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Couples Reminded Jesus Is ‘Master Of The House’



Photos And Text
By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein

Pope Francis has reminded married couples, and Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has echoed the thought, that “if there is a master of the house, that person is and must be the person of the Lord Jesus.”

Bishop Mark made the pontiff’s April 8 Apostolic Exhortation “Amoris Laetitia” (The Joy Of Love), the basis of his homily at a Sunday, July 17 Mass Honoring Married Couples celebrated at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bishop Mark said the Holy Father teaches in that document that “The Lord’s presence dwells in real and concrete families and marriages, with all their joys, hopes, daily troubles and struggles.”

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THE LOOK OF LOVE: As they renewed their wedding vows at the annual Mass Honoring Married Couples celebrated Sunday, July 17 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto, Caroline and Paul Cook of Saint Mary Parish, Nanty Glo, shared a loving look with one another. The couple will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary in September.



RESURRECTION: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Resurrection Parish, Johnstown, on Sunday, May 1 were (left to right) First row: Aaron Sukenik, Kylee Schonvisky, Reed Felton, Alexa Gardenhour. Second row: Gabrielle Wilfong, Jonathan Delia, Camden Misner - Fox, Lauren Box. Third row: Frannie Findley (acting director of religious education/catechist), Father George Gulash (pastor) and Jennifer Gardenhour (catechist).



Community

Outreach Center Hours

Loretto: The Dorothy Day Outreach Center (DDOC) at Saint Francis University has announced new hours, effective immediately, to better serve their clients.

With an overwhelming amount of administrative responsibilities, the Center will be closed on the weekends and Mondays. Paperwork, reports, phone calls, event preparation,

fundraisers, cleaning, and other essential duties will take place during this time.

Food will now be distributed on Tuesday mornings (9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) and Thursday afternoons (1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.) only. Because of a new and exciting opportunity enabling the Center to give out fresh breads, vegetables, and fruits to its clients, the foods need to be distributed immediately to prevent spoilage. As a result, clients will be funneled to these new specific days and times, allowing more food to be given out with less waste.

The clothing pantry will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays, allowing clients to browse for clothing throughout these days from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Financial assistance, which operates from October 1 through April 1 will remain by appointment only, as will furniture requests (appointment and availability only).

The DDOC's mission is important, and by adjusting their schedule, they hope to better serve their clients.

For more information about the DDOC and its mission, visit www.francis.edu/dorothy-day-outreach-center/.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEW GERMANY: Celebrating Confirmation on Thursday, March 31 at Immaculate Conception Parish, New Germany were (top photo, left to right) First row: Claudia Shreffler, Hannah Schofield, Emma Wess, Jessica Woods, Sarah Pavlovsky, Tia Bodenschatz, Rosanne Krug (catechist), Rhonda Smith (director). Second row: Benedictine Father Leon Hont (pastor), Trevor Smith, Ryan Stohon, Tristan Corrente, David Beyer, Jordan Beyer, Calvin Wirfel and Scott Smith (director). Not pictured is Jared Wehner. Celebrating First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1 were (bottom photo, left to right) First row: Elaina Smith, Lucia Yuhas, Claire Cabala, Jocelyn Troy. Second row: Jack Smith, Drew Long, Jeffrey Beyer, Logan Moss. Third row: Jessica Daubert (catechist), Father Leon and Ronald Kulback (catechist).



OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, Lilly, were (left to right) First row: Joy Eckenrode (catechist), Brady Jones, Ryan Behe, Ryan Giraud, Joseph Phillips, Servant of the Sacred Heart Sister Theresa Marie (director of religious education). Second row: Monsignor John Sasway (pastor), Drake Talko, Hayden Offman, Jacob Bossler, Dayne Summerville and Deacon Sam Albarano.

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In The Alleghenies

Holy Hour For Teens And Young Adults



SAINT THERESE, JOHNSTOWN: Pictured at the celebration of First Holy Communion at Saint Therese Parish, Johnstown were (left to right) First row: Ethan Rozwat, Elias Lemus, Ayden Mulvehill, Felicity Bence, Matthew Bence (server). Second row: Daniel Hutchison (catechist), Joshua Bence (server), Father Francis Balestino (senior priest, in residence), Franciscan Father Bernard Karmonocky (pastor), Margaret Hutchison (catechist) and Sister Letizia of the Sisters of Saint Ann (director of religious education).



SAINT DEMETRIUS: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin, on Sunday, April 24 were (left to right) First row: Anna Skupien, Camryn Ashworth, Hannah McMahon, Gracelyn Beldin, Gabrielle Beldin. Second row: Father Albert Ledoux (pastor) and Michelle Mentzer (catechist).

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will preside at a Holy Hour for Teens and Young Adults who have been away from the Church, Thursday, August 18.

The Holy Hour, to be held from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Church, 2301 5th Street, Altoona, is being held in response to Pope Francis' invitation to teens and young adults to embrace their Catholic faith once again, and return to the Church.

Join with Bishop Mark and

with Sister Linda LaMagna of the Carmelite Community of the Word for a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and prayerfully experience God calling your heart.

A social with refreshments will follow the Holy Hour in the church narthex.

There will also be time for individuals to talk with Bishop Mark or Sister Linda if desired.

For more information contact Sister Linda at (814) 674 - 3712

in her parish and its school and also serves on the Board of Saint Frances University, Loretto

Rick Musar, was invited to join the board by trustee Bob Leahey and the nominating committee. He, his wife and daughter are members of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College. Musar has a strong background in investments and finance having degrees in engineering and accounting, and an MBA from The University of Pittsburgh. In 1998 he and his partners founded Aris Corporation an investment advisory and pension administration firm. Aris was recently acquired by Asset-Mark Incorporated. Musar, while no longer with the firm, still provides consulting to Aris and additionally is an adjunct professor at Penn State. He is a member of the Pennsylvania and national Institutes of Certificated Public Accountants.

The trustees also expressed gratitude to Vince Barbera, Monica Garver, Tony Kamnikar and Tom Kristofco as they retired from the board because of term limits.

High Schools

New Football Coach

Ebensburg: As fall approaches, the Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Huskies are looking forward to a fresh season with revitalized programs and a new coach—and this season will mark the first

full season playing on their new home field.

Chris Kozak, who has seven years of experience working with youth football in Westmont, joined Bishop Carroll as the new football coach in February. Even in the off season, he's made an immediate impact, bringing new discipline to the student-athletes.

As part of their formal strength and conditioning program, students sign in and log their time spent at the gym.

"Seeing who is putting in more work than them motivates our student-athletes to work harder to keep their position on the field," Kozak says.

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Foundation

New Board Members

Altoona: The Independent Catholic Foundation trustees at

their June meeting welcomed two new members to the Board of Trustees: Jackie Martella; She was invited to join the Board by retiring trustee Monica Garver and the nominating committee. Martella, her husband and two sons are members of Saint

Benedict Parish in Johnstown. A second generation Registered Pharmacist, she is co - owner of Martella's Pharmacies and Boswell Prescription Services in Cambria and Somerset counties. A graduate of Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, she is active



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Point Of View

All decked out in her Princess Swimsuit, pink goggles and Dora the Explorer life vest she slowly approaches the end of the diving board. With her lips quivering, her knees shaking and her sweet little toes hanging on for dear life she tries her very best to muster up the courage to jump in the clear blue waters below.

As the seconds tick away, the little bit of excitement she had in her brave heart suddenly vanishes giving way to hesitation and doubt. "I don't think I want to mamma, I am too afraid," she whimpers as she brushes the tears from her cheeks. "I know you are afraid sweetie but I am here to catch you," I reply from the waters below. "You have to trust me; your mamma will never let you down." I reassure.

As I try to come up with a long persuasive and convincing argument, preschool style, my thoughts are suddenly interrupted by the sound of the diving board springing to life and the splash of my little girl falling safely in my arms.

Yes, despite the fear, the doubt, the second guessing and last minute temptation to bolt to safety she gave it her all and jumped in and boy was she happy she did!

As my squiggly little wet princess swam to the ladder to "do it again" (about 100 more times) my heart jumped for joy. She overcame her fear, she trusted and because of her willingness to jump, despite her fears, she discovered a whole new world waiting below. A



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich

Diving In: My Final Column

moment to treasure, a sweet memory to hold and a small wink from God who used this very special childhood feat to speak directly to her mamma's wavering heart.

For just like my little one who had to muster up the courage to take her first jump into the pool, somewhere deep inside I too must find the courage to step on this platform and allow my heart to slowly dive into saying goodbye.

For as I write this column, I know full well I am penning my last words as the Diocesan Director of Family Life and because of this I reluctantly hold on to and cherish every last word, afraid to jump into my own tears of letting go. Why the goodbye? The answer is simple. God has beckoned me to jump, calling me deeper into a new waters and although it is very painful and even a little scary at times to let go, I must allow myself to fall into the arms of my loving Father, the very one who calls me forth.

So as I jump into the new waters waiting, I cannot leave without saying thank you to all who have blessed my life during these past three years. God has richly graced me with so many beautiful, faith - filled

men and women of our diocese, true friends I will cherish for a lifetime.

In particular, as I write the last sentences to this column, I want to thank you my faithful readers who by taking the time to read my writings have become such a beautiful and intricate part of the fabric of my life. Your cards, notes and emails of how God has used my thoughts to touch you personally are among the finest treasures I possess, for they are not a reflection of me but pure written evidence of God working in His people's lives.

I sincerely thank each one of you for your willingness to step into the musings of my crazy life and allow God to use my simple reflections to speak directly to your heart. Writing for God has surely been one of my greatest joys and privileges of my ministry and because of this I am truly blessed.

And last but not least, BUT always first, I thank God for loving me for who I am, for never letting my weaknesses or fears get in the way of His plans and for having greater faith in me than I have in myself! I am nothing without Him!

My love, prayers and Blessings!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
One, Holy, Catholic
And Apostolic Church

In my last column, I wrote about the importance of seeing our country as a united nation, a nation united under God and conscious of our need for His providential guidance. It seems to me that it is important that I also address another beloved institution or corporate body in need to unity, that body being our Church.

I have always had a great devotion to what are known as the four marks of the Church: the Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. I thrill to recite those words when we make the Profession of Faith at Mass. Those four marks sum up the reality of our life in Christ as members of His body, the Church. We are called as a united body of believers to give witness to a life of sanctity, to have a universal outlook and outreach, and to be prepared to go out into the world to share the good news of salvation. But all of that is only possible if we retain our sense of oneness, our sense of unity. A body divided cannot witness to the holiness we all aspire to, the universality of our vision, or the apostolic nature of our call. A body divided is a counter-sign -- a sign of contradiction. A divided body is a false witness.

It seems, from where I sit, that threats to the unity of our Church are increasing. There is increasingly strident criticism of Pope Francis, especially from those who looked upon criticism of Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI as tantamount to heresy. Fifty years after the Second Vatican Council and the liturgical changes that followed in its wake, there is still debate (an increasingly nasty debate) about the direction in which the priest should face when celebrating Mass. Fifty years after that same Council opened the windows and allowed women religious to reshape the structure of their common life, moves are being made to tighten the screws and question the results of that renewal. And those are only some of the issues facing the universal Church -- the Church painted on the broad canvas of the big picture.

On the local level, our Church, our diocesan Church, is experiencing difficult days. Some of the criticisms being leveled against our local Church are no doubt justified, but some (and remember, please, this is my personal opinion) seem to be motivated by a sense of spite and a desire to just keep the pot boiling. Nastiness is gaining the upper hand. What kind of witness are we giving?

Undoubtedly there are problems in the universal Church and in the local Church that must be addressed; there are issues that must be worked through. But in addressing those problems, those issues and concerns, I think we might take a leaf from the book of Queen Elizabeth II, who had this to say, in a 1992 speech, in answer to her critics:

"There can be no doubt, of course, that criticism is good for people and institutions that are part of public life. No institution . . . should expect to be free from the scrutiny of those who give it their loyalty and support, not to mention those who don't."

"But we are all part of the same fabric . . . and that scrutiny, by one part of another, can be just as effective if it is made with a touch of gentleness, good humour and understanding."

Put another way, we would do well to remember the words of a "folk song" that was part of the liturgical hit parade in the 1960s; trite and cliched though the words may be, they speak a truth that is timeless:

"We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord . . . and we pray that all unity may one day be restored, and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."

Love for the Church is surely the thing that unites all on the many sides of the many issues we face. May our love for what unites us prove, in the end, stronger than anything that divides us. May we show a united face to the world, and thus prove ourselves still capable of being Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

African - American Bishops Say Healing Racial Divides Starts With Dialogue

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The threat of being pulled over by police and arrested for something that even “hinted of going beyond the status quo,” was very real to retired Bishop John H. Ricard of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Florida, when he was growing up in segregated Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The African-American bishop, president of the National Black Catholic Congress, said he and his friends “lived under constant threat of being arrested” during his teenage years.

Now decades later, he said that “like everyone else, I was very dismayed” by the recent fatal shootings of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge July 5 and Philando Castile a day later in suburban St. Paul, Minnesota, by police officers, followed by the sniper shooting July 7 in Dallas which killed five police officers.

After this surge of shootings, he said, many people have been asking: “Where do we go from here and what does all this mean?”

And Catholics are no exception. He said black Catholic leaders in particular are looking for ways to address the violence, racism and mistrust that were on full display during the early July shootings.

“They’re asking the church: ‘Give us some direction; show us some leadership. Show us our concerns are your concerns and that you are with us because we see ourselves under siege in

“We know that it is almost impossible for a family, a parish, or even a Diocese to transform nationwide social structures that reinforce the racial divide,” Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Bellville IL wrote in a pastoral letter last year, calling Catholics to pray about the race issue and to begin talking about it. “We are living through a seminal moment that has the power to transform our nation,” the African-American Bishop wrote.



CNS Photo/Jeffrey Dubinsky, Reuters

MAN PRAYS: A man prays during a July 17 vigil at St. John the Baptist Church in Zachary, La., for the fatal attack on policemen in Baton Rouge, La. A former Marine dressed in black shot and killed three Baton Rouge law enforcement officers that day, less than two weeks after a black man was fatally shot by police here in a confrontation that sparked nightly protests nationwide.

many ways,” Bishop Ricard told Catholic News Service.

The violent actions served as a “wake-up call for all of us, a jolt,” he added.

But he also thinks the Catholic Church has a lot to “bring to the table” to bridge racial divides, pointing out that it has a long history of speaking up for civil rights. “We just have to recapture that,” he said July 15 in an interview at the Josephites’ St. Joseph’s Seminary in Washington, where he is rector. The order, formally known as the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, was founded to serve newly freed slaves in the United States and now ministers in African-American communities.

“We’ve got a lot of work to do” to combat racism, he said.

For starters, people need to acknowledge that it exists. The bishop said black people see racism everywhere but white people often deny it exists.

Louisiana Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux similarly said the first step is recognizing there is a problem and a lot of “understandable fear, anger and hurt out there.”

The African-American bishop, who is chairman of the Subcommittee on African-American Affairs for the U.S. bishops, noted realistically that it is “going to take a lot of time to restore trust and bring healing.”

“As Catholics we know, reconciliation is a process, there are no magic pills, as much as we might want them.”

But he also said the Catholic Church, with its diversity, can play a unique role in bringing about healing because it can “re-mind all that racism is a sin.”

Moving on from that, he said, requires basic steps of listening to one another and changing hearts and minds or perceived attitudes.

Bishop Fabre said taking this next step involves what Pope Francis describes as encounters -- understanding the crosses oth-

ers carry and the gifts they bring which enriches us.

The bishop doesn’t see this as something complicated but as part of a process that begins with people talking and listening to each other about race.

As both bishops looked to a way forward from the recent string of violence, their words echoed parts of a pastoral letter on the racial divide in the United States, written last year by Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Illinois.

The pastoral letter emphasized that “renewed efforts must be made to re-establish bonds of trust and respect between law enforcement, the judicial system, and local communities.”

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Reporting Child Abuse

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are firmly committed to protecting children and young people. If you have any information concerning suspected sexual or other abuse of minors, you are urged to report it immediately to:

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To report to the Diocese any suspected abuse of a minor, please call Jean Johnstone at (814) 944 - 9388.



ALL SAINTS: All Saints Parish, Boswell, celebrated Confirmation Thursday, March 31 and First Holy Communion Sunday, May 1. Pictured at left are (left to right) Matthew Marafino (Confirmation director), Michael Marafino, Alyssa Thomas and Josie Bittner. Not pictured is Cheyenne Wiedenhoft. Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Tristen Ash, Noah Haupt, Lydia Jarosick, Julie Pelesky, Liam Richardson, Nathan Perigo. Second row: Benedictine Father John Mary Tompkins and Amanda Hoffman (catechist).

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Year Of Mercy Indulgence

“The program really helps them build and develop a good work ethic and the mental toughness they’ll need for the season.”

The Huskies have also been participating in 7-on-7 games, which gives offensive players an opportunity to go over the passing tree and defensive players a chance to develop their cover skills.

Kozak, not yet having coached on the high school level, is thrilled to be coaching at Bishop Carroll. “This is a really great opportunity for me,” he says. “I coach because of my passion for the game. It’s always been a pleasure to work with young athletes, see them grow, and help mold them into accountable and responsible athletes on the field. Bishop Carroll is a great place with great history, and I’m just happy to be part of the community.”

In preparation for his own role this fall, he’s been delving into theory more than ever. “There’s a lot more theory on the high school level as compared to youth football, so I’ve been going over theory and the plan for the year.”

Though it’s too early to set definitive goals, Kozak is determined to make Bishop Carroll’s team competitive again.

“I’d love to win a couple of games,” he says. “This conference is very competitive and there’s a lot of talent in terms of

There are three more prayer and pilgrimage opportunities this summer in celebration of the Year of Mercy. Three parishes - - each marking their 200th anniversary this year - - are sites of Pilgrimage and Indulgence Prayers during this Jubilee of Mercy. Those parishes are Holy Name in Ebensburg, Saint Patrick in Newry, and Saint Thomas the Apostle in Bedford. On various Sundays this summer, all are welcome to visit any or all of those parishes to participate in the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage and Indulgences. The times are from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 24, August 14, and August 28. Prayers will be recited each half - hour from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please note: due to a parish commitment, Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bedford will not offer Pilgrimage and Indulgences Prayers on July 24.

Kozak, and the rest of the Bishop Carroll community, is thrilled that the Huskies will have their first full season on their new home field. “I think this will be great for the kids,” Kozak says. “Just having our own field instills a lot of pride in our athletes and fans. It’s great for the whole community.”

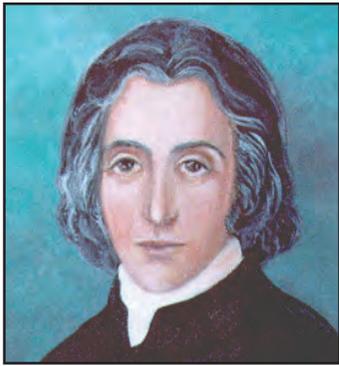
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SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: First Holy Communion was celebrated by Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Johnstown, on Saturday, May 7. Taking part were (left to right) First row: Thomas Altschuh, Emily Custer, Sienna McKenzie, Anthony Morales, Michael Morales. Second row: Nichole Altschuh (server), Nancy Sottile (catechist), Father Matthew Misurda (pastor) and Joan Cammarata (director of religious education).



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER: On Sunday, May 1, Cole Amsdell, Ethan Clawson, Seth Conrad, Abby Eberhart, Alexander Evans, Avery Glass, Jaric Herr, Olivia Hoover, Benjamin Kirsch, Blase Long, Nick Marshall, Emma Maxwell, Anna Mullen, Jogan Price, Liam Shawley and Kailyn Weakland received their First Holy Communion at Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson. Father Leo Arnone is pastor. Tracey Ingold is director of religious education. Jan Rickens and Emily Jaap were catechists.



A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

**The Servant Of God
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin
1770 - 1840**

Pope Recognizes Heroic Virtues Of U.S. Bishop

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis advanced the sainthood cause of a U.S. bishop, who ministered to California farmworkers and the poor, and recognized the martyrdom of an Italian layman, who died en

route to a Nazi death camp after refusing to recite allegiance to Adolf Hitler.

The pope also recognized the martyrdom of seven Missionaries of the Sacred Heart who were killed during the Spanish Civil War and he recognized the miracle needed for the beatification of French Father Antoine-Rose Ormieres -- founder of the Congregation of



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Prayer For Father Gallitzin's Intercession

O God, light of the faithful and shepherd of souls, who sent Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin to serve God's people in the Allegheny Mountains, feeding your sheep by his words and forming them by his example, pour out your Spirit to sow seeds of truth in people's hearts and to awaken in them obedience to the faith.

May the Gospel continue to be preached and the Sacraments bring power and grace to the faithful. By the example of this man of faith, Demetrius Gallitzin, may your people advance in the path of salvation and love.

Confident of your faithfulness to us, we humbly ask you, our God, to grant us the favor of (name your intention).

May Christ's saving work continue to the end of the ages, and may we feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature. We pray this, as did your priest Demetrius Gallitzin, through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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One of 11 children, he was born Feb. 20, 1931, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and grew up in the Watts area of Los Angeles. He did his seminary studies at the Tagaste Monastery in Suffern, New York, and was ordained a priest for the Augustinian Recollects religious order in 1958.

Bishop Gallegos served as pastor for the San Miguel and Cristo Rey parishes in the Los Angeles area and then moved to Sacramento in 1979 where he became the first director of the Division of Hispanic Affairs of the California Catholic Conference. As founding director, he set in motion mobile pastoral teams for the state's farmworkers and a Spanish-language radio program to reach farmworkers in California and Mexico.

In 1981, St. John Paul II appointed him auxiliary bishop of Sacramento, where he lived until his death in an automobile accident near Yuba City Oct. 6, 1991.

While auxiliary bishop, he served as vicar general, vicar for the Hispanic apostolate and vicar for ethnic communities in the diocese. He served at both St. Rose Parish and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Sacramento. At the time, he had been the first Hispanic bishop in the California state capital since 1861.

Born with a severe myopic condition and nearly blind, Bishop Gallegos had a warm and friendly personality.

It was not unusual to find him on Friday and Saturday

nights on Franklin Boulevard in Sacramento talking to the drivers and owners of the area's famed lowriders -- cars with modified suspension systems -- blessing their cars and helping them with their problems and concerns. About 300 lowrider cars participated in a procession in his honor before his funeral Mass.

Pope Francis also recognized the martyrdom of Italian husband and father Josef Mayr-Nusser. Born in Bolzano in 1910, he was the head of Catholic Action in the 1930s and secretly took part in an anti-Nazi movement lead by the diocesan secretary of the Catholic Youth.

Though he was forced to join the paramilitary Schutzstaffel, he told his Nazi superiors he could not take an oath to Hitler in the name of God because his faith did not allow it. He was prosecuted for treason and sentenced to death by firing squad at the Dachau concentration camp. However, he died from dysentery aboard the train en route to the camp in 1945.

In other decrees, the pope recognized the heroic virtues of three priests, a Franciscan brother, and Sister Maria Pia Notari, founder of the Crucified Sisters of the Holy Eucharist.

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The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis
**Memories Of Elderly,
 Courage Of Youth
 Lead To A Brighter Future**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Only through the memories of elderly people and the courage of youth can people overcome a global throwaway culture and broaden society's horizons, Pope Francis said.

The 200th anniversary of Argentina's independence offers an opportunity for older and younger generations to help continue "the pursuit of our destiny," the pope wrote July 9 in a letter sent to the Argentine bishops' conference to mark the occasion.

"I am convinced that our motherland needs to bring alive the prophecy of Joel. Only if our grandparents dare to dream and our young people dare to prophesy great things can the motherland be free. We are in need of the dreaming elderly to drive the young who, inspired by those same dreams, run forward with the creativity of prophecy," he wrote.

The letter, addressed to Archbishop Jose Maria Arancedo, president of the Argentine bishops' conference, commemorated the anniversary of the country's independence from Spain.

The celebration, the pope said, "will make us stronger as we journey on the path taken by our ancestors 200 years ago."

The pope also highlighted the suffering of the sick, the poor, prisoners, as well as those exploited through child abuse, drugs and human trafficking. They, he added, "are the most afflicted children of the motherland."

Caring for those who suffer in Argentina is where "the patriotic sense of belonging is rooted," he said.

"This reality unites us as a family with broad horizons and with the loyalty of brothers. We therefore also pray for this great motherland in our celebration today. May the Lord care for her, make her strong, and defend her from every type of colonization," Pope Francis said.

Argentina can look forward to a brighter future only by preserving the "memory of history" preserved by the elderly and the heroism of young people who do not "settle for bureaucratic quietism."

"With these two hundred years behind us we are called to keep journeying and to keep on looking ahead. To achieve this, I think in a special way of the elderly and the young, and I feel the need to ask their help to continue in the pursuit of our destiny."

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ONE MORE TIME: Reverend Mother Mary Emanuel (fourth from left), Mother General of the Sisters of Saint Ann of Providence, arrived at Mount Saint Ann, Ebensburg from the Motherhouse in Turin, Italy, on May 21, 1962, for an extended visit with the community there. It was her first visit to the United States foundation of her order since 1956. The Sisters sponsor an annual novena to Saints Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin. This year's novena will conclude tomorrow evening, Tuesday, July 26. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the principal celebrant of the 7:00 p.m. Mass at the outdoor shrine at Mount Saint Ann.

Communion with God should be a natural part of your life, like your very own heartbeat. Being aware of the presence of God is automatic, even if you only consciously advert to God a few times a day. The Lord is present, whether you are praying or not.

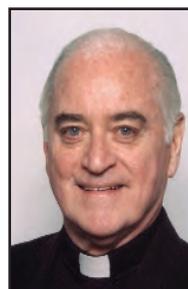
Jean-Pierre de Caussade, a Jesuit spiritual writer, says that "sanctity can be reduced to one single practice, fidelity to the duties appointed by God." This, he continues, "consists in accomplishing the duties which devolve upon us" and accepting with love "all that God sends us at each moment."

You might think that this refers to duties like performing the corporal of works of mercy, but it also refers to ordinary, everyday tasks like doing the dishes and taking care of your health.

Living in the present moment means not letting the past drag you down or letting any fear of the future cloud you with doubt. It takes willpower, decision-making and the desire to be your best self. This leads to a state of peace.

With patience, you will learn to trust your good intentions. In other words, by living in the present, you can become "fully alive."

St. Irenaeus said, "The glory of God is man fully alive." As a saint-in-training, you have



Spirituality For Today

By Father John Catoir
**Finding God
 In The Present Moment**

what it takes to produce rich and abundant fruit. The Lord himself has told you this. Trust the words of Jesus more than your own fears.

Fifty years ago, I was in the military police at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. The post chaplain asked me to be his assistant and my high school dreams of becoming a priest began to stir in me again. The rest is history.



The decisions we make today have consequences tomorrow.

Deciding to be holy means that you are willing to follow the Lord's direction. For this, he will give you supernatural hope, and you will enjoy a meaningful life.

A simple prayer to say daily is: "Grant me O Lord, the joy of loving you and trusting your promises, for you always supply guidance to those who live on the foundation of your love, day by day."

What you are right now is plain to see, but what you can be in the future, with the help of God's grace, is hidden from your eyes. Jesus urges, "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:10).

How are you using the present moment?

Put on the will to choose an upright life each day. Expect a good outcome, so that, as Christ says, "your joy may be complete" (Jn 15:11).



Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Purgatory
And The Good Thief

Q. As I understand purgatory, it is a place where a cleansing is done, even if we have received the sacrament of anointing of the sick and/or made a good confession and had our sins absolved before death. My question is this: On the day Jesus was crucified, he told the good thief, "Today you will be with me in paradise"; so are we to assume that no cleansing in purgatory was required for him? And if that's the case, why not? (Philadelphia)

A. Your understanding of purgatory is correct. It has been a clear and consistent belief of the church, as stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (No. 1030).

What we don't know, of course, is just what this tran-

sitional state consists of. How long it lasts, whether it might even be instantaneous and what it feels like are questions beyond our reckoning so long as we are still on this side of eternity.

What needs to be factored in, too -- and some might be unaware of this -- is a prayer called the "Apostolic Pardon." This prayer of blessing is customarily administered by a priest when someone is close to death and follows the anointing of the sick and, if possible, the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist as viaticum, bread for the journey.

In this prayer, the priest says, "Through the holy mysteries of our redemption, may almighty God release you from all punishments in this life and in the life to come. May he open to you the gates of paradise and welcome you to everlasting joy."

And even if a priest is unavailable, the church provides in the Handbook of Indulgences that a dying person who is rightly disposed and has prayed regularly during life may be granted

this same plenary indulgence (No. 28).

So to me, it's quite reasonable that Jesus could have absolved the repentant thief of both sin and of punishment. If a priest can do it, why not Christ?

Q. We just learned that a close family member will be getting married next year during Lent. We, of course, are excited about the couple's pending nuptials, but we thought that the church frowned upon weddings during Lent. Since they are getting married in another Midwestern state, it seems that the local church there must permit the practice. Does each diocese make its own decision on this issue? (Indianapolis)

A. I have heard that there are parishes or even dioceses that discourage the celebration of marriages during Lent, but there is actually no universal rule of the church that would ban them.

I would even argue that it would be a violation of canon law to rule out Lenten weddings altogether based on Canon 843, Paragraph 1, which states that Catholics cannot be denied the sacraments if they ask for them and are properly disposed, and Canon 18, which indicates that the rights of the faithful cannot be limited unless the law clearly permits it.

In 1988, the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments did rule that weddings may not take place on Good Friday or Holy Saturday, but those are the only days so indicated.

Liturgical guidelines of the church do indicate, though, that if weddings are held during Lent both music and church decorations should be less lavish, in keeping with the penitential nature of the season.

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For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
All Lives Matter

For three years, I worked for an organization in Nebraska that was dedicated to abolishing the death penalty. It was thrilling when we won. After a hard fought battle and years of disappointment, our Legislature did away with capital punishment.

The thrill was short-lived, however. Prompted by our governor, a petition was circulated to put the issue on the ballot. Now, a new fight is being waged to retain the repeal this November.

The death penalty has been opposed by our three most recent popes, and its abolition is supported by Catholic social teaching. Nevertheless, many people cling to execution, in part because they misunderstand the injustice that is part of its very fiber.

Recent violence demands we reflect on the nature of justice in our society. The phrase "black lives matter" doesn't conflict at all with the basic premise that all lives matter, and certainly police lives matter.

But the Black Lives Matter movement points to the injustice often suffered by people of color in our justice system. When I hear black television personalities relate how routinely they're stopped by police or hear black mothers worry that their sons will get home safely at night without police harassment, I realize that the African-American experience is not understood by many nonblacks.

In black communities, the American Civil Liberties Union hands out brochures explaining how to respond if stopped by the police. It's a primer on how to maintain your rights, but also on how to save your life. I've never seen similar materials necessary in white neighborhoods.

The death penalty stands at the apex of a system that is often prejudiced in subtle and not-so-subtle ways.

The Death Penalty Information Center, an independent research group, provides startling facts that point to the injustice bequeathed to us by slavery and Jim Crow. Just two examples of many: In Louisiana, where a black man was recently shot by police, the chance of getting the death penalty is 97 percent higher if the victim is white instead of black. In that case, we must ask, Do the black victims not matter?

And in Washington state, jurors are three times more likely to recommend death for a black defendant than for a white defendant in similar cases. Three times. Whose lives matter?

Like millions in the U.S., I wept for Trayvon Martin. I'm not black, but I have a kid who walked through our neighborhood in a hoodie, and no one with a son could fail to be touched by what Trayvon encountered as he walked home with his Skittles.

I cringe at the videotapes of black men being gunned down, particularly the video of the man allegedly shot in the back as he ran from an officer in South Carolina last year.

At the same time, I marvel at the courage of the police who ran toward the shots in Dallas in order to protect the protestors' rights to free speech and freedom of assembly. I weep with the widows and orphans whose brave and good husbands and fathers did not come home.

Supporting a strong police force and opposing injustice against any of our citizens are not two contradictory wishes. They go hand in hand. They are two sides of the same coin.

The tragedy of Dallas was compounded by the fact that the police department in that city has been a national example of good policing, making an effort to overcome problems of racial disparity.

Justice for any of us is justice for all. Let's respect each other, and let's start at the top: Get rid of the death penalty and its lethal legacy of discrimination.

James The Greater First Century Feast - July 25



Jesus called James and John, the sons of Zebedee, to leave their livelihood as fishermen and follow him. Perhaps because of their zeal or temperament, Jesus called them "sons of thunder." James was the first of the 12 to be martyred; he was beheaded in Jerusalem by order of Herod Agrippa about 44. He is the patron saint of pilgrims, laborers, rheumatism, several Latin American countries and Spain, where Santiago de Compostela has been a famous pilgrimage center since the Middle Ages. Some legends say James preached in Spain before his death; others say his relics were transferred there. "The greater" distinguishes him from the other apostle James, "the lesser," who likely was smaller or younger.



MASS HONORING MARRIED COUPLES: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak was the principal celebrant and homilist at the annual Mass Honoring Married Couples celebrated Sunday, July 17 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The Mass is coordinated by the Diocese's Family Life Office. After the couples renewed their marriage vows, the Bishop invited them to share a kiss (left). Later, worshippers joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer (right).

Marriage, Family Life Should Be Centered On Christ

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But, he said, Pope Francis has affirmed that "If a marriage and family are centered on Christ, He will unify and illuminate its entire life."

Several hundred people gathered for the outdoor celebration of the Eucharist on a sunny Sunday evening, a day that Bishop Mark said was much like the one described in the day's gospel story of Martha and Mary "a typical Sabbath day gathering when family and friends come together to relax, enjoy each others' company, share stories and have a meal together."

The meal shared around the Lord's table at Mass, Bishop Mark said is referenced by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation, where the Holy Father says that "the prayer and spirituality of marriage and family culminates in the Holy Eucharist,

which has two powerful influences."

Those influences include:

- - "The food of the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, offers the spouses the strength and incentive needed to live their marriage covenant each day; that covenant includes the Lord Jesus."

- - "In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus knocks at the door of married couples and families, like He did at the home of Martha and Mary, to share Himself with them;

"In the Holy Eucharist, husband and wife can renew the seal of the covenant that they made with each other as a living reflection of the covenant that God made with us, His chosen people, in the cross of His Son, Jesus."

In the marriage covenant, Bishop Mark explained "the Church teaches us that two be-

come one, but not in a sense where one dominates the other."

Noting the Holy Father's firm statement that Jesus must be the master of house, the one in "control" of marriage and family life, Bishop Mark said "Pope Francis explains that no one but God can presume to take over the deepest and most personal core of one's spouse in marriage.

"It is the Lord Jesus alone who can truly be the master and center of the individual persons, husband and wife, and the life they share, which is marriage."

In order to strengthen their marriage covenant and their commitment to one another, each spouse must nurture their own relationship with the Lord, Bishop Mark said, and he again quoted from the Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia," where Pope Francis said:

"The space that each of

the spouses makes exclusively for their personal relationship with God not only helps heal the hurts of life in common, but enables the spouses together to find in the love of God the deepest source of meaning in their own lives."

Bishop Mark expressed his personal joy and thankfulness for all married couples who have lived up to the vision set forth by Pope Francis.

"Thanks be to God for all of our married couples here this evening and those who could not be here. Thanks for your witness of the faithful, permanent, fruitful love that is shared by husband and wife in marriage.

"Thanks for the witness that in the end, your happiness and fulfillment comes through your committed love in support of your spouse, and through your awareness that there is only one master of the house in your mar-

riage and family. He is the Lord Jesus, who continues to come to you and stays with you.

"He is with us now to remind you that you have chosen the better part."

The July 17 Mass was the second in a series of liturgies Bishop Mark is celebrating under the auspices of the Family Life Office.

On Thursday, July 14, the Bishop celebrated a Mass of Healing and Remembrance for those who have experienced the infertility, or the loss of a child through miscarriage of early infant death, at Holy Name Church in Ebensburg.

On Sunday, September 11 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, and at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on Sunday, September 18, he will celebrate the annual Wedding Anniversary Masses.



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VIGIL: New York City police officers hold candles during a candlelight vigil July 11 at Grand Army Plaza in the Prospect Heights section of Brooklyn, N.Y. The interfaith service was organized by the Diocese of Brooklyn to mourn the victims of fatal shootings by police in Louisiana and Minnesota earlier this month and the five police officers subsequently killed by a sniper in Dallas.

Racism A 'Life Issue'

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Donna Grimes, assistant director, African American affairs, in the secretariat has led "intercultural competency" training sessions around the country for three years. The programs, lasting up to three days, focus on helping parishes to become welcoming places to newcomers in an increasingly diverse church.

Priests and seminarians in particular, Grimes said, are interested in learning how to guide parishes to be more welcoming communities. Still, there are concerns, she said.

"Many seminarians seem to be out of touch with some of the communities I'm familiar with," said Grimes, an African-American

can. "I get a sense that they expect to be ordained and to go to perhaps a suburban parish like the one they grew up in. But with the shortage of priests and the need for priests to be flexible, it's very important that they pick up the skill, knowledge and attitudes, I would say, to be interculturally competent."

Discussions among parish participants during the sessions -- and afterward -- have revealed a desire for the church to more aggressively confront racism, Grimes said.

"People would really like to hear more from the bishops. This is what I keep hearing. They say, 'Do they (the bishops) care? Is it really a church home for me?'" Grimes said.



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PROTESTER: A protester is detained by Louisiana law enforcement near the headquarters of the Baton Rouge Police Department in Baton Rouge July 9.

"We've got a lot of challenges out in the community that people are frustrated about, black and white and other races as well," she explained. "They are very frustrated about things happening in the community, from one city after another -- tension, video recording, violence. It's very upsetting and distressing.

"The church is not immune to that. People, I find, they want this resolved ... and they want to raise the issue, their concerns, in the church. They want them to be discussed. They want them to be heard," Grimes said.

Theologians such as M. Shawn Copeland at Boston College, Kathleen Grimes (no relation to Donna Grimes) at Villanova University, Karen Teel at the University of San Diego and Jon Nilson of Loyola University admitted that whites become alarmed when terms such as white supremacy and white privilege are used to explain why racism persists. Copeland is black; the other three theologians are white.

Using such terms is a way of raising awareness of the struggles within herself and within her students to better understand people of different backgrounds, Teel told CNS.

"I find that many white people don't know what's going

on (economically and socially). Given the nature of white supremacy, it's our nature not to understand it," Teel explained.

"Part of what I'm trying to do is break down how whiteness works and how white people think and explain and talk about the history (within the context of church teaching)," she added.

The answer to racism rests in understanding that human dignity is foremost in church teaching, Copeland said.

"The very simple answer is love of God and love of neighbor. And it's also the most complex answer because it requires the most profound conversion of mind and heart," she said.

Beyond the bishops, parishioners must take charge in the fight against racism, Copeland added.

"We are all responsible. It's not about guilt. It's about responsibility. Whether you came to the United States last week or came 300 years ago, we're all responsible for the condition of our country."

Copeland suggested that parishes assemble groups of people to "sit together ... and be quiet enough to surface what is happening in our country. That's not asking people to spend money. It's asking people to set aside some time. It's asking people to think deeply and prayerfully

about what's happening to us."

Prayer, reflection and discussion are major parts of a year-old effort by Pax Christi USA to build interracial understanding and promote peace. Sister Patricia Chappell, executive director, said the Communities of Color workshops, offered six times thus far, are meant to bring people together to talk and reflect on the gifts they bring to the church as well as the wider community.

"The reality of the Catholic Church and, of course, our country is that Sunday morning services still continue to be the most segregated times in America," said Sister Patricia, who is black and a member of the Sister of Notre Dame de Namur.

Pax Christi USA leaders decided to develop the workshops because they saw that true peace would never be realized until people better understood each other. In many cases, the discussions are the first that participants have ever had about race relations.

"It's providing an opportunity for people to build community and to be in right relationships with each other," Sister Patricia said, "and to continue this discussion of how do we build this community valuing the cultural and ethnic gifts that each person brings."



SAINT GREGORY: First Holy Communion was celebrated by Saint Gregory Parish, Macdonaldton, on Sunday, May 1. Pictured are (left to right) Cathleen Ross, Myah Cornell, Father James M. Dugan (pastor), Laurel Cornell and Kiley Seaman.



MOST HOLY TRINITY, SOUTH FORK: Father Joseph Nale, pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish, South Fork, is pictured with the children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 30. They are (left to right) Jordan Shutty, Lucas Biter, Eva Myers, Layne Sivec, Keven Edmondson and Makenzie Thomas.

Receives CCHD Grant

A local agency has received funding from the Catholic Campaign For Human Development (CCHD).

In a July 1 letter, Sacramento Bishop Jaime Soto, chairman of CCHD, informed Bishop Mark L. Bartchak that the Northern Cambria Development Corporation has received a grant of \$50,000.00. The funds will be used for community development/housing.

Grants are made to agencies that specify that their organiza-

tion is not involved in activities contrary to Catholic teaching, and that their programs are nonpartisan. Grant applications must be endorsed by the local Bishop in the agency's service area.

Bishop Soto thanked Bishop Bartchak for "your support for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, as it continues Jesus' work to 'bring good news to the poor . . . release to the captives . . . sight to the blind and let the oppressed go free.'"

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New Basketball Coach

Boalsburg: Last week, all-star basketball player and coach Katie (Glusko) Sosnoskie signed a contract with Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy to become the school's new girls' varsity basketball head coach.

Saint Joe's Athletic Director Chad Walsh said, "I fully believe that the combination of Katie's energy and experience will propel our girls' basketball program to new heights. Having her family back in the area and joining our family will be a great asset to the development of Saint Joseph's Athletics. We couldn't be happier to welcome her to the SJCA community, and I am excited to get things rolling for the 2016 - 2017 season with her at the helm."

Sosnoskie holds both a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Cum Laude) from West Virginia University and a Master in Education and Behavior Sciences from Concord University.

Her all - star playing career began right here in Pennsylvania at State College Area High School, where she played from 1999 to 2002 and received awards such as 2001 USA Today Player to Watch and 2002 Pennsylvania District VI Player of the Year. During her time playing for State High, the team had an impressive record of 85 wins and only 22 losses.

Sosnoskie also played for West Virginia University Women's Basketball team from 2003 to 2006, where she was named Two-Time Big East Academic All Star and Four-Time West Virginia Athletic Director Honor

Roll Member, and also participated in the NCAA Tournament (2003 - 2004) and WNIT Tournament (2004 - 2005).

Coach Sosnoskie said that what most appealed to her about this position was "Saint Joseph's commitment to developing well-rounded student - athletes, and the opportunity and ability to help shape both the program and its next generation of leaders."

Her extensive coaching experience includes head coach, assistant coach, and recruiting coordinator positions in Division II Women's Basketball at Francis Marion University, Gannon University, and Concord University. The 2009-2010 team she helped lead at Gannon University finished second in the NCAA Division II Top 25 for Women's Basketball.

Sosnoskie's goals for the Saint Joe's girls' basketball team include maintaining a tradition of stellar academics, building team unity and accountability, and competing at the highest possible level.

"In my new position, I am most looking forward to combining a solid program with a strong educational foundation to position Saint Joseph's Women Basketball players for future success," she said.

Katie Sosnoskie is married to Merritt Sosnoskie, a graduate of Francis Marion University. He is a former professional baseball player (drafted in 2010 by the Kansas City Royals out of Virginia Tech University). Katie and Merritt live in State College,

Franciscan Jubilarians

Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular, are observing jubilees of ordination to the priesthood and of religious profession.

Marking anniversaries in the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Loretto, are:

70 Years Ordained: Father Alexander Bombera;

55 Years Ordained: Father Robert Sisk, Father Andre Strittmatter;

50 Years Ordained: Father Peter Lyons, Father Joseph Markalonis, Father Simeon Daniel Mulkern, Father Daniel Sinisi, Father Cletus Watson;

65 Years Professed: Father Ivan Lebar;

60 Years Professed: Father Francis Moyher;

55 Years Professed: Father Christopher Lemme, Fa-

ther Peter Lyons, Father Joseph Markalonis, Brother Bernard Nicolosi, Father Dominic Scotto, Father David Tickerhoof;

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50 Years Professed: Father Richard Davis, Father Marion Deck, Father Robert Hilz, Father Jordan Hite, Father Joseph Yelenc;

25 Years Professed: Brother John Patrick Calvey, Father John Mark Klaus, Father Joseph Lehman, Father David Pivonka.

Marking anniversaries in the Province of the Immaculate Conception, Hollidaysburg, are:

70 Years Professed: Father Eugene Kubina;

60 Years Professed: Father Adrian Tirpak;

50 Years Professed: Father Ambrose Phillips, Father Terence Smith;

25 Years Professed: Father Roderick Soha.

and are expecting their first child later this month.

New Soccer Coach

Ebensburg: Cory Cree has been an athlete for most of his life and has been coaching soccer for more than 10 years. He's now ready to bring his athleticism and coaching skills to the soccer fields of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School as the new coach for the girls' soccer team starting this fall.

"I am looking forward to getting the team on the field,"

said Cory, "to see their current skills and abilities, and to build on those skills and abilities, both as individual players and as a team."

Cory lives with his wife of fifteen years, Iris, and their two middle - school aged children, Toby and Rebecca, in Ebensburg just three blocks from the Bishop Carroll soccer field. He began coaching soccer in 2006 when his children played AYSO soccer.

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SAINT NICHOLAS: Celebrating Confirmation at Saint Nicholas Parish, Nicktown, were (left to right) First row: Benjamin Kirsch, Nicholas Kerr, Emily Pavelko, Allison Dunchuck, Marie Krumenacker, Taylor Weiland, Alexa Dunchack, Chelsea Kirsch. Second row: Joel Ludwig, Heather McKee, Samuel Nealen, James Harvey, Nathan Bender, Isaac Freidhof, Anna Kline. Third row: Ryan Lanzendorfer, Brennan Maslonik, Christopher Smith, Gregory Sherry, Timothy Morris, Nicholas Kirsch, Jeremy Zernick, Roman Lessard, Paul Ludwig, Faith Blake and Lydia Noel. Benedictine Father Michael Gabler is pastor.

the vision which Father Malachi has laid out to ensure the continued development and growth of Saint Francis. We're strong believers in the many opportunities that can be created by investing in people through innovative educational curriculum coupled with state of the art technology. It's our hope that the School of Health Sciences will play a central role in unlocking those opportunities where students can excel in a collaborative learning environment, and ultimately see the benefits of their effort. For us, Saint Francis is a special place where lifelong friendships were born and great memories continue to be created, even to this day. It's exciting to see the University continue its evolution with an eye toward making a meaningful impact in the world," commented the Stevensons.

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Since then, he has coached in the Ebensburg and Northern Cambria AYSO Regions. Teams he coached include U5, U6, U8, U10, U12, and U14/U16. He has completed multiple AYSO coaches training courses and is an AYSO-certified Regional Referee.

Throughout his years of training and experience, Cory has honed his coaching philosophy.

"It is important that each player learns, develops, and improves their skills and fundamentals, which will in turn make us a better team," he said. "Our team will work on physical fitness to be able to effectively compete for the entire duration of the game. I want us to develop a strong defense and an effective offense that plays as a team, not as a group of individuals."

Joe Skura, Bishop Carroll's Athletic Director, is excited to have Cory on board and says that the team is eager to begin summer workouts with their new leader.

"Cory fits our expectations as a coach perfectly. He is passionate about soccer, positive, organized, and has a background in the sport," said Skura.

"I wanted to take the next step in coaching, and to coach at the high school level is that next step," said Cory. "I enjoy the various aspects of coaching from practices, player development, game preparation, and the competition of the sport."

His goals for the Huskies team obviously include winning games, but he says it's also important that each player improves individually.

"I expect every player to work hard," he said, "to try their best, and to continually improve."

In his non-coaching life, Cory is both a licensed Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) and a licensed Professional Engineer (PE). He is currently employed by CDI-Infrastructure, LLC dba L.R. Kimball in Ebensburg as a Project Manager of aviation projects.

He graduated from the Glendale Junior-Senior High School where he lettered in football, wrestling, and baseball. He also played soccer in the summers throughout both elementary and high school on a non-school sponsored team.

Cory graduated from Juniata College with a B.A. in Pre-Engineering, and played college football for three years. He earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Penn State.

In addition to coaching, Cory enjoys watching his children participate in multiple sports and activities including basketball, cross country, karate, soccer, track & field, and Girl Scouts.

Higher Education

Alumni Make Major Gift

Loretto: Saint Francis University is pleased to announce a

\$250,000 commitment in support of "The Capital Campaign: Called to Serve... Fulfilling the Promise."

Saint Francis alumni Pete and Kathi (Buffoni) Stevenson of Reston, VA, made the commitment in support of the Sullivan Hall renovation and expansion project. Pete is a 1982 graduate with a bachelor of science degree in Business Management. Kathi graduated in 1983 with a bachelor of science degree in Accounting. Pete is currently Chairman and CEO of Symmetry, a leading enterprise application management and cloud hosting solutions provider. He is also a member of the SFU School of Business Advisory Board and has participated in the School's Executive in Residence Program.

Originally opened in 1962, Sullivan Hall is slated to become the new home for the university's School of Health Sciences, which comprises over 40 percent of the SFU total undergraduate enrollment. The renovated and expanded Sullivan Hall will consist of nearly 45,000 square feet of existing space along with a 23,500 square foot addition to create a new state-of-the-art learning center. In appreciation, the University is pleased to bestow upon the Stevensons the opportunity to name the Physician Assistant Examination Laboratory and the Physical Therapy Research Laboratory in honor of their families, both of whom attended Saint Francis.

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'The Secret Life Of Pets' An Amusing, Animated Free - For - All

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Back in 1995, the classic children's film "Toy Story" purported to show audiences what playthings get up to when they aren't being observed by people. Now "The Secret Life of Pets" (Universal) does much the same for domesticated animals.

The result is an entertaining animated free-for-all in which amusing characters and pleasing visuals of the Manhattan setting predominate over a serviceable but sketchy plot.

Terrier Max (voice of Louis C.K.) is the pampered pooch of New York apartment dweller Katie (voice of Ellie Kemper). Max's only complaint is that Katie's work separates them for much of the day.

While she's gone, though, Max is free to cavort with the other pets in the neighborhood, including Gidget (voiced by Jenny Slate), a fluffy Pomeranian who harbors a secret crush on him. With their owners absent, the animals not only communicate with one another, they act in all sorts of ways the humans never suspect.

Max's mostly pleasant routine is suddenly disrupted one evening when Katie brings home big, shaggy Duke (voice of Eric Stonestreet), a rescue dog from the pound. Though Duke initially tries his best to be friendly, Max, feeling threatened, rebuffs him. It's not long before the two sink into a rivalry that leads to the series of comic misadventures to which helmer Chris Renaud, together with co-director Yarrow Cheney, devotes most of his attention.



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THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS: Max, voiced by Louis C.K., Duke, voiced by Eric Stonestreet and Katie, voiced by Ellie Kemper, appear in the animated movie "The Secret Life of Pets." The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

As Max and Duke go inadvertently on the lam -- and struggle to evade the city's animal enforcement officers -- they fall in with a variety of colorful personalities.

These include Snowball (voice of Kevin Hart), a diminutive rabbit whose manners, vocabulary and fondness for violence incongruously mimic those of a crazed gang leader, as well as a hawk named Tiberius (voice of Albert Brooks). Tiberius has an ongoing ethical dilemma: he's torn between his

desire to befriend other creatures and his urge to devour them.

The upshot of it all is that Max and Duke's mutual hostility begins to melt away in the face of shared adversity. And romance blossoms as Gidget proves her mettle in Max's hour of need.

Targeted tots will learn lessons about accepting the arrival of a younger sibling and about the value of self-sacrifice. The smallest moviegoers, however, may be put off by the dangers that loom on screen while some parents may not be pleased by all the litterbox humor on display there.

Those mild lapses in taste aside, "The Secret Life of Pets" makes for an experience as warm

and fuzzy as a cuddle with your favorite puppy or pussycat. The feature is preceded by an animated short, "Mower Minions," in which the pixilated creatures of the title attempt to raise some cash by doing yardwork -- with predictably chaotic, and hilarious, consequences.

The film contains potentially frightening scenes of peril, considerable cartoon violence and numerous scatological jokes involving animals. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

Upcoming guests on "Keeping The Faith," Bishop Mark L. Bartchak's segment of "Proclaim!" will include:

July 31 - - In preparation for the Bishop's annual outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college, Janessa Neighbors of Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg shares her thoughts as she prepares for her first year of college.

August 7 - - Recently ordained Deacon Donald Gibboney and his wife, Cindy, members of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon, discuss their service to the parish and Diocese.

In The Alleghenies

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"I am very grateful to Pete and Kathi Stevenson for their generous donation to Saint Francis University's capital campaign for the School of Health Sciences. A transformed Sullivan Hall will provide a state-of-the-art academic building where our health sciences students can collaborate in their learning endeavors. Their generosity will allow the University to provide enhanced facilities to complement our already-renowned health sciences programs. I thank Pete and Kathi for the faith they place in their alma mater and helping us forward the mission of the University," said Saint Francis president Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Malachi Van Tassell Ph.D.

The goal of the university's Capital Campaign is to raise funds for the construction/renovation of major campus academic facilities with an estimated total cost of \$55 million. Two buildings have already been constructed: the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness in April 2009 and the Science Center (home to the School of Sciences), which opened in August 2013. An extensive reconstruction and expansion of Schwab Hall, the new home to

the School of Business, will be completed in August 2016. The \$17 million Sullivan Hall project is the final component of the Capital Campaign.

To learn more about the Sullivan Hall renovation and expansion project, visit francis.edu/capital-campaign/ or contact Robert Crusciel '86, vice president for advancement, at 814-472-3021 or rcrusciel@francis.edu.

People

Posthumous Honor

Johnstown: Sir Knight Clifford P. Miller was bestowed a posthumous award from All Saints Assembly 954 for his 32 years of devotion and service to the Knights of Columbus, including 31 years in the Fourth Degree.

The assembly presented its first "Award of Highest Honors" to Miller's family "in grateful recognition of his exemplary leadership, long - time commitment and extraordinary service as Faithful Navigator, Faithful Comptroller, Color Corps Commander, District Deputy, District Marshall and Fourth Degree Master for All Saints Assembly 954, and for his tireless dedication to conferring first, second and third degrees."

Miller, who died in April, "served as a role model for Catholic manhood, service and commitment."



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS: Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Ashville, celebrated Confirmation Saturday, April 9. Pictured are (left to right) Donna Stoy (director of religious education), Bryan Long, Kamryn Stoy, Kelsey Gallagher, Nathan Callahan and Father Robert Reese (pastor).

Sisters Of Saint Joseph Celebrate 50 Years Of Advocacy

By Glenda Meekins
Catholic News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS) -- The U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph celebrated 50 years of advocating for the dignity of the human person, made in the image of God, with a July 9-12 conference in Orlando.

Over 700 individuals participated in the four-day conference, including college students who attend schools operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph, lay ministers, volunteers, and members and associates of the 16 communities of sisters.

The federation includes the sisters in all the Sisters of St. Joseph congregations in the United States who claim a common ori-

gin in the foundation of the religious order at Le Puy, France, in 1650. In the U.S. there are 4,465 sisters, 2,919 associates and 16 congregations.

Officials of the federation say it seeks to be an influence for positive change in the world while the sisters live out their vocation in their everyday ministries. A major commitment of the Sisters of St. Joseph is to improve the lives of survivors of human trafficking -- a work that began five years ago in St. Louis.

Florida is listed as third in the United States in human trafficking, behind New York and California.

The theme for this year's conference was, "Our Emerging Story of Being ONE ... God's Love Unfolding," reflecting the

sisters' charism: to love God and to love their "dear neighbor."

Acknowledging how one person can make a difference, Sister Kathleen Power, a Sister of St. Joseph of St. Augustine and assistant vocations director for the Diocese of Orlando, said, "I had a strong experience of life exploding in the congregation. At my table, we had two young people, still in college, so excited about uniting love and (their) dear neighbor."

"Then we had sisters who were in their 70s and 80s asking, 'Who are some of the dear neighbors. ... It made me feel so aware of the new life springing everywhere -- in the young, middle-aged and old, all coming to learn, pray and take the fire back to the dear neighbor.'"

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U.S. Church Urged To Turn Attention To Racism, Before Fractures Between Communities Widen

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)

-- Father Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese and well-known theologian, knows what it's like to be watched by police.

He said that as a black man there have been times he has been followed by police officers on the campus of Marquette University, where he taught for 12 years, as he walked on campus when he wasn't wearing his priestly garb.

It's a sign, Father Massingale told Catholic News Service, of the widespread racism that is entrenched in American culture.

Racism takes many forms: unequal access to housing, economic segregation, differences in the quality of schools between poor and well-to-do communities, and how police approach someone at a traffic stop or a street-side altercation.

"That's why we need to understand that racism is more than negative speaking," said the priest, who will join the theology faculty at Fordham University Aug. 1. "It's really a cult of white supremacy. (Saying) that makes us feel uncomfortable because most people feel it's related to the Ku Klux Klan. It's not that. It's a subtle culture of white belonging, that some-



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PRAYING TOGETHER: African - American and white men embrace after taking part in a prayer circle July 10 following a Black Lives Matter protest in Dallas. Theologians and justice advocates have called upon the church to better address racism as a life issue and see it as an "intrinsic evil."

how public spaces belong to 'us' in a way (that) for others they are not."

It's time, Father Massingale said, for the U.S. Catholic

Church, led by the bishops, to hold up racial injustice as an "intrinsic evil," just as it has prioritized abortion and same-sex marriage.

"This indeed is a life issue," he said.

Father Massingale is not alone in his call nor in using strong language when discuss-

ing what has been described as systemic racism. Other Catholic theologians and social justice leaders urged the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to openly and honestly confront the "original sin" of racism and acknowledge that a sense of white privilege is widespread and continues to harm communities of color.

While church teaching about racism has been clear, they told CNS, church practice has not always been forthright.

Some initiated a call for the bishops to develop a new pastoral letter on racism to address 21st-century concerns. The last, "Brother and Sisters to Us," was issued in 1979. In it the bishops called racism a sin. A report commissioned by the USCCB for the 25th anniversary of the document in 2004 found that while some progress in addressing racism had been made within the church, results had fallen short of expectations.

In ongoing efforts to address race relations, the USCCB established the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church in 2008 to coordinate the bishops' outreach to African-Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, Native Americans and migrants, refugees and travelers.

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