

Men on a Mission – Sept. 9, 2016

About 45 men gathered on Friday, September 9 at SCSU's Newman Center for the latest installment of Ecclesia Domestica's Men on a Mission series. Convened by Kevin Olson at 7:00 p.m., the event featured praise in song (led by Ecclesia's Kevin Dockendorf), prayer, and an especially insightful



discussion of spiritual warfare by Fr. Peter Anderl of the Diocese of Fargo.



In addressing his topic, Fr. Anderl spoke about Christ's authority when He encountered Satan – it flowed to Christ from God. For our part, in the words of St. Francis Fr. Anderl urged the three most important virtues: humility, humility and humility!

Recognizing that the modern world would strip away the traits of masculinity given to men, Fr. Anderl urged us to reclaim it. As the authority demonstrated by Christ came from the Father, so too it can come to men today from the Father.



Fr. Peter exhorted us to be 21st century crusaders for Christ against the evils of this culture we exist in, letting us hold a 'sword' to demonstrate the strength it will take. At our core, we must be "sons of the Father," he noted.

With examples from Fr. Flannigan, Monsignor Esseff (who called out Osama bin Laden), lay woman St. Catherine of Sienna (arguably the most notable exorcist besides Our Lady herself), and Fr. Gallagher, he built the case that through humility, repentance, and total trust in Christ we can stand up to all that would attack us. Saying the sacrament of Confession is 1000 times more powerful than Satan, Fr. Anderl urged us to hold our ground against evil, using the tools afforded by Holy Mother Church.



As he wrapped up his talk, one man whispered, "He's from the Fargo Diocese? I'm moving to Fargo!" Said another: "What a priest! God sure knows how to pick 'em." God bless and keep you, Fr. Peter Anderl.



Fellowship afterwards was organized by Ecclesia Domestica team member John Stewart. Thank you, John. Upcoming events highlighted by Kevin 'Fingers' Olson (whose dad was in the audience), include one-day men's retreats at St. Andrew's in Elk River on November 26, Assumption in Morris on December 3, St. Paul's Parish in Sauk Centre February 4, 2017, and St. Michael's Parish in St. Cloud in April. Ecclesia's annual Thursday-Sunday men's retreat is scheduled at Belle Prairie (near Little Falls) March 23-26, 2017.

Mark your calendars for these important offerings from Ecclesia Domestica!

Don't miss the next Men on a Mission in January, 2017.