



# the Voice

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## The Case for Dating

**Is old-fashioned "dating" a lost art for today's young singles? Will "dinner and a movie" soon be a remnant of a bygone era?**

Those questions are posed in "The Dating Project," a new documentary film that will be presented this fall by Paulist Productions in association with Mpower Pictures.

The film follows five single people trying to figure out dating in the age of social media, texting, hanging out and hooking up.

"I don't really think anyone knows how to 'date.' Like, it's not a skill that our generation really has," one young woman says in the film.

The documentary features Professor Kerry Cronin of Boston College, who has promoted the concept of "traditional dating" in her classes.

"About eight or nine years ago, I realized that students weren't dating and I sort of was finding out things about hookup culture. And I thought, 'Well, this is crazy.' So, I

### *Paulist Productions to Release "The Dating Project" This Fall*

started asking students to go on what I refer to as 'traditional dates,'" said Cronin.

Chris, one of the five singles profiled in the film, believes there is a "ridiculous amount" of pressure on people when it comes to finding a mate.

"'Mr. Close-Enough' is out there. 'Mr. Perfect'? He's nowhere to be found," he said of the expectations of many.

This fall, "The Dating Project" may be seen in theaters in special one-night

engagements, and hopefully will be screened on many college campuses, said Chris Donahue, Paulist Productions president.



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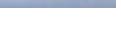
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from May 22 to June 2, 2018.



"The Saints of England," a visit to the religious and cultural sites in London and across England, with Paulist Fr. Thomas Kane,



"The Holy Land: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus," with Paulist Fr. Rich Andre from Jan. 29 to Feb. 9, 2018.



A Baltic Sea cruise and visit to St. Petersburg, Russia, from July 21 to August 1, 2017. The passengers on The Vision of the Seas will include Paulist Fr. Eric Andrews, Paulist Fr. John Ardis and Paulist Fr. Thomas Kane.

Paulist Pilgrimages has three upcoming journeys:



**Upcoming Journeys with Paulist Pilgrimages**

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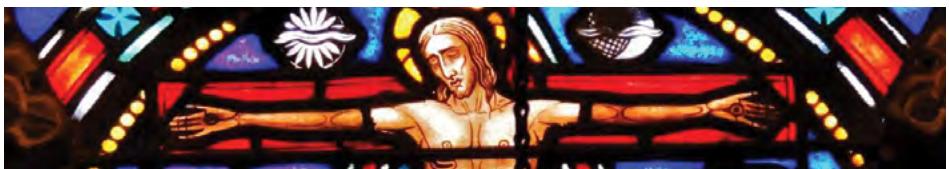
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**PAULIST FATHERS**





## Our Thanks for Your Generous Support

Dear friends,

We pray that Lent 2017 has been an enriching and prayerful season for you and your loved ones.

The Paulist Fathers have been blessed during this time by your generous response to our recent requests for your support of our mission and ministries. Notably, the Annual Paulist Appeal is off to a strong start in 2017. Thank you to all who made this investment in us!

Our thanks, as well, to everyone who has attended some of the local receptions we have held to highlight our areas of greatest need.

For nearly 160 years, the Paulist Fathers, inspired by the example of St. Paul the Apostle, have sought to bring the Good News to those within and outside of the Church. In a particular way, we strive to welcome the lost, alienated, hurt and broken. As Paulist Deacon Stuart Wilson-Smith said in a homily during the Annual Paulist Appeal, *"The work of the Paulists is to find myriad ways of never giving up on people."*

None of this work would be possible without the prayers and financial contributions of our many supporters.

This year, the Annual Paulist Appeal allows each donor to designate their gift to one or more specific areas of support. These areas are **Vocations & Priestly Formation, Missions & Ministries, Senior Paulist Care** and the **Paulist General Fund**. Please do not be shy about telling us which of these areas is of greatest interest to you!

If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal, you may do so securely by visiting [paulist.org/apa](http://paulist.org/apa).

If you have any questions about making a gift, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Shafer, our Chief Advancement Officer, or Mario Martinez, our Annual Giving Manager, at **(202) 269-2500**, or via email at [aashafer@paulist.org](mailto:aashafer@paulist.org) or [mmartinez@paulist.org](mailto:mmartinez@paulist.org).

Thank you, again, for your consideration and generosity. May you, your family members and friends be abundantly blessed during Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum and the Easter season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. John Ardis, C.S.P.  
Senior Director of Mission Advancement

### THE CASE FOR DATING, CONTINUED



Paulist Productions was founded in the 1960s by Paulist Fr. Ellwood "Bud" Kieser (1929 - 2000). The Emmy Award-winning production house

has created a variety of films and television programs, including CBS' "A New York Christmas to Remember," "The Lost Valentine" on the Hallmark Channel, "Judas," "Romero" and "Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story."



## YOU ARE INVITED

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### Mass with Ordinations to the Sacred Priesthood

of

**Deacon Matthew Berrios, C.S.P.**

**Deacon Steven Petroff, C.S.P.**

**Deacon Stuart Wilson-Smith, C.S.P.**

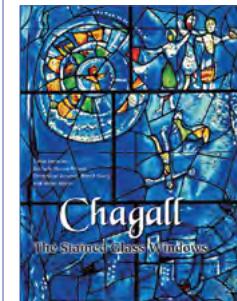
**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

**Church of  
St. Paul the Apostle,  
New York City**

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### "Chagall: The Stained Glass Windows"



Paulist Press recently released the English-language edition of **"Chagall: The Stained Glass Windows,"** a large, hardcover

volume that celebrates the beautiful and thought-provoking stained-glass windows created by the 20th-century, Russian-French artist Marc Chagall. This "coffee table book" includes beautiful photographs of the windows as well as the stories (and sometimes spirituality) behind them.

Chagall's windows in Metz, Saarburg, Mainz, Reims, Jerusalem, Nice, Zurich and Pocantico Hills, NY, are highlighted, along with documentation of the enormous preparatory work that went into each.

[Visit paulistpress.com for details.](http://paulistpress.com)

### A New Parish Mission with Paulist Fr. Bernard Campbell



We are pleased to announce the launch of the new parish mission **"Will Our Faith Have Children?"** by Paulist Fr. Bernard Campbell. It is designed to

enliven parishes and be a source of invitation for Catholics who have been away from the Church, as well as those of no religious tradition.

The three-day missions talks are: "Are Christians 'Breath-Taking'?"; "Go Into The Deep" and "Christianity: In Awe of the Dignity of the Human Person."

The mission stresses evangelization and reconciliation, both of which call all Catholics to share the love and joy of Jesus Christ.

[Visit paulist.org for details.](http://paulist.org)

Paulist Productions' longest-running work was "Insight," a landmark anthology television series that aired nationally in syndication from 1960 to 1983.

[Visit thedatingprojectmovie.com for details.](http://thedatingprojectmovie.com)