

Dear RCA Community,

We are thrilled to announce our new partnership with the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest (the “Institute”).

The Institute is a Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right, whose mission is to spread the reign of Christ the King in all spheres of human life by drawing from the millennial treasury of the Roman Catholic Church, primarily through the work of the dedicated Canons, who are formed at the Institute’s international seminary near Florence, Italy.

Striving to be instruments of God’s grace in the world, the members of the Institute have three co-patrons:

- St. Benedict, the symbol of unity and harmony between faith, culture, liturgy and life;
- St. Thomas Aquinas, the beacon of fidelity to Church’s doctrine as taught by the Magisterium; and
- St. Francis de Sales, the gentleman priest and “Doctor of the Love of God.”

In addition to over 100 apostolates across the world, the Institute currently has apostolates in 21 Dioceses across the United States as well as a national retreat house in Burlington, Wisconsin. In addition to their pastoral duties in the parishes, shrines, and oratories they serve, the Canons regularly hold retreats, summer camps, and teach catechesis. They are excited to begin visiting our centers, according to their availability, in order to administer the Sacraments, assist with upper-school retreats, and bring Christ to our students.

In addition to working with our centers, we are thrilled to share that the Institute has accepted an honorary seat on our board of directors. Representing the Institute in this honorary seat will be the Reverend Canon Jean-Baptiste Commins. Canon Commins was born in Cayenne, France, and was educated at one of the Institute’s primary schools near Paris before joining the seminary in Florence. Canon Commins was ordained in 2015, and currently serves as the Pastor at St. Joseph Shrine in Detroit, Michigan.

We are grateful for the Institute’s generosity in serving our community, and we are excited to begin working more closely with them in the years ahead.