

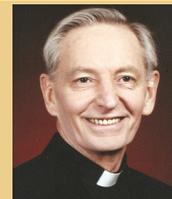
# NEW FOUNDERS FOR THE FUTURE

## WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION



SUMMER 2014

### Rev. Ray Deisch - *“That I may do the things you love, and do what you would do”* by Rev. Msgr. William O’Connell



1936-2014

There is a wonderful hymn for mid-morning prayer that begins, “Breathe on me, breath of God that I may do the things you love and do what you would do.” Fr. Ray Deisch and I had very good discussions on the meaning of this hymn, and reflecting on these past six months since his death, I understand he fulfilled the desires of this hymn.

“That I may do the things you love, and do what you would do.” Any of us privileged to walk the journey of this life with Fr. Ray know how he sought to do the things God would love. Think of his outstanding gift as a homilist, a gift that flowed from his burning love for Scripture. With Fr. Ray the Word came alive to guide each of us to our heavenly home.

“Until with you, I have one will to live and to endure.” Words form the second verse of the hymn. Dealing with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and its difficulties did not stop him from living any aspect of his priestly vocation. He sought to have the seminarians he directed as Vocations Director understand that responding to a priestly vocation meant being capable of surrender to God’s will no matter what. His life gave witness to this.

“Until this earthly part of me glows with your fire divine.” I believe this simple petition in the third verse underpinned his vision as an artist. Some of us still smile at his ‘purple’ period when he painted almost everything in the Phillip rectory purple! Certainly his last artistic achievements, his stained glass windows, from the ‘Feeding of the Multitude’ at Our Lady of the Black Hills to his ‘Lamb of Resurrection Victory’ at Terra Sancta glows with God’s fire divine.

The hymn concludes with, “So I shall never die, but live with you the perfect life in your eternity.” Fr. Ray ran the race, kept the faith and won the crown. In his usual generous way he sought to continue his vocation work, to help Terra Sancta and other diocesan programs by a generous bequest to Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation.

“That I may do the things you love, and do what you would do.” I believe this sums up Fr. Ray’s life as a Priest, Pastor, Preacher and Prophet always open to the Spirit praying, “All that I have is yours, O Lord.” May he rest in peace.

### Estate Planning Seminars - Great advice (and great food)

More than forty people gathered at three different Black Hills locations last April and May to learn more about shaping their estate plans. Hosted by St. Anthony of Padua in Hot Springs, St. Francis of Assisi in Sturgis, and St. Joseph’s in Spearfish, participants enjoyed great food and listened to our financial experts as they explained financial planning vehicles and strategies in an understandable and entertaining fashion.

Many thanks go out to all who attended and to the parishes and priests who hosted the evening. WSDCF board members Pat Goetzinger and Harvey Krautschun, along with Andrew Knutson and Tim Henderson deserve special thanks for preparing and presenting this information.

The attendance was the best we have experienced for many years! We want to continue to provide this service throughout the Diocese, and another estate planning tour is planned for 2015. Please call Executive Director, Tim Henderson, if you are interested in holding a seminar in your area.

### WSDCF Assets top \$20 million

Assets of the Foundation totaled \$20.2 million as of June 30, 2014. This represents an increase of more than 13% compared to our June 30, 2013 balance. Significant gifts and favorable market conditions contributed to this successful year, maintaining this reliable source of income for the many ministries of the Diocese. Thanks to all for your support!

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## CHARITY EVENTS

The WSDCF was established to provide opportunities to invest in the future of the Church, our families, parishes, schools and special ministries. The WSDCF also works to present opportunities for people to help ministries by participating in special events. These events not only help fund important ministries for our faith and our faith communities, but strengthen the relationships of our members and those we serve.

### Bishop's Fishing Tournament

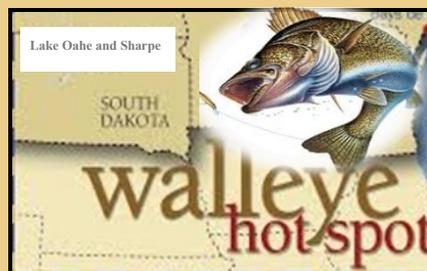
Help support seminarian education in Western South Dakota

**Saturday, August 16, 2014**

Sponsored by Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation

Hosted by St. John the Evangelist Church, Ft. Pierre

Sponsorship opportunities, 2-3-4 person mens and ladies teams, Knights of Columbus Fishing Challenge, Shore Fishing, Mass with Bishop Gruss, Fish Fry Dinner, Meet the 2014-2015 seminarians.



### Western SD Bishop's Golf Classic

And Social at the 19th Hole

Help Support Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and the Rapid City Catholic Schools

**Thursday, September 18, 2014—Arrowhead Country Club**

Rapid City, SD - Shotgun Start—12 noon—4 Person Scramble



### Bishop's Hunt for Seminarians

Help support seminarian education in western South Dakota

**Tuesday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 1**

**Stokel's Upland Adventures—Gregory, SD**

*For more information or to register for these Charity Events contact the WSDCF office at 605-343-3541, e-mail [dbride@diorc.org](mailto:dbride@diorc.org) or visit [www.wsdcf.org](http://www.wsdcf.org)*

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For I know the  
*Plans*  
I have for you,  
declares the *Lord*  
Plans to *Prosper* you  
and not to harm you  
Plans to give you  
*Hope* and a *Future*  
-Jeremiah 29:1

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