



Archdiocese of Seattle Featured in The Chair TV Series

SEATTLE, November 22, 2022 – The Archdiocese of Seattle announces the release of an innovative, insightful video featuring Archbishop Paul D. Etienne and St. James Cathedral which highlights the fascinating history of the local Catholic Church. The Seattle episode is from THE CHAIR, a series that celebrates the best of Catholicism today.

The Seattle episode of THE CHAIR appeals to a broad audience, both religious and secular, as well as anyone interested in the Archdiocese of Seattle's past. With exceptional visuals and production value, the episode blends the history, architecture, and art of St. James Cathedral, with Archbishop Etienne's example of holiness in a modern world. Archbishop Etienne shares his own faith journey, his current concerns, and his hopes for a bright future.

"The role of bishop can be very isolating," said Archbishop Etienne, "so I like the fact that the cathedra in this cathedral (is) in the congregation as we worship God together, as we seek God together, as we serve God together."

The 22-minute episode takes as its starting point a chair: specifically, the Bishop's chair, known as the cathedra – from which we get the name "cathedral." It is the symbolic heart of the archdiocese, representing the archbishop's authority to sanctify, preach and govern as a successor of the Apostles.

From the exquisite details and symbolism of the cathedra chair and the church building, THE CHAIR also explores the human side of the Church. Archbishop Etienne talks about some of the challenges facing the archdiocese today, and how he is working to improve the lives of his flock and the wider community. From start to finish, the program shows the 115-year-old cathedral, and the millennia-old Catholic faith, in a fresh, modern light.

"Father Ryan, Corinna and Sister Barbara all did an excellent job sharing important moments in our history of faith," Archbishop Etienne said. "The directors did a great job by means of telling the history of the archdiocese as well as of the cathedral itself," he added.

Created and produced by DeSales Studios, the production arm of DeSales Media based in the Diocese of Brooklyn, NY, the full current series of THE CHAIR is available for broadcast arrangements.

To view the free television program, visit <https://thechair.vhx.tv/videos/the-chair-seattle-wa>. Please note you will need to sign up for a free login before viewing the episode.

About DeSales Media

The Chair is a project of DeSales Media, the non-profit Catholic technology and communications ministry working in the Diocese of Brooklyn, NY. Named for the patron saint of writers and journalists, DeSales delivers Catholic news, entertainment, and religious programming across all media. Learn more at desalesmedia.org.

About the Archdiocese of Seattle

The Archdiocese of Seattle encompasses all of Western Washington, stretching from Canada to Oregon and from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. There are 72 Catholic Schools, 174 parishes, missions and pastoral centers in the archdiocese, with more than 500 weekly Masses celebrated in eight languages. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne leads the archdiocese with his auxiliary bishops, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and Bishop Frank Schuster. For more information about the Archdiocese of Seattle, visit www.archseattle.org.

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