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From the Pastor's Desk

Last Sunday was the First Sunday of Lent, and my article required a total rewriting before the bulletin could be printed. My plans for the bulletin were perhaps the least of what changed when Monday, February 11 brought news that Pope Benedict had renounced the papacy, and that his pontificate would be ending on the evening of Thursday, February 28. That means this Sunday is the last time many of you will hear his name mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer. This Thursday at 1:00 PM our time, the See of St. Peter will fall vacant and there will be no pope.

As of this writing I have no further information to offer you about when the conclave will begin. I want to encourage you to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the cardinal electors (the members of the College of Cardinals who are under 80 years of age) as they vote sometime in March for the new Pope. It will be an extraordinary Lent for the Church – a time of grace and an increase in faith. All the world will be watching, and if people's hearts are open to it, they will begin to understand that the Catholic Church is not a museum of ancient artifacts, customs, and beliefs, but instead a living Body that exists to bring more souls to God.

So now let us turn to this Lenten season. To me it always seems a bit startling to go from Ordinary Time to Lent. This holy time is full of possibilities for us and for our spiritual life. But there are some risks as well. To obtain some of the fruits of Lent, we need to open ourselves to some truths we might be more comfortable keeping under wraps. And we might feel a little disturbed by the gulf between our own lives and the incomprehensible goodness of God.

Back on the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, when we heard the recording of Archbishop Nienstedt, the readings at Mass conveyed the reaction of two different men who became quite disturbed when they realized they were in the presence of the divine. The prophet Isaiah sees the temple in Jerusalem filled with the presence of God, and hears two seraphim crying out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts!" It is their song that gives us the first words of what we sing (or recite) between the preface of the Eucharistic Prayer and the Eucharistic Prayer itself every time the Mass is celebrated: "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest...." Isaiah is filled with dread because he has seen the Lord and says he is a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips. An angel, one of the seraphim, purifies Isaiah by touching an ember to his lips and reassures him that his sin has been

purged. Because of this, when he hears God ask, "Who will go for us?" Isaiah is able to say, "Here I am! Send me!"

In the Gospel reading that same day Simon Peter, for whom our parish is named, obeys Jesus' command to put out into deep water and lower the nets for a catch. All night he had worked and caught nothing, and yet when he and his partners cast their nets after Jesus orders them to do so, their nets suddenly become full of fish. The fish are emptied into the two boats, which settle into the water under the great weight of the fish. Peter is overcome with the sense of his own unworthiness, and he says in words that move our hearts even today, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." As the angel did for Isaiah, so Jesus reassures Peter. He tells him, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men." And Peter leaves everything behind and followed Jesus.

Both Isaiah and St. Peter were overwhelmed by their own unworthiness in the presence of God. Yet God takes care of each of them, rendering them able to be in the divine presence. Not only are they not harmed, these unworthy men in the presence of the almighty, but they become capable of going to others so that they will also be able to dwell in happiness with God. What a lesson that is for us! Let's not fear to go to God and be reconciled with him. It is he who can heal us. Let's go to confession as a response to God's call this Lent. Let's not be afraid.

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

2013 Catholic Services Appeal



The Appeal began two weeks ago. Our goal at St. Peter's this year is **\$52,531**. So far, **\$35,690** has been pledged or paid in full by the members of our parish. We have reached 68% of our goal.

Easter Flowers

We are now accepting donations for Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. If you would like to make a donation, pick up an envelope on the information counter or in the parish office and return through Sunday collections or in the parish office by Wednesday, March 20. All names will be listed in our Easter bulletin.



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www.stpetersmendota.org

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

First Eucharist Program

For those children in the First Eucharist Program there will be **no Wednesday class on February 27**. Instead, **parents and children** will come on **Tuesday, February 26, at 6:30**. Parents will go to Ravoux Room and children will go to their classrooms. If I have not received your pot luck sign up, please remember to bring it to this session. Thank you. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311.

Caring Hearts for Homeless People

The Religious Education Department, working in collaboration with St. Peter's Pastoral Ministry, is asking the families of the Religious Education/Faith Formation programs to help in collecting much needed items for the homeless in our surrounding areas. Each grade has been asked to bring in a specific item. Please remind your child to bring in their item before the end of February.

Kids' Change for Kids

The children of St. Peter's have adopted a child from Uganda. All children are asked to bring in money that they have earned and place it in one of the cans marked KIDS' CHANGE FOR KIDS. The cans are in every classroom. Please talk to your child about the importance of helping those less fortunate—it will make a difference in their lives. Thank you!

Random Acts of Kindness

The **Random Acts of Kindness cross** is in the Gathering Space by the elevator. Each time you perform a random act of kindness—an act you perform because of a “desire to connect, to lend a helping hand and/or to extend ourselves out into the world”—please put a tissue paper flower into the cross. By Easter we will have a blooming cross of kindness!



**Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend**

Follow and Like us!

Our parish has entered the online networking world! We now have an active Facebook account and Twitter feed, so please check them out to see what is happening in the parish and also to get some great Catholic resources. Our Facebook page can be found at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and our Twitter handle is @StPetersMendota.

Pastoral Ministry

St. Peter's Group Trip— American Swedish Institute

Join us for another fun trip on Wednesday, March 13. We will be going to the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis for a tour and lunch. The bus will depart after the 9:00 weekday Mass and return at approximately 1:30 p.m. We will have a private guided tour before the museum opens, plenty of time for exploration on our own and shopping in their amazing gift shop, then enjoy a catered lunch in a private room. The cost of the trip is \$35/person or \$60/couple. Registration is required before Tuesday, March 5. For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

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Tuesday, February 26
Church of St. Peter, Mendota
Registration, 6:30 p.m.;
Speaker, 7:00 p.m.;
Support Groups (facilitated by trained leaders),
8 p.m. Donation per session: \$3

For additional information call 952-890-0045 or email growingthroughloss@gmail.com.

Men's Club Meeting

The Men's Club would like to welcome members and interested parties to attend a Men's Club meeting on Thursday, February 28, at 6 p.m. in the Ravoux Room. For members interested in the Thursday night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. or the Rediscover Meeting at 7 p.m., we will accommodate the meeting time to not conflict. Topics for the Men's Club will be:

March: St Patrick's Day dinner on Sunday, March 17

April: Wine tasting on date TBD

May: Spring clean up on church grounds

And a spiritual development committee for the Men's Club.

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 2/11/13-2/17/13	\$24,035
Actual for the period of 2/11/13-2/17/13	\$16,672
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$587,025
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$565,430

Retired Religious Thank You

Dear St. Peter's Parish Community,

Once again you have SHARED IN THE CARE of our retired religious.

I received a very generous check for \$5,176.72 from St. Peter's parish community. Thank you! Retired religious remember you in prayer.

May God bless you abundantly,
Sister Midge Breiter, SSND
Archdiocesan Retirement Fund for Religious Coordinator

New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses the first weekend of each month in the Gathering Space. You can also register by contacting Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or clicking on the "Join Us" link on the parish website.

Lenten Alms



**Pour yourself out
for the hungry**
give and gather

This year alms collected at St. Peter's throughout Lent will be donated to the Pour Yourself Out fund drive for the Eagan & Lakeville Resources Center. This organization, deeply rooted in the Gospel, serves families in Dakota County with dignity and respect. They provide healthy, fresh food support to over 1,000 of our neighbors each month. For every \$1 you contribute, they can provide \$10 in food for one of your neighbors, co-workers or friends. If you have questions regarding the hunger ministry they provide, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

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Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock, Principal of Faithful Shepherd

Lent can be thought of as a dark, somber time. Some say it is to be forty days of fasting, praying and almsgiving, with little time for laughter and smiles. Not true! Nicolas Chamfort, a writer from the mid 1700s wrote "Of all days, the day on which one has not laughed is the one most surely wasted." He did not write, except during Lent. Each day we need to laugh, if not aloud, then in our hearts. When we become too focused on our own woes and suffering we forget what a blessing each day, including those in Lent, are in God's eyes. *A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance....A cheerful heart is a good medicine. Proverbs 15:13; 17:22*

Last week at Faithful Shepherd we celebrated our 100th day of school! It is hard to imagine all the learning and growing our students have done in these 100 days. We have learned how to tie our shoes by ourselves, read a chapter book, multiply two numbers together, then divide them in long division, learned about the Civil War and how to make peace with one another. Most importantly, we have grown together as a faith community. What a blessing we have to live out our faith each and every day at school!

Happy Lent,
Ms. Shimshock

Faithful Shepherd (FSCS) Pizza & Bingo Night

Join us Friday, March 1, from 6-8:30 p.m. for "Bingo, Pizza & Middle School Movie Night" at FSCS—3355 Columbia Drive, Eagan. Bingo admission is \$5/person or \$15/family. Middle school movie night is \$2/person and features *The Karate Kid* and begins at 6:30.

Cheese pizza, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase at both events.

Knights of Columbus Culver's Night

Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council is having a Culver's Night Thursday, February 28, at the Eagan Culver's—3445 Oleary—from 5-7 p.m. Bring the family out for dinner so Mom doesn't have to cook, Support the Knights and also Culver's all at the same time. The Knights get 10% of all sales during that time. Even the drive thru counts.

The Next Two Weeks

Monday, February 25

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony Practice, Heritage Center
7 pm Rediscover Book Group, Conference Room I

Tuesday, February 26

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
 After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
11:30 am Rediscover Book Group, Conference Room II
1 pm Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm First Communion Parent Session II, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Growing Thru Loss, Heritage Center

Wednesday, February 27

- 9 am** Mass, Main Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
10 am Spirituality of Aging, Heritage Center
4:30 pm Grades 1, 3-5 Classes
6:30 pm Grades 1, 3-8 Classes
7 pm Choir, Conference Room I

Thursday, February 28

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Daily Mass Birthday Celebration, Heritage Center
6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Room I
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6
7 pm Bible Study, Family Room
7 pm Rediscover Book Club, Community Room

Friday, March 1

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
7-7:35 pm Stations of the Cross, Main Church

Saturday, March 2

- 9 and 10:30 am** Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Mass, Main Church
After Mass: New Parishioner Registration

Sunday, March 3—Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 & 10:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
9 am Sunday School
10 am Confirmation Class
After Masses: Hospitality, New Parishioner Registration
1 pm Baptism Class

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Readings for the Week of February 24

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17--4:1 /Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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Mass Intentions

**The following are the intentions remembered
by the priest at Mass:**

Monday, February 25 - Choice of the Priest

Tuesday, February 26 - Grabner Family

Wednesday, February 27 - Choice of the Priest

Thursday, February 28 - Bill Stang

Friday, March 1 - Lewis Boben

Saturday, March 2 - Mass For the People

Sunday, March 3 - 9 a.m. - †Larry Ryan

11 a.m. - †Bob Hinmon

Opportunities for Spiritual Formation

St. Peter's pastoral ministry is very pleased to be able to offer you two terrific opportunities to grow in faith this Lent. Both talks will feature Dr. Jacquelyne M. Witter, a much sought after speaker on matters of spirituality and faith. She is a retreat leader, presenter, facilitator, and spiritual director. She has presented at parish, regional, diocesan and national retreats and conferences and teaches at the undergraduate and graduate levels at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul and St. John's University in Collegeville. To register for either—or both—of these exciting presentations or for further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org. Both events are to be held in Heritage Center.

Growing in Grace and Wisdom:

The Spirituality of Aging

Wednesday, February 27, 10 a.m.-Noon

\$15/person or \$12/person for groups of 4 or more

'Getting old is not for the faint-hearted,' but growing older can be a profound source of grace as one lives into becoming and being an elder. We will explore the changes, challenges and choices of aging that invite elders to recognize and receive the grace and blessings of this significant part of the journey of life.

From Good to Great: The Grace of Ordinary Holiness

Sunday, March 10, 4-6 p.m.

\$12/person before March 8, \$15/person at the door

Do you know anyone who is holy? Do you think it's possible or desirable for real people in real life? One person answered this question by saying, "I think I can be good, but I doubt I will ever be holy—that's for special people who don't have to deal with all the things I do." But Christ calls each of us to holiness, regardless of the circumstances of our life. And Christ gives each of us the grace to be holy! Holiness leads to happiness as we become the people Christ created us to be. Come and see what that means—for real people leading real lives.

Fridays
March 1, 8, 15, 22
7-7:35 p.m.
Main Church



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am (all in the Main Church)

WEEKDAY MASSES

(all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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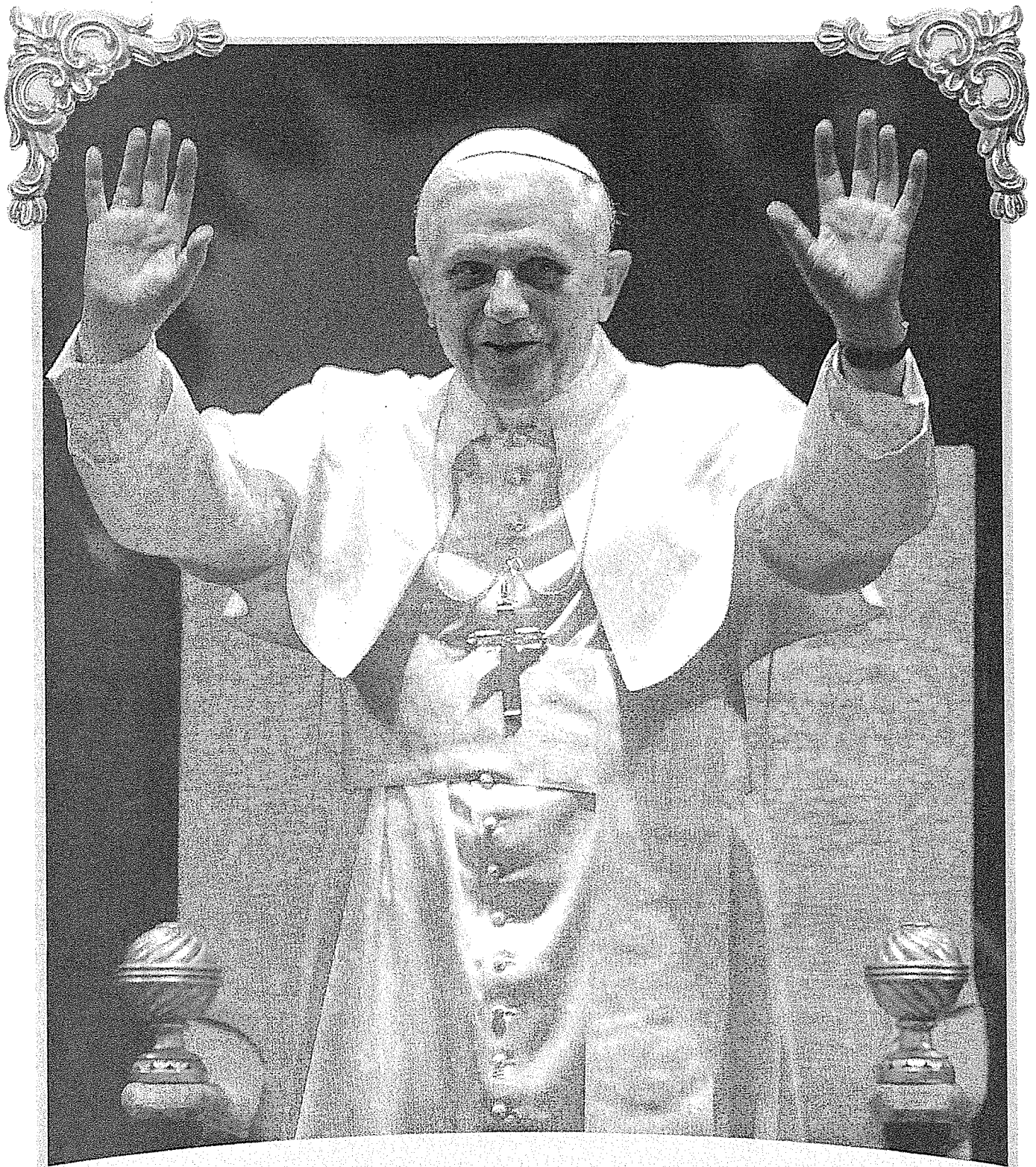
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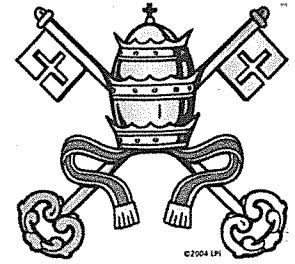
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Pope Benedict XVI 2005–2013

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Pope Benedict XVI 2005-2013

Pope Benedict XVI was born Joseph Ratzinger on April 16, 1927 in Marktl am Inn, Germany. His father, a police officer, came from a traditional family of farmers from Lower Bavaria. Pope Benedict spent his youth in Traunstein, a small village near the Austrian border. In 1943, at the age of 16, he was, along with the rest of his class, drafted into the anti-aircraft corps. He was sent to basic infantry training and was posted to Hungary, where he worked setting up anti-tank defenses until he fled the Nazi army in April 1944 (an offense punishable by death). In 1945 he was briefly held in an Allied POW camp. By June he was released, and he and his brother entered a Catholic seminary.



Pope Benedict was ordained a priest in 1951. In 1953 he obtained his doctorate in theology with a thesis entitled: "The People and House of God in St. Augustine's Doctrine of the Church." Four years later, he qualified as a university teacher. He then taught dogma and fundamental theology at several German universities from 1959 to 1969 when he became a professor of dogmatic theology and of the history of dogma and Vice President of the University of Regensburg.

In 1962, Pope Benedict was already well known when, at the age of 35, he became a peritus, or theological expert, for the Archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal Joseph Frings, at the Second Vatican Council. In March 1977, Pope Paul VI named him Archbishop of Munich and Freising. He was ordained a bishop on May 28, 1977; he was the first diocesan priest in 80 years to take over the pastoral ministry of this large Bavarian diocese.

Pope Benedict was made a cardinal by Paul VI in the Consistory of June 27, 1977. He was one of only 14 remaining cardinals appointed by Paul VI, and one of only three of those under the age of 80 and so eligible to vote in the conclave of April 2005.

In November 1981, he was named by John Paul II as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He also served as President of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and of the Pontifical International Theological Commission. He became Dean of the College of Cardinals on November 30, 2002.

On April 19, 2005, after one of the briefest Papal Conclaves in modern history, Joseph Ratzinger became the 265th pope of the Roman Catholic Church, taking the name Benedict XVI.

Benedict XVI explained his choice of name during his first General Audience in St. Peter's Square, on April 27, 2005: "Filled with sentiments of awe and thanksgiving, I wish to speak of why I chose the name Benedict. Firstly, I remember Pope Benedict XV, that courageous prophet of peace, who guided the Church through turbulent times of war. In his footsteps I place my ministry in the service of reconciliation and harmony between peoples. Additionally, I recall Saint Benedict of Nursia, co-patron of Europe, whose life evokes the Christian roots of Europe. I ask him to help us all to hold firm to the centrality of Christ in our Christian life: May Christ always take first place in our thoughts and actions!"

In his eight years as Successor of St. Peter, Pope Benedict XVI authored three encyclicals (*Deus Caritas Est*, *Spe Salvi*, and *Caritas in Veritate*), canonized over 40 saints, named two doctors of the church, and created 90 cardinals in five consistories. He has traveled extensively across six continents, published over 30 books since his papal election, and has consistently spoken about his desire for unity in the Church, and renewing the Church and its faithful. Pope Benedict declared a Year of Faith from October 11, 2012–November 24, 2013.

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April 16, 1927	June 29, 1951	May 28, 1977	June 27, 1977	April 19, 2005