



# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

*Living the Truth in Charity*

Lent 2024

Dear Friends in Christ our King,

Thanks in large part to your prayerful and generous support, the Institute's U.S. Provincial Headquarters harnessed great growth in 2023—new apostolates, national retreat center, and a fine crop of new vocations.

Twenty men entered the pre-seminary program and the oblate formation program in 2023 through the efforts of the U.S. Provincial Headquarters which maintains the year-round application process and assistance for these men in vocational discernment.

At the invitation of local Bishops, two new apostolates were opened—a Shrine in Cleveland, Ohio, and an Oratory in Warren, Massachusetts—such that the Institute clergy are now serving in 21 dioceses coast to coast across America. As our spiritual family continues to grow in the pews of every one of these apostolates, the U.S. Provincial Headquarters provides more leadership support, administrative services, and outreach efforts in order to offer our priests, oblates, sisters, seminarians and staff everything they need to continue building spiritual homes for the salvation of souls. The Institute has already received invitations from Bishops to open more apostolates in 2024/2025.

This family of souls nationwide is united together in one supernatural mission: **to spread the benevolent reign of Christ the King to all aspects of human life including Catholic Liturgy and culture in America.** To develop this mission even further, we obtained our own national retreat center last year when we purchased a 70,000 sq. ft. historic monastery building located on 100 acres in the wooded countryside southwest of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the major airports of Milwaukee and Chicago being within a 35 minute and a 70 minute drive respectively. Sacred Heart Retreat Center is currently undergoing building improvements such as a plumbing upgrade (including dozens of private bathrooms) and a chapel renovation in order to host retreats for people of all ages starting later in 2024.

To provide unity and collaboration among all of these apostolates, the U.S. Provincial Headquarters is responsible for ensuring this mission in every apostolate by caring for the members of each Institute household. **This Lent, would you be willing to make a sacrifice to help the Institute maintain and expand this providential growth in the United States?** Consider making a sacrifice of **\$80, just two dollars a day** during these 40 days of Lent.

On **Sunday, February 18**, there will be a special second collection for your donation to help the Institute continue its work for the salvation of souls. Last year's collection raised **\$152,194**. It was such a great help over this past year in the common mission which we share with all of you. Thank you for your generous support to help the Institute grow in the United States. May God bless you always!

Yours devotedly in Christ our Infant King,

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico  
U.S. Provincial Superior



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