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Multicultural Northwest Side Community of Faith Hosts 3 Day Celebration May 22 – 24, 2025

Our Lady of Unity Parish serving members of St. Helen Church and School, St. Aloysius Church, Holy Rosary Church and members of the former St. Mark Church, will host a 3 Day Celebration in honor of the 25th Year anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. Claudio Diaz, Jr.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Rev. Diaz attended the University of Puerto Rico where he studied Hispanic Studies and Comparative Literature. He was appointed Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Archdiocese of Chicago and was pastor of San Juan Diego Church in Arlington Heights and St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church.

Rev. Diaz served as Vice President of the U.S. National Association of Hispanic Priests (Asociación Nacional de Sacerdotes Hispanos ANSH) and served as part of the faculty at the Institute of Pastoral Leadership (Instituto de Liderazgo Pastoral) at Mundelein College. Rev. Diaz is regularly invited to facilitate retreats locally, nationally and internationally. He continues with his commitment to youth and faith formation in Hispanic and multicultural communities.

Diaz is currently pastor of Our Lady of Unity Parish, a community of faith serving Hispanic, Polish and English-speaking communities in the West Town, Humboldt Park, Logan Square, Wicker Park and Ukrainian Village neighborhoods on Chicago's northwest side. Mass services are offered on weekdays and weekends in English, Spanish, Polish and Tagalog.

The 3 Day celebration will consist of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Holy Rosary Church 612 N. Western Ave.; a music concert on Friday, May 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm at St. Helen Church 2315 W. Augusta Blvd.; and culminating with an Anniversary Mass on Saturday May 24, 2025 at 5:00 pm and a Gala Fundraiser Dinner at 7:00 pm at St. Aloysius Church 1510 N. Claremont Ave. All proceeds of the Gala will go towards parish operations and facility improvements of the three churches.

For more information or for Gala tickets contact St. Aloysius Church (773) 278-4808; St. Helen Church (773) 235-3575 or Holy Rosary Church (773) 278-4820.