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As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet. (Ez 2:2)

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July 4, 2021

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- **DO YOU ENJOY BBQ AND ALL THE FIXINS?**
- **CAN WE INTEREST YOU IN A GAME OF GIANT JENGA, BIBLE BINGO, OR CORNHOLE?**
- **WOULD YOU PAY TO "DUNK THE PASTOR"?**

Join us for the "PEP Fest" (Pray + Eat + Play)

Save the date!

September 19, 2021

- Outdoor Mass with all Collaborative parishioners
- Faith, Food, and Fun Fair immediately following
- Details to follow throughout the summer – stay tuned!

**GETTING READY
TO WELCOME
YOU BACK**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

- Saturday (7/3)**
 4:00pm **IC** *Mary E. Lefebre* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
- Sunday (7/4)**
 8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
 11:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
- Monday (7/5)**
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
- Tuesday (7/6)**
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
- Wednesday (7/7)**
 9:00am **IC** *Sandy Lambert* (Fr. McLaughlin)
- Thursday (7/8)**
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
- Friday (7/9)**
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
- Saturday (7/10)**
 4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)
- Sunday (7/11)**
 8:30am **Nativity** *Kenneth Carew* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
 9:00am **IC** *Patricia Agnes Wilson* (Fr. Morin)
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:00am **IC** *Donald Francis Whiston* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Helen Foster and all the faithful departed.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Facebook **Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through Facebook:** ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#))

Independence Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday.

Mass Schedule Changes

Great News

Beginning in July, the Mass schedule at Holy Redeemer will change. Mark your calendars.

HR Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.—rotating **every month** starting at Nativity in July (then St. Ann in August, etc.)

HR Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m. at Nativity and 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann every week.

IC Mass times (Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.) do not change.

This scheduled will be reevaluated by the PPC in the fall.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



As we celebrate our annual Independence Day holiday this weekend, I think back to many July 4th holidays of years' past. I recall spending one moment on a boat anchored in the Charles River right off of the Hatch Shell enjoying the traditional July 4th concert by the Boston Pops. It was memorable not only because of the fireworks and the thrill of being part of such a beloved Boston celebration, but also because a B-2 stealth bomber flew right over us, barely higher than the city skyline. It was big and loud and looked so cumbersome in the evening sky. There was nothing stealthy about it at all, at least on that evening: big, dark, fat, bat-like thing that it was. I remember praying never to be on the "business end" of the ugly thing! Years ago, I have spent this holiday in uniform while I was part of a Chaplain's program in the Navy, enjoying the rows upon rows of pennant-flying ships at anchor, plenty of fireworks and delightful evening concerts on various military bases. The military does July 4th so well!

I have also spent this holiday on the beach at Cape Cod with friends, enjoying numerous small-town parades and, of course, at many backyard barbecues throughout New England over the years. It is all good. One of the things that I do every year is spend time reading the Declaration of Independence, which is usually printed somewhere in the local paper. It is good to ponder the reasons for and roots of our nation's existence. In the sober light of history, we know that no nation has ever achieved perfection in its system of government, nor should we look with rose-colored glasses on our own country's past. A time-honored hymn that we often sing in church on this weekend captures the dynamic tension that our republic sometimes embodies:

"America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea," the hymn beckons to us, but also continues with a lament and a prayer: "America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw," and, "America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine."

It is a gentle but potent reminder that we are a work-in-progress, that what we love and celebrate about our country must never be taken for granted nor ever presumed to be enjoyed by all. This holiday calls us, I think, to be grateful for the blessings of liberty and freedom and at the very same time, to be vigilant and proactive in protecting these gifts among us and promoting them for those who do not yet enjoy their fullness. Our nation is at its best when we recognize our dependency on God's goodness and His providence. When we see our country's life lived in concert with God's love for all, we achieve our greatest good. From the Collect prayer of the Mass for a Nation (from the Roman Missal), which is often celebrated on this holiday when it does not fall on a weekend, the Church prays: "O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

In-person activities & meetings this week:

Monday, July 5 Collaborative Offices Closed, Independence Day Observed

Tuesday, July 6

Catechist Training for Summer Faith Formation Grades 6-8 9:30–10:45, IC St. Louis Hall

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, July 7

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

New Hope Family Support Group Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, July 8

Catechist Training for Summer Faith Formation Grades 3-5 9:30–10:45, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:15pm, IC Church

Friday, July 9

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, July 10

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

Holy Communion in the Hand

Although most of the COVID-related restrictions at Mass have been lifted in recent weeks, one thing we are still being asked to do by the Archdiocese is to *receive Holy Communion only in the hand*. When Holy Communion is received on the tongue, it is very likely that the communicant will breathe on the hands of the priest or minister. It is very possible that small droplets of saliva or mucus from the mouth or lungs (which could contain COVID) could be transferred onto the hands of those distributing Communion and possibly passed on to others.

It is for this reason that those distributing Communion would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to on the tongue. If we had to do this for everyone, the Communion procession would take an inordinate amount of time and become hopelessly cumbersome. So at this time everyone is being asked to only receive Communion in the hand. This is a temporary restriction that likely will be lifted in the months to come. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Has there been a time when you placed your trust in God even though there might have been some around you who did not believe?



Child: A prophet is someone who is so filled with God that others can see God acting through him. Do you know anyone like that?

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design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our country, that, through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured and lasting prosperity come with peace." It is a beautiful vision of cooperation with the Divine and a profound respect for dignity of human life as brought forth by our Creator.

While we have gone to great lengths from the writing of our Constitution forward to ensure that no particular religion be established above another nor enshrined in our government, our nation has never been envisioned to be devoid of citizens of faith nor seen to be without a healthy partnership with God, even if God is defined only as a higher power or First-Mover. Our nation exists and persists because of God's goodness. Therefore our duty as citizens of faith is to do everything within our power to make America the best she can be, for everyone.

The Declaration of Independence contains these famous words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." As faith-filled citizens, how do we work to promote true equality among one another? Whose voices dominate our many national conversations...and whose are never heard? Who holds the reins of power and who are the powerless? Who are the privileged among us and who are at a disadvantage when compared to the whole? What can be done about it? How do we protect and defend the dignity of human life in our land and abroad? Where is human life in jeopardy and what can be done to eliminate those threats when and where they are found? How do we use our words and what categories do we place others in when we think of what constitutes human life? What does it mean to be free? How do we best exercise our individual liberty in relationship to the needs of others? What does it mean to pursue happiness in this modern age? How are we truly happy? Do we believe the words of St. Paul, who writes: "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Phil 3:20)? How do we balance our ultimate happiness with God in Heaven with that pursuit of happiness in this present age?

So many questions...sometimes not enough answers! But it is good to ask the questions and to continue to do so for the benefit of our nation and world. If others before us had not questioned the established order, had not pushed-back against injustice...our country may never have come to birth and our world, I think, would be the lesser for it. This weekend, let us pray that we may work together in communion with the Lord that these United States of America may be everything it can be before God and the world. Whether that is celebrated with fireworks, concerts and great fanfare or simply with the inner joy that comes from doing what is right and just, may we mark this national anniversary in peace. (OK, and maybe with a little BBQ as well!)

Fr. Timothy Harrison,
Pastor

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Confessions



We are now offering Saturday afternoon confessions from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church. No appointment necessary. These will be held in the main body of the church at the discretion of the priest.

Confessions will also continue to be available at other times and places during the week by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, please contact our Collaborative Offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us **in person** Wednesday, July 7, 6:00–7:00 p.m., at IC Nazareth Library for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God's words as we continue by reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

For the next 30 minutes we listen to God's words, ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now, and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978- 462-7483.

Facebook Mass

To watch our **Saturday 4:00 p.m. live-stream Mass:**

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

Mary: Ark of the Covenant & Jesus: Bread in the Monstrance

With reverence we extol Our Lady who bore Jesus in her womb, but we worship the Real Presence of her Son in the Monstrance at **Adoration**. This posture releases ineffable treasures that expand every soul with graces that flow from their Sacred Hearts!



Don't miss a chance to encounter Our Lady & Our Lord who longs to spend one-on-one time with you! Join us for **Adoration**.

Time: Thursday evenings 7:15–8:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Place: IC Church

Absent a clergy president:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament only.

Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Dan Bedard
Priscilla Brown
Brett Burkinshaw
Joseph Buonomo
Jackie Gibbons
Charmaine Haan
Bridie Hubley

Joe Messina
Vincent Oberhofer
Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker
Chase VanDorne

ENGAGE & FORMED

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit (formed.org), click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

Family Support Group

The Knights of Columbus are proud to present New Hope Family Support Group. New Hope seeks to support family members of our brothers and sisters battling addiction. Bi-weekly meetings are held in St. Louis Hall at 7:00 p.m., on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, beginning in July. They will be hosted by Corey Beaver, a certified family-focused interventionist. For more information, please call Corey: (781) 854-2541

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Celebrating Our Servants!



Sixty HRIC staff and volunteers were treated to an Italian-themed luncheon in gratitude for their selfless efforts during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Greeted by members of the Collaborative Pastoral Council and served by Fr. Tim, guests enjoyed several types of lasagna, cookies, cannoli, and homemade strawberry shortcake. A truly joyful celebration. We are grateful to all who helped us to gather together safely over the last 15 months, for their pastoral care, for "keeping the lights on," and for demonstrating by their actions a true servant's heart.

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org; click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.



(The free App "Laudate" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

Women at the Well Bible Study

Welcome to a community full of women just like you. Wherever you are in your faith journey, join us as we meet weekly for Blessed is She Bible study, community, and friendship as we grow together in Christ.

We are meeting virtually during the pandemic. We meet Monday nights, 6:30–8:00. All are welcome.

Please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com to join us.

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Looking for a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, June 26–27 \$6,968.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending June 25 \$1,977.00

No second collection this weekend. The second collection next weekend (July 11) is the Monthly.

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to
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Newburyport, MA 01950

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School congratulates Assistant Principal Ms. Jillian Boudreau who has been named Principal of Mount Alvernia High School in Newton, MA. Jillian joined the IC just two years ago as part of the Apprentice Principal Program with the RCAB Catholic Schools Office. During her apprentice year, Jillian experienced many components of the principal’s job under the guidance of Mrs. Joan Sullivan, IC Principal. A confident problem solver, Jillian was essential to the IC’s transition to outsourcing student lunches to area restaurants as the alternative to an in-house cafeteria program. She also provided support to students and teachers through her expertise in counseling—Jillian holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Boston College in School Counseling.

At the successful conclusion of the Apprentice Principal Program, Ms. Boudreau was named Assistant Principal at the IC in June 2020. In her new role, and at a crucial time in history, Jillian’s presence at the IC was immeasurable. She was an essential part of creating personalized schedules for every school family as the school navigated COVID protocols and restrictions. In addition to teaching 6th grade Religion, she was a constant fixture in classrooms across the grades during a year when staffing was limited due to the pandemic and substitute teachers were in extreme shortage. Additionally, Ms. Boudreau completed a Principal’s Certification program at Boston College’s Lynch Leadership Academy and was offered the position as Principal at Mount Alvernia High School shortly thereafter. Jillian attended an all-girls Catholic high school herself, and looks forward to empowering her students to pursue and achieve leadership positions in their own chosen fields. Although her time at the IC was brief, Ms. Boudreau’s presence in the school community will be missed. We have been blessed to have Jillian as part of our school family for

the past two years! We wish her all the best as she stewards Mount Alvernia to new heights.



Ms. Jillian Boudreau
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Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then click on “IC Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield,

Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury. If you have any questions contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

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IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering grades K–8 will be posted here as well as on our Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks. Contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org with questions.

Thank you to all those who helped in any capacity with the programs held this past academic year.

Volunteers Needed! Summer Faith Formation

We are happy to announce that we are planning to offer a week of Faith Formation (IC campus) for students in grades 3–8 the week of August 9–13.

In order for this to take place, however, we need volunteers to serve as catechists or as classroom assistants. Please help us to make this program a reality for the children in our Collaborative. The Office of Faith Formation can be reached at 978-462-2724 x7405 or by contacting Aaron at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

Confirmation

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep. schedule for grades 9 and 10 will be posted here as well as on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

We have been so pleased to be able to share the celebration of First Eucharist with so many of our Collaborative families!

Over the course of this past month, 72 children came to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.

Please keep these children in your prayers!

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month. Our next meeting is July 13. Please email us for a detailed schedule and the location kofc231@outlook.com.

IC Haiti

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA, 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."**

We are grateful for your continued generosity during the pandemic. May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti.

We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

IC St. Vincent de Paul



We recently launched our new website: www.svdpnewburyport.org where you can make an online donation.

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are still ready to assist.

If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to **"Svdp of Newburyport."** You may drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Our weekly Immaculate Conception Breaking Bread meal has transitioned to a to-go only meal format. We continue to serve our weekly meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed from 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!



PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory of those
who declared life and liberty are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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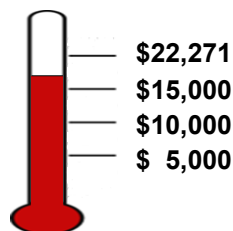
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Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

HR Holiday Fair Update



The Activities Committee is planning on having a “scaled down version” of our Holiday Fair, keeping a watchful eye on the CDC recommendations.

The fair will be held **Saturday, November 20**, in the Nativity Hall.

We will be meeting to discuss this fair on **Wednesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall**. All are welcome to join our group!

HR Prayer Shawl



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please give their name to Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

HR Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 will be posted here as well as on our Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks. Contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org with questions.

Thank you to all those who helped in any capacity with the programs held this past academic year.

Volunteers Needed! Summer Faith Formation

We are happy to announce that we are planning to offer a week of Faith Formation (IC campus) for students in grades 3–8 the week of August 9–13.

In order for this to take place, however, we need volunteers to serve as catechists or as classroom assistants. Please help us to make this program a reality for the children in our Collaborative. The Office of Faith Formation can be reached at 978-462-2724 x7405 or by contacting Aaron at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

We have been so pleased to be able to share the celebration of First Eucharist with so many of our Collaborative families!

Over the course of this past month, 72 children came to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.

Please keep these children in your prayers!

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

Confirmation

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep. schedule for grades 9 and 10 will be posted here as well as on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

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