Catholic Citizens of Illinois Presents

Fruit of the Vine

Work of Human Hands

The Theology of Grape Growing, Winemaking, and Grateful Enjoyment

Join us Wednesday, October 6th, 2021

5:30pm - Wine Tasting
7:00pm - Dinner
8:00pm - Presentation

Tickets $75

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Featuring Fr. Joseph Fessio, SJ

Fr. Joseph Fessio, SJ is a life-long resident of California’s wine country. He was ordained a priest of the Society of Jesus in 1972 after having received both a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Philosophy from Gonzaga University. He received an additional Master’s degree in Theology in Lyons, France, and was a student of Joseph Ratzinger at the University of Regensburg from which institution he earned his Ph.D. in theology.

He taught philosophy and theology at Gonzaga University, the University of Santa Clara and the University of San Francisco. He was the founder of Ignatius Press in San Francisco, the nation’s most highly regarded orthodox Catholic publishing house. He grows grapes on 1400 vines of 8 different varieties on the Vineyard at the Ignatius Retreat House in Guerneville, California.

"Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it.” ~ Amos 9:13