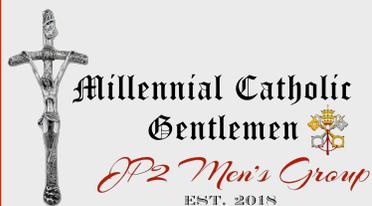


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Left: Archbishop Jeffrey Grob, Emeritus Bishop Jerome Listecki, and Bishop James Schuerman saying Mass using the Altar from the MCG's Mobile Sacristy. (Photos from the Archdiocese of Milw.)



Right: Archbishop Grob with Michael Tennes in the Mobile Sacristy Trailer

The Support of a Shepherd

By Michael Tennes, Founder and Executive Director of
Millennial Catholic Gentlemen, Inc./JP2 Men's Group — home of the Mobile Sacristy

We frequently work with members of the clergy in our mission. It is truly an honor to assist them as they exercise their priestly office at the altar. In a likewise fashion they too show support towards our mission.

We recently welcomed a new Shepherd to our Archdiocese. I have a difficult task ahead of me ... not only to pay tribute to one Shepherd, but also to welcome the other, in as few words as possible.

For half of my life Archbishop Emeritus Listecki was our Shepard in Milwaukee, so much could be said and shared! Focusing in on our mission, our encounters with him via the Mobile Sacristy will still remain frequent. His appreciation for what we do has always been shared, at times remarking how he is the only bishop in the nation to have this unique mission in his own diocese.

One story: JP2 is MCG's patron, we celebrate his feast day on October 22nd with solemnity. A few years back I was sitting at a dinner table with His Excellency at an event. I mentioned, "JP2 Men's Group has a gift for you to help celebrate tomorrow's big feast!" He replied "I have a gift for JP2 Men's Group, drop by my house after the dinner." Later I pull up to his house, he walks out, and says, "Each of these saint cards contain a second class relic of JP2, pieces from his cassock, each has a seal from the Vatican. Please give one to each of the guys tomorrow." A priceless gift! Our gift to him? A pair of red, white, and gray socks with an image of JP2 on them. A heck of a trade — *socks for cassocks!*

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Newly appointed
Milwaukee Archbishop,
Jeffrey Grob





Spring Has Sprung

By Matthew Schmitz, Operations Director

2025 is here! And boy is it beautiful. Temperatures in March hit a high of 70°. Speaking of highs, MCG has a new record — four events in March, two of which were on the same day! The momentum of MCG cannot be stopped! As the year continues we look forward to finally completing the trailer with all the necessary items to host all the liturgies we assist with! A Mobile Sacristy needs to be fully stocked!

God Had MCG in Mind from All Eternity

By Ron Gamache, Treasurer



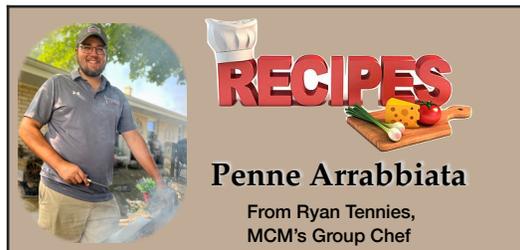
Like each one of us, God had MCG in mind from all eternity. Our Lord makes it perfectly clear that the reason we are here on earth is to love God with every fiber of our existence, and to use ourselves up in the service of our fellow human beings.

The men of MCG take Our Lord’s mandate to heart. We give Glory to God by making it possible to bring our Eucharistic Lord to people, who might not even encounter Him inside a Church. Only God knows the graces that flow out upon people, who attend these many liturgies MCG sets up for. This is all for the eternal benefit of their immortal souls.

In this, the Year of Mission of the National Eucharistic Revival, MCG has its evangelization marching orders — to travel thousands of miles with its Mobile Sacristy, helping facilitate liturgies with the many events they partner with. At this point, MCG has the only Mobile Sacristy in the entire country. Other dioceses, that have visited MCG’s website, recognize the evangelization potential of the Mobile Sacristy, and have expressed an interest.

Doing the Lord’s work requires dedicated servants and material resources to keep the Mobile Sacristy on the road, and supplied with the proper liturgical items. MCG has an opportunity to qualify for grant money, assuming that it can get at least, individual 100 donors. We humbly ask that you please visit our website and make a small donation to help us achieve the requisite number of donors.

May Our Eucharistic Lord bless you and your wonderful families for all that you do in His service. Thank you.



Penne Arrabbiata

From Ryan Tennes,
MCM's Group Chef

- 1 lb Penne noodles
 - 2 Tbsp olive oil
 - 4 cloves garlic
 - 2-3 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
 - 3 Tbsp tomato paste
 - 1 can (28 oz) crushed tomatoes
 - 8 leaves fresh basil
 - Parsley
 - Parmesan cheese
- Boil pasta until al dente.
 - In a large skillet, over medium heat, add olive oil, garlic, crushed red pepper. Cook for 1 minute (stir, do not burn).
 - Add tomato paste, cook until fragrant, 2-3 minutes.
 - Add crushed tomatoes.
 - Add salt and pepper to taste.
 - Simmer, very low for 20-30 minutes
 - Drain noodles, reserve 1/2 cup pasta water.
 - If sauce is too thick, add pasta water until silky.
 - Mix sauce and noodles.
 - Garnish with parsley and parmesan cheese.



Join us for the
8th Annual
Hike to Mary
Mother of the Church
June 9, 2025

- 11 mile pilgrimage / hike from St. Peter, Slinger to Holy Hill
- Rain or Shine, dress appropriately. Snacks and lunch provided.
- Park/Meet at 8am at Community Park
- 3:00pm Feast Day Mass, Holy Hill
- Visit our www.mobilesacristy.org for more information.
- Questions/RSVP to Steve Tennes
- hiketomary@gmail.com or 414-940-1905

Basking in the Glorious Rays from Jesus

By Father Chris Klussman



We have arrived to Easter, the Celebration of celebrations, the Feast of feasts, and the Solemnity of solemnities! May we shout in joy with the Triumphant Christ, Who holds up His Resurrection banner of victory!

Turning to the Transfiguration passage which gives us a clue of the shining and radiant Christ: "...His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light" (Mt 17:2). St. Mark adds another beautiful detail: "...His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them" (Mk 9:3). I also love the verse recited during Night Prayer from Revelation 22:5: "Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light."

With the great reminders set forth from the Eucharistic Revival, Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, fully Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity! Truly a Gift of gifts!



As we celebrate the Risen Christ in His radiance, you might think: what is the opportunity (outside of Mass) that we can be able to look upon the Risen Christ? Eucharistic Adoration!

To this day, we are still grateful to have a beautiful monstrance that was purchased at the National Eucharistic Congress last year by the Millennial Catholic Gentlemen / JP2 Men's Group for the mobile sacristy. How can we also not be grateful for the humble and generous gift from Archbishop Emeritus Jerome E. ListECKI in blessing it?!

The Monstrance, in all its stunning beauty and elegance, can only whimper when compared to the stunning incomparable Light of Christ all contained within the Host. As we kneel before Him in adoration, we cannot forget the beautiful words from the soon-to-be-canonized Carlos Acutis, "When we face the sun, we get a tan... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints." By being in front of the Host in the Monstrance, we get Sun burned (tan). The rays of the sun gives us Vitamin D, while the rays from the Host in Eucharistic Adoration gives us Vitamin J (J for Jesus), again the Vitamin of vitamins.

Whenever we are at Mass and at Eucharistic Adoration, we cannot forget that gazing at the elevated Host during Mass, as well as at the Host within the Monstrance, is a foretaste of the *Easter Celebration of celebrations!*



Thank you, donors, for making the Mobile Sacristy possible!

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- ✦ Relevant Radio

The Support of a Shepherd ... continued from page 1

His support for MCG has always been clear, we thank him for his sacrifice and fidelity while tending to his flock, and wish him the best in his well earned retirement!

We have already had a few encounters with Archbishop Grob ever since his installation! In March, His Excellency even toured the Mobile Sacristy for the first time and blessed our new Roman missal. We share a mutual excitement about working together in years to come. Archbishop Grob remarked, "We had nothing like this in Chicago, they need this! Other dioceses need this!"

By the grace of God, it is *here* in Milwaukee! All thanks to our donors, the men of MCG, and the support from our Shepard(s).



Reverence and Reflection

By Jacob Weymier, Liturgical Items Coordinator



Over the years I have known Michael and the Mobile Sacristy. I always wanted to do more to help him in his ministry as I have been a part of the Millennial Catholic Gentlemen's group since its beginning. Recently Michael reached out and asked if I could help him by taking over the maintenance of the liturgical items in the Mobile Sacristy.

It truly has been an honor and blessing to help Michael in that capacity. To be able to handle the different items and make them beautiful for Mass causes one to reflect on how and why each object is used. We handle these items with reverence because they are used for Mass, in which we remember, the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins; but also, in that He comes down to us in the Eucharist in His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. We should have reverence for those items that hold His Most Precious Body and Blood. One does not simply clean these items without a thought, like any other dish, but as you clean and polish the ciboria, chalice, and purificators you cannot help but reflect on Christ's sufferings that He went through for all of us out of love.

For me it is more than keeping these items "maintained;" these objects need to be beautiful so those that encounter the Mobile Sacristy can see that these men would do anything they can to bring reverence and beauty of the Mass anywhere they go. To bring the beauty and reverence of the Mass anywhere that touches countless people is a beautiful and honorable task that should not be taken lightly. We will never know the many graces anyone may receive from our apostolate. To know that Our Lord is using us to spread truth, goodness, and beauty on this earth is a humbling experience to be a part of.

From the time I started being a part of this brotherhood, the group has helped me to grow in my faith and make friendships that foster virtue. This group is different from any I have encountered in the way that they create a Catholic atmosphere where men can grow in their faith and spend time in a morally sound community. In this world there are so many dark and evil forces trying to drag us down to hell, and to be able to counter that evil we need a band of brothers that will have our back, and help us rise after we fall. This brotherhood truly helps each other out no matter the difficulty, or how far the distance. In my time with these men they have shown me true brotherhood in the way they act and care for me, my other spiritual brothers in community, and in our apostolate with the Mobile Sacristy throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.



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— Pope Francis