

Meet Father Matthew Habiger



Father Matthew Habiger, OSB was ordained in 1968 for St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, KS. His first assignment was to a large parish in Burlington, IA. Then he was appointed Newman chaplain for the University of Kansas. After completing two master degrees and a doctorate (Catholic University of America), he began to teach theology at Benedictine College and was the college chaplain for ten years. In 1990, he began a ten-year tour of duty working with the pro-life movement proclaiming the values of the Gospel of Life. This assignment took him to the four corners of the United States in training workshops.

Throughout his ministry he has labored to strengthen good marriages and strong family life. He welcomes the opportunity to explain God's plan for human life and love to parishes throughout the United States and elsewhere.

For more information about
scheduling a

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**A four day spiritual
event that will spark new
interest in what it means
to be a Catholic today.**

What is a mission?

A mission is the opportunity for a guest preacher to evangelize your parish in a special way by bringing new insights to age-old truths and providing intense times for prayer and spiritual growth through the sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation and preaching.

Why a mission now?

Pope John Paul II has called upon the members of Christ's faithful to respond to a new evangelization that begins first of all on the personal, family and parish levels. With the recent publication of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the first universal catechism in 400 years, a parish mission centered on the core of Catholic teaching is an ideal way to launch this renewed effort in evangelization.



A meeting with Pope John Paul II in Rome before a major Eastern European Pro-Life Conference in Bratislava, Slovakia, in 1992. I had the privilege of concelebrating Mass with the Holy Father that morning.

How does a mission work?

Here is a suggested schedule:

Saturday and Sunday Masses:

Father Habiger preaches on how we can be part of the Catholic evangelization effort so desired by Pope John Paul II.

Sunday-Wednesday Evenings:

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday: What the Catholic Church believes (The Creed)

Monday: What the Catholic Church celebrates (Sacraments)

Tuesday: What the Catholic Church lives (Commandments, Natural Family Planning and its impact on marriage and family life)

Wednesday: What the Catholic Church prays (the Our Father, prayer, spiritual life)

Schedule is flexible, according to local needs

Confessions at opportune times

If requested, Father Habiger will make available enjoyable videos on the lives of the Saints while adults attend the mission talks.

Testimonials

■ “I am pleased that your preaching had a positive effect upon the parishioners of Sacred Heart. While the message of the Church’s teaching challenges the modern mentality there is no question that its truth sets people free to recognize and realize God’s plan for their marriages and families. God bless your work.”

Most Rev. Elden Francis Curtiss
Archbishop of Omaha, NE

■ “Personally I found your message to be sensitive, believable, upbeat, containing some humor, but serious, compelling, faithful to the Gospel and to the Catholic Church. I certainly appreciated having you in our parish again and send my best wishes for God’s continued blessings of good health and fruitful ministry. It was good to have you back. Know that you are always welcome.”

Father Harold J. Buse, Pastor
Sacred Heart Parish
Norfolk, NE

■ “Keep up the great work! I so appreciate your willingness to preach this countercultural message throughout the United States. What you are doing on behalf of Church teaching is remarkable.”

Kay Ek, Director
Office of NFP, Diocese of St. Cloud, MN
President, Billings Ovulation Method Association
- USA

■ “Please keep on talking about what is the truth about our Catholic faith. We had not heard in a long time, this message. We are grateful for someone like you who is not afraid to preach the truth, whether it be on the Ten Commandments, Sacraments or Natural Family Planning.”

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