

THE RICHARD REPORT

The Newsletter of the Fr. Gabriel Richard Guild

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Guild Members,

As the summer heats up in Michigan, many of us here at the Father Gabriel Guild have our minds set northward. Vacationing up north has become a summer ritual of sorts for locals, one that refreshes our bodies and renews the bonds with those closest to us. If only we could bottle up the beauty of northern Michigan and the good times at the lake cabin!

In a spiritual sense, St. Paul tells us in his beautiful letter to the Ephesians to set our minds upwards as often as possible. "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things," states chapter 4 verse 8. In summary, take a spiritual vacation in our minds, thinking about whatever is of God to acquire true peace in our lives!

Our minds, however, get side-tracked by the confusing world around us and we easily fall into sin. Often we need spiritual vacations away from the distraction and distortion our society makes so appealing.

With this in mind, the Guild invites all of you to consider two spiritual vacations upcoming here in southeast Michigan.

The first will be taking place from July 22 Friday - July 24 Sunday. It is our 3rd annual Rise from the Ashes Pilgrimage that calls for repentance and renewal in the Church and to recall the holy life of Fr. Richard. As we walk together 38 miles from Monroe to the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit over the course of 3 days, we will be engaging our minds and bodies in penitential acts and pray for renewal in the Church. We will especially pray this year for an increase in young men who will pursue the same priestly path that Fr. Richard embarked on a couple centuries ago. Learn more about Rise from the Ashes Pilgrimage on page 3 of this newsletter.

Also, our annual Fr. Gabriel Richard Exhibit will begin in mid-September. Come to the Basilica's side chapel to learn more about Fr. Richard's spiritual journey from his personal artifacts and the extensive knowledge that Guild members will share on select days. And please take the opportunity to pray at the foot of Fr. Richard's tomb for his intercession!

The Father Gabriel Richard Guild invites you, in the ways that you can, to embark with us on this spiritual journey.

Joe Boggs
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Letter Dated December 1826 from FGR to his Nephew Jos. Richard in France Discussing Family and Faith

English: "Obedience is even preferable to sacrifice, which is, however, called the most excellent of religious acts. May they always be busy in useful matters, may they never act capriciously or out of mood. All this will make them happier, content, lovable. May a truly filial fear of God accompany them always, may they be accustomed to seeing God present everywhere, seeing him operate wisely, smoothly and forcefully. The providence of God is truly maternal! Only God is good, my dear children, God alone is good: he should, therefore, be loved alone and above all, and nothing should be loved, except by him: Vanitas, vanitatum, praeter amare Deum et illi soli servire. It is advantageous to love others. What we teach others is what we know best."

tième. L'obéissance est préférable même au sacrifice, qui cependant est appelé le plus excellent des actes de religion. Qu'ils soient toujours occupés utilement, qu'ils n'agissent jamais par caprice et par humeur. Tout cela les rendra toujours gais, contents, aimables. Qu'une crainte de Dieu vraiment filiale les accompagne partout, qu'ils s'accoutument à voir Dieu présent partout, voyant et opérant avec force, sagesse et suavité. Oh! que la providence de Dieu est vraiment maternelle! Dieu seul est bon, mes chers enfants, Dieu seul est bon: il doit donc être aimé seul au dessus de tout, et rien ne doit être aimé que par rapport à lui: Vanitas vanitatum, praeter amare Deum et illi soli servire.

Il y a de l'avantage à enseigner les autres. Ce qu'on enseigne aux autres est ce qu'on sait le mieux. Néanmoins je desirer bien, mon cher ne-



Please Welcome New FGR Guild Secretary Gail Moreau-DesHarnais

Gail Moreau-DesHarnais is a parishioner of St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston. She is a retired teacher of French and English from Pontiac Northern High School. She has been studying the life and ministry of Father Gabriel Richard since the summer of 2017 and has written several articles for Michigan's Habitant Heritage about his life in France and his journey from France in 1792 to Baltimore, then on to the Illinois Country, and finally to Detroit where he spent the rest of his life. She is currently working on the year 1823 in the life of Father Richard.

Guild Member Writes Master's Thesis on the Faith Development of Fr. Gabriel Richard

FGR Guild member Kevin Madosky recently earned a master's degree from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Kevin's master's thesis examined Father Gabriel Richard's faith development in thirty-six of his French letters through the optic of Dr. James Fowler's "Stages of Faith." He explored the letters, available at the Archdiocese of Detroit's archives, chronologically, using Dr. Fowler's stages of faith as a template. His study highlighted Father Richard's religious and societal roles through his life as indicators of growth in his soul's journey to God.

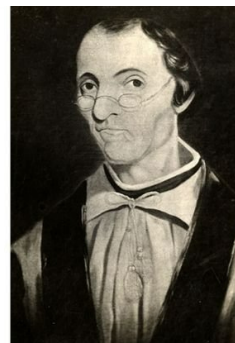
NEW LOGO

We are pleased to announce that the FGR Guild has a new logo. Several logos were created by Basilica of Ste. Anne staff, and Guild leadership and Msgr. Chuck Kosanke voted on them and made the final selection.





Ste. Anne de Detroit

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OF PARISHES*Rise From The Ashes***38-MILE PILGRIMAGE****FRIDAY, JULY 22ND – SUNDAY, JULY 24TH**

Fr. Gabriel Richard

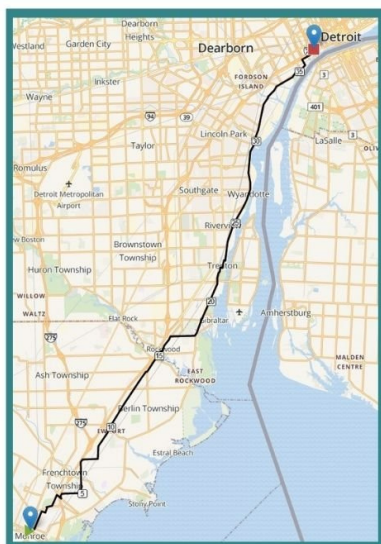
“Rise From the Ashes Pilgrimage” is a 38 mile, 3-day walking pilgrimage honoring the life of Fr. Gabriel Richard and embracing the Holy Spirit’s call to repentance and renewal in the Church. As we specifically pray for an increase in priestly vocations, we are inviting you to join us as a family member of Christ’s Church in Southeast Michigan. Let us come together as a Family in support of one another, one mind and one heart – may we all walk together in unity & “*Rise From the Ashes*”.

THE JOURNEY

We will be starting at St. Mary’s, Monroe on Friday, July 22nd and finishing at Ste. Anne de Detroit--the Archdiocese’s newest Basilica—on Sunday, July 24th. Along the way we will be visiting and/or staying overnight at Catholic Churches/locations where Fr. Gabriel Richard served including St. Mary’s in Monroe, St. Mary’s in Rockwood, and St. Andre Bessette in Ecorse. Our destination, finishing at Ste. Anne, Patroness Saint of Detroit, Ste. Anne de Detroit was the parish where Gabriel Richard served as Pastor, and he is buried within the church’s side chapel.

SCAN ME**Register Today**

To learn more about the extraordinary, service-filled life of Fr. Gabriel Richard, read this article:

<https://bit.ly/3aYgOp7>
**GET INVOLVED***Walk with Us*

Those 18 years old+ are welcome to walk with us for part or all of the 38-mile route. All walkers are highly encouraged to donate \$10 to the Fr. Gabriel Richard Guild. Under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Participants Register At: <https://bit.ly/3aZx3Cn>

Support our Cause

Can't walk but would like to financially support our cause? Consider supporting the work of the Fr. Gabriel Richard Guild with a \$10 donation <https://bit.ly/3Qkejhi> and/or give directly to

Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit <https://bit.ly/3mMplhL> as we pray for an increase in priestly vocations in southeast Michigan.

Volunteer

We need volunteers to assist in different ways throughout the pilgrimage. Support drivers, destination set up, etc. Contact us for details.

Pray

Prayer is the foundation of our every effort. We will be praying together throughout the journey but also need your prayers for us and our efforts. If you can't walk, can you pray?

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Join the Guild

The purpose of the Fr. Gabriel Richard Guild is to:

- keep alive the inspiring memory of Fr. Richard;
- bring knowledge of his exemplary life to others;
- archive information about his life and work;
- provide prayer, support, and office services to the Cause.

Membership is just \$10 per year.

Visit ste-anne.org to join.

Please tell a friend.

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**NOVENA TO SAINTE ANNE**

July 17 – 26, 2022 at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit

Ten days of celebration and prayer culminating on July 26 with the Feast of Ste. Anne. Special French Mass on Sunday, July 24.

More details at Ste-Anne.org/Events.