



THE CONGREGATION OF THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI IN CINCINNATI

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Laudetur Jesus Christus! Praised be Jesus Christ! As always seems to happen, the summer months have passed quickly, and we now prepare for the beginning of new academic and parish years. This annual transition gives us an opportunity to thank God for what has been accomplished and to look forward with hope to all that lies ahead.

This year, we are especially grateful for an important milestone in the formation of our Brothers. Having completed three years of life and formation at the Oratory, they have now been aggregated into our community. Aggregation marks their formal incorporation into the Oratory and represents the fruit of much prayer, discernment, and perseverance. It is a joyful occasion not only for them, but also for our entire Oratory family.

The Brothers will soon return to seminary for their final year of Philosophy before beginning their theological studies. As they continue along the path of formation for the priesthood, please remember them in your daily prayers. Their formation is supported in many ways by the prayers, encouragement, sacrifices, and generosity of the faithful. Although their studies take them away from Cincinnati for part of the year, they remain close to us as members of our community and family.

I also invite each of you to our Annual Fundraising Gala, which will be held this year on Thursday, November 5, 2026. More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and in the forthcoming mailing. The Gala is more than a fundraiser: it is a joyful opportunity for the wider Cincinnati Oratory family to gather in friendship, celebrate our shared mission, and support the future of the Oratory. We hope that you will join us.

For all that you do to sustain this work, please know of our gratitude and daily prayers. The life and mission of the Oratory depend upon the shared prayer, labor, and generosity of many people. May God reward you for your continued friendship and support, and may St. Philip Neri intercede for us all.

I remain humbly in Christ,

Fr. Jon Paul Bevak

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak, C.O.

Provost



The Oratory House ready for the 250th Anniversary of the United States



May Crowning 2026



Ready for the Oratory Gala 2025

HOSPITAL MINISTRY - FR. ADRIAN HILTON, C.O.



The Eucharistic Procession for Corpus Christi

People often ask me about hospital ministry. When a person enters a hospital, life changes dramatically. A diagnosis can bring fear, an illness can bring loneliness, and a serious prognosis can force a person to confront questions about suffering, forgiveness, and eternity.

Hospital ministry brings the Catholic faith directly to people in some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. Through prayer, conversation, Holy Communion, Confession, and Extreme Unction/Anointing of the Sick, patients and families are reminded that Christ has not abandoned them. Through the sacraments, the Church remains present in these most difficult of times.

The Church does not promise that every illness will be healed, but She offers something deeper...the presence of Christ, the grace of the Sacraments, and the hope of eternal life.

A hospital chaplain is often the conduit that God uses to help an estranged Catholic return to Confession after many years, bring the Blessed Sacrament to someone who cannot attend Mass, or ensures that a dying patient receives the Last Rites. These moments are often matters we do not consider until they are needed, but are so essential at different times in our lives. We must all anticipate and prepare for this in our own lives so that we are not surprised by an unforeseen illness and are thus not spiritually prepared.

Your support makes such ministry possible. Because of this generosity, the Church can continue to be present at hospital bedsides—serving the sick, comforting families, accompanying the dying, and bringing Christ where He is needed most.

THE SECULAR ORATORY

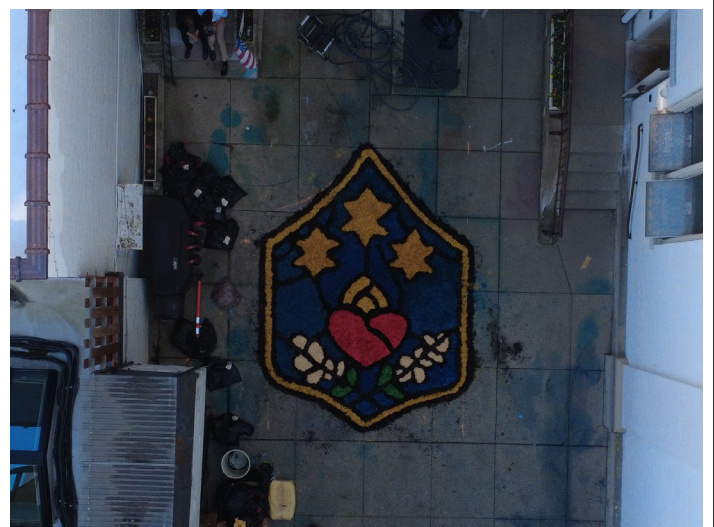
The Women's Secular Oratory is held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart School.

The Men's Secular Oratory is held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in Fr. Felten Hall.

Email the Oratory or contact the St. Philip Neri Family of Parishes' Office at (513) 721-2988 for more information!



Wood chips for the Feast of Corpus Christi.



The Oratory crest in wood chips captured by a drone.

AN UPDATE FROM FR. JACOB STRAUB



Fr. Jacob chanting the Epistle at Mass

It has been nine months since I was accepted as a novice for our Oratory, and I am grateful to God and to everyone for everything so far. It seems a good time to describe how life is going as a novice newly entering the house while also still a priest. The seminarian brothers have to go to school for most of the year and will do so until they are ordained, but I do not have to return to school even as a novice.

So what am I doing differently as a priest novice? The first year of the novitiate is in-house formation: beginning to understand the ways of the house, to do one's part to care for the house, and to learn more

about living in an Oratory of St. Philip Neri. I participate in the Oratory prayers morning and evening with the entire community, and make a holy hour every day to cultivate a prayer life. I have duties in the house for most days of the week, which occupy my mornings.



Fr. Jacob receiving the Oratory Cassock on November 1, 2025

Yet I am still active as a priest: Masses, confessions, adoration, wedding preparation, and so on. I also have time to myself for personal study, as well as a free day to do things outside of the house such as doctor's visits or seeing my family close by. There are many moments for growing in community life as well as living by the rule of the house. It requires humility and mortification, but by the grace of God I improve each day and pray that I continue to do His will in everything.



Getting Ready for Corpus Christi



The Feast of St. John the Baptist



Corpus Christi Mass



Blessing of the Baptismal Font at the Easter Vigil

ORATORY GALA 2026



Thursday, November 5, 2026
 5:30 p.m. - Social
 6:30 p.m. - Dinner and Program

Drees Pavilion in Devou Park
 790 Park Lane
 Covington, Kentucky 41011

RSVP by October 22, 2026
 \$60 per person



Please visit our webpage or call (513) 721-2988 for more information.

For online reservations:

<http://gala.cincinnati-oratory.com/>

or mail your reservation and guest list.

Checks can be made out to:
 "The Society of St. Philip Neri"

Sponsorships for a table of ten:

\$2500 - Platinum

\$2000 - Gold

\$1200 - Silver

\$600 - Bronze

Upcoming Events

October 17 - Annual Men's Eucharistic Procession from the Cathedral to Old St. Mary's @ 9:00 a.m.

November 1 - All Saints' Day

November 2 - All Souls' Day

November 3-11 - All Souls' Day Novena of Masses (<http://allsouls.cincinnati-oratory.com>)

November 5 - Annual Oratory Gala @ Drees Pavilion in Devou Park

December 12 - Solemn Rorate Mass @ 6:45 a.m.

December 15 - Musical Oratory of Advent @ 6:30 p.m.

Events are at Old St. Mary's Church unless otherwise noted

WISDOM FROM ST. PHILIP NERI

*To preserve our cheerfulness
 amid sicknesses and troubles,
 is a sign of a right and good
 spirit.*

THE CINCINNATI ORATORY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



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Through their commitment to making an annual donation of \$250 or more, our society of friends helps contribute to the annual cost of operation for the mission of The Cincinnati Oratory. With their annual support - and hopefully yours - our mission to sanctify and teach moves forward. Without you, this would be impossible!

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