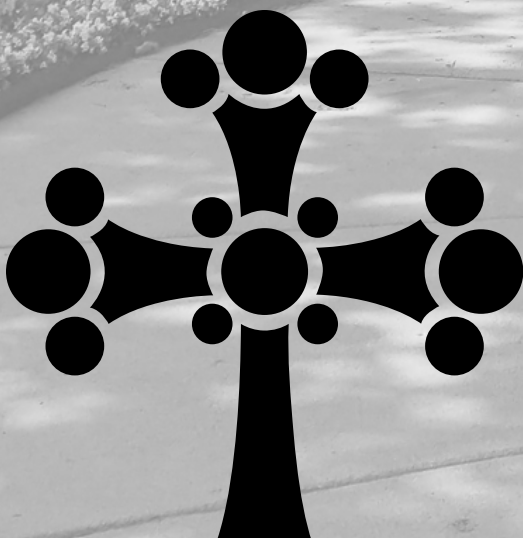
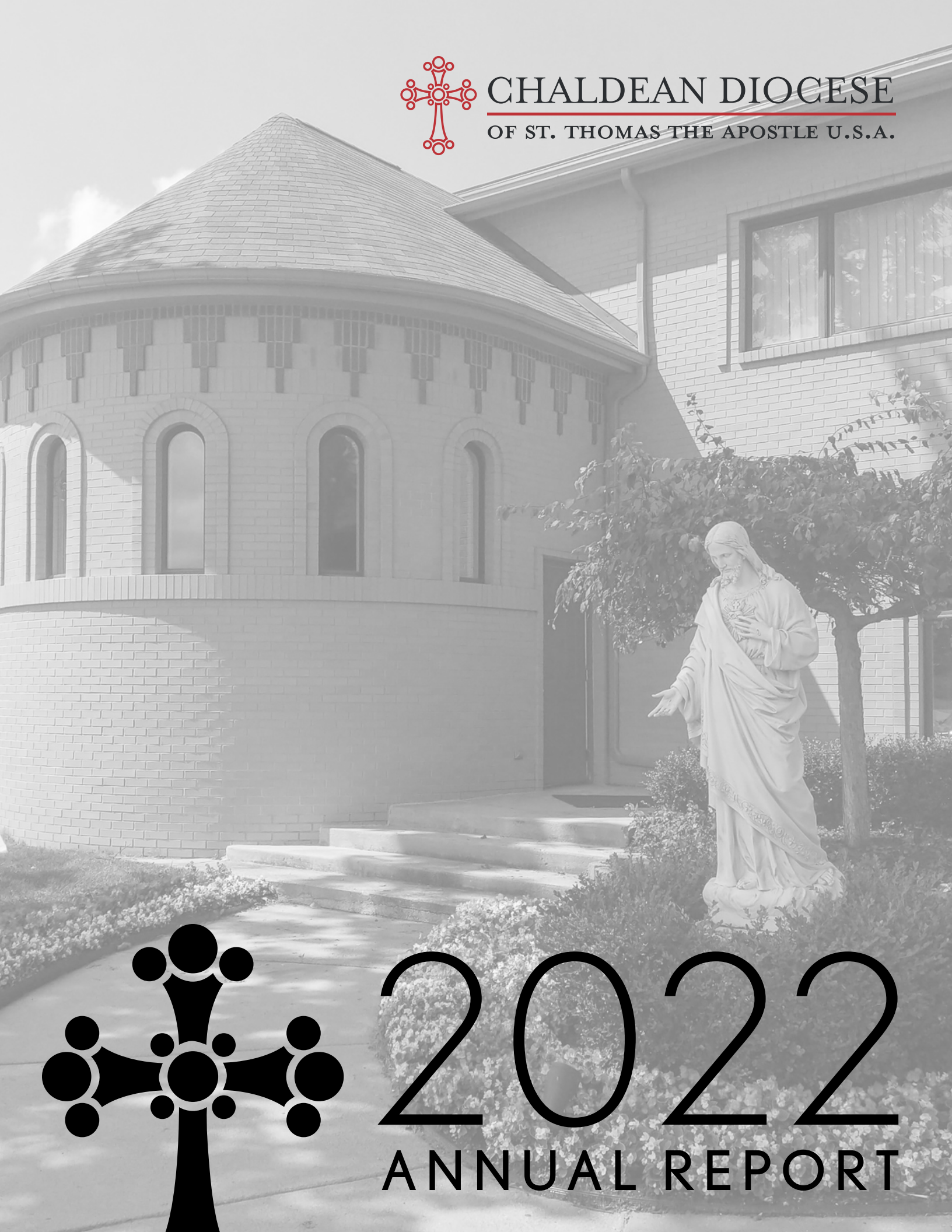




CHALDEAN DIOCESE
OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE U.S.A.



2022
ANNUAL REPORT



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"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." -1 Peter 4:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our Diocese grows and expands throughout the Eastern United States there are disciples of Christ that are being formed, taught, and sent out into the world, a dark world that continues to seek the light of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church is an institution that is founded by Jesus Christ to help guide us on the path towards Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The Church, my brothers and sisters, is more than just the physical walls of the many parish churches that make up the Diocese. No, the Church begins with you. You who have decided to follow Jesus, to worship Him, to bring Him into your homes and your hearts. As Christ's disciples we want nothing more than to give Him the very best of everything in our lives, to never hold back, as this is what true love is: to give ourselves completely to Him.

I would like to begin by thanking the parishes, the clergy, as well as you, the parishioners who support the Church through your witness to the faith as well as your support financially. Around 9 to 13% of monthly parish collections are sent to the Bishop's Office each month, which allows the Diocese to continue to expand its mission of serving the community and proclaiming Jesus Christ to all Chaldean Catholics in the Eastern United States.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our many donors and sponsors who graciously contribute year after year at the annual Bishop's Dinner. Last year, with your generosity and support, we were able to raise more than \$600,000 towards the Bishop's Office, which allows us to support our seminarians, clergy, parishes, as well as future parishes and projects.

As we continue together in this mission to make Christ known to all, the Diocese has grown at an explosive rate this past year, taking on a number of projects to better serve you, the Church: the purchase and renovation of Mar Eliya Retreat Center in Oxford through the generosity of the Boji family; the opening of the first Chaldean Catholic preschool in the United States at St. Thomas Chaldean Church, and the restructuring and rebuilding of Our Lady of the Fields Camp in Brighton.

With these exciting projects in mind as well as our commitment to financial transparency, I am pleased to present to you the 2022 Annual Report for the Chaldean Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas the Apostle. We are blessed to have a Diocese that is on fire for Jesus Christ and that fire is spreading. However, we are not able to continue in our mission without your generosity and support.

Let us continue to pray for our Diocese, our clergy, and our Church, that we may forever proclaim the name of Jesus, both now and forever.

Your Servant in Christ,

Mar Francis Y. Kalabat
Bishop of the Chaldean Diocese
of St. Thomas the Apostle U.S.A.

Finance Report

The 2021/2022 data below reflects net diocesan income from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.
It does not include seminarian or priest retirement funds.

INCOME

SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Annulment Processing	\$10,100	1%
Donations	\$134,300	9%
Fundraisers	\$731,500	51%
Other Income	\$28,400	2%
Parish Assessment	\$507,000	35%
Printing & Publishing	\$32,000	2%
Total	\$1,443,300	

EXPENSES

SOURCE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Annulment Processing & Safety Environments	\$13,600	1%
Appeals Remitted	\$138,400	13%
Diocese Office Operating Costs	\$264,400	25%
Professional Fees, Insurance, & Property Costs	\$195,500	19%
Salaries	\$386,200	37%
Warren Diocesan Center	\$42,500	4%
Total	\$1,040,600	

NET INCOME

\$402,700

The Bishop's Office is committed to financial transparency. There is an annual third party audit. If you have financial questions or concerns, please contact the Bishop's Office.

2021 \$431,600

Parishes

PARISHES	PRIESTS	CONTACT
Holy Cross est. 2013	Msgr. Zouhair T. Kejbou, Pastor Rev. Andrew Seba, Parochial Vicar	32500 Middlebelt Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 626-5055
Holy Martyrs est. 2010	Rev. Selwan Taponi, Pastor Rev. Marcus Shammami, Parochial Vicar	43700 Merrill Road Sterling Heights, MI 48314 (586) 803-3114
Mar Addai est. 1979	Rev. Stephen Kallabat, Pastor	24010 Coolidge Highway Oak Park, MI 48237 (248) 547-4648
Mart Mariam est. 1986	Rev. Ayad Hanna, Pastor Rev. Rodney Abasso, Parochial Vicar	2700 Willow Road Northbrook, IL 60062 (630) 847-0149
Mother of God (Our Lady of Chaldeans Cathedral) est. 1948	Rev. Bryan Kassa, Administrator Rev. Sanharib Youkhana, Parochial Vicar Rev. Perrin Atisha, Parochial Vicar	25585 Berg Road Southfield, MI 48033 (248) 356-0565
Our Lady of Perpetual Help est. 2013	Rev. Rudy Zoma, Pastor	11200 E. 12 Mile Road Warren, MI 48093 (586) 804-2114
Sacred Heart est. 1975	Rev. Fadi Philip, Pastor	30590 Dequindre Road Warren, MI 48092 (586) 393-5809
St. Ephrem est. 1947	Rev. Hermiz Haddad, Pastor	2537 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue Chicago, IL 60659 (773) 888-7984
St. George est. 2000	Rev. Fawaz Kako, Pastor Rev. John Jaddou, Parochial Vicar Rev. Kevin Yono, Parochial Vicar	45700 Dequindre Road Shelby Township, MI 48317 (586) 254-7221
St. Joseph est. 1981	Rev. Sameem Balius, Pastor Rev. Patrick Setto, Parochial Vicar Rev. Fadie Gorgies, Parochial Vicar	2442 E Big Beaver Road Troy MI, 48083 (248) 528-3676
St. Paul est. 2014	Rev. Muhannad Al Tawil, Pastor	5150 E Maple Avenue Grand Blanc, MI 48439 (810) 820-8450
St. Thomas est. 1999	Rev. Pierre Konja, Pastor Rev. Wisam Matti, Parochial Vicar Rev. Matthew Zetouna, Parochial Vicar	6900 Maple Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 (248) 788-2460
Missions:	Immaculate Conception Chaldean Mission in Boston, MA Administered by Dcn. Sermed Ashkouri	
	Mar Shemmon Bar Sabbae Assyrian-Chaldean Catholic Church in Tbilisi, Republic Of Georgia Administered by Msgr. Benyamin Betyadegar, Pastor	
Bishops:	Most Rev. Francis Y. Kalabat, Bishop Most Rev. Ibrahim Ibrahim, Bishop Emeritus Most Rev. Gabriel Kassab (Retired)	
Retired Clergy:	Rev. Jirjis Abraham Rev. Zia Marano Rev. Manuel Boji Rev. Emmanuel Rayes	

Our Diocese



The Chaldean Diocese of St. Thomas the Apostle is an Eastern Rite diocese (eparchy) under the Chaldean Catholic Patriarchate of Babylon in Baghdad, Iraq.

Once covering the entire United States, the diocese now serves about 180,000 U.S. Catholics in the eastern half of the country. Metro Detroit has the highest concentration of Chaldeans in the United States, and ten of the diocese's twelve parishes are in Michigan.

DIOCESE STAFF

Most. Rev. Francis Y. Kalabat
Bishop

Most. Rev. Ibrahim N. Ibrahim
Bishop Emeritus

Most. Rev. Gabriel Kassab
Bishop Residing in Diocese

Rev. Pierre Konja
Judicial Vicar

Rev. Marcus Shammami
Bishop's Secretary

Rev. Bryan Kassa
Director of Seminarians
Mission to Priests

Rev. Perrin Atisha
Director of Vocations

Vincent Jarbow
Finance Officer

Nadia I. Kallabat
Office Administrator

Lubna Seba
Tribunal Administrator
Administrative Assistant

Ansam Sitto
Director of Communications
Safety Environments

Khairy Foumia
Liturgical Translator

Jason Alkamano, CPA
Finance Advisor

Clergy & Seminarians

Since 1989, our diocese has entrusted its seminarian formation to Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan. Sacred Heart is recognized nationally and around the world as one of the leading centers in the New Evangelization.

28 PRIESTS *24 Active | 4 Retired* 13 SEMINARIANS *6 Graduate | 7 Undergraduate*



Dcn. Namir Narra
Theology IV



Eahab Ishak
Theology II (Iraq)



Joseph Nannoshi
Theology II



Brandon Elias
Theology I



Lucian Gumma
Theology I



Yousif Habeeb
Theology I



Eddie Dickow
Philosophy II



Matthew Bakkal
Philosophy II



Anthony Simon
Pre-Theology II



Mathew Yousif
Pre-Theology II



Anthony Austifan
Pre-Theology I



Rami Kina
College II



Andrew Mattia
College II

2021/2022 Priest Retirement Fund

Fiscal Year: July 2021 - June 2022

Christmas Collection	Donations	Mass Offerings	Bishop's Dinner	Interest
\$58,800	\$4,900	\$195,000	\$62,500	\$16,900
Income \$338,100	Expenses \$150,000	Net Income \$188,100	Net Value \$3,315,000	



2021/2022 Seminary Fund

Fiscal Year: July 2021 - June 2022

Christmas Collection	Donations	Easter Collection	Bishop's Dinner	Stride for Seminarians
\$58,800	\$125,700	\$161,600	\$62,500	\$86,700
Income \$495,300	Expenses \$306,400	Net Income \$188,900	Net Value \$3,352,000	

The background of the entire graphic is a photograph of several glass bottles used for sacramental oils. There are three large, ornate glass decanters with faceted stoppers, and three smaller, simpler glass bottles. They are arranged on a surface, and the background is a warm, out-of-focus interior with red and gold tones.

2022 Sacraments

Baptisms & Confirmations

1,252

2019 | 1,308 2020 | 1,085 2021 | 1,111

1st Communions

1,063

2019 | 868 2020 | 726 2021 | 1,128

Marriages

483

2019 | 447 2020 | 324 2021 | 555

Funerals

336

2019 | 279 2020 | 509 2021 | 409

Year in Review

Montessori School of Saint Thomas

This past year, we were pleased to announce the opening of our very first Chaldean Catholic Preschool in our diocese, located in West Bloomfield, Michigan, under the wing of St. Thomas Chaldean Church. This is a milestone for the Chaldean community in Michigan and it would not have been possible without the Lord's blessings upon us and our community's active support.

On December 3, 2022, His Excellency Bishop Francis Kalabat, and the priests of St. Thomas Church and the Preschool director, held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at the school, whereby Bishop Francis gave a blessing for the school and its staff. We pray that this is the first step of many to create a Chaldean Catholic school system. With the leadership of Bishop Francis, we are open to the Holy Spirit and the desires of the community to further our efforts to educate the youth.

St. Thomas Montessori is dedicated to providing an outstanding Catholic Montessori education to children 18 months to 6 years in a Catholic atmosphere faithful to the Church. Using the philosophy and techniques of the Montessori approach, including our mother tongue (Chaldean language). Our goal is to enable each child to develop as a good Catholic human being: religiously, intellectually, socially, physically, and emotionally.

Interested in The Montessori School of St. Thomas? Please visit montessori.stccc.org for more information.



Our Lady of the Fields Camp Renovation

For the first time, Our Lady of the Fields (OLF) hosted retreat groups in every month of the calendar year! The camp oversight committee started to lay out an ambitious plan for growth that included building more camper cabins, adding more programs, and restoring the older buildings on camp grounds. OLF entered into a strategic partnership with Camp Damascus from the Columbus (Ohio) diocese. Starting in June of 2023, Camp Damascus will hold 8 one-week sessions of their very popular Catholic Youth Summer Camp at OLF. Camper enrollment is expected to be 150 children per session – or 1,200 boys and girls for the entire summer! In September of 2022, The Chaldean Diocese purchased a 54-acre parcel of property directly across the street from

St. George Shrine on Kellogg Rd. This parcel will be used for future development and expansion of OLF. This purchase increased the size of OLF to 218 acres. In order to provide our campers and retreatants with the best and most exciting experience imaginable, the Our Lady of the Fields (OLF) oversight committee has launched a \$5 million capital campaign. With the funds raised by this campaign, OLF will improve our existing facilities and build new ones. We will increase our camper capacity and add to our program menu. We will enhance safety equipment and upgrade basic amenities such as thicker mattresses and more showers. Contributors to our campaign will have the opportunity to sponsor individual buildings or activities. This campaign is slated to run for the next two years. •



Mar Eliya Retreat Center

Throughout the years, the diocese has recognized the need for a home in which we are able to host retreats, to facilitate encounters with Jesus Christ. By the glory of God and through the generosity of The Boji Family, we were able to acquire a beautiful retreat center that we can now call our own. This new center will play a very vital role in the future of our church for many years to come.

On October 28, 2022, His Excellency Bishop Francis Kalabat invited all faithful to join him for a day of prayers, Mass, and blessing of the center, whereby he officially announced its name: Mar Eliya Retreat Center. The center is also dedicated to the memory of Sivu and Najma Boji.

The retreat center is located at 751 W. Drahner Rd., Oxford, MI 48371. The center is not open for retreats yet due to ongoing renovations. •



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