

Living as Catholics in Challenging Times

Saginaw Catholic Men's Conference

March 16, 2024 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church • 1503 Kosciuszko Ave, Bay City, MI 48708



Bishop Gruss

Bishop Robert Gruss was born June 25, 1955, in Texarkana, Arkansas. He attended Madison Area Technical College, in Madison, Wisconsin, and Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was a corporate pilot and flight instructor from 1980-1989 before entering seminary. He pursued seminary studies at St. Ambrose University, in Davenport 1989-1990; at North American College, Rome, 1990-1994; and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, also known as the Angelicum, in Rome. He additionally earned a Master of Arts degree in Spiritual Theology at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in 1994. In 1999, he completed studies at the Institute of Priestly Formation (IPF) with an emphasis on Spiritual Direction training.

Bishop Gruss was ordained to the priesthood on July 2, 1994 by Bishop William E. Franklin, seventh Bishop of Davenport. In 2007, Pope Benedict named him a Chaplain of his Holiness, giving him the title of monsignor. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as Bishop of Rapid City in 2011 and consecrated as a bishop on July 28, 2011.



Ralph Martin

Ralph Martin is the president of Renewal Ministries, an organization devoted to Catholic renewal and evangelization. Ralph also is the director of Graduate Theology Programs in Evangelization and a professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He holds a doctorate in theology from the Angelicum University in Rome. Pope Benedict XVI appointed Ralph as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization, and he continues to serve in this capacity. Ralph also was appointed as a theological expert for the Synod on the New Evangelization. He is the author of the widely read *The Fulfillment of All Desire: A Guidebook for the Journey to God Based on the Wisdom of the Saints*, and many books on spirituality and evangelization, such as *Will Many Be Saved?* Ralph and his wife, Anne, reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and have six children and seventeen grandchildren.



Fr. Mark Toups

Fr. Mark Toups is the pastor of Our Lady of the Isle Catholic Church in Grand Isle, Louisiana and has been a priest for 22 years. A native of Houma, Louisiana, he is a college graduate of Nicholls State University and studied at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. As a response to his dream of the renewal of the Catholic priesthood, Fr. Mark is an adjunct faculty member of the Institute of Priestly Formation, working with the distinct spirituality of Diocesan priests and seminarians. He is the cofounder of ADORE Ministries which promotes Eucharistic adoration and formation across the nation in response to John Paul II's prophesy for a New Springtime in the Church. Fr. Mark is an experienced spiritual director and through his many authored books on prayer and meditation, leads readers inward to invite the Lord to heal those areas where they need it most. In his spare time he loves to fish.

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