

St. Alphonsus Liguori



Founder of the Redemptorists, was described by Pope John Paul II as ‘a close friend of the people... a writer who focused on what Would be of benefit to the ordinary people.’ Since Alphonsus’ legacy comes to us through his prolific writings, 111 different works on theology and the spiritual life, he is portrayed here with writing pen, ink, and books close to the cross. He is shown at prayer for he said, “Of all the things you enjoy doing, let praying be the one you enjoy most.” The yucca plants in the foreground shared with St. Dominic brings their presence to Kansas.

In 2001, members of the Redemptorist Province of Denver initiated the Hispanic Missionary Project here in the diocese. The Redemptorist community resides in Liberal. Members of the community serve in various ministries throughout the diocese, including: Director of the Diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, which includes “Comunidades de Aprendizaje” (a program of lay leadership formation in Hispanic Ministry); pastor of St. Anthony’s Parish, Liberal; preaching parish missions; and also serving as parish administrators, when diocesan priests are away from their parishes in Mexico for Spanish language and cultural studies.