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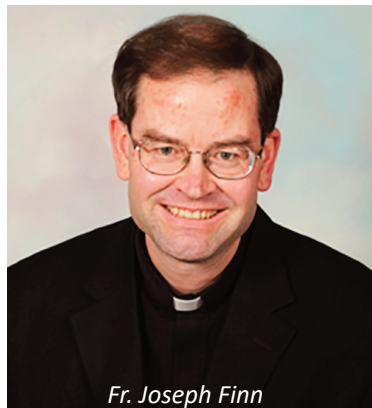
St. John Vianney/Fr. Joseph Finn

A humble servant of God

Many of you know the holiness and piety of St. John Vianney. Vianney is the patron of parish priests. He would hear confessions for most of the day. He lived an austere life of penance, offering up sufferings on behalf of himself and his people. He would eat a boiled potato per day and would fast in reparation for sins. He offered Sacrifice and was a living sacrifice for his people. He understood the Mystical Body of Christ. He understood that although many may not come to Christ or repent of their sins still---with each individual life mystically united together in the Body of Christ---he could repent and make reparation for others' lives and sins. His feast day is August 4th.

One priest of the Diocese of Lincoln that many do not know about who emulates the virtue of St. John Vianney is Father Joe Finn. Father

Finn is in residence at St. Mary's in Lincoln. His primary assignment includes coverage of many of the hospitals in Lincoln. His assignments include pastoral care at Bryan LGH West and East, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, and the Lincoln Regional Center. He is diligent in his duties and is on-call 24 hours per day. He hears the confessions of people nearing death. He gives the dying the Anointing of the Sick, Viaticum, and the Apostolic Pardon.



Fr. Joseph Finn

Perhaps more than any priest in our Diocese----given that he administers the Last Rites, the Apostolic Pardon, and brings Viaticum to people daily who are dying and near death in the hospitals----his work perhaps sends the most people to Heaven. It is the most important work of the Diocese, bringing God's people the

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Sacraments at the earthly life's end so that they might have Eternal Life. And he does it without many people knowing, without the accolades, without the attention. He is humble like St. John Vianney.

During the pandemic Fr. Finn has been a front-line worker. He literally has risked his life suiting up in PPE daily to deliver the Sacraments to those in the hospitals. In the spiritual life, he is constantly a front-line worker. Offering prayers, sacrifices, struggles, and indeed his very life for his people---the people of the Diocese of Lincoln. He is faithful, merciful, and filled with love.....He emulates the Life of Jesus Christ--- which we are all called to do.

If you will, please offer a thanksgiving prayer for the work and life of Fr. Joe Finn. When we reach life's last moments we will all desire a priest like him to be present with Jesus in the Sacraments.

On behalf of all of those you serve---visible and invisible---thank you and God bless you, Father Joe Finn!!!

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"It was like I gave him a million dollars! He was so excited!" That's how Katie Patrick, our Regional Director of Social Services, Lincoln, described the reaction of a man that she gave a donated Chevy Tahoe to recently. He was resettled by us in 2000 as part of the "Lost Boys of Sudan." Now a father of five, he was overjoyed to have reliable transportation for him and his family. Many of our clients have difficulty keeping jobs because they don't have reliable transportation. Your good, used vehicle can make all the difference in their lives. Some donated cars which may not be safe to drive are sold to get funds to help the poor as well. All donated vehicles (drivable or non-drivable) end up helping those in need. If you have a vehicle you would like to donate, contact Michelle Birkel at (402) 327-6235 or mbirkel@cssisus.org.



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