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The Newsletter of the Fr. Gabriel Richard Guild

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GREETINGS FROM THE GUILD

"Draw them to the Catholic Church."

The date was Sunday, June 13, 1816. Father Gabriel Richard, as was the norm on the feast of Corpus Christi, led his Catholic flock in a Eucharistic procession throughout the dust-filled streets of Detroit. What was out of the norm was who else was involved in the procession. After a summertime visit, Bishop Joseph-Octave Plessis of Quebec reported that Richard's parishoners "had justly complained" about the fact that Protestants played prominent roles in the Corpus Christi festivities. In fact, both Lewis Cass, Michigan's Territorial Governor, and Alexander Macomb, a decorated War of 1812 general, helped with the canopy under which the Blessed Sacrament traveled. Both were Protestants as were many of the military regiment that accompanied the procession.

Fr. Richard justified his decision due to the "excellent principle" provided by the Bishop of Baltimore to "do towards the Protestants all that might draw them to the Catholic Church."

As the Eucharistic Congress meets in Indianapolis in less than a month, and the Catholic Church in America continues its Eucharistic Revival, we might want to ask ourselves a question: what are we doing to draw not just Protestants but all people to the Catholic Church?

If you are perhaps lackluster in the evangelization department you might want to consider participating in an upcoming event. The fifth annual Rise from the Ashes Pilgrimage, which takes place July 19-21, is a public act of faith that often leaves bystanders in awe. It's a 3 day, 38-mile walking pilgrimage from St. Mary's in Monroe to the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit and this year we will be focusing on the Eucharistic Revival. We will have Eucharistic processions and adoration as part of our journey. As we've experienced in year's past, many motorists and pedestrians will stop to ask us what we're doing. It's a great opportunity to spread our hope in Jesus and the Church he instituted, as well as share the life and legacy of Fr. Richard.

To learn more about this year's Rise from the Ashes pilgrimage, go to this website: <https://rise-from-the-ashes.ticketleap.com/rise-from-the-ashes-rfta2024/>.

Yours in Christ,

Joe Boggs
President
Fr. Gabriel Richard Guild

**The Words of Fr. Richard
to Bishop Ambrose Marechal of Baltimore
about a Captain Pearson who professes his faith
in the Eucharist and the Catholic Church**

Washington, April 23, 1824

Excellency:

On Easter after Vespers at the Visitation G. T., Captain Pearson who remained in Detroit, where I knew him from the time I have been in this country, was busy navigating Lakes Erie, Huron, and Michigan, and he visited me, determined that he couldn't change his mind about joining the Catholic Church...I asked him pointed questions on dogmas to assure myself that he had suitable knowledge, especially about the power to put sin back and the real presence, and he responded, I think, that God has the power to change bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ...I believe everything the Roman Catholic Church believes and teaches.

I ask that you give me your Episcopal blessing and with esteem, I am your very humble and obedient servant.

Gabriel Richard

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.

Basilica Anniversary Mass September 20

6pm Confessions

7pm Mass

Join us to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit.

Anyone attending Mass and Confession will receive a plenary indulgence.

1000 Ste. Anne Street, Detroit
ste-anne.org/events

Book a Tour of the Basilica of Ste. Anne

Visitors are welcome any time of the year. In the winter, visitors come for Advent, Las Posadas and Christmas. In the spring visitors can experience Via Crucis and other Holy Week and Easter events. In the summer, we hold our Novena celebration and honor the Feast of Ste. Anne. In the fall we hold our annual exhibit on Fr. Gabriel Richard and our Day of the Dead celebrations. And much more!

We have very knowledgeable docents who will ensure you have an enriching experience. Tours can include Mass if requested in advance. If you are spending the day in the city, our team can also recommend dining options and other Catholic and historical sites to visit.

Get started at ste-anne.org/visit-us/. You will find more information and a Tour Request form. Tours usually run 45-60 minutes. The suggested donation is \$3 per student and \$5 per adult.

Please contact our office at 313-496-1701 or email Amelia.Mata@SteAnneDetroit.org for more details. Tours must be scheduled in advance as the basilica is not open during the week to walk-in visitors.



5th Annual Rise From The Ashes

WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Join Us!

Recognizing that not everyone can attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis (July 17-21), we invite you to walk with us and also join in several Eucharistic opportunities happening here, locally in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

JULY 19-21, 2024

The walk begins Friday morning at St. Mary's in Monroe, concluding on Sunday at Ste. Anne de Detroit with the noon mass.

Sign Up to Walk All or Part of the Journey
We would love to have everyone participate.
Walk 1/2 days, 3-miles a day, the last mile,
or the entire 38-mile hike.
Whatever you can or fits your schedule.

For complete details and registration visit:

<https://bit.ly/RFTA2024>

For questions or more information, contact George Strimpel - gkreative@gmail.com or Joe Boggs - jboggs1133@gmail.com



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival



Additional Eucharistic Processions,
Adoration and Praise & Worship
Opportunities planned each day.
Get details by visiting us.



NOVENA TO SAINTE ANNE JULY 17 - 26, 2024

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER AND MASS
CULMINATING IN THE CELEBRATION
OF THE FEAST OF STE. ANNE

Join us for the most anticipated event of the summer at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit!

The ten day festival includes a celebration of French culture on Sunday, July 21 at 12 noon. For more details and the complete schedule go to <https://ste-anne.org/events/novena/>

Second Annual FGR Guild Art Contest Winners

We are delighted to announce the winners of the Second Annual Fr. Gabriel Richard Guild Art Contest!

- High School – Sophia Baltrinic – Regina Caeli Academy
- Middle School – Emily Murphy – St. Paul on the Lake
- Elementary School – Isabella Morra – St. Paul on the Lake

Each winner received \$1,000 for herself and her school courtesy of contest sponsor Concorde Financial. We are grateful to all the students who participated, as well as their teachers and families. The art will be on display at the annual exhibit on the life and legacy of Fr. Richard at the Basilica of Ste. Anne this fall.

