

The Eagle's Nest

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Come Fly With Me



Dear youth and friends in Christ, This month marks one full year of Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry! Like the eagle in Exodus 19:4, God has carried us on His wings—

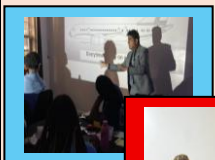
through every challenge and every victory.

Whether you've been with us from the start or recently joined, you are part of a mission rooted in mercy and built on hope. Throughout this year, we've witnessed God move through testimonies, healing, and powerful moments of prayer. As we enter a new season, let us reflect on how far God has brought us, give thanks for His faithfulness, and rise again—renewed in Christ.

We were never meant to walk alone. We were made to soar.

"But those who hope in the Lord... will soar on wings like eagles." —Isaiah 40:31 With faith and love, Let's keep flying.

~ Fr. Samy, Spiritual Director ~



Founder's Message



"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." —

Philippians 1:6 One year ago, we began with a simple vision: to

build a ministry where faith could rise, mercy could heal, and lives could be transformed. What started as a small act of obedience has grown into a powerful move of God's grace—uniting youth, families, and communities under one call: rise higher in Christ.

Over the past year, we've worshipped, prayed, and grown together. Through Fellowship and Faith Nights, reflections, and joyful gatherings, Eagle Rising has become a home where hearts are restored, voices are heard, and every soul matters. This anniversary is more than a celebration—it's a testimony. A witness to the fruit of unity, mercy, and God's faithfulness.

As we move forward, may we continue to soar like the eagle—bold, graceful, and grounded in Christ. May love bridge generations, truth be spoken with compassion, and mercy lead us through every season. Thank you to all who've prayed, supported, and believed. You are part of this flight.

~Vic Joseph, Founder~

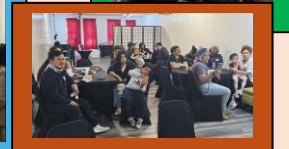
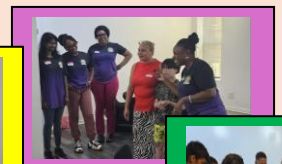
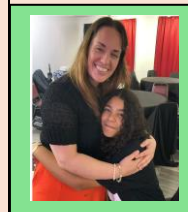
Youth Corner

At our July Fellowship and Faith Night, we explored the First Commandment—"You shall have no other gods before Me"—and the story of Joseph. We discussed how things like money, fame, and

relationships can become "modern idols" that take God's place in our lives. Joseph's story showed us the power of staying faithful

through trials. He trusted God through betrayal and hardship, never losing hope. Takeaway: Put God first. He's working,

even when you don't see it.



Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry

Saints of the Month:

St. John Bosco & Blessed Carlo Acutis,
Our Patron Saints.

As we celebrate our one-year anniversary, we honor the two saints whose lives continue to shape our mission—St. John Bosco and Blessed Carlo Acutis.

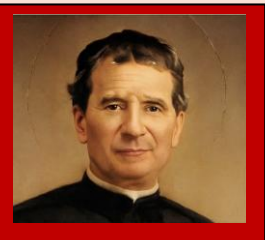


Blessed Carlo Acutis

(To Be Canonized September 2025)
Born in 1991 and called home to God in 2006, Carlo Acutis was

a teenager with a love for the Eucharist, technology, and helping others grow in their faith. He created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and often said, “The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven.”

Though he lived only 15 short years, his impact reached millions. Carlo reminds us that holiness is possible at any age, and in any setting—even online. His canonization, scheduled for September, will officially recognize what many of us already believe: that Carlo is a saint for our time.



St. John Bosco

A visionary educator and priest from the 1800s, St. John Bosco dedicated his life to serving youth—

especially the poor, forgotten, and at-risk. He believed that love, joy, and patience—not punishment—were the keys to guiding young hearts toward God. His legacy lives on through schools, oratories, and ministries around the world.

Why These Saints?

We chose Blessed Carlo and St. John Bosco as our patrons because their stories mirror our mission: reaching hearts across generations, creating joyful spaces to encounter Christ, and using the tools of today—technology, community, and mercy—to proclaim the Gospel boldly. As we look ahead, may we walk in their footsteps: courageous, joyful, and always seeking God first.

~Andrea, Chairperson~

In Focus

A Year of Faith in Action

Over the past year, Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry (ERCM) has remained steadfast in its mission to live out the Gospel through both word and deed. Through God’s grace, we’ve touched lives in profound ways.

We helped individuals secure employment and stable housing, provided clothing to those in need, and walked with families through difficult transitions. We extended our outreach to support local and national charities—including donating time and



resources to the **Sisters of Life**, a Catholic religious community dedicated to protecting the sacredness of

human life and offering loving support to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Our spiritual reach expanded globally as well:

In Wisconsin, an ERCM ambassador journeyed the full **22-mile Walk to Mary**, carrying intentions for healing, family, and peace.



In Mexico, another ambassador delivered



written prayer petitions to the **Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, lighting candles and offering

intercession on behalf of our ministry.

In Bermuda, ambassadors visited the historic St. Peter’s Church in St. George’s and the awe-inspiring **Unfinished**

Church, reflecting on God’s ongoing work in each of us.

From clothing drives to spiritual pilgrimages, ERCM’s year was



filled with acts of faith, hope, and charity. As we look back, we are reminded that every prayer matters, every soul is sacred, and our mission to serve in Christ’s name continues—stronger than ever.

In Focus Continued.

Also recently in Louisiana, ERCM extended its mission of mercy by awarding ten \$1,500 scholarships to students at **St. Elizabeth School in Paincourtville**—one of the poorest



parishes in the state. Founded 150 years ago by the Carmelite Sisters, the school continues to serve families seeking

Catholic education amid financial hardship. “I am certain God heard the cry of our families for help, and the help came through Eagle Rising Scholarships,” shared Principal Sandy Pizzolato. Fr. Tomi Thomas, pastor of St. Jules Church, added, “May God bless Eagle Rising Ministries, who take care of the vulnerable.” For more information, call (929) 561-8301.

OUR PRAYER

Lord, guide us to be of service to you and others. Inspire us to care for all your creation, especially the youth. Fill us with truth, hope and love in all that we do. Unite us to faithfully journey together with you, as we work to build Your Kingdom within our community.

~Serviam~



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