

The Dreamer

Exclusive news for the St. Joseph's Indian School DreamMakers



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A Farewell to Father J. Anthony Kluckman, SCJ

The year was 2009 when a priest with twinkling eyes, a soft smile and steady voice arrived at St. Joseph's Indian School for a second time. He arrived determined to inspire faith in the lives of hundreds of Native American children from a wide array of backgrounds.

He served that mission well, and his caring heart was felt throughout campus and within the homes of our loyal supporters.

And now, our beloved Fr. Anthony will reap the rewards of his devoted work, as he retires to the Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake retirement community.

We're saddened to say goodbye, but understand God has perfect timing according to His plan.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

Fr. Anthony completes his St. Joseph's season with many victories — big and small. Under his tenure as chaplain, many wondrous things were accomplished.

2009: Fr. Anthony returned to St. Joseph's as chaplain for the second time after serving a parish on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation.

2013: The Medicine Wheel Garden opened at the Aktá Lakota Museum & Cultural Center.

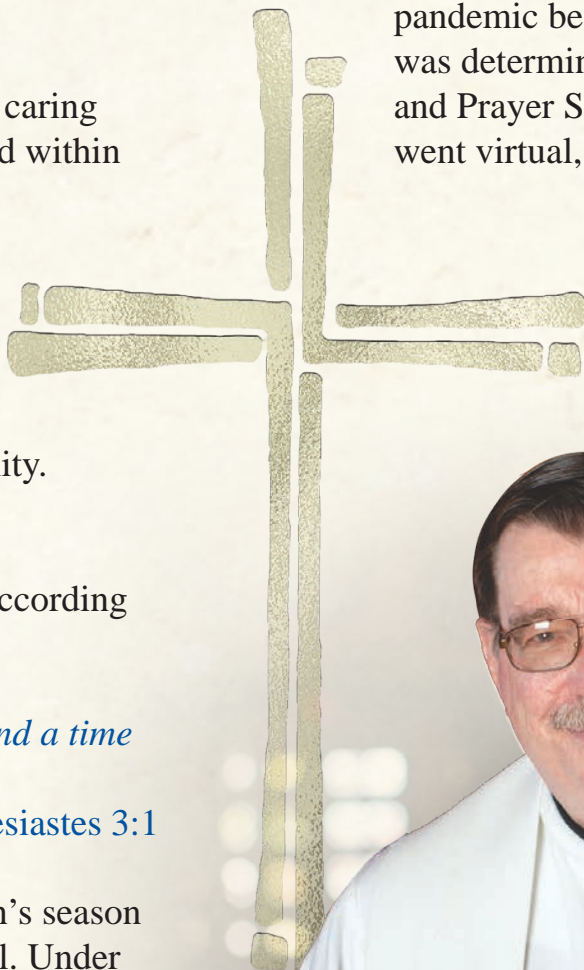
2015: St. Joseph's high school senior home opened, and a new playground was constructed on campus.

2017: The new Health and Family Services Center opened on campus.

2019: Construction broke ground on the Sacred Heart Family Safe Shelter, a domestic violence shelter on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.

2020: The Coronavirus pandemic began, but Fr. Anthony was determined to continue Mass and Prayer Services. Services went virtual, with students,

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staff and families joining together online.

2021: Construction broke ground on the Equine Therapy Complex on St. Joseph’s campus.

We hope you’ll join us in a heartfelt **philámayaye** — *thank you* — to Fr. Anthony! He has exemplified the true spirit of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart in support of our mission.

To view more highlights and photos of Fr. Anthony’s time at St. Joseph’s, visit stjo.org/FatherAnthony.

We welcome our new chaplain to campus, and are excited to introduce you to Fr. Gregory Schill. Before coming to St. Joseph’s, Fr. Gregory served in six Mississippi parishes for a decade’s time.



Fr. Gregory Schill, SCJ

“Ten years is a long time for a priest from a religious order to be assigned to one place,” said Fr. Gregory. “With that being said, after 10 years I will be finding myself facing the challenge of a new transition.”

You will learn more about Fr. Gregory in next month’s issue of *The Dreamer*. May his upcoming work at St. Joseph’s be blessed.

Please note: You may still see Fr. Anthony’s signature on documents we send you over the coming months. St. Joseph’s purchases pre-printed paper as a way to save costs, so until that stock runs out, you may see his name from time to time. Thank you for your patience and understanding!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Lakota phrase **taṅyaṅ ečháuṅ** means *you did well!*

Taṅyaṅ ečháuṅ, Fr. Anthony!
God bless!

Learn more Lakota words and phrases every Wednesday by visiting our Facebook page at stjo.org/facebook.



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Dear Friends,

Hi my name is Alexandria. I thank you for your generosity and kindness to St. Joseph's Indian School. I love St. Joseph's activities such as: Basketball, Football, and Soccer. The kind of subjects I like are: Math, P.E., Art, Science, and computers.

After college I'm planning on becoming a houseparent for the Summerlee home here at St. Joe's. The houseparent I have now are really fun and that makes me want to be fun to.

I also enjoy watching a lot of foot ball. My favorite teams are: The Steelers, Panthers, Dolphins, and Broncos. I like foot ball because of the colorful uniforms.

I hope you have a great Year! :)

Sincerely
Alexandria