

# BEYOND

Engaged, invested, and committed. Beyond Notre Dame.

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## Community

### Meet Rev. Robert A. Dowd, C.S.C., Notre Dame's 18th president

Have you met Father Dowd, Notre Dame's new president? He's from the region and he loves baseball. As president, his goals mirror those in the University's strategic framework: increase interdisciplinary research,

make Notre Dame more accessible and affordable, become the leading global Catholic research university and increase the diversity of the student body. He is also focused on [expanding Notre Dame's engagement](#) in South Bend and the surrounding region.

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"We want to partner. Our guiding principles are in Catholic social teaching. It means engaging in the community in the most respectful, thoughtful, collaborative way possible." ~ **Father Dowd, Notre Dame's 18th president**

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## Partnerships

### Photo gallery: Father Dowd hosts his first Community Leaders Breakfast

The breakfast, an annual tradition, provided more than [250 community leaders](#) with the opportunity to get to know Father Dowd, who started in his role June 1, and to connect with partners from various sectors throughout the South Bend-Elkhart region, including nonprofits, health care, churches, government, banking, real estate and education.

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### Notre Dame program opens doors for local entrepreneurs

Raymond Barbour, owner of Ko's Port-A-Pit Barbecue, has dreams of opening a food truck and sit-down barbecue joint. He credits the [South Bend Entrepreneurship and Adversity Program](#) with giving him the knowledge and confidence to pursue his dreams. The program is part of the Urban Poverty and Business Initiative established by Michael Morris, a faculty member at Notre Dame.

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# Fischoff's chamber music competition is global and hyper-local

This year's three-day chamber music extravaganza at Notre Dame included musicians representing 35 countries from the finest music programs and conservatories. What truly set this event apart was the impact of the competition [on the local community](#). Ensembles performed lively concerts at homes, businesses, schools and historic community venues in the region, while ensembles from Fischoff's Junior Division visited elementary schools in St. Joseph, Elkhart and Berrien counties.

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## In the news

# WNIT's Education Counts Michiana features "Talk With Your Baby" program

The Robinson Community Learning Center program educates parents and caregivers on the importance of frequent interaction with children ages birth to three. Classes cover talking, singing, and reading techniques that can improve children's language skills, as well as social and emotional development. Watch the [full video feature](#).

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## In the news

# South Bend ranked No. 25 on “Best Places to Live in the U.S.” list

In its description of South Bend, [U.S. News wrote](#) that the city "boasts a low cost of living as well as an array of parks and other diversions to keep locals entertained." South Bend also was ranked No. 34 on U.S. News' best places to retire. The top criteria for the retirement index include the happiness of the residents, housing affordability, tax rates and health care quality.



## About BEYOND

*"Beyond ND" highlights ways the University of Notre Dame is engaged with, invested in and committed to*

*the region through partnerships with community businesses, government, educators and organizations. The University's Office of Public Affairs produces this newsletter. Read more at [publicaffairs.nd.edu](http://publicaffairs.nd.edu).*

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