



January 8, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At the end of January, we celebrate both the memorial of St. Francis DeSales and the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. Each of these men is considered a patron of communications — saints we need to turn to for guidance today more than ever. St. Francis was a journalist and author while St. Paul is a patron of publishers and writers.

Even though they did not have the same technology we use, we all are charged with the same mission: to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. In a changing media landscape, today the Diocese of Erie offers insightful, vetted news and information as well as stories and insights in a variety of formats.

Faith magazine remains our flagship publication with in-depth features and interviews from every corner of the diocese, as well as news and information. It's mailed — free of charge — to each household registered in a parish on a quarterly basis. Have you subscribed to the *Diocese of Erie-News* yet? This resource shows up in your inbox every Wednesday morning with local, national and international news of interest to Catholics. It also promotes events offered by parishes and ministries and includes reminders about holy days as well as links to timely resources for deepening your faith. Sign up for free at www.nwpaCatholic.com. We include much of this information through social media as well, and now create videos, available on the diocesan YouTube channel, to let those we cover share their stories in their own words.

I am grateful for your generous support of the annual *Help Spread the Faith* communications collection and I encourage you to take advantage of all that is offered. Please help us continue this essential outreach by participating the 2024 *Help Spread the Faith* collection scheduled for the weekend of January 27/28.

Sincerely in Christ,

+*Lawrence T. Persico*

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