

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: Noon to 4:00 pm
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 am

First Friday Mass & Devotion: 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00AM, 11:30 AM, 5:15 P.M.

Holy Day Masses: 8 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

Penance: For daily Mass goes 7:30 AM. For Parish on Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 P.M., and by appointment

Baptisms & RCIA: *By appointment only.* Please email Deacon Fitzmorris at rfitzmor@sdcatholic.org.

Weddings: *By appointment only.* Arrangements must be made at least **one year** in advance. Please contact the office

Funerals: *For arrangements, please call the parish office.*



History of Immaculate Conception Parish

It was here in Old Town that Saint Junípero Serra celebrated his First Holy Mass in California on July 2, 1769, near the site of the present Immaculate Conception Church, and it was on the hill overlooking Old Town that he planted the cross which marked the site of the Mission and the Presidio.

In 1849, the first parish church was established in Old Town with the name of Immaculate Conception and was dedicated in 1858. It still stands and is known as the Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street. The cornerstone to the present Immaculate Conception Church was laid in 1868 under the direction of Father Antonio Ubach. With the population swing toward the south, it was not until July 6, 1919, that the church was dedicated by Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles.

WE PRAY

MASS INTENTIONS

26	8 AM	<i>St. Cosmas and Damian</i> Roger B. & Sherie Ibarra, SI	RP
27	8 AM	<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i> †Angela Kresge	RP
28	8 AM	<i>St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i> †Winifred Caulfield	RP
29	8 AM	<i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael</i> †Martin Morris	RP
30	8 AM	<i>St. Jerome</i> †Conrad Presbys	RP
01	8 AM	<i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i> Mel & Carolyn Horowitz, SI	RP
02	5:15 PM	†Martin Morris	RP
	8:30 AM	†Dolores Gonsalves	RP
	10:00 AM	†Antonia Caicedo Vite	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	†Conceição Da Silva	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

SEPTEMBER: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

Evangelization: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

Ord	Derek Twilliger, Priestly Ordination June 24
Ord	David Exner, Priestly Ordination June 24
Ord	Corey Tufford, Priestly Ordination June 24
2nd	Manuel Del Rio, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
3rd	Oscar Lopez, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
4th	Nathan McWeeney, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Raymond Napuli, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Michael O'Connor, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
3rd	Eric Tamayo, North American College, Rome
rth	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

26	Rev. Msgr. Michael Gallagher
27	Rev. Garrett Galvin, OFM
28	Rev. Higinio Garcia
29	Rev. Anthony Garibaldi, OFM
30	Rev. Robert Gavotto
01	Pope Francis
02	Bishop Robert McElroy

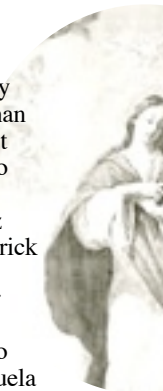
PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1-7; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-16; Ps 88:10-15; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-14 or Rv 12:7-12;; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-14; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-17; Ps 119:66-130; Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-9; 2 Tm 1:6-14; Lk 17:5-10

PRAY FOR HEALING

Jesus we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill afraid or worried. Amen

Patricia Kennedy	Steve Stone
Dorothy Kleint	Mark Brandon.
Dena Mendoza	Jeanne Pontius
Jean Miller	Esther Salazar
Patricia O'Grady	Joane Anderson
Mary Jane Tiernan	Yolanda Garcia
Marguerite Vorst	Elias Barajas
Martha Zamudio	Olivia Ingram
Carlos Amaya	Grace Mulvanity
Mike Rodriguez	Angelica Ortega
Maguire Fitzpatrick	Barbara Driscoll
Tony Jenkins	Lucille Miller
Peter Nalwalker	Reginald Custodio
Frances Garcia	Victoria Cardenas
Socorro Pacheco	John Hobbs
Amparo Valenzuela	Robert Rolli
Phyllis Altomare	Eleanor Anderson
Alicia Ambrose	Marie Whitman
Inez Cerda Bull	Deirdre Rigney
Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi	Marie Wagner
Maria Casanova	Joanne Daleo



PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

Jesus protect all who serve our country.

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander	Robert Clinton Long, MC2
Natalie Augustine	Sgt. Adriana Matizel
Major Jerry Bloomquist	Wendell Miculob
Col. Mike Bodkin	LTJG Joe F. Moralez, USN
Danny Carpenter, USMC	LCPL Matthew A. Pena
LTJG Joseph Colangelo, USN	Sgt. Richard Pierce
Cpl. Samuel James Comer	Sgt. William Paul Powers and Cinco
Daniel Dinglebeck, USN	CPL Wilson Santiago
PFC David Eley, USMC	Alfred Tello
Micah Emery	Ricky Thibeault
Sgt. Christopher Escalona	Tony Tulloss
1Lt. Cortez Fabia	PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd
Juan Carlos Galazza	Marine Aircraft Wing.
SSGT. Vincent Charles	SCPO Desiree S. Hayes, USN
Lucario	Gil Perez, US Navy

† PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED †

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.

Emilie Graham	John Cervantes
Angela Cordova	Daniel Don
Ramiro Moreno	Florence Messina
Alexander Toczko	Arthur Wilbur Martinez
Jeannette Toczko	Jesse Benitez
José Teofilo Solorio	Margaret Kelly
Ray & Betty Jackson	Martha Jane Hotchkiss
Denise Cooney	Janet Meyers
Joanne Mangiameli	Hector Morales
Edna Moore	Carol Raiter
Paul Ramirez	Albina Farrie
Maude Laracy	Stephanie Anzelone
Helen Peña	Fred Levine
Lydia Castillo Herrera	Eleanor Maycan
Bertha Lockwood	Ronald Monreal
Salvador Rivera	Mary Louise Fillet

**A THRIVING MIDWESTERN DIOCESE'S
SECRETS TO SUCCESS**

FROM THE PASTOR

Bishop James Conley of Lincoln, Nebraska ... In 1977, Conley graduated from the University of Kansas. Initially planning to be a farmer, Conley took part in Pope John Paul II's 1979 pastoral visit to Des Moines, Iowa, and responded to the pontiff's plea that young men consider the priesthood. He entered the seminary for the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, and was ordained a priest in 1985.

In 1991, Conley's father and mother both converted to Catholicism, and Father Conley received them into the Church.

Beginning in 1996, Conley served in the Congregation for Bishops in the Roman Curia, returning to Wichita a decade later. He was named an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Denver in 2008, and became bishop of Lincoln in 2012, succeeding Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz. He recently spoke with CWR.

CWR: The Diocese of Lincoln does well for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. What is the secret to your success?

Bishop James Conley: We have 43 seminarians this year, including 10 new ones. We go back and forth with the Diocese of Wichita as having the highest number of priests-per-lay-Catholics in the country. Seven out of 10 of our priests are graduates of our high schools.

The secret of a successful vocations program, I believe, begins with prayer. Vocations come from God. We have two cloistered communities of religious women in our diocese, our Carmelite Sisters and our Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters, whom we call "pink sisters" because of the color of their habits. [Both communities] pray for vocations constantly.

Also key to vocations is fidelity to Church teaching. That is one hallmark of the Diocese of Lincoln. For the past 40-plus years, Lincoln has had stellar episcopal leadership, and is unapologetic in its embrace of the Faith. Having the security of knowing that the Diocese of Lincoln is 100 percent faithful to Church teaching on faith and morals is very appealing to many young men considering the priesthood.

We also have an active Newman Center at the University of Nebraska. About 100 of our 139 active priests have had some affiliation with the Newman Center, and it helped positively to influence their decision to enter the seminary. In fact, our vocations director is pastor of the University of Nebraska's Newman Center and we run our vocations office from there.

Also, in 1999, we had a great blessing in our diocese when Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz opened St. Gregory the Great Seminary, a four-year Catholic college seminary, at a time when many such colleges were closing. It's been a great blessing for us, and allows us to do our own formation of men discerning the priesthood. That is important because we live in a time when more and more men are coming from broken families. We are able to address a lot of "woundedness" early in their formation.

CWR: Is it true that Lincoln does not have a permanent diaconate program?

Bishop Conley: Yes. We recruit men to serve as acolytes or lectors, but we do not have a permanent diaconate program. I'm open to having such a program in the future, but our diocese has not yet seen a need for it.

CWR: Why is that?

Bishop Conley: For the size of our Catholic population we have many priests who are active in every aspect of parish life. There hasn't been a great need for deacons or an interest in the diaconate.

CWR: What led you to the seminary?

Bishop Conley: When I graduated from college, I had a degree in English literature. But I was not certain what I wanted to do. I traveled to Europe, and ended up at a Benedictine monastery in France, Our Lady of Fontgombault. It is a cloistered monastery, and it drew many Americans in the 1970s. Some entered and became monks.

Some of these monks came to the United States to found Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey in Oklahoma, which celebrates Mass in the Extraordinary Form. It began with 13 monks in 1999, and today has nearly 50.

CWR: One of the things that has led to a decline in the number of Catholic children attending Catholic schools is the cost. In Lincoln, a parent can send his child to a Catholic school for a modest fee. How can you make this possible?

Bishop Conley: It's not easy, but it is simply a reflection of the faith of the people. Our parishes have a tremendous investment in their parish schools, subsidizing them through stewardship. It allows us to charge a small annual tuition: an average of \$640 for K-8 and \$1,400 for high school. The cost per pupil is \$5,200 annually, so the rest has to be made up through a parish investment. The parish school belongs to the whole parish.

Both of my predecessors, Bishops Flavin [1967-92] and Bruskewitz [1992-2012], were convinced that our tuition had to remain affordable. They didn't want our Catholic schools to become elitist, serving only the wealthy.

I also give great credit to our priests, who are really invested in Catholic education. All of our religious classes are taught by priests and religious sisters; if you're ordained five years or fewer you can expect to teach full-time. And, all of our schools are administrated by priests.

CWR: Your brother bishop, Charles Chaput, recently penned a column stating he was unhappy with both candidates for the presidency. What qualities do you think are important in a candidate for public office?

Bishop Conley: Our USCCB [document on faithful citizenship](#) outlines some of the qualities to look for in a candidate. For me, personally, I first consider the life issues. I was the director of the Respect Life Office in Wichita for eight years. Human life is as fundamental as you can get.

This includes the beginning of life, which brings up the abortion issue, and the end of life, which brings up euthanasia/assisted suicide. And everything that occurs in between. I want to support candidates who uphold the sanctity of life, despite its stage, and without consideration of disabilities, dependency, or lack of financial resources.

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AROUND THE PARISH

01 OCT ... BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

9:00 a.m. in the parish courtyard.

Please remember dogs are to be kept on a leash and other pets in carriers.

15 OCT ... HUMAN TRAFFICKING

What human trafficking is; what's being done about it; what you can do to help

Social Action Committee invites you to reserve Saturday, October 15, 2016 - Time 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá

(In California Room behind Mission in the lower level of the St. Francis Center)

Free event, free parking, light refreshments provided.

16 OCT ... KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is an organization for Catholic men interested in helping those in need, serving their parish, or growing in their faith.

Members will be here to answer questions and encourage men to join.

22 OCT ... Chastity Luncheon

Parent/Child (ages 11 & up)
Chastity Luncheon Retreat
Offered by The Goretti Group and The Nativity School
Noon to 6 pm

Equip your child with tools to live a life of chastity and modesty. For registration and information: www.thegorettigroup.com.

Remember to Support Our Advertisers

Our bulletin is an important way for us to communicate with you. The parish does not pay for the printing, saving us hundreds of dollars each year. The J.S. Paluch Company arranges for the bulletin to be supported through the generosity of the businesses that advertise on the back cover.

2016 Baptism Schedule



October 11 Class

October 16 Baptism

Schedule is available on the parish website (ic-sandiego.org).

30 OCT ... Make-Up Photo Sessions for Parish Directory

If you missed the previous sessions, there are make up sessions available for October 30.

Consider taking an individual or family portrait to be included in our parish directory as we mark our centennial as a parish. Each household will receive one complimentary 8" x10" photograph and a free copy of the printed directory.

Courtyard Bricks ...

Bricks in honor or in memory of loved ones are available for purchase in the Gift Shop or visit the parish website ic-sandiego.org

16-18 DEC ... BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Divorced, widowed, and separated persons can register now for a healing Beginning Experience Weekend retreat at Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside. For information and registration, go to www.beginningexperience.org.

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AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

With gratitude for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord.

September 18, 2016

Total Collection: \$4,496.89
Envelopes: \$2,627.00 Plate: \$1,869.89
Total contributing households: 88

5:15 Sat	\$ 678.00
8:30 Sun	\$1186.75
10:00 Sun	\$ 864.46
11:30 Sun	\$ 668.24
5:15 Sun	\$ 497.00
Mailed	\$ 837.00

EXPENSES

September 12-16, 2016

Music	\$825.00
Office Equipment	33.86
Pest Control	\$110.00
Payroll (incl. taxes)	\$3431.57
Payroll Service	\$46.45
Pension	\$382.37
Worker's Comp	\$127.03

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Any registered donating parishioner who wishes a copy of the parish financial report may receive one by email by sending a request by email to parish@ic-sandiego.org.

Prayer Chain Group

The group prays for those in need of support through prayer. If you or a loved one are in need of prayers, contact Ruthe Jenkins at rutheis@cox.net.

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

To register at the parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the basket or call the office at 295-4141.

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AMORIS LAETITIA
ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

41. The Synod Fathers noted that “cultural tendencies in today’s world seem to set no limits on a person’s affectivity”; indeed, “a narcissistic, unstable or changeable affectivity does not always allow a person to grow to maturity”. They also expressed concern about the current “spread of pornography and the commercialization of the body, fostered also by a misuse of the internet, and about those “reprehensible situations where people are forced into prostitution”. In this context, “couples are often uncertain, hesitant and struggling to find ways to grow. Many tend to remain in the early stages of their affective and sexual life. A crisis in a couple’s relationship destabilizes the family and may lead, through separation and divorce, to serious consequences for adults, children and society as a whole, weakening its individual and social bonds”.¹⁶ Marital problems are “often confronted in haste and without the courage to have patience and reflect, to make sacrifices and to forgive one another. Failures give rise to new relationships, new couples, new civil unions, and new marriages, creating family situations which are complex and problematic for the Christian life”.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

SEPTEMBER

25	Building Fund Collection	
	Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
	Baptism	2:00 PM
28	Choir Practice	6:00 PM

OCTOBER

01	Blessing of the Animals	9:00 AM
	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
03	I.C. Seniors Bingo & Lunch	11:00 AM
05	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
08	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
09	Parish Breakfast	8:30 AM
	Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
11	Baptism Class	7:00 PM
12	Choir Practice	6:00 PM

FROM FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO
- Pope John Paul II 1981

ON THE ROLE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY IN THE MODERN WORLD 1981

THE PLAN OF GOD FOR MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

Man, the Image of the God Who Is Love

11. God created man in His own image and likeness: calling him to existence through love, He called him at the same time for love.

God is love and in Himself He lives a mystery of personal loving communion. Creating the human race in His own image and continually keeping it in being, God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion. Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.

As an incarnate spirit, that is a soul which expresses itself in a body and a body informed by an immortal spirit, man is called to love in his unified totality. Love includes the human body, and the body is made a sharer in spiritual love.

Christian revelation recognizes two specific ways of realizing the vocation of the human person in its entirety, to love: marriage and virginity or celibacy. Either one is, in its own proper form, an actuation of the most profound truth of man, of his being "created in the image of God."

Consequently, sexuality, by means of which man and woman give themselves to one another through the acts which are proper and exclusive to spouses, is by no means something purely biological, but concerns the innermost being of the human person as such. It is realized in a truly human way only if it is an integral part of the love by which a man and a woman commit themselves totally to one another until death. The total physical self-giving would be a lie if it were not the sign and fruit of a total personal self-giving, in which the whole person, including the temporal dimension, is present: if the person were to withhold something or reserve the possibility of deciding otherwise in the future, by this very fact he or she would not be giving totally.

Are you going to be hospitalized?

If so, be sure to register with the hospital as a Roman Catholic. By doing so the Diocesan priest assigned to the hospital will be informed that you are there as a patient. He will then make every effort to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to you.

NEED BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, COMMUNION?

Family Catechesis for parents with their children 6 years and older and for adults who need sacraments begin September 11 in the parish hall at 9:45 am sharp, right after the 8:30 Mass. Call Fr. Perozich to register: 295-4141 x 11 or email pastor@ic-sandiego.org.

The progressive *ethos* of liberation of all, from all, is death.
— *Jeremy Kee*

The progressive ignores the fact that the sort of freedom so cherished is impossible; everything operates within the confines of its respective natural order.
— *Jeremy Kee*

MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN OUR TIMES

His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

Of particular concern to me is a growing mundane perspective, a man-centered and world-centered perspective, especially in the Church. It expresses itself in a secular understanding of the divine realities which are part and parcel of our daily life. For example, today in the Church, there are those who refer to the objective reality of the grace of marriage as merely an ideal to which we more or less seek to conform ourselves. The mundane vision, which, because it is not true, leads to confusion and division within the Body of Christ, ends up by denying the fundamental principle of right reason, called the principle of non-contradiction, namely the law that a thing cannot be and not be in the same respect at the same time.

If we don't get the life issue right, what else is there? If you're not alive, no other rights pertain. It is fundamental, and we have an obligation to respect those rights.

CWR: What other issues are important?

Bishop Conley: Close in importance to the life issue is the family. Life comes out of the family, and a candidate's understanding of marriage and human sexuality is crucial. And, something I give higher and higher priority to is religious freedom. This freedom is part of our Bill of Rights; our freedom to live our faith with respect to our conscience and all that follows from that. This just doesn't mean a right to worship in our churches, but to live our faith publicly without government intrusion. It is what our country was built on. People came here looking for a free land where they could worship God and follow their consciences, without king or government interfering.

CWR: You have prayed in front of abortion clinics, and have even gone to jail with Operation Rescue. How do you think it is going on the life issue?

Bishop Conley: I graduated high school in 1973, the year the *Roe v. Wade* decision was announced. I recall seeing a newspaper headline that said, "Supreme Court Puts an End to the Abortion Debate." What a naive headline that was! Here we are, more than 40 years later, and it is still a hotly debated issue.

Because of modern science, the pro-life movement and American society in general understand in a clearer way the developing life in the womb. The ultrasound gives us a window into the womb that we never had before, and we can understand in a better way when life begins. Many don't accept this, but the science is on our side.

If we can see the sacredness of life in the womb, I hope more people will say: what are we doing? How did we get to a point where we destroy more than a million unborn lives a year?

CWR: For some, abortion is the next step when artificial contraception fails. You've argued that artificial contraception is harmful to both marriage and society.

Bishop Conley: I wrote a pastoral letter on contraception when I first arrived in Lincoln, in honor of Bishop Flavin, who wrote one in 1991. It's integral to the life issue. Contraception is an intrinsic evil, and it comes between God and the conceiving of human life. If we don't get that issue right, we won't get abortion right. Abortion is the backup for failed contraception.

The marital act is a mutual act of self-giving. We can't tamper with it; it is sacred ground. That's a fundamental truth.

CWR: A century ago, non-Catholic Christians agreed that contraception was evil.

Bishop Conley: Yes, until the 1930 Lambeth conference, everyone was with us.

What we're experiencing today, Pope Paul VI predicted in his prophetic encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. He said if contraception was widely accepted, it would lead to widespread divorce, abuse of women, pornography, and state-controlled population growth. It predicts demographic winters, and the aging of cultures. He wrote these things in 1968; they're all happening now.

CWR: The joke goes...in 1961, President John F. Kennedy pledged to put a man on the moon. In 2016,

President Barack Obama pledged to put a man in the girl's bathroom. You've written on this topic; what is so wrong-headed in the so-called "gender identity" debate occurring today?

Bishop Conley: It starts with the fundamental understanding of the way we were created. There is a small percentage of people who experience gender dysphoria. I pray for these people. But it is a disorder, and needs to be cared for in a conscientious way. But we cannot accept or condone the behavior of those who feel they are not the gender they should be. It is irresponsible; we need to care for them and accompany them. Studies have shown that 80 percent of people who experience gender dysphoria, if left untreated, will return to the gender of their birth.

To encourage gender reassignment surgery, which sterilizes a person, does not help him. It has become a political issue, when it is really psychological.

CWR: How do you think this and related social issues will affect the Church?

Bishop Conley: I think absolutely the government will try to force institutions like the Catholic Church to accept new definitions of marriage and gender. Whether it will lead to active persecution, I don't know.

But I have no doubt the government will pressure us to change, even though we never will. We can't. We can't change our understanding of marriage and gender; we can't change Church teaching. We will have to stand strong, and they'll come after us.

Tolerance is considered a great virtue in our culture, unless you hold a politically incorrect position. Then you will experience absolute intolerance. The opposition will not tolerate a lack of compliance. We have to be prepared to suffer. But, it's not the first time the Church has suffered persecution. Look at the martyrs in the early Church in Rome or in 16th- and 17th-century England under Queen Elizabeth. Jesus warned us about this.

I expect it will affect our social service agencies first. The less we can be dependent on government, the better. In our Catholic social services in Lincoln, we have a \$6 million budget, 15 percent of which used to come from government sources. It's down to 7 percent now, and our goal is to completely eliminate any government funding. While there's been a great history of partnership with the American government in charities, if it means compromising our fundamental beliefs, we can't take the money.

CWR: What is a basic program of spirituality you recommend to your people?

Bishop Conley: We have a rich tapestry of Catholic spirituality that is beautifully diverse. Whether you prefer Ignatian spirituality or Carmelite spirituality or Benedictine spirituality, there's something for everyone. But I would say important components are the sacraments, particularly the Holy Eucharist. I'm a big proponent of Eucharist adoration, and it should be at the heart of everyone's spirituality. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is important, as is Sacred Scripture.

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