


Congregation of St. Pius V

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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The final month of 2024 was filled with many blessings and several joyous occasions. On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Santay blessed our new church in the St. Louis, MO, area. We purchased the church last summer and spent several months renovating it. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our priests and parishioners, we completed the necessary renovations and have begun using the church. This was a momentous occasion for the parish, which had been attending Mass in hotel conference rooms and VFW posts for nearly forty years. Many joined us for the blessing of the church and the first Mass celebrated there.

The mission in St. Louis was formerly known as Saint Peter's Chains Mission, as it was first opened on the Feast of Saint Peter's Chains. However, with the opening of the new church, the chapel has been renamed Saints Martha and Mary Chapel because of the beautiful canvas painting of Our Lord with Saints Martha and Mary Magdalene that hangs behind the altar. The painting is the work of Bernhardt Ludvig



Hillig. Hillig had obtained a commission to work on the St. Louis World's Fair, which opened in 1904. He was offered lodging at the church's rectory, and in exchange for his room and board, he agreed to do a painting for the church. It is a remarkable piece of art and one that should inspire the faithful for many years to come.



Just before Christmas, Rev. Mr. Dominic Rollins, one of our seminarians, was ordained to the subdiaconate. The subdiaconate is the first of the three major orders, the last of which is the holy priesthood. It was a glorious day, and we look forward to his upcoming ordinations to the diaconate on March 15 and to the priesthood on September 3. Please continue praying for him as he prepares to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

December came to a close with the joyful celebration of Christmas. The priests were able to offer Mass on Christmas Day at eighteen chapels throughout the country. What a blessing this was for our people! With God's grace, we hope that more young men will answer the call to religious life so we can provide even more Christmas Masses in the future.

As we begin 2025, please know that we are deeply grateful for your prayers, sacrifices, and generosity throughout the past year. Be assured that you are remembered in our daily prayers and sacrifices. May your New Year be filled with peace and blessings, and may Our Infant Savior and His Blessed Mother guide and protect you always!

In the Sacred Heart,

+James Carroll, C.S.P.V

The Most Reverend James Carroll, C.S.P.V



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After the Ceremony



Gloria in Excelsis Deo



Midnight Mass at St. Pius V Chapel