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DISCOVER YOUR NEXT STEP WITH US

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Ladies and Gents,

A lot is going on in the Next Step Network. Let me highlight a few things:



- First, we have just gone through a website revamp and upgrade, so take a look [here](#) and give us your feedback.
- Secondly, we're launching a membership option for those who want to be more intentional about building community, providing mentoring, and networking. You can find more on the website, as well as the link to apply.
- Lastly, we're spreading the network through local dinners as well as the events built around a specific outing, so join us in Detroit May 16 or on a Canadian island from August 26-29. Would you like to have something in your area? Let us know and we'll put it on the calendar.

You and your intentions are in my prayers daily.

Sincerely,
Kristian Jalloway

TNSN ANNUAL REPORT

December 2025 brought us to our first annual report as an organization: *Walking Together in Our Second Calling*. The full [report](#) may be found on the updated website; here are a few highlights to share:

- 2025 was a year of steady, faithful growth. In a lot of ways, we are just preparing the soil, although many fruits are

already showing up as we build bridges and connect people across the world.

- Evaluated our Mission, Vision and Guiding Values
- Started building events around fraternity
- This year we've made substantial progress on our regular operations and governance, establishing quarterly board updates and meetings; regular member newsletters; increased personal outreach and mentoring touchpoints.
- Set strategic goals for 2026, including:
 - Launching Membership
 - Fundraising Engine
 - Mentorship Scaling
 - Events Calendar
 - Data Integrity

What does this all mean? We're making an impact!

- Mentoring for 350 men and women
- Career placement for 70 men and women
- 30 networking events locally and regionally
- 2 annual Band of Brother events where men shared their stories and support each other
- Assisted Vatican and Legion of Christ to update policies as regards alumni

Thank you for being part of this growing movement!

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Taking the next step after religious, consecrated, or priestly life is both courageous and complex. The Next Step Network exists so you never have to do it alone. When you become a member, you gain access to a trusted community of people who share your background — and who are committed to helping each other flourish in faith, work, and life.

Here's what you receive as a member:

- Access to mentors and coaches who understand this transition
- Invitation to private small groups and local chapters
- Exclusive webinars and professional development opportunities
- Member-only events, retreats, and online gatherings
- Access to the internal directory and networking platform
- Opportunities to collaborate on meaningful projects
- A voice in shaping the future of the Network

Are you in? [Submit your application](#) and let us know where you are on your journey.

IN-PERSON CONNECTIONS: PETE DOLAN



When Peter Dolan helps companies think about artificial intelligence, the conversation rarely starts with technology. Instead, it begins with leadership, culture, and how organizations function, lessons he first encountered during his formation with the Legion of Christ. Now serving as Vice President of Consulting, AI Strategy, and

Organizational Health at Ascent Data in Pittsburgh, PA, Dolan is helping lead a new initiative that blends leadership consulting with practical AI integration to help companies align strategy, leadership, and technology.

“The Legion taught me to look at how people, mission, and leadership all fit together,” Dolan says. “That’s exactly the lens you need when organizations are trying to adopt transformative technologies like AI.”

Dolan began his Legionary formation in 2008 in Cheshire, CT, and then headed to Rome where he studied philosophy while assisting with international budgeting operations at the Legion’s General Directorate. A passionate student of philosophy, he graduated summa cum laude, an experience that continues to shape how he approaches leadership and complex organizational problems. While in Rome, he was also an integral part of the team working on the reorganization and rewriting of the Congregation’s Constitutions, an experience he credits with teaching him many lessons, especially how to be heard in a heated board room of strong wills and dominant personalities – often in a foreign language!

He later spent time in Mexico, teaching and mentoring middle school students at the Irish Institute. Whether challenging students to chess matches or wall-sit competitions to earn their trust, Dolan discovered an aptitude for coaching and personal development that would later influence his professional path.

Even the simplest tasks of formation left their mark. Dolan still laughs about the hours spent meticulously cleaning bathrooms during his early years in Cheshire. “I told my father I loved living humbly just cleaning bathrooms like a monk,” he recalls, “and instead they’re asking me to lead the vocation office on a national level.” His father’s response stayed with him: *“Maybe they see talents you should develop. It’s not humility to hide your gifts.”*

After leaving formation in 2016, Dolan took time to reconnect with family, including a cross-country road trip and a long lunch with his

elderly grandmother that she later called one of the highlights of her final years. His career gradually moved toward consulting and executive coaching, drawing heavily on leadership and organizational insights he had encountered during the Legion's own restructuring.

"My Legion formation still influences my work today," he reflects, "because I had a front-row seat to the challenges of reforming a large international institution. The principles behind that work—clarifying mission, aligning leadership teams, and building healthy cultures—translate directly to companies navigating major change."

After earning a professional coaching certification and working in consulting, Dolan eventually returned to collaborate with Ascent Data's leadership team. His current role brings together strategy, leadership development, and emerging technology to help organizations adopt AI in ways that serve both their mission and their people.

Outside of work, Dolan is an avid motorsports enthusiast who has raced vintage race cars across the United States and at Le Mans, where he drove a historic Ford GT40 MkIV over 200 mph on the famous Mulsanne Straight. He and his wife, Ynyra - whom he met through the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix racing community - were married on November 15, 2025, by Fr. Carlos Gutierrez, LC, recently elected General Director of the Legion of Christ. They are currently in Austin, TX but planning a move back to Pittsburgh, PA soon. Dolan remains active with the Next Step Network and welcomes connecting with fellow alumni through [LinkedIn](#) or social media.

BAND OF BROTHERS EVENTS

The annual ski trip was postponed until 2027! Stay tuned for future updates. . .

WHAT'S COMING NEXT

Detroit Dinner

Join us at the LC residence for a fun time to catch up and share stories, drinks, and dinner. Come alone or bring your significant other. May 16, 2026, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM EST, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Canadian Lake Experience

Join us on a Canadian island at the best time of year to enjoy pontoons, jet skis, bonfires, and more. Bring your best stories, swimsuit, and flip flops. Aug 26 - 29, 2026, Ontario, Canada

To express your interest in any of the upcoming events, please RSVP online or by emailing info@thenextstepnetwork.com

PUBLICATIONS & ACTIVITIES FROM OUR ALUMNI

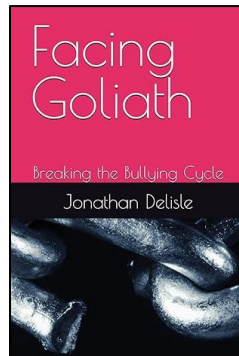
JOSEPHY ORY SHARES INSIGHT ON FIRST IMPESSIONS IN ROME



When someone visits St. Peter's for the first time, often times, you don't need a tour guide to tell you anything. You need to stop and stare for as long as your eyes can handle. This is especially true for the photo to the left: *This is where your eyes are naturally drawn when you first enter St. Peter's Basilica - up towards the heavens.*

Enjoy additional perspective, found in [The Roman Window](#).

JONATHAN DELISLE SHARES ABOUT UNDERSTANDING BULLYING AND BREAKING THE TOXIC



[Facing Goliath](#) combines real-life and clinical experience from my practice, founded also on research. It's short, but an approach that is tried and true in my own life and practice.

Delisle share his hope that this will be a journey of self-discovery, leaving you equipped with the tools and strategies - and motivation - to make the changes necessary to out-manuever your own Goliaths.

THE GRANDSON TECHIE HELPS KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH SMARTER TECH HABITS

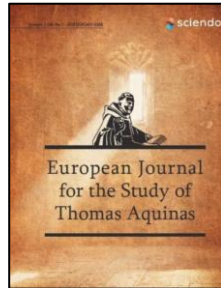


This is the perfect time to refresh your digital habits, simplify your devices, and set yourself up for a more organized, safer, and calmer

tech life. Here are some practical, real-world tips for a strong start to 2026 strong.

Find out more in The Grandson Techie [newsletter](#).

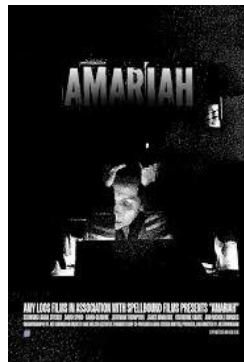
ANTÔNIO LEMOS ADDRESSES THOMAS AQUINAS ON THE POLITICAL ANALOGY AND THE PASSIONS OF CHRIST



In his own words: “In this paper I will address the question whether Aquinas’ political analogy can be properly applied to Christ as having political or despotic rule over his passions. I will argue that a close reading of various texts of Aquinas, especially the more mature Compendium of Theology, leads to the conclusion that Jesus’ reason exercised a despotic rule over his passions, not a political rule. His propassions were totally under the control of his reason and could not resist it; they did not retain “something of their own”, which is the ability to resist reason. The case of Mary’s passions in the writings of Aquinas make this point even more clear.”

Full read available [here](#).

JOE CUNNINGHAM WRITES AND DIRECTS A SHORT THRILLER FILM, *AMARIAH*



Amariah is a short thriller film written and directed by Joe Cunningham. The film follows a disgraced former CIA team leader who battles addiction following the death of one of her agents, only to be pulled back in when new information regarding the death surfaces. It is an independent production.

In Joe’s words:

 **Joe Cunningham** • 1st
 Writer/Actor/Producer/Director
 1w • 🌐

Just watched the final cut of my spy thriller **AMARIAH** and cried a little. It’s so good. Especially my star **Laura Stisser**- best acting I’ve ever directed! Special thanks to my entire & crew, to everyone who contributed to our fundraising campaign, and to all of our hosts for locations. And all to my amazing composer **David Welsch** for an incredible job! We are holding a screening at SASFest Sunday, April 19th at The Palace Theatre. More details to follow. What a feeling! Was just an idea 15 months ago.

BUILDERS AI FORUM (BAIF) HAS APPOINTED VINCENT HIGGINS AS CEO



The Builders AI Forum (BAIF) has appointed Vincent Higgins as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. Coming off the organization's landmark November 2025 gathering at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome — where attendees were inspired by a message from Pope Leo XIV — BAIF is entering an accelerated phase of growth with a sharpened focus on ensuring AI serves human flourishing and upholds human dignity. Vincent brings a rare combination of technology leadership and philosophical grounding, holding graduate degrees in philosophy and theology alongside an accomplished career that includes serving as Global Director at Honeywell and co-founding RuggedEdge AI. As CEO, he will lead BAIF's expanding network of technologists, executives, investors, policymakers, and Church leaders, driving the organization's mission to embed Catholic Social Teaching into AI development, policy, and deployment at a pivotal moment for the technology's global impact.

Read more [here](#).

If you have any news of a publication, project; a life update, need or achievement; a prayer request, please forward a title, description, link, and photo or graphic design piece as is appropriate to: info@thenextstepnetwork.com.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Michael Aoyama

Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers. They lost all their material possessions in an apartment fire right before Christmas. They are getting back on their feet; please pray and if you'd like to help materially, [click here](#).

Daniel Welter

Click [here](#) to learn more about Daniel's journey with bone cancer, and [here](#) to extend additional support as you are able.

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 - Email:
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 - Meeting with Kristian:
[Sign up here](#)
 - [BECOME A MEMBER APPLICATION](#)
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OPEN POSITIONS

If you are aware of a job or work opportunity, please forward a title, description, link, and graphic design piece as is appropriate to: info@thenextstepnetwork.com.

CALL TO ACTION

- **Share the Newsletter** - Forward this to someone who could be a future member or potential donor.
- **Let's Connect** – Whichever stage you are in, we are here to assist you on the journey. Connect with us [here](#).
- **Support Our Cause** - Membership dues help to cover operating costs, but additional donations are vital for covering growth costs and, eventually, supporting scholarships for specific events and needs
- **Get Involved** - We need volunteers for mentoring in specific life or career areas, fundraising and networking, organizing international groups, planning local or regional events, and supporting RC women's groups. If you're interested, let's schedule a time to discuss your involvement. Please email us at info@thenextstepnetwork.com.