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President's letter: Fr. Allen Corrigan

Registration is open for NAPP's September convention in Ohio

Dear Members,

We're less than six months from our Annual Convention in Akron, Ohio. I hope that we will have a great turnout! Please make every effort to participate, because we have a great tour coming together, including a scheduled tour of the Goodyear blimp facility at Wingfoot Lake State Park in Suffield, Ohio.



As you may have read in the previous newsletter, the Akron area is rich in history, including being the Rubber Capital. The Ohio and Erie Canal reaches its summit in downtown Akron, hence the name of "Summit County." In fact, Akron takes its name from "akros," Greek for "highest point," and marks the watershed between Lake Erie to the north and the Ohio River to the south.

early to sign up and make your reservation at the hotel, being sure to mention that you are in our group.

I'm looking forward to the next few months putting the final touches on our schedule. No matter how great our planned program will be, the best part is being together with one another. I hope there will be a great turnout!



All three Goodyear blimps, led by Wingfoot One, fly in formation on June 3, 2025, in Akron, Ohio. (Photo by Jeff Lange, Akron Beacon Journal)

Sincerely,
Allen Corrigan,
President
(N7162D)

Letter of Suitability for Ministry

Priests wishing to concelebrate the annual NAPP Mass on September 16 at St. Victor Church must request of their bishop or superior a Letter of Suitability for Ministry and direct it to Bishop Edward Malesic of the Diocese of Cleveland at 1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, OH 44114 with a copy to Fr. Allen Corrigan of St. Victor Parish, 3435 Everett Rd., Richfield, OH 44286 by September 1.

SAVE THE DATE!



**2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION
AKRON, OHIO**

SEPTEMBER 2026

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SEPTEMBER 14-17, 2026
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2026 NAPP Convention | Akron, Ohio

Arrive: Monday, September 14

Depart: Thursday, September 17

Our host: Fr. Allen Corrigan, NAPP President

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Comfort Inn & Suites Cuyahoga Falls - Akron

1420 Main St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

The hotel features NAPP hospitality room, complimentary hot breakfast, premium free Wi-Fi, indoor heated pool and fitness center. This is a smoke-free hotel. Check-in: 3 PM. Check-out: 12 PM.



Reserve your room by August 17: Call the hotel directly at: **330-926-1233**. To receive the special group rates, identify yourself as being with the “National Association of Priest Pilots – NAPP” group block.

NAPP room rates:

- \$125 per night (plus 15.25% tax) for double queen room (10 in the block)
- \$135 per night (plus 15.25% tax) for king suite (5 in the block)

NOTE: A deposit for incidentals is required at check-in; there are two options. #1: \$100 authorization on a credit or debit card which will be released within 5-7 business days after checking out or #2: \$250 in cash that will be returned at check-out after housekeeping has checked the room.

In addition to making your hotel reservation, please send this RSVP to:

Tom Enwright, 419 Chestnut St., Sauk City, WI 53583. You can email your information to: napp.editor@gmail.com

NAPP RSVP deadline is August 17

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How are you arriving?

Private plane at Akron Fulton International Airport (KAKR)

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FBO information: [Summit Airport Services](#); phone: 330-733-4760; radio: 122.775

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Airline & flight number _____ Arrival time: _____

Arriving by car Arrival time: _____

Convention costs: In addition to paying for your own hotel room, members can expect a convention fee to cover other NAPP expenses including hospitality room, annual banquet, activities and tours. Details to come.

Welcome to new members

Fr. Scott Garrett

My name is Fr. Scott Garrett, and I reside in Dillingham, Alaska, within Bristol Bay and the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. I was ordained in May 2003 and have had two assignments since my ordination — five years in Wasilla, Alaska, Sacred Heart Parish, and 16 years out here in the [St. Paul Mission](#).

As a priest pilot, I use our Cherokee Warrior II aircraft (N81809) to reach approximately 30 small Yupik villages that are part of one of the world's largest missions. These villages do not have road access, so I must fly in to provide sacraments. We urgently need support to strengthen both faith and family life.

Our mission, called the St. Paul Mission, is inspired by St. Paul's call to bring the gospel "To the Ends of the Earth." I ask for your prayers for my safety and for the spiritual well-being of our mission community.

Deacon Mike Madden

I am Mike Madden. Thank you all for accepting me into the NAPP group. I am originally from Indianapolis, growing up in Little Flower Parish on the east side.



I was baptized in St. Philip Neri Church, which they say explains my sense of humor. (I'll let you all look up St. Philip's bio to explain that!) I spent high school at Latin School there, our high school seminary, and then one year at St. Meinrad College Seminary before leaving to eventually receiving my MD degree from Vanderbilt Uni-

versity in 1976. I became a nephrologist and general internist. During my nephrology training, I met my future wife, Nancy, and we married on May 25, 1984. (The significance of that date will become clear later.)

After four years in the Navy, where I learned to fly and got my instrument rating, we moved to St. Louis for a few years. I was on the faculty of St. Louis University School of Medicine. We then moved back to Nancy's home state of Wisconsin, where we stayed and raised our family. We have three sons, four grand-



kids, and now two great-grandsons and one on the way! I retired from medicine in 2018. My wife claimed I was only retired for two weeks, because then I became the pastoral associate at our parish. That lasted until the pandemic. Unfortunately, Nancy then passed away after a brief illness in 2022 on the Feast of St. Joseph.

In 2002, on May 25 of that year (see above!), I was ordained to the permanent diaconate by Bishop Robert Banks in Green Bay. I spent 15 years as the deacon at our then home parish of St. Bernadette in Appleton. I am now a "senior deacon" at St. Clare Parish in Wrightstown, a small suburb of Green Bay.

In 1993, we purchased a Cessna Skylane and flew it for 20 years all around the Midwest. I did manage to get my commercial pilot license in the Skylane back in 2000, and I still practice those old commercial maneuvers every chance I get! Eventually, I had to sell the 182, but just last year I bought a Cessna Cardinal, and already have around 135 hours in her! I had to fly her back from the eastern shore of Virginia in February last year — the best time of year to fly over those mountains and then on to Wisconsin, of course! We decided to name her Orlaith, an Irish name meaning "golden princess," since she has a gold stripe down the side. I just usually call her "the princess." So far that hasn't given rise to any rumors about having a "mistress."

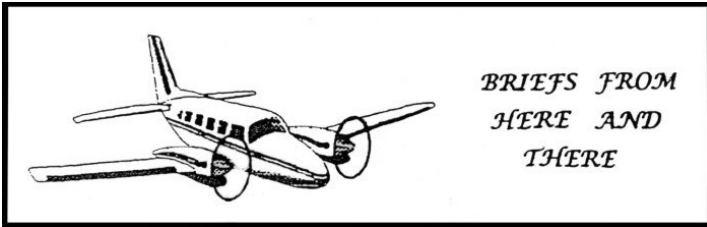


Over the years, I've flown too many Young Eagles to count (actually, they're in my logbook ... I could probably produce a number if I had to), and give lots and lots of rides to family and friends. It's been a great way to relieve stress, I think, by focusing intently on something like we have to do in the cockpit. No time to fret over difficult medical cases or upcoming homilies when you're in the air!

I'm looking forward to more adventures with my princess, as long as I can still do it. It's always great to share your passions with other folks, and, of course, with NAPP I can share my passion for the Lord and for flight! Thanks for adding me to the group. Blessings to all!

Fr. Zachary Ochsenbauer

Fr. Zachary is a priest in Minnesota. He joined at the end of March and his introduction will be published in the June newsletter.



Catholic ministries in Alaska receive NAPP grants

NAPP issued two grants in January 2026, as approved by members attending the NAPP Annual Meeting (held via Zoom) on September 16, 2025.

The **Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau** received \$2,000 to help operate the archdiocesan-owned Cherokee Warrior II aircraft flown by Fr. Scott Garrett.

Fr. Scott says the money was used to pay for maintenance and insurance for the airplane, N81809. “We greatly appreciate your generosity and kindness. This \$2,000 is a big help to the St. Paul Mission. Without your help, we would not be able to bring the sacraments to these isolated villages in Alaska.”

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** received \$1,000 to help pay for commercial air transportation to the remote parishes of the diocese. The diocese relies on airlines because it no longer has its own aircraft.

Bishop Steve J. Maekawa, O.P., acknowledged the NAPP grant. “Your gift makes it possible for us to provide pastoral care to the faithful across northern Alaska, especially to your Indigenous brothers and sisters in villages. ... I typically visit a handful of our 38 parishes each month,” he wrote.

Nick Chapman prepares for diaconate ordination

Editor’s note: NAPP associate member Nick Chapman sent this note in mid-February from Rome, where he is a seminarian at the Pontifical North American College, in formation for the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut.



Greetings! All is well in Rome. We begin our spring semester tomorrow, so back to work! I enjoyed a pilgrimage to Mount Sinai this week and was humbled to be upon the peak where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

I have received a date for deacon ordination: on Thursday, October 1 at 6 p.m., Bishop Robert Barron will ordain me and my classmates in St. Peter’s Basilica. It falls on the date of St. Therese’s feast day, too, making it all the more special. I’m getting excited for it. If any NAPP members happen to be in Rome at that

time, I am able to get tickets for guests.

Recently, I’ve been making a habit of attending Pope Leo’s noon Angelus addresses on Sundays. I enjoy walking to St. Peter’s Square and sensing the excitement of all the people gathered there waiting until the Holy Father steps out on his balcony right at noon-time.

He always seems to highlight a new element of the Sunday Gospel reading in his three- or four-minute mini-homily. It is a nice supplement to the homily I just heard at the seminary Mass, and I come away feeling inspired both by Jesus and by Pope Leo’s faith and attentiveness to the Scriptures.

I’d encourage people to consider reading the Sunday Angelus message, which is published on the Vatican website in English [here](#).

Jubilee recognition: Any NAPP member priest or deacon celebrating a jubilee in 2026 is invited to send a note to be recognized in a future issue of the newsletter. Please list the date and location of your ordination, and any other information you would like to share. Email: napp.editor@gmail.com.

Aircraft news:

Fr. Bob Lacey in Yankton, South Dakota, has purchased a Wittman Tailwind W10 with registration N643MD.

It has a Lycoming O-320-B2C 4-cycle engine.



Reminder to pay your fiscal 2026 dues: Thanks to those who have paid their dues for fiscal 2026 or beyond. If you haven’t paid, please send your \$30 to remain a member in good standing. Additional donations are appreciated. Fiscal 2026 began July 1, 2025. See the dues form on Page 6.

Additional ways to support NAPP: Please remember NAPP in your retirement and estate plans. Those who need to take a required minimum distribution from their Individual Retirement Account can designate NAPP for a qualified charitable distribution. Also, please remember NAPP in your will. For more information, email: napp.editor@gmail.com.

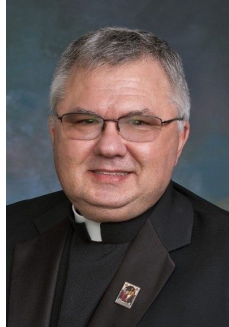
Obituary planning: Members who are making advance funeral arrangements are encouraged to include NAPP in the list to be notified by the family or funeral director. Email: napp.editor@gmail.com.

Fr. Craig Morley featured in diocesan Q&A

Editor's note: The following Q&A with Fr. Craig Morley is used with permission from the Gulf Coast Catholic, which is published by the Diocese of St. Petersburg in Florida. It appeared in the March 18 online newsletter. Fr. Craig is a member of NAPP.

In the Catholic world, we often encounter women and men who have chosen to live radically different lives. Often it can lead us to ask, "What's his or her story?" In this series we are honored to share the stories of priests and religious in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Do you think you know what priesthood and religious life is all about? You might just be in for a few surprises.

Today we learn about Fr. Craig Morley, who was ordained in 2001. He currently serves as pastor at St. Paul Catholic Church in Tampa.



Fr. Morley is celebrating his 25th anniversary of priesthood ordination this year and will be recognized as one of the jubilarian priests at the Chrism Mass on March 31.

Where did you grow up? Describe your childhood and your family.

I was born and raised in Brandon, Florida, and attended Nativity Catholic Church. My family was involved and very active in the church community.

What are your hobbies or personal interests?

I love music and reading and I like to spend time on the water. I also have an interest in flying; after flying helicopters for over 15 years, it is in the blood. I spent seven years in the Army and after returning to civilian life, I flew commercially for eight years.

Why did you become a priest? How did you know you were called to be a priest?

I became a priest at the call of God. I cannot give a specific reason or event calling me to the priesthood.

Is there someone who had a big influence on your vocation?

Fr. Mike Finnegan, Fr. Mike O'Brien and Msgr. Francis Migoute, and of course the parish priest had an influence on me: my pastor for my entire life until I entered the Army was Fr. (Msgr.) Lara.

What has been your favorite part of being a priest?

My favorite part of being a priest is being involved

with so many people in the most intimate times of their lives.

Do you have a favorite sacrament?

I enjoy the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are not many things more powerful than reconciling people with God.

Who is your favorite saint and why?

My favorite saint is St. Anthony the Abbott, the Great, of the Desert, etc. He is known by many attributes. He is the patron of the parish of my first assignment as pastor. He was a simple hermit who was totally dedicated to God. He had literal struggles, daily with the Devil.

What is something that people might not know about you?

I am a helicopter pilot.

As you celebrate your 25th year of priesthood, what stands out as something significant you have experienced as a priest over the years?

As a priest, I experience something significant every day. I am constantly reminded of the people's desire to know God more deeply and it is humbling to be asked to be a part of their lives.

What is something you look forward to in your priesthood in the years to come?

Continuing to be a priest for the people.

Is there anything else you would like to share with those reading this?

Contemplate the awesomeness of God and out of everything in all of creation. His love for you is so unbelievable.

"The resurrection is the greatest miracle of Christianity, and everything depends on it."

St. Paul VI



Keeping up with aviation trends and FAA changes

By Fr. Edward Moran
NAPP First Vice President

Every two years, we flight instructors are required to ensure that our license is current. This usually means taking an online course or an in-person weekend Flight Instructor's Renewal. There's also the check-ride with an FAA designated examiner unless one's student numbers are sufficient to claim currency based on demonstrated instructor's ability. Mine always reverts to the online renewal. Of late, I have done the online and the in-person simply to keep in touch with other instructors and what they are encountering in their daily work.

The only big trends I have to report have to do with the FAA scrambling to keep up with the advances in drone technology under the Part 107 guidelines for operation. With one-person drone-inspired aircraft starting to hit the market as personal low-level aircraft transportation, there will be new requirements issued soon. The other major updates have to do with what constitutes Light Sport Aircraft weight and speed changes (they've been increased).

Chief among the FAA concerns has to do with general aviation's increase in airport taxi deviations. They are requiring instructors, especially during biennial reviews, to re-teach taxi procedures, especially at night

when visual cues are challenging and you don't have the location feature on your ForeFlight app to keep the pilot situationally aware.

Other than that, the "kinder-gentler FAA" wants pilots to report safety incidents into an anonymous NASA form to help other pilots with "lessons learned" that benefits general aviation.

NAPP membership efforts

Regarding my work with NAPP, I have been trying to find ways to increase our membership, something I think we all should be engaged in. Given the expense of flying, there seems to be fewer and fewer priest pilots unless they are chaplains on active or reserve duty making an augmented monthly salary.

Last October, I secured private funds to run NAPP advertisements in the last two monthly printed editions (November and December) of The Priest magazine and its companion, The Deacon magazine, parts of the Our Sunday Visitor publishing house. I hope they had an effect. (See a copy of the ad on Page 3 in the [December NAPP newsletter](#).)

NAPP is a great social organization that has deep friendships lasting many years. I would challenge our membership to think of ways we might be able to reach out to invite more priests to consider joining NAPP. It helps us stay viable in the long run.

Have a blessed Easter!

2026 NAPP Dues – U.S. \$30.00

Fiscal year began July 1, 2025

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Make check payable to NAPP and mail to: Tom Enwright, Treasurer, 419 Chestnut St., Sauk City, WI 53583

In addition to the \$30 annual dues, we encourage members to make a separate donation to the **NAPP Missionary Gift Fund**, which will be used to support the organization's charitable grants. Donations can be sent to the same address or you can use PayPal. Go to priestpilots.org and click on the **Donate** button.

Donate



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Articles, news notes and photos can be sent to Tom Enwright, napp.editor@gmail.com. **Deadline for the June edition is May 30.**

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