

THE EAGLE'S NEST



AUGUST

Come Fly with Fr. Samy

Summer is in full swing, and we're excited to bring you the latest updates and news from Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry (ERCM). In this *Eagle's Nest* edition, we highlight our recent **Youth Night** which was truly a smashing success! It was a phenomenal evening filled with laughter, learning, and lasting memories, thanks to the enthusiastic participation of our amazing youth and our dedicated volunteers - our *Eagle Ambassadors*. These were the highlights of the evening



Inspiring Speakers: We were honored to host inspiring speakers who shared their experiences and insights on Spirituality, Relatability and Possibilities. Their wisdom and experiences left a profound impact on everyone present, empowering our youth to dream big and set aflame their passions.

Interactive Activities: From engaging team-building Breakout Sessions to fun-filled games and creative challenges, our youth had the opportunity to broaden their knowledge while picking up new skills.



Community Building and Networking:

The event fostered meaningful connections among our youth participants, encouraging collaboration and camaraderie. Whether through conversations or group sessions, our youth strengthened their sense of belonging within our ERCM family.

Paise and Worship: Our venue provided for a sacred space for reflection and renewal of our faith. Many of us found solace and inspiration in the scriptures proclaimed, reaffirming our spiritual journey.

Prayer and Counselling: The presence of God among us was indeed palpable. In moments of prayer, we felt His peace, His love, and His. The counselling sessions reminded us of His faithfulness and mercy. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the success of Youth Night. Your support and commitment played a pivotal role in creating a positive and enriching experience for our youth. Together, we are nurturing future leaders and changemakers who will make a difference in our world. Thank you once again for your devotion and participation. Together, through praise and worship, we are strengthened and renewed in our commitment to God. Your dedication, voices, and prayers made a profound impact on our collective journey of faith.

~Fr Samy, Spiritual Director~

Join us for our next Youth Night on Sept 5!

Don't miss out on our Summer BBQ. Check out eaglerisingnyc.org to learn more!



In Focus:

Youth Retreat
ERCM Programs
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Q&A with tattoo artist

Here at ERCM, our volunteers are called *Eagle Ambassadors*. Sign up today to assist us in our mission to help our youth.

Or is your interest on a specific focus within the Ministry? Well, you can be a highly specialized Eagle Ambassador depending on the Program you choose:

Be an Eagle Visionary!

Assist the youth to be leaders, evangelizers or disciples with our Eagle Flight Programs!

Be an Eagle Guide!

Be a Big Brother or Big Sister mentor to our youth with our Under the Wing Program!

Be an Eagle Intercessor!

Be a prayer warrior to our youth with our Feathers of Faith Program!

Sign Up Today!

Andrea and Fr. Samy



Andrea The Apostle

Saints, in the context of Christianity, are individuals who are recognized for their exceptional holiness and are revered as exemplary models of faith and virtue.



Origins and Definition:-

The concept of saints originates primarily from Christianity, where it denotes individuals who have lived exceptionally holy lives and are believed to have achieved a high level of spiritual union with God. The term "saint" comes from the Latin word "*sanctus*," meaning holy or set apart.

Role and Significance:-

Saints play several important roles within Christian theology and practice:

Intercessors: Saints are believed to have a special role in interceding for believers before God. Through prayers addressed to saints, individuals seek their intercession on their behalf, believing that their closeness to God grants them the ability to intercede effectively.

Exemplars of Faith: Saints serve as examples of how to live a devout and virtuous life. Their biographies, known as hagiographies, recount their deeds, miracles (often attributed to their intercession), and steadfast commitment to God and others.



Process of Canonization:-

The process of becoming a saint in Catholicism – canonization – follows these steps:



Local Recognition: Initially, a person's life and virtues are recognized locally by the faithful and the Church authorities.

Beatification: The candidate is then beatified, which formally declares them "blessed" and allows for public veneration in specific places or communities. This step typically requires evidence of a miracle attributed to their intercession.

Canonization: Finally, after another verified miracle, the candidate may be canonized, formally declaring them a saint. Canonization is typically pronounced by the Pope or the highest authority within a particular Christian denomination.



Patronage: Many saints are associated with specific causes, professions, or regions. They are regarded as patrons who provide special protection or blessings related to these areas. For example, Saint Christopher is the patron saint of travelers, and Saint Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians.

Types of Saints:-

Martyrs: Those who died for their faith, often through persecution or martyrdom.

Confessors: Those who lived holy lives but were not martyred.

Doctors of the Church: Saints recognized for their theological contributions and writings.

Patron Saints: Those associated with specific causes or professions.

Conclusion:- Saints hold a prominent place in Christian theology and practice, serving as spiritual exemplars, intercessors, and sources of inspiration for believers. *You too could be a saint!*

~Andrea, Chair Person~

5 questions with a Catholic tattoo artist, Tommy Houlihan.....Part 1.



Q: Is it OK to get a tattoo if I'm a Christian/Catholic?

Tommy:

I am a devout Catholic and have been a professional tattoo artist for over 30 years. This is a question I've struggled with off and on until recently. Not only because I have ALOTTA tattoos but because I also apply them. I've consulted with many Catholic priests (including an exorcist) from the U.S. to Kenya. After much consultation, research and most importantly... prayer, I have come to the conclusion that, yes, it is OK to get tattooed. However there are many things to consider if you have decided a tattoo is right for you.

Q: What are some of the things I should ask myself when considering getting a tattoo?

Tommy:

Well, if you are under 18 then obedience is first. Discuss it with your parents. If they do not want you to get tattooed until you are of legal age to make your own decisions as an adult then hold off.

Honor thy father and thy mother. Often times, what we decide to get tattooed on us at age 17 is not something you want when you are 50. My opinion on this comes from my own personal experience and knowing the experiences of others for the past 30 years.

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