From Our Executive Director...

Dear Friends,

The time is approaching to send out our spring stewardship appeal. Our goal is to raise $500,000 to support the work of the Institute, and we need your help to reach it.

We are excited about the new programs and initiatives we are planning for the coming year, and we cannot do it without your support. Your generosity has allowed us to continue our work in service of theological education and research.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the mission of the Institute.

Sincerely,
[Institute Executive Director]
CENTER FOR PRIESTLY SPIRITUALITY UPDATE

In the last issue of our newsletter, plans for the Center for Priestly Spirituality were announced. As previously noted, the formation team has signed a lease with St. Cecilia’s Cathedral Parish and the Omaha Archdiocese. In addition, a site visit has been scheduled and the necessary paperwork has been submitted to the city of Omaha for approval to build the center. The formation team continues to work with the archdiocesan offices on the details of the building.

At the April meeting of the Missionary Advisory Council, members prayed to request the site of the proposed center be assigned to the diocese. The site was welcomed as the members gathered together. The formation team honored the many years the Missionary Fathers, who currently provide ministry at St. Cecilia’s Cathedral grade school and high school, have been involved in an archdiocesan and a diocesan renewal program.

The center will provide space for individual tasks, spiritual direction, study, meetings, and formation (personals) who will come for training, supervision, retreats, and support to their ministries.

The building will be used as the central location for the Institute, the Pastoral Institute of the Archdiocese, and the educational endeavor. The heart of the center is the chapel, which will be open for the faithful.

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Mission Statement

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Five Honored with Our Lady of Guadalupe Award

It is presented to five of our Lady of Guadalupe Award candidates: Mr. James V. Womack, Fr. Daniel L. Jelinek, Fr. John H. Swank, Sr. Raymond B. Schott, and Fr. Norbert A. Kohler.

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