Matthew and other fun surprises during the week! Registration for campers and volunteers is now open!

Helpers Needed For:

- Adult Station Leaders
- Teen Crew Leaders
- Snack Prep
- Outdoor Rec
- First Aid
- Floater (help as/where needed)



DID YOU KNOW!

Our OMOS Parish Endowment Fund is one of 280 endowments that the Independent Catholic Foundation manages for parishes, schools, ministries, social service agencies, and cemeteries throughout the region. The ICF is unique among charitable foundations in our area because of its investment policy. The entire \$ 41 million ICF endowment portfolio is invested according to the ethical, moral, and social teachings of the Catholic Church. It adheres to socially responsible investment guidelines published by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. This means our parish endowment is invested in a corporation that protects human life, promotes human dignity, enhances the common good, pursues economic justice, and saves God's creation. We must partner with the ICF to ensure that the parish endowment is being invested in an authentically Catholic way. To learn more about the ICF, visit it at www.icfoundation.us on your computer or scan the QR code with your smartphone.



THANK YOU!

We want to thank the Independent Catholic Foundation for the grant award of \$2,500. We received the grant to support our Alpha program and our Young Adult Accompaniment initiative. With these funds, we were able to assist in the expansion of the Alpha Course offerings to other parishes and churches in our area. In addition, over 20 of our young adults began a mission of accompaniment with someone on their journey of faith. We appreciate the support from the Independent Catholic Foundation and their general grant fund for helping us continue the important work of evangelization.

If you want to learn more about the Independent Catholic Foundation, you can contact them at 316 Fifth Avenue Suite 1, Altoona, PA 16602-1717 or (814) 201-2080 or their website www.icfoundation.us.

FELLOWSHIP

Events

PLANNING MEETING

*Thursday, May 22 7-8:00PM
@ Holy Grounds*

Would you like to meet and spend more time with your OMOS family?

Do you have an idea for an OMOS event?

Do you enjoy planning events?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions please come to this meeting!

We hope that you will join us to meet and discuss a variety of ideas for parish events. Men, women, moms, dads, empty nesters, singles, couples, retirees, young adults and teens; everyone: we need you!
Everyone is welcome!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Monday, May 12

6 a.m. –Eucharistic Adoration
 8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS
Servers: Derrick Holloman
Lector: Doug Puchko

Tuesday, May 13

6 a.m.– Eucharistic Adoration
 7:30 am—Confession
 8 a.m. -Mass at OMOS
Servers: Cassidy Stephenson
Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Wednesday, May 14

7 a.m. -Praise & Worship in OMOS Church
 4:30 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
 5:15 p.m.—Confession
 6 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Tim Burgess
Lector: Kathy Ridella

Thursday, May 15

6 a.m.– Eucharistic Adoration
 9 a.m.- Mass at OMOS
Server: School Students
Lector: Students

Friday, May 16

6 a.m.—Eucharistic Adoration at OMOS
 8 a.m. - Mass at OMOS
Server: Jamison Gibson
Lector: Cathy Vigna

Saturday, May 17—Vigil

3 p.m.—Confessions
 4 p.m.—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Arianna & Adriel Manalang
Lector: John Skelley
Euch. Min: Jerry (2) & Mary Kay Clark, Jim & Kathy Ridella, Christine Manalang, Diana Tyger, Mark Voelker
Hosp.: Val Deater, Linda Fitzgerald, George & Mary Kogut, Cathy Vigna, Kevin Evans, Pattie Porter

Saturday, May 17—5th Sunday of Easter

9 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's
Servers: Tim Burgess
Lector: Mary Ann Rizutto

Sunday, May 18-Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am— Mass at OMOS
Servers: Cassidy Stephenson, Bella Segear
Lector: Michelle Santee
Euch Min: Estelle (2) & David Milligan, Melinda Michalski, Barb Flick, Ron Golias, Rick & Evie Wess
Hosp: Janette & Ray Cowan, Estelle & David Milligan, Jim & Joan Frischauf, Julie & Ed Sheehan
Prayer Ministers: Vicki DiGuardi & Joe Hrbal

Sunday, May 18-Fifth Sunday of Easter

11 am—Mass at OMOS
Servers: Mason & Dominick Lokesak
Lector: Don Falcone
Euch. Min: Amy Bradley (2), Tom Polacek, Patty Falcone, Mike Thomas, Brad Duca, Christa Cjurtis, Heather Lokesak
Hosp: Joyce Radovanic, John Onufro, Barb & Rich Luckner, Annette Kamzik, Bill Ingram, Cathy Leech, Michele Varner

SHOUT OUT TO:

Technology Student Association

Students:

- ◆ Lucy Smith
- ◆ Kendall Gilbert
- ◆ Haley Mosorjak
- ◆ Caridy Arnold
- ◆ Addison Arnold
- ◆ Joe Nibert
- ◆ Amber Galiote
- ◆ Tyler Galiote

Scholastic Quiz Students:

- ◆ Gabe Salem
- ◆ Caden Miller

Sports:

- ◆ Caden Miller—golf scholarship to SFU
- ◆ Easton Ragno—swim scholarship, tennis champion

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 10—Vigil

4 pm Dawn Mamula (Husband, Chuck & Family)

Saturday, May 10— 4th Sunday of Easter

6 p.m. Hilary & Lucille Schrum & Karen Pinkas (Spack & Hicks Family) & Paulette Balog (M/M Gary Balog)
(Sanctuary Candle - Spack & Hicks Families May 11-May 17)

Sunday, May 11—4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Kathy Parks (sister)
 11:00 a.m. Marlene Clawson (Tim & Diane Gorka)

Monday, May 12

8 a.m. Gerianne Litwalk (Jane & Theresa Pfaller)

Tuesday, May 13

8 a.m. Joseph & Marjorie Oliverio & Family (Family)

Wednesday, May 14

6 p.m. Joseph & Marjorie Oliverio & Family (Family)

Thursday, May 15

9 a.m. Millie Trotz (Marion Consecration Group)

Friday, May 16

8 a.m. Jim Brett (Mary DiFrancesco)

Saturday, May 17—Vigil

4 pm Anna, Anthony, & Damian Falcho & Carmella Youchak (Tom & Toni Ramos)

Saturday, May 17— 5th Sunday of Easter

6 p.m. Nellie Skubak (Your Small Group) & Garth Wesner (John Skubak)
(Sanctuary Candle - Spack & Hicks Families May 11-May 17)

Sunday, May 18—5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Anthony Berrich & Mary Murray (Marianne & Tony Spada & Family)
 11:00 a.m. Jack Seeber (Diane & Roger Pasquale)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION

<u>May 4, 2025</u>	
Envelopes	\$ 7,473
Loose	1,545
Online	10,838
Total	\$ 19,838