



# Keys & Sword Annual Event

*The Keys & Sword Event takes its name from the symbols for Saint Peter, the keys, and for Saint Paul, the sword.*

The Keys & Sword Event of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul was established in 2017 to promote a wider culture of financial support beyond the Cathedral Parish. The highpoint of this Keys & Sword effort is the festive dinner near to June 29th, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the patrons of the Cathedral Basilica. Financial support comes from those who attend the annual dinner, from direct donors and ads published in the Ad Book. It is possible to contribute to the Keys & Sword effort all throughout the year.

Formerly, a Keys and Sword Award was presented by the Cathedral Parish to acknowledge a member of the religious or civic community recognized for extraordinary commitment to the Gospel and selfless dedication to others.

The award given was designed by Robert F. McGovern.

**2008**

*Reverend Monsignor James J. Howard, longest-tenured Rector of the Cathedral*

**2009**

*Charles Ramsey, Philadelphia Police Commissioner*

**2010**

*Justin Cardinal Rigali, on behalf of the Priests of the Archdiocese  
for the Year of the Priest*

**2011**

*Dr. Rosalie Mirenda, President of Neumann University  
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**2012**

*The Missionaries of Charity, founded by Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Philadelphia*

# *A Note from the Rector*

June 23, 2022  
Friday Solemnity of the Most  
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Cathedral Parish,  
Greetings in the Lord!

The annual Keys and Sword Event is one of the highlights of the year for the parishioners and friends of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The event gives all of us the opportunity to thank God for the blessings of the mother church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and for all the many works and ministries that flow from the altar in our Cathedral Basilica, in our parish church. The tremendous support for the Keys and Sword Event signals the year-round love and devotion for the Cathedral Basilica and its parish community throughout the Archdiocese and beyond.

One of the chief reasons for the Keys and Sword Event is to foster a culture of financial support beyond the ordinary income for the Cathedral Basilica. The annual budget for the functioning of the Cathedral Basilica as the church of the Archbishop, the Archdiocese and the parish is around a million dollars. We have a lean and frugal budget. Also, we are blessed with a large number of dedicated volunteers who are part of the parish staff. It is short of amazing that we are able to do so much with such a reasonable budget. Yet, the budget does not provide for the protection of the patrimony of the Cathedral Basilica nor for unexpected necessary expenses outside of the budget. So, the Keys and Sword Event raises awareness in the parish and community of the ever present need to provide for present and future financial stability.

I am so very grateful to every one of you for your part in making this year's Keys and Sword Event another success. I thank all of our sponsors and donors. Please take a moment to look through the ads in this program book to see the wide scope of generous support for our Cathedral Basilica. I extend a special word of gratitude to The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia for their splendid work - from beginning to end - to make our event the success that is it and a marvelous evening for all.

The true success of our labors begins with the help of those in heaven who watch over us and intercede for us, especially our patrons, Saint Peter, and Saint Paul. May they always keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ.



Sincerely in Christ,

*Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill*

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill  
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# Evening Program



## *Speakers*

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

Sarah O. Hanley, President & CEO, The Catholic Foundation of  
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## *Entertainment*

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# Mission Statement



With Jesus Christ as our Head and Foundation, the Cathedral Parish of Saints Peter and Paul forms a vibrant Roman Catholic community in Center City and serves all those who come to the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our parish community professes our Catholic Faith, ministers to others and welcomes all, as rooted in the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacraments of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Con Jesucristo como nuestra Cabeza y Fundamento, la Parroquia Catedral de los Santos Pedro y Pablo forma una vibrante comunidad Católica Romana en el centro de la ciudad y sirve a todos aquellos que vienen a la Catedral Basílica, la Iglesia Madre de la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia. Nuestra comunidad parroquial profesa nuestra fe católica, ministra a los demás y da la bienvenida a todos, enraizada en la Palabra de Dios y la celebración de los sacramentos de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.



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Revised June 17, 2023

# *2023 Keys & Sword Event: How to Make a Gift*

While we are so grateful for the faithful generosity you have already shown to our blessed Keys & Sword, we want to provide the opportunity to make a gift this evening if you have interest in doing so. All gifts collected will directly impact our Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul. You help us operate as the Mother Church, as well as run our beautiful parish ministries. Thank you for your continued support!

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# *The Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel*

**AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

The Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel is open for visits and prayer during Basilica hours. Information about these hours can be found on the Cathedral Basilica website, [cathedralphila.org](http://cathedralphila.org).

Pilgrimages to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel are encouraged. Outside of the parish Mass schedule, it is possible to offer Mass at the Drexel Family altar adjacent to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel.

Please contact the Parish Office, 215-561-1313.

You are welcome to present intentions and petitions to be placed at the Tomb of Saint Katharine, asking her heavenly assistance. You may place these intentions and petitions in the offering basket at Mass or send them to the Cathedral Parish Office, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.



## **SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Please support the development for the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica and the many ways to promote devotion to her with a contribution of the SKD Development Fund. If you would like to make a contribution you may do so by mailing it in care of the SKD Development Fund, Cathedral Parish Office, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please see the website, [saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com](http://saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com), for information updates on activities surrounding the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel, for catechetical information, media resources.

# *Memorial to Venerable Cornelia Connelly and The Shrine of the Holy Child*

**AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

Come, Visit and Pray!

Venerable Cornelia Connelly offers inspiration to all who seek the will of God in their vocations, especially those in difficult marriages and who have suffered the death of children.



On October 17, 2021, the Memorial to Venerable Cornelia Connelly and the Shrine of the Holy Child, located to the right of the main entrance of the Cathedral Basilica, was solemnly blessed.

Venerable Cornelia Connelly, born in Philadelphia (1809-1879), is the foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. All are encouraged to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Cornelia Connelly. Notification of any favors from the Lord through the prayerful intercession of Mother Cornelia may be sent to Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica, at [info@cathedralphila.org](mailto:info@cathedralphila.org).

# *Saint Camilla Battista Varani*

Born April 9, 1458, Saint Camilla Battista Varani was the daughter of Duke Julius Caesar Varani of Camerino, Italy. As a young girl, Saint Camilla heard one particular Good Friday homily.

Contemplating this homily, she vowed to mourn the passion of Christ every Friday for the rest of her life. It was a difficult endeavor because of her vivacious personality and the distractions her aristocratic paternal household provided. Aided by God's grace and the support of her confessors, she persevered. As time passed, Saint Camilla grew in fervor and faith until she was able to accept her vocation. After struggling with both her inner self and her father, she willingly chose to consecrate her life to God. At age 23, Camilla officially joined the order of Poor Clares in Urbino, Italy, taking the religious name of Sr. Battista. Jesus repaid her generously by favoring her with mystical experiences, of which we find traces in her writings.

Throughout her life, Saint Camilla strived to identify herself with the sufferings of Jesus and His Passion. In her writings, Saint Camilla recounts experiencing the pains of the stigmata and the experience of Jesus appearing to her. Camilla Battista died in Camerino, Italy on May 31, 1524. In 1843, Pope Gregory XVI declared her Beatified. She was later Canonized October 17, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

To learn more about St. Camilla or the Aid Society visit [saintcamillavarani.com](http://saintcamillavarani.com).





# *The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Needs your Support*



Greetings of love, peace, and gratitude to you for attending our annual Keys & Sword event! Our development efforts focus on the four facets of support needed for the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, the jewel of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Donations to support the parish operations, structural refurbishment, and outreach programs are essential for every parish. However, the Cathedral Parish has two additional responsibilities: to maintain the shrine of St. Katharine Drexel and to preserve and care for the historical treasure that is the Basilica and the beautiful art within.

The historic Cathedral was built in 1846 with the support of the friends of Bishop John Neumann. As the Cathedral ages, many structural and cosmetic updates are needed to help preserve the historical art, sacred vessels, and architecture. At this time, we need to prep, plaster, and repaint the interior of the Cathedral to preserve its beauty for many generations to come. The last time this was completed was 1958. This is a big project with a projected cost of \$3,000,000.

With your help and support, we believe we can work together to help alleviate some of this cost to preserve our Mother Church's sacred beauty for many years in the future. In doing so, we will continue inspiring and uplifting our blessed Catholic community for generations to come.

Please consider a gift in the same Spirit who leads us always. Your donations can be made to [ksphila.org/donate](https://ksphila.org/donate), or you can scan the QR Code below. We are so blessed to have your support!



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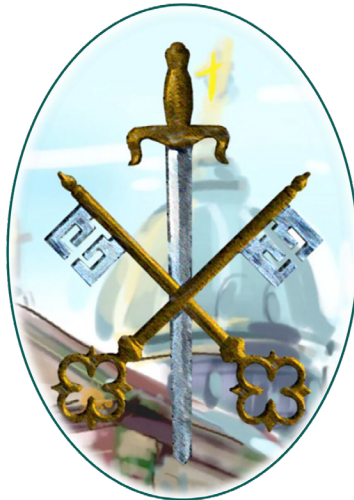
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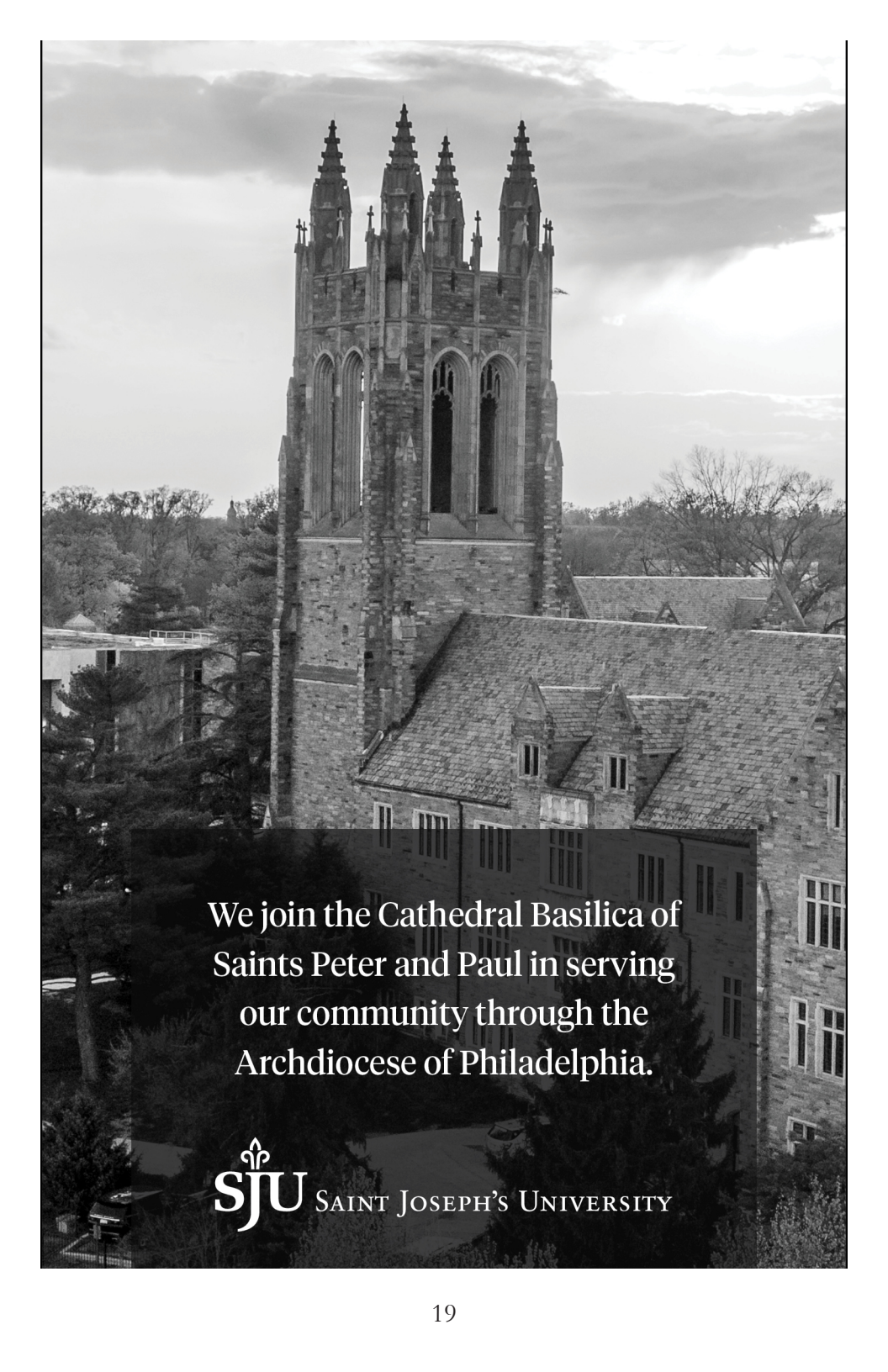
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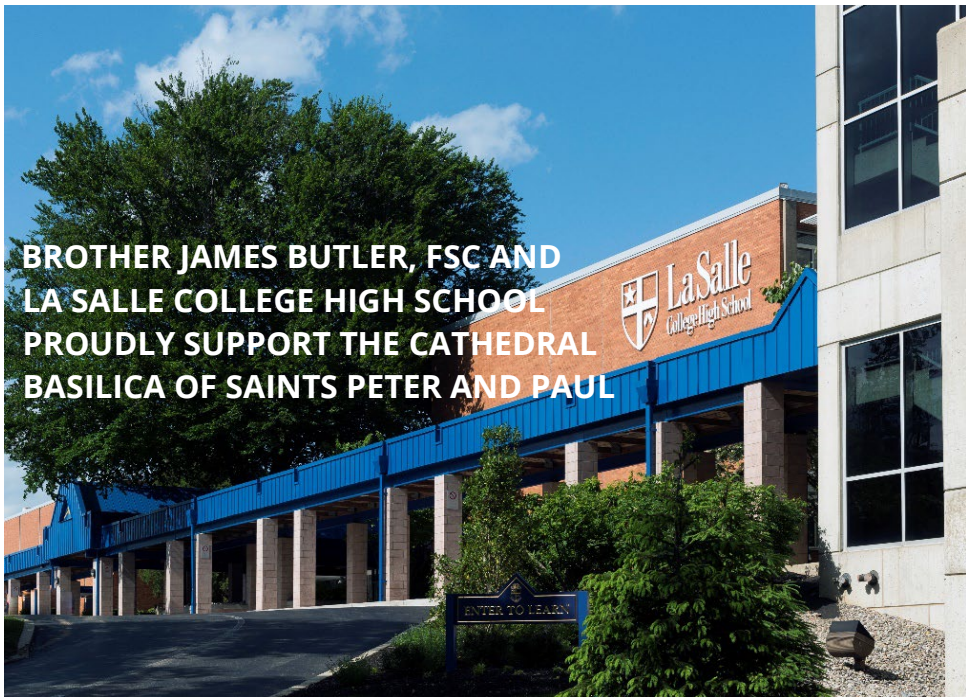
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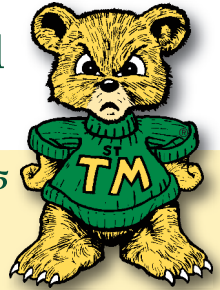


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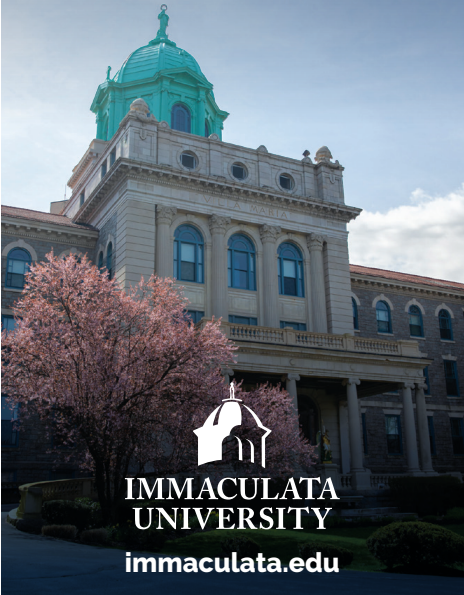
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