

**ICDA-US CHAPTER 46 :
16TH ANNUAL
JOLIET DIOCESE
CATHOLIC DEAF PICNIC
WITH
FR. TOM COUGHLIN, O.P. MISS.**



Fr. Thomas Coughlin (right) signed the Mass with Deacon Ralph Hirsch (left).

The following day after our Retreat on September 18th, we also hosted our 16th Annual Joliet Diocese Catholic Deaf Picnic at Mantellate Sisters Servants of Mary in Plainfield, Illinois. We invited Fr. Thomas Coughlin to serve the Deaf Mass alongside with Deacon Ralph Hirsch from St. Francis Borgia Church, starting at 12:30pm. Our Mass was performed in honor of our late Fr. Mark Fracaro and our fellow deaf parishioner, late Patricia Phadke. The Mass turned out beautiful and Fr. Tom used his powerpoint to display the Order of the Mass and to explain briefly about his task as a deaf Catholic priest. After the Mass, Joliet Diocese Deaf Catholic provided hamburgers, sausages and chickens as the main dishes, along with loads of side dishes and desserts to satisfy our tummies. We also provided fun activities such as Bingo, Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle jackpot and door prize. Everyone had a wonderful time. We got the opportunity to hang out with Fr. Tom for chats and socialization. We were blessed to have Fr. Thomas Coughlin spending time us on those special days. May God bless his heart.

