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Millennial Catholic Gentlemen, Inc.



Mobile Sacristy Mission

— Upcoming Events —

May 15-17
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Ballpark Day of Faith

— JP2 Monstrance Dates —

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— Family Events, 2026 —

May 23 — MCG Anniversary Celebration
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— Men's Group Meetings —

April 20
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July 20

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On the Move — or on Pilgrimage?

By Michael Tennes, Founder and Executive Director

MCG — Home of the Mobile Sacristy



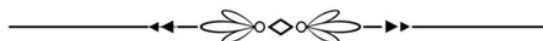
MCG set-up for the Liturgy at *Fiesta Mexicana* in Milwaukee.

It is often said that our Mission here at MCG always has us *on the move*. Certainly our Mobile Sacristy and JP2 Traveling Monstrance programs give the up-front appearance that

we are always in motion — which is correct! Similarly, our monthly JP2 men's group draws men from throughout Southeast Wisconsin who travel on a Monday evening to one location in order to receive the sacraments, and talk the faith with one another.

However, what we do here at MCG, in service to our Church community, is more than just going from point A to point B to get a job done. It's movement rooted in Faith, an invitation to our members and benefactors to enter a pilgrimage to the summit. If the Eucharist is referred to as the "*summit*" of our Catholic faith, I then presume a journey is in store for all God's faithful to begin the ascent. This is where thousands of souls, each too, on the pilgrimage of life, encounter MCG's mission every year. *Ultimately, all our paths meet at the Eucharist.*

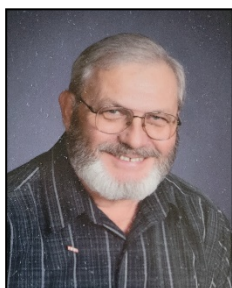
While our journeys may be different, according to how our Lord has called each of us in our lives, our ultimate destination remains the same, right? It is truly an honor that our mission meets souls of all walks of life where they find themselves. In the spirit of the new evangelization, let's make every step a pilgrimage and invite others to join us in our ascent to the *summit*.



MCG's website has been updated! Check it out. www.mobilesacristy.org

MCG New President Board Member

By Russ Koth, MCG Board of Directors, President



Hello, everyone! You may have seen me at some of the MCG events over the past few years. My wife Ree and I have lived in Slinger since 1999 and are members of St. Lawrence Parish, just north of Hartford.

A few months ago, I was approached by Michael Tennies about an intriguing opportunity to become much more involved with this group. There was going to be an opening on the Board of Directors, and would I be interested in filling that spot? I've known Michael since about 2018 through our leadership roles with the Knights of Columbus. After some prayerful consideration I decided to accept this invitation. I believe it is a new path opening, after I am winding down some of my involvement with other ministries and organizations.

I am of Polish heritage, and so naturally I have a special place in my heart for Pope St. John Paul II. In 2023 we were able to go on a pilgrimage to Poland with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The theme of the pilgrimage was *Honoring The Life And Legacy Of Pope St. John Paul II*. What an awesome experience that was! I learned so much about him as well as the country my maternal grandparents grew up in.

The Millennial Catholic Gentlemen/JP2 Men's Group has experienced much growth in the past couple of years with many milestones reached. That is in large part to the dedication and hard work of so many of you. I look forward to meeting more of you and working with you to continue to build this ministry. May God continue to bless this mission.

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Over 7,000 souls encountered our mission in the month of March as we serviced seven Liturgies with the mobile sacristy.

Truck, Truck, Truck

By Matthew Schmitz - Operations Director



As my Dad used to yell, pulling out of my Grandma's driveway, *Truck! Truck! Truck!*

I am proud to announce that Millennial Catholic Gentlemen officially have a truck of their own! From almost the very beginning of MCG, there was a need to have a trailer to tote around all of the liturgical items used for the Masses at many events. For years we have used different trucks from several group members to make the traveling Mass possible. Yet, while in the back of MCG's minds, we always had the thought one day, *MCG will have their very own dedicated truck to do this task.*

No more jumping from truck to truck, or asking if people are available. Through constant hard work from the MCG Team, and all of our generous donors and benefactors, we finally had our opportunity to start the search, and eventually procure such a vehicle for pulling the Mobile Sacristy. We landed on a Marian blue, 2023, Chevy Silverado 1500. When this was first shown to the director as a possible option to purchase, his words were, *I have a good feeling about this.* All those involved knew right then and there that this was the truck for Millennial Catholic Gentlemen.

What features does this truck come with you ask? Well, it comes with a 5.3L V-8 engine with full towing package, perfect for pulling the Mobile Sacristy. It has a state-of-the-art screen display with back up cameras; and a crew cab to fit 5 MCG members for all major events. And, last but not least, the bed comes with a rubber bed liner, tonneau cover and a powered electrical outlet. Whether it's pulling the Mobile Sacristy or carrying items for the monthly men's group, this truck is a perfect tool to continue the mission of the Eucharist that we so desire!

Your mobile sacristy truck driver.

Challenge Coin Club

The MCG Challenge Coin Club (CCC) is the premiere group of dedicated volunteers and donors who invest their time, talent, and treasure in MCG's mission. Once enrolled, the individual will not only receive this unique challenge coin, they will also receive other tangible and spiritual benefits as a token of our appreciation for supporting our mission. ** More details on how you can become a member of the CCC can be found on our website.*



Join us for the 9th Annual...

Hike to Mary
Mother of the Church

Monday, May 25, 2026

- 11 mile Ice Age Trail hike/ pilgrimage from St. Peter's in Slinger to Holy Hill. (No hiker left behind!)
- Rain or Shine (Dress appropriately).
- Snacks and lunch provided (Still come prepared).
- Park/meet @ 8am, at: Community Park - 128 Kettle Moraine Drive, North, Slinger, WI 53086
- Depart from St. Peter's @ 8:30am.
- 3pm Feast Day Mass in Holy Hill's Shrine Chapel.

Questions/RSVP to Steve Tennes: hiketomary@gmail.com (414) 940-1905

Who is our Big Brother?

Fr. Chris Klusman, MCG Chaplain



While the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope closed early this year, we were not expecting to have another Jubilee Year for quite some time. Surprisingly, we were informed that there is another Jubilee Year, this time for St. Francis of Assisi from Jan. 10, 2026 - Jan. 10, 2027! This was in honor of the 800th anniversary year of his death.

Startling also is that St. Francis' relics (a skeleton) were exhumed from his tomb, and open to the public for the first extended veneration in 800 years (!!) from Feb. 22 to March 22. What a blessing it is for those who were blessed to be there to venerate an unheard of display in Assisi!? (see picture) >



With the Sacrament of Confirmation Masses kicking up again, this is a good opportunity to call to mind on whether we are keeping close a saint in our daily lives. Saints are given to us from God to be our "Big Brothers and Sisters." They have gone through the joys and challenges of human life on Earth. Some of you chose your Confirmation saint because of something of that person that drew you to him. St. Francis of Assisi was often a saint chosen, or as they really say, the Confirmation saint chooses us. It is a good time now to examine ourselves: are we still keeping in close contact with a "Big Brother" saint or not? If not, make it a daily goal to pray with him and to do a spiritual reading of his life and/or writings. May his example continue to provide great mentorship and accompaniment.

God bless you always! St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Your "Big Brother" saint, pray for us!



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for making the Mobile
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— Recipes With Ryan —
Ryan Tennies - MCG's Expert Chef
Broccoli Cauliflower Salad

- 2 cups broccoli florets, cut into bite sized pieces
- 2 cups cauliflower florets, cut into bite sized pieces
- 1/3 cup red onion, diced
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled



- ▶ Add the broccoli, cauliflower, onion, dried cranberries to a large bowl.
- ▶ Mix well to distribute ingredients evenly.
- ▶ Combine the mayonnaise, sour cream, vinegar, and sugar in a medium sized bowl.
- ▶ Whisk until smooth.
- ▶ Taste, add salt and pepper as desired.
- ▶ Pour the mayonnaise mixture over the broccoli mixture.
- ▶ Stir gently to coat the ingredients with the dressing.
- ▶ Cover with plastic wrap and chill for an hour or more.
- ▶ Stir in the bacon just before serving.



Broccoli — rich in vitamins A, C, B's, K and folate
Cauliflower — rich in vitamins C, K, B9, folate

April 5, 2026

HE IS RISEN!
— HAPPY EASTER

We are an
Easter
people
and
Alleluia is
our song!

Pope St. John Paul II

