

The Catholic Telegraph

Bucket List

This month's Bucket List takes you to a center of Marianist spirituality and stewardship, a tiny museum hidden in our cathedral, and a parish whose members include many refugees

- *restored native Ohio terrain*
- *"behind the scenes" at the cathedral*
- *Mass at St. Leo*

Go: Visit MEEC at Mount St. John, Dayton

Marianist Environmental Education Center
St. Joseph Hall, Mount St. John
4435 E. Patterson Road
Dayton, OH 45430
(937) 429-3582
www.Meec.center

Recommended by: St. Anthony, Madisonville, parishioner Joe Krumm: "The Marianist Brothers, Sisters, and volunteers have done a fantastic job to restore, preserve and protect the gift of our natural environment." Part of the Marianist's Mount St. John complex, MEEC includes a 100-acre nature preserve that was named an Ohio National Landmark in 1988. The site is used for research and is open to the public; programs and hikes are held regularly. A guide to two acres of trail through the preserves is available to download at the website.



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While at MEEC you can also visit Bergamo Center, Queen of Apostles Chapel, a Lourdes grotto, and other sites open during daylight hours or by appointment.

I visited!

Do: Tour the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains

325 W. 8th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
(513) 421-5354
Stpeterinchainscathedral.org



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Recommended by: John Stegeman, staffer at the Comboni Missioners: "See the museum and old horse carriage!" Tours at Cincinnati's cathedral, one of the most notable neo-Gothic buildings in the United States, include a "behind the scenes" trip to the archbishop's private chapel and vesting area, a miniature museum with historic artifacts, and Archbishop John Baptist Purcell's carriage. Found in Brown County in 1975, the carriage was restored for the nation's Bicentennial and has been at the cathedral ever since.

Free tours take place on the second Sunday of each month after 11 a.m. Mass. To schedule a group tour any day, call the cathedral office.

I did it!

Worship: Mass at St. Leo the Great

2573 St. Leo Place
Cincinnati, Ohio 45225
(513) 921-1044
Saint-leo.org

Recommended by: composer and musician Bobby Fisher. Historic St. Leo has a special mission to immigrant and refugee communities – 85% of parishioners come from Burundi or Guatemala, and many are refugees. A festive time to join the parish for Mass is its annual summer Culture Fest, hosted by Hispanic parishioners and featuring children's activities and music and food from Guatemala, Mexico, and El Salvador. It is not a fundraiser (though a little cash is required) and stops for 6 p.m. Mass before resuming for the evening. The festival is held in the parking lot, which is bordered by a brightly painted prayer wall that combines murals with an area for parishioners and friends to leave prayers written on slips of paper. This year's Culture Fest is set for July 14.

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Culture Fest Mass (in Spanish with English), 6 p.m., July 14
Sunday Mass (in English with Spanish and Kurundi): 10 a.m.; Saturday Mass (in Spanish with English): 6 p.m.

I went!



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