



# PENTECOST CELEBRATION

## Diocese of Winona-Rochester



### *A CHURCH ON FIRE ~ A CHURCH ON MISSION*

“... To Be Saints for God’s Greater Glory”

*God asks everything of us, yet he also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to cripple or diminish them, but to bring them to fulfillment.... Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God’s greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort. –Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate (“Rejoice and Be Glad”) #175, #177*

### THE VIGIL PROJECT

*A Church on Fire, A Church on Mission ~ “...To Be Saints for God’s Greater Glory”* is the theme for a diocesan evangelization and discipleship event to be held on **Friday - Saturday, June 7-8, in Rochester.**

On Saturday, we will offer a day of prayer, sharing, witness, and worship, featuring **THE VIGIL PROJECT**, leading into our celebration of the diocesan Pentecost Vigil Mass on that evening at the Co-Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist. Here is some back-ground on The Vigil Project...



*The Vigil Project is a community of artists that collaborates to make music and resources for an authentic encounter with God and sincere prayer. We write songs, make records, and shoot videos. We also develop written and recorded content to support group studies, music leaders, and people like you.*

*Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them. No videos, recordings, resources or other mediums of the Truth we find on a screen can replace the power found in a community gathering to pray together in person. Our live events are simply an opportunity to gather the Church in a specific location to pray, to worship, and to journey more deeply into the heart of God. All of the music and videos we create find their fulfillment in the opportunity to worship together with real people in real time.*

[The above information is taken from The Vigil Project’s web site: [www.thevigilproject.com](http://www.thevigilproject.com).]

For more information about the Diocesan Pentecost Celebration, and to register for the event, go to: [www.dowr.org/pentecost.html](http://www.dowr.org/pentecost.html).

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## Program & Schedule Overview

(Saturday, June 8th)

CO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST • KAHLER GRAND HOTEL  
Rochester, Minnesota

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- 8:30 am **Celebration of the Eucharist** [Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist]
- 9:15 am **Registration & Gathering** [Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist]
- 9:45 am **Morning of Reflection and Prayer –“The Vigil Project”**  
[Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist]
- 11:45 am **Wrap-up & “Sending Out”** [Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist]  
(Lunch will be available following the morning program.)
- 1:00 pm **“Opportunities for Service, Witness, and Prayer”** [at Rochester locations TBD]

*The various ecclesial “movements” of the diocese (e.g., Communion and Liberation, Lumen Christi prayer group, St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc.) will be invited to host various activities and events relating to the Church’s ministry and mission, and to their particular charism.*

- 3:00 pm **Mission Concert - “The Vigil Project”** [Marriott Hotel Ballroom]
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{Evening...

- 7:00 pm **Diocesan “Pentecost Vigil Mass”**  
[Co-Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist]

