

# CALIX ZOOM RETREAT GREAT IS OUR GOD

**O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST, OUR HOPE FOR  
YEARS TO COME**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2025  
10AM-4PM EST  
9AM-3PM CST**

## **OPENING**

**Michael Gooley -  
Calix President**

### **OPENING REMARKS FROM CALIX PRESIDENT**

Michael Gooley was born at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, just a few miles from where Calix began. He came to Calix through AA about six years ago, after moving from Forest Lake to St. Paul. His godfather, a longtime Calix member, introduced him to the Cathedral meetings. With a background as a retired accountant, Michael was soon asked to serve as treasurer for the St. Paul unit. He later joined the National Board at the invitation of Jim B., and was elected President at the annual retreat following Gaylen's encouragement.



### **"GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE SENT HIS ONLY SON TO LOVE US INTO LIFE."**

Beth Sheridan is a child of God and grateful recovering alcoholic since August 2004. Raised as a cradle Catholic, she discovered Calix in February 2021. Beth is married to her husband, Tom and they have four adult children and three grandchildren. She works as a School Psychologist in NH, loves to laugh and listen to others willing to share their faith journey.

## **TALK #1**

**Beth**

## **TALK #2**

**Fr. Roland Lajoie, SM –  
National Chaplain of Calix**



### **JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

Fr. Roland is originally from Van Buren, ME. He was ordained a priest in the Society of Mary, the Marist Fathers, July 5, 1974. He is presently a senior priest at St. Louis King of France Parish, St. Paul, Minnesota. He has been a member of Calix since 2018 and national chaplain since 2023.



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### SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

Susan H. is thankful to be a sober Catholic woman, and active in the recovery community. She currently serves on the Board as Vice-President of the Calix Society and provides assistance to those initiating new Calix units locally and throughout the continent.

### TALK #3

Susan

### TALK #4

Ken Johnston  
Treasurer - Calix Society

### THE VENERABLE MATT TALBOT

Ken Johnston has been sober since 12/31/1991. Recently widowed, he is the father of four adult children and grandfather of two. In addition to being a Calix board member he is the executive director of Our House Ministries, a ministry to help those in active or recovery from addiction. Ken hosts two radio shows weekly for In His Sign Catholic Radio on WTMR (app available) on Wednesday afternoons. He is involved with the Malvern Retreat House and multiple retreats that are held there annually and has recently begun directing Matt Talbot retreats. Most recently he has served as an executive producer of the film "Matt Talbot: Urban Mystic" to be released in June 2025.



THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE, AND TO PROCLAIM A YEAR ACCEPTABLE TO THE LORD. (LUKE 4:18-19, EMPHASIS ADDED)

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6AM-12PM PST

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**The Calix Society**  
We substitute the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies

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