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## Saint Joseph Academy Service Club Members Work To Satisfy World's Thirst For Drinking Water

By Bruce A. Tomaselli

Hunger is so prevalent in our world, it has nearly become an acceptable problem.

Sadly, as people die of hunger there is another astounding dilemma that's not often spoken of.

A child dies every 19 seconds because of the lack of water.

This frightening statistic caught the attention of Magdalena "Maggie" Urban, a sophomore student at Saint Joseph Catholic Academy in Boalsburg. Maggie is the daughter of Christopher and Margaret Urban.

A member of the school's Service Club, she became aware of the worldwide problem when surfing YouTube. She learned of the Thirst Program, a non-profit organization that raises funds and promotes awareness of the problem.

"I saw the video one day, and I thought this would be a really cool idea for our Service Club," she said during a conference call.

A YouTube and entrepreneur named Connor Franta, made her take notice. "When I saw his video on The Thirst Project, I was inspired by his ex-



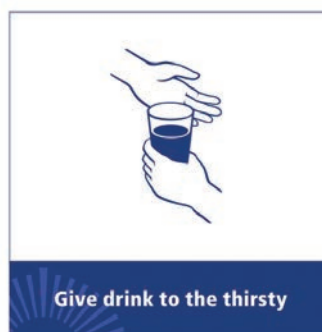
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**COLLECTING WATER:** A girl collects drinking water at the Dala River outside Yangon, Myanmar, March 3. The United Nations reports that, worldwide, 900 children, age 5 or younger, die each year because of dirty water.

citement to do something greater than himself through inviting his online viewers to help him donate," Maggie explained.

Maggie presented the idea to Shelly Mato, advisor for the club. She, too, decided it was a great idea.

The club took on the project and set a goal of raising \$12,000, which will enable the Thirst



Project to build a life-saving well that will provide clean water for an entire village. The nonprofit organization is currently active in seven countries.

"It's really nice. Saint Joseph Catholic Academy will have a presence on the other side of the world," noted Mato. The club performs a variety of local services. "We walk dogs and vis-

it the elderly, do yard work, volunteer at the Boalsburg Heritage Museum, etc. We were looking for a project with broader implications and we found this."

"These kids have been great, and dedicated," Mato added. "For instance, there are students that walk dogs daily during rain, snow or sunshine."

The Academy promotes a Christ-centered environment for the students, living out the four pillars of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service. There are 28 students involved in the Service Club.

\$12,000 is an ambitious goal, and won't be achieved in the near future, but it is one that the students feel very strongly about, and they will see it through to the end.

"Though the fund raising will take some time, it will positively impact the lives of many," Mato said. "The students realize it may take time to reach their goal, but to have such a positive impact on so many lives in another part of the world is a wonderful opportunity for our students to get a global perspective on helping others."

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Community

Golf Outing

**Altoona:** The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul's Youth Ministry will hold its 8th annual golf outing Saturday, June 18, 2016 at Park Hills Country Club.

The entrance fee is \$80.00 per golfer (\$320 per foursome) and includes green fees, cart, skills contests, on course refreshments and luncheon.

Lunch and registration begins at 12:00 noon and tee time is 1:00 p.m.

Tee sponsorship for businesses and organizations is \$100.00.

To register an individual or a foursome or for more information call (814) 659 - 8773 or email [avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net).



**SAINT ROSE OF LIMA:** Celebrating Confirmation at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, were (left to right) First row: Kylie Pacovsky, Alana Hallinan, Macy Adams, Kierra Miller, Kailyn Pater, Lauryn Zelnosky, Alyssa Bender. Second row: Deacon James Woome, Dillon Donnelly, Megan Vigne, Alexis Yon, Delaney Myrick, Ian Campbell, Michael Simanski, Nathaniel Friedenberger, Noah Trexler, Joshua Trybus, Father Carl Spishak (in residence), Damian Runk, Bernice Shoefelt (director of religious education). Third row: Father Brian Saylor (pastor), Allison Boslet, Matthew Zupon, Drake Barger, Michael Yahner, Luke Frederick, Joseph Matzik, Nathaniel Murphy and Matthew Yahner.



**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:** Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg, has inducted 14 new members of the National Honor Society. Pictured are (left to right) First row: TJ Freidhof, Crystal Byrne, Ashley Durbin, Maria Schall, Rachel Litzinger, Michaela Gresko, Michelle Qin. Second row: Jimmy Wyland, Nate Krug, Patrick Link, Britt Krug, Ellie Yahner, Thaddeus Lallemand. Not pictured is Hannah Cotchen.



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**Lilly:** The Family Life Office is sponsoring a faith - based program for Catholics who have experienced the heartbreak of divorce and who want to renew their passion and purpose.

Beginning Wednesday, May 11, this six - week Series will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage Street (2 miles off Rt. 22 on Rt. 53, between Cresson & Portage). This weekly facilitated workshop series is based on a DVD program by Rose Sweet.

There is no fee, but a free will offering is welcome. Registration deadline is Friday, May 6.

Send your name, address, phone and email to the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage Street, Lilly, PA. 15938.

For more information, call the Family Life Office at (814)

886-5551 or [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org).

Learn more at [catholicsdivorce.com](http://catholicsdivorce.com)

**High Schools**

**Math Club At Disney**

**Altoona:** The Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School Math Club visited Disney World in Orlando Fl., and completed a

course called The Day of Evolution of Technology.

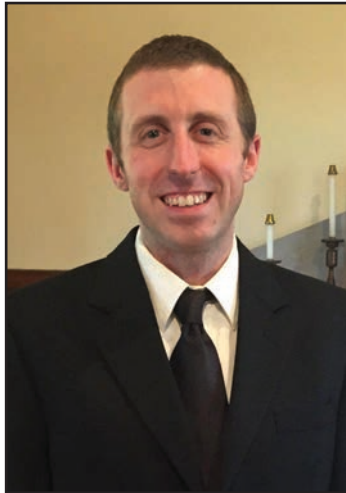
Twelve Bishop Guilfoyle Math Club students participated in the Disney Youth Education Series and discovered the progressive nature of technology and explored factors that influenced and impacted its development and acceptance.

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# In The Alleghenies



DONALD GIBBONEY



PETER CROWE



JONATHAN DICKSON

## Three To Be Ordained Deacons

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will ordain three men to the diaconate on Saturday, May 14 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

During the 10:00 a.m. rite, Donald Gibboney of Most Holy Trinity Parish, Huntingdon, will be ordained to the permanent diaconate. Peter Crowe of Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College and Jonathan Dickson of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Altoona, will be ordained as transitional deacons. Crowe and Dickson are scheduled to be ordained priests in 2017.

Gibboney and his wife, Cindy, reside with their daughters, Samantha and Danielle Ochs in Alexandria. He is employed as a staff attorney for Clearfield County, acting as solicitor for the Clearfield County Children, Youth and Family Services; solicitor for the Clearfield County Domestic Relations Section, divorce master, custody conference office and protection from abuse hearing officer.

He is active at Most Holy Trinity Parish as a catechist with the religious education program and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a lector and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, serves on the parish finance council and is active in Cursillo.

Gibboney is a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and volunteers with the Society of Saint Vincent DePaul and the Lions Club. He is also an adult lay ministry instructor for the Diocese.

The Deacon - Elect is a 1991 graduate of Huntingdon Area High School. He holds a bachelor of science degree in secondary education (1995) from Penn State University, and in 2000 achieved a doctorate in law from the School of Law of the University of Pittsburgh.

Crowe is a third year theology student at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe. He is a 2004 graduate of State College Area High School and in 2008 earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Hampden Sydney College in Hampden Sydney VA. Before beginning his studies at Saint Vincent, he completed a pre - theology program at Gannon University/Saint Mary Seminary in Erie.

In a special section on vocations published in the October 19, 2015 edition of **The Catholic Register**, Crowe said "My vocation reminds me of the infinite mercy of God. I think Christ is calling me to labor in His vineyard as an instrument of His mercy.

"I would advise a man considering a vocation to pray,

especially at Eucharistic Adoration or near a tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament. Try to find silence and stillness each day to encounter Christ; turn off the TV and computer for some time each day. Try to get to daily Mass as often as possible, go to Confession regularly and pray the Rosary."

Dickson is a third year theology student at Saint Mary Seminary in Baltimore. He also completed the pre - theology program at Gannon University/Saint Mary Seminary, before beginning his studies in Baltimore.

Dickson worked in sales for seven years before entering the seminary.

In the October 15, 2015 edition of **The Catholic Register** he stated "Following the advice of my spiritual director, I set myself to pray; discerning what God was calling me to do. Within a relatively short period of time I felt a call to the priesthood, but held back at first. I kept praying, hoping that there might be something else God was calling me to do, but I kept getting the same answer.

"Eventually I reached a point where I couldn't say no anymore, and so I entered the seminary."

He advised others considering a vocation to "Pray! And find a good spiritual director!"



## Bishop Will Lead Prayers For Healing

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will preside at three Diocesan prayer services for healing. All victims of abuse and their families, as well as the faithful of Altoona - Johnstown, are invited to join the Bishop in prayer for those who have been harmed. The schedule of services is as follows:

\* Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. - Saint Andrew Parish, 1621 Ferndale Avenue, Johnstown;

\* Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. - Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona;

\* Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. - Our Lady of Victory Parish, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College.

Each prayer service will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, and a homily. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

"I invite all of the faithful, especially those who have been harmed by someone in the Church, to join me at these prayer services," said Bishop Mark. "I hope the time spent in community with others before the Blessed Sacrament will be a

source of comfort, healing, and peace for all those affected by abuse."

As part of its commitment to assist those who have been harmed and to protect children, the Diocese has made contact with state - wide leaders regarding programs and services available to assist survivors in the healing process.

The Diocese urges anyone with information about suspected abuse to call the Attorney General's hotline at (888) 538 - 8541. Additional support is available through Jean Johnstone at the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown Children and Youth Protection Advocacy Office at (814) 944 - 9388.

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## Point Of View

"Mama, I am afraid of the dark!" my little girl remarks as she sits with me on our patio awaiting dusk to approach. "When I was little sweetie, mommy was also afraid of the dark but I am not scared anymore!" I reassure my anxious little one. "Why mama?" she adds. "I learned from the time I was a little girl when the evening sky is at its darkest the stars dwelling in the heavens are also at their brightest. You just have to look for them!" Staring at the star filled night, she smiles.

As I sit with my daughter outside at dusk, a routine that has become a beloved part of our day, I often find myself pondering the mysteries of the dark and the reassuring comfort of the presence of light. I found no matter how vast the dark may seem, no matter how unsettle the dark may feel, the dark whose presence cannot be denied, is never fully dark if one takes the time to look for the light within.

Over the past couple of weeks, the words I often hear spoken to me involves a question of how I can keep working in a Diocese which is covered in so much darkness. My answer is quite simple. I don't stare at the darkness, I concentrate on the light. For I do really believe, just like the evening skies, when the darkness is at its high point, the stars dwelling within its covering start to shine more brightly.

Although, our Diocese is going through a dark time and the phrase being scared of the dark takes on its own meaning, we need to remember if we look



## Family Matters

By Amy Kanich

### Light In The Darkness

close enough, with an intentional and hope filled gaze, we will see the lights of the faithful shining through. The ministries done by the faithful servants in our Diocese who know full well the meaning of being a light to this dark world. The people who continue to be beacons of hope in this hurting world, our diocesan family who believes that although the darkness may prevail for now it will never extinguish the light of faith within. Do you see the lights?

- The light of the community of families and friends within our Diocese who work tirelessly planting acres of fruit and vegetables every summer donating thousands of pounds of fresh produce to the most neediest families of our community.

- The light of the faithful men and woman who sort, iron and loving display donated clothing at the Saint Vincent De Paul thrift stores in our Diocese affording individuals a dignified and economical way to meet the needs of their families.

- The light of the beautiful group of families and friends who work tirelessly to bring the Gospel to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Realizing everyone is in need of hearing the Good

News, this group uses "faith in drama" to bring the Gospel to those who may have not heard it otherwise.

- The light of the individuals who work enthusiastically to bring the faith to the youth of our diocese, sharing the Good News to over 2,000 youth in our Diocese by ways of summer camps and conferences held yearly.

- The light of the men and women who are in the hospitals throughout the Diocese tending to the sick, counseling the sorrowful and praying for the dead everyday!

- The light of the men and women who despite their own fears and reservations have the courage to go into the prisons, located in our Diocese, sharing God's message of forgiveness and hope.

These are just a few samples of the lights shining through within our Diocese. Sure we can look at the darkness, talk about the darkness and even allow ourselves to be afraid of the dark but we can always choose to look a little more closely to see the lights shining from within. It's our choice! "Is it better to light a candle or to curse the darkness?" You decide!

Blessings!



## Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein  
 Why Mourn?

Following the death of pop star, Prince, I read this on a social media site:

*For people who don't understand why others mourn the death of artists, you need to understand that these people have been a shoulder to cry on. Our rock.*

*They've been family, friends, leaders, teachers and role models. Many have taught us what we need to know and what to do when times get rough.*

*They've helped us move on.*

*They've pushed us out of bed.*

*They've helped us live when nobody else had the time to.*

*Artists have inspired us in endless ways, and have been with us through stages in our lives.*

*We've made memories with them. So when they die, a part of us dies.*

I also saw this posting:

*We don't mourn artists we've never met because we knew them. We mourn them because they helped us know ourselves.*

I am sure that all of the sentiments expressed in those postings are true. We need people like that in our lives. Sometimes it seems that the people closest to us - - those we share our homes with, those we work with, those we see at school or at play - - just don't have a clue as to who we are or what we are going through. We cling to the thought that somewhere, out there, there is someone who really knows us, someone who really understands us, someone who is always going to be there for us. Without the hope of having someone like that in our lives, we would find it hard to keep going when the going gets rough.

But when I think of someone to call my "rock," or someone to adopt as "family, friends, leaders, teachers and role models," someone who will help me know myself, I don't think of performing artists and rock stars. I think of Jesus and His Blessed Mother, Mary. I think of His foster - father, Joseph. I think of the Saints, and I think of the angels. I think of my loved ones who have gone ahead of me and who (I hope and pray) stand before God's throne thinking of me and praying for me.

At the Funeral Mass we affirm our belief that in Christ "the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the certainty of immortality to come." We proclaim, too, our faith that for God's faithful people "life is changed, not ended." That is true of the one who has died, and that is true for the ones left behind: life is changed, not ended. As members of the mystical body of Christ, united in the communion of saints, there is no death and no separation. We remain one with those who preceded us into the light of God's face.

Mourning just doesn't enter into the equation.

## Vatican Letter

# Focus Of Church's Child Protection Efforts Now Turning To Religious Orders

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

### VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- In a continuing effort to protect children, the Catholic Church's focus is now turning to religious orders of men and women.

Much of the attention had been on how dioceses and national bishops' conferences have been responding to victims and protecting children.

But, religious orders and congregations are sometimes left out of that picture, even though they, too, have a duty to make sure every person in their care is safe. Also, the majority of the more than 300,000 Catholic schools and orphanages around the world are run by religious brothers and sisters whose charisms are to promote human dignity and Gospel values.

Pope Francis last year authorized the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to investigate and judge claims of "abuse of office" by bishops who allegedly failed to protect minors and vulnerable adults from sex abuse. But that form of censure "wasn't extended to superior generals, and it should be," said Father John Fogarty, superior general of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit.

Canon Law and the complementary Vatican norms regarding this field "refer only to clergy" -- bishops, priests and deacons -- said Jesuit Father Hans Zollner, president of the Center for Child Protection at Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University.

While the Vatican's doctrinal congregation asked the bishops' conferences to develop guidelines and procedures on how they are

adhered to by local bishops, he said religious brothers, religious seminarians before ordination or religious sisters are in a league of their own, and the canonical practice is different.

Each religious order or congregation establishes its own policies, he said. And while some may have a set of guidelines for their whole congregation, in others each province or region is in charge of setting up safeguarding guidelines, Father Zollner told Catholic News Service.

Father Fogarty said his "first priority" after being elected superior of the Spiritans in 2012 was to establish comprehensive guidelines and then ask each of the order's provinces and regions to draw up procedures that would protect children and respect local laws and customs.

"Not everyone is at the same point on the learning curve," he said. But his experience working for the province in Ireland and as provincial superior in the United States "was very helpful for me for formulating policy," said the Dublin-born missionary. He was surrounded by "lots of accumulated wisdom, lots of workshops, all the latest insights and reports," he said.

Since each local superior of his order is responsible for his territory, Father Fogarty said he uses his role "to work with the superiors" and get them all "on the same wavelength."

Not everyone in every part of the world is "at the same point" in recognizing the need to protect and care for children and survivors; "our job is to get them there, put pressure on them to pro-



CNS Photo/Paul Haring

### FATHER JOHN FOGARTY

duce adequate policies, procedures, hold workshops" and use every "means at our disposal" to spread awareness and resources. When new superiors meet in Rome each year, one session is dedicated to safeguarding norms, Father Fogarty said.

When leaders don't draw up procedures or get informed, he said, "we can urge them" to, "but we can't do it in their place. We can't replace (the local superior)."

The need to have adequate protection policies and procedures in place for religious orders is urgent since they are present in so many countries around the globe, said Mark Vincent Healy, an advocate in Ireland for services and care for survivors of child sexual abuse.

For example, of the 48 Spiritan priests noted in Ireland's National Board for Safeguarding Children's audit in 2012 as accused of abuse in Ireland, half of them had also served in other countries, including the United States, Canada, Sierra Leone and Kenya, Healy has said.

In Healy's situation, the Spiritan priest who abused

him at the school the order ran in Ireland was transferred to a Spiritan-run school in Sierra Leone, where he allegedly abused again before being convicted in Ireland and laicized.

Healy's case was handled in Ireland -- the country where the abuse occurred -- but, he said, victims of Irish missionaries in other countries, particularly Africa, lack clear or any channels at all for reporting and redress.

The church already responds to the psychological, emotional and spiritual fallout of victims of war in many of those countries, Healy said, so why not extend that same care and concern to victims of abuse by its own members.

Healy said he was looking at ways the order and the church as a whole could provide services across jurisdictions, especially "in countries where there are no structures" to help survivors and communities.

One proposal, which he also discussed with Father Fogarty, was the creation of a global network modeled after Doctors Without Borders. Instead of addressing physical harm, the network could

specialize in delivering mental health care services to people suffering from trauma caused by war, civil conflicts and abuse in underdeveloped nations.

By offering comprehensive mental health services, perhaps "you can alleviate the suffering and bring some function back to a dysfunctional society. Otherwise, violence will just repeat itself," Healy said.

Father Zollner said that in some places in Asia and parts of Africa, the Catholic Church "is the organization that is doing more to safeguard minors than other groups."

In some areas, he said, "if you didn't have the church, you would have nothing there" to look after and care for the most vulnerable.

One example, he said, is Bishop Emanuel Barbara of Malindi, Kenya. The bishop, who's a Capuchin priest from Malta, "set up the first help desk in the whole country" for victims of the sex-tourism industry there. "All the others, including those who legitimately have the power, just look away from the problem, there is much money involved," Father Zollner said.

With one in five children in Europe expected to be victims of some form of abuse, according to the Council of Europe, and global estimates reporting 40 million children are subjected to abuse each year, many child protection advocates want to see more action and cooperation among all sectors of society.

"If the Catholic Church can address it, then the larger human family can, too," Healy said. The church can't keep being seen as sole perpetrator and healer "because that's not working."

# In The Alleghenies



**SAINT MICHAEL:** Saint Michael Parish in Saint Michael, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, March 31. Pictured are (left to right) First Row: Elyssa Nagy, Sarah Blanchetti, Elizabeth Burkardt, Ashley Cook, Haley Cook and Kaylyn Frear. Second Row: Michael J. Barton, Jr. (catechist), Nathan Yoder, Nathan Kundrod, Garrett Kundrod, Griffin Jennings and Pauline Minor (catechist).



**SAINT JOSEPH, WILLIAMSBURG:** Celebrating Confirmation at Saint Joseph Parish, Williamsburg were (left to right) First row: Justin Verbonitz, Sarah Sukula, Austin Rabits, Hannah Kostan. Second row: Chase (Nick) Carper, Patrick McCauley, Austin Fay and Father Matthew Reese (pastor).

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The students included Glenn Bartkowiak, Mya Bartkowiak, Brady Haun, Mackenzie DeLongis, HJ Brennecke, Mike Yahner, Claire Resick, Kaitlyn Edmiston, Brandon Haun, Matthew Yahner, Nick Rasmussen and Michael Piccerillo.

The Disney program on The Day of Evolution of Technology offered a hands - on educational

experience at Epcot. The BG students participated in accredited courses and were presented with opportunities to practice teamwork, critical thinking and problem - solving skills.

“This experience was wonderful. Everyone went in, teachers and students, not really knowing what to expect,” said Bishop Guilfoyle Math Club advisor Chelsie Toy. “I was surprised at how well organized

Disney was and how well our guide interacted with the students. The students did an excellent job of answering questions and were really involved in the activities that we completed.”

The Evolution of Technology focused on defining technology, the wants and needs of society influence changes in technology, mathematics in the development of technology, the impact of governments on the



**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL:** Celebrating Confirmation at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Philipsburg, were (left to right) First row: Karrison Bittinger, Makenzie Myers, Kierra Vesnesky, Sadie Granville, Annie Kost, Margaret Peck. Second row: Father John Gibbons (administrator), Matthew Stark, Jacob Carter, Logan Williamson and Jerry Craven (director of religious education).

development of technology, and social and economic forces and the influence of technology.

The Bishop Guilfoyle students learned about the technology at Disney World ride attractions like Test Track, Mission Space and Spaceship Earth. The students then built and tested cars and were scored on capability, responsiveness, efficiency and power.

“At the end of the program the students said they would love to do it again,” Toy said. “They went in expecting to be with students from all over and it being a lecture. Instead, our group was by themselves and the activities were interesting.”

## Visit Medical Center

**Ebensburg:** In March, Bishop Carroll Catholic High School students visited Conemaugh Miners Medical Center to learn about potential career opportunities. Students participated in a panel discussion at the facilities in Hastings in recognition of National Patient Safety Week. The panel was arranged by The Challenge Program, Inc., a local nonprofit that builds sustainable partnerships between businesses and schools while introducing students to careers in their communities.

Bishop Carroll students met with Bill Crowe, president of the medical center, and Anna M. Anna, Director of Nurs-

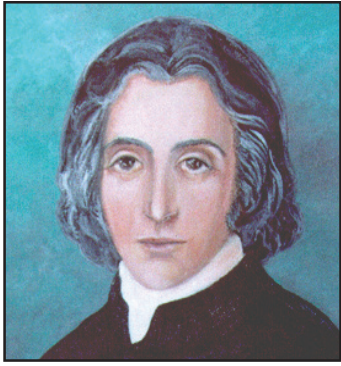
ing, to share their future career plans and ask questions about the healthcare industry. Crowe discussed with students the wide range of job opportunities available at the hospital, including sectors that many people may not commonly associate with hospitals like education, engineering, legal counsel, and IT.

“It was good to see students who have a good idea what they want to do considering a local option,” said Bishop Carroll biology teacher Carol Carlisle. “They really seemed to appreciate the idea that this is a great place to work and raise a family.”

To recognize National Patient Safety Week, each hospital department created posters to show students how safety relates to their job. Some of the displays included the housekeeping department’s on germs, the nutrition department’s on food allergy safety, and the radiology department’s on radiation safety.

“The panel discussion and departmental posters were a great way to highlight careers in healthcare that students might not have ever heard of,” noted Sara Deyarmin, Manager of Program Development with The Challenge Program, Inc.

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## A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

The Servant Of God  
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin  
1770 - 1840

### Inquiry Into Day's Life Next Step In Sainthood Cause

By Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** -- A canonical inquiry into the life of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, will begin soon and extend to the end of the year, according to the Archdiocese of New

York, which is sponsoring her sainthood cause and is where Day oversaw Catholic Worker houses.

The Dorothy Day Guild, established in 2005 to promote her life and works, said on its website that the names of 256 people had been submitted as potential eyewitnesses to Day's life. Of those, 52 have been chosen for interviews.



CNS Photo/Courtesy Milwaukee Journal  
**DOROTHY DAY**

### 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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sion of a candidate for sainthood is required for beatification and a second such miracle is needed for canonization.

In 2012, the U.S. bishops during their fall general assembly unanimously endorsed Day's sainthood cause.

"This will require a team effort," said George Horton, the liaison for the Dorothy Day Guild. "Dorothy Day created or inspired dozens of houses of hospitality throughout the English-speaking world, but she was also a journalist who published **The Catholic Worker** newspaper. Her articles in that paper alone total over 3,000 pages. Add her books and other publications and we will probably surpass 8,000 pages of manuscripts."

In the coming months, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York will appoint a historical commission to issue a report placing Day's life in historical context and review her unpublished writings. Theological experts appointed by Cardinal Dolan will review her published writings -- two readers for each publication -- with an eye toward doctrine and morals.

Day's cause was first undertaken by one of Cardinal Dolan's predecessors in New York, Cardinal John O'Connor, in 2000.

Shortly after Day was born in Brooklyn in 1897, her family moved to San Francisco, where she was baptized an Episcopalian. Her family later moved to Chicago, and Day attended the University of Illinois in Urbana.

However, she left college to go to New York City to work as

a journalist. While in New York, she got involved in the causes of her day, such as women's suffrage and peace, and was part of a circle of top literary and artistic figures of the era.

In Day's personal life, though, she went through a string of love affairs, a failed marriage, a suicide attempt and an abortion.

But with the birth of her daughter, Tamar, in 1926, Day embraced Catholicism. She had Tamar baptized Catholic, which ended her common-law marriage and brought dismay to her friends.

As she sought to fuse her life and her faith, she wrote for such Catholic publications as **America** and **Commonweal**. In 1932, she met Peter Maurin, a French immigrant and former Christian Brother. Together they started the **Catholic Worker** newspaper -- and later, several houses of hospitality and farm communities in the United States and elsewhere.

While working for integration, Day was shot at. She prayed and fasted for peace at the Second Vatican Council. She died in 1980 in Maryhouse, one of the Catholic Worker houses she established in New York City.

She has been the focus of a number of biographies. Other books featuring her prayers and writings have been published. A film biography, "Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story," starring Moira Kelly as Day and Martin Sheen as Peter Maurin, was made in 1996.

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# Word of Life



## The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

**Words And Deeds  
Can't Be Separated,  
Pope Tells New Priests**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- What you say and how you live always go hand in hand, building up the church and the people of God, Pope Francis told new priests.

"Therefore, may your doctrine be nourishment to the people of God, joy and supporting those faithful to Christ (be) the fragrance of your life, because the word and example go together," he said.

"Word and example edify the house of God, which is the church," he said in his homily April 17, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Celebrating Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis ordained 11 new priests; nine were ordained for the Diocese of Rome and two of the new priests -- including one born in Baghdad -- belong to the Rogationist religious order.

In his homily, the pope urged the men to read, reflect on and teach the word of God and to be a living example of what they preach.

He asked that they imitate Jesus in their lives, including "carrying Christ's death" inside of them and walking with him in new life. "Without the cross you will never find the true Jesus. And a cross without Christ has no meaning."

In administering the sacraments, especially the sacrament of penance, show mercy, he told them. "Please, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord, and in the name of the church, I asked you to be merciful, very merciful."

He reminded the men that they were called by Jesus to continue his mission as teacher, priest and shepherd, and to serve the church and the people of God.

"Always have in front of your eyes the example of the Good Shepherd, who didn't come to be served, but to serve and to look for and save those who were lost," he said.

Later in the day, the pope told those gathered in St. Peter's Square for the "Regina Coeli" prayer that the image of a shepherd with his flock "shows the close relationship that Jesus wants to establish with each one of us."

"He is our guide, our teacher, our friend, our role model, but above all, he is our Savior," the pope said.

Christ has saved humanity and "nothing and nobody will be able to wrench us from Jesus' hands because nothing and no one can overpower his love," he said. "Jesus' love is invincible."

While the devil and his minions try all sorts of ways to tear this promise of eternal life away from people, "the evil one cannot do anything unless we open the doors of our soul to him, and follow his deceptive enticements," he said.



**ONE MORE TIME:** As Bishop of Altoona from 1936 - 1957, Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle (first row, center) ordained 204 men to the priesthood; 87 were diocesan priests, the others were Third Order Regular Franciscan Friars. Bishop Guilfoyle is pictured with the first class of diocesan priests he ordained in 1937. They are (left to right) Father Eugene C. Parrish, Father Lambert Beiter, Father Gerald E. Stephens, Father Carl J. Wileshal, Father John J. Crowley and Father Casimir B. Ossowski.

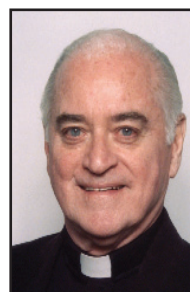
As a priest, I've spent the past 30 years of my life writing about supernatural joy in the lives of others. The message is simple: faith, together with the discipline of controlling your thoughts, can help overcome even the most horrible emotional pain we can experience.

The pain of life, as many of us know, is real, and seemingly unending while we're going through rough moments. However, in any tragic circumstance there is one word you need to focus on and that is survival.

You can go on grieving for a year or a decade or more, but sooner or later you will have to decide whether you're going to be a survivor or whether you're going to let problems destroy you.

There is still a job for you to do in this world, perhaps a job that nobody else can do, and if you don't do it, it will remain undone. Millions have come to the realization that they must be ready to carry on with courage.

A woman once wrote me a letter that helped me understand a great deal about the pain of grief. She said that on a beautiful sunny July morning, her 26-year-old son was killed in a car accident. He was on his way



## Spirituality For Today

By Father John Catoir  
**God Remains With Us**

to work when a driver pulled out of a side street and killed her "wonderful boy."

She said she never knew such a feeling of desperation, such isolation and unending agony before. The depth of the pain, the flow of tears and the silence were overwhelming. And yet, she said, "I never knew one could still exist when everything inside had died."

This brokenhearted woman managed to survive with the help of God. She later said that with time, and with the help of God, she found her bearings.

She said she learned that even when you have suffered a terrible loss, the worst loss one can imagine, one day a person will discover that he or she will laugh again and live again. Knowing that God is by your side, helping you every step of the way, you will come to learn

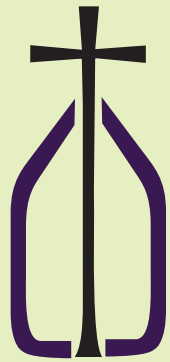
the important lesson that joy really does prevail over sorrow.

This story also reminds me of a grief-stricken man who was tempted to commit suicide. One day while riding on a bus, he spotted a pamphlet on the floor and picked it up out of curiosity. It contained this message: "Today you may feel hopeless, but tomorrow or the next day you will remember that you have a purpose, a true mission in life. It will transform you, and give you the courage to carry on."

He decided not to commit suicide, and never thought of it again. He wrote to me several months later to explain how this sense of mission changed his life forever.

It reassured me of the words found in John 16:33: "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."





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TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES

## In 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, Catholic Charities Continues to Fight Poverty, Provide Help and Hope in Eight-County Area

### Responding to Daily Struggles in Local Communities: Affordable Housing Crisis, Unemployment, Food Insecurity

Seventy-five years ago, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown opened its doors to provide help and hope to the most vulnerable populations in our local communities. While the scope of services has evolved, the need remains.

A staggering number of residents in our region face poverty, unemployment, a lack of affordable housing, and food insecurity. Many of these individuals and families are just above the requirements for government assistance programs.

“On more than one occasion I have talked with people who are one paycheck or social security check away from being on the street with nowhere to go,” said The Most Reverend Mark Bartchak, Bishop of the Diocese of



More than 1 in 5 children in our service area live with food insecurity, meaning they have limited or uncertain access to nutritionally adequate food.

Altoona-Johnstown. “Financial support of Catholic Charities can help people from going over that edge. It’s not a place where anyone would want to be.”

Within our eight-county service area, which includes Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset:

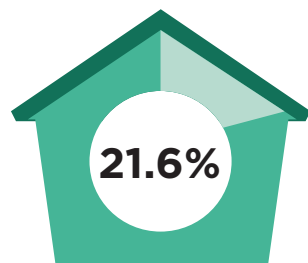
- There is a major crisis in affordable housing. Nearly half of all renters pay more than 30% of their income toward housing. The crisis is most acute in Centre County, where the average wage required to rent a two-bedroom apartment is \$19/hour.
- More than 1 in 5 children face food insecurity in 7 of the 8 counties, with Bedford County showing the highest rate of food insecurity for children at 23%.
- About 1 in 5 children live in poverty in all eight counties.
- Nearly a quarter of the 65+ population in Bedford and Somerset Counties is enrolled in PACE, the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly.
- Unemployment rates average 7.1% in Huntingdon, Somerset, and Bedford Counties, well above the current national average of 5%.

“Our staff witnesses these astounding statistics daily in the individuals and families who seek our help,” said Catholic Charities Executive Director Jean Johnstone. “Many life changes can cause financial crisis—job loss,

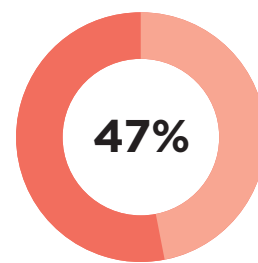
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Children are food insecure



Households that are low income



Renters paying more than 30% of income toward housing

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Catholic Charities at work in your community

#### Give with an Open Heart

Bellefonte Case Manager says that the act of giving in itself is what matters most.



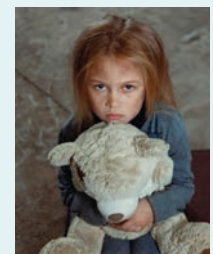
#### Answering Jesus' Call in Jubilee of Mercy

Catholic Charities observes various aspects of powerful message in Matthew 25.



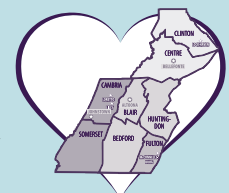
#### Student Homelessness On the Rise in Our Region

Astounding increase of 18% in just two years.



#### Celebrating 75 Years and Local Individuals Who are Devoted to Serving Others

Annual recognition dinner details announced.



*Donor Profile***Truly Believing In Our Mission****Kevin Slonka and Doug Stoehr Help Launch Guild of Guardians to Extend More Support to More Neighbors in Need throughout the Year**

**F**or many of our loyal donors, supporting Catholic Charities extends well beyond a single annual donation. Many stretch their giving throughout the year, to maximize their impact on the neighbors they serve.

That is especially true for Kevin Slonka of Westmont and Doug Stoehr of Duncansville, who are helping to launch Catholic Charities' Guild of Guardians, an annual giving program that enables supporters to pledge \$1,000 annually to help the organization budget to reach more people with more needs throughout the year. While \$1,000 may seem like a hefty amount, it breaks down to just \$2.74 a day—less than a fancy cup of coffee.

*"I know that donated funds are going to people who truly have a crisis at that moment. I like the idea that my money will directly impact a person or family in need within a few days of giving."*

*- Doug Stoehr*

"Many people who choose to make charitable donations usually do so around the holidays. That is wonderful, but many people need assistance throughout the year," said Slonka. "Contributing at the level required for membership in the Guild of Guardians ensures that Catholic Charities can provide assistance to our neighbors throughout the year. Any charitable organization needs a solid base of donors who truly believes in its mission."

Stoehr, who grew up in a family with a modest income, knows that it could only take a small financial shortfall to take a family or individual from financial stability to financial crisis.

"I've been blessed in my life and keep that at the forefront of my mind," he said. "If someone is down and out and unable to pay his bills, we need to help him."

While Slonka and Stoehr could have chosen any local charity to support, they chose Catholic Charities because they firmly believe in its mission.

"Each act of help is accompanied by counseling to ensure that those seeking help understand what they need to do in order to keep themselves out of this situation in the future," said Slonka. "It's not just giving out money; Catholic Charities educates everyone who walks through the door so they can become self-sufficient in the future."

For Stoehr, he gets satisfaction in knowing that his donation is going directly to people who need it.

"I know that donated funds are going to people who truly have a crisis at that moment," he said. "I like the idea that my money will directly impact a person or family in need within a few days of giving."

While both Stoehr and Slonka are actively involved in their churches (Stoehr at St. Michael's in Hollidaysburg, and Slonka at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown), they stress that you don't have to be Catholic to help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

"You don't have to be Catholic to support Catholic Charities," said Slonka. "You simply have to care."

**About Guild of Guardians**

**\$2.74 a day  
can make a major impact**

When you join Catholic Charities' Guild of Guardians by donating \$1,000 a year—which breaks down to just \$2.74 a day—you can help countless neighbors in need throughout the year.

Your gift will directly impact neighbors in your community.

Gifts can be made on a monthly, quarterly, bi-annual, or annual basis.

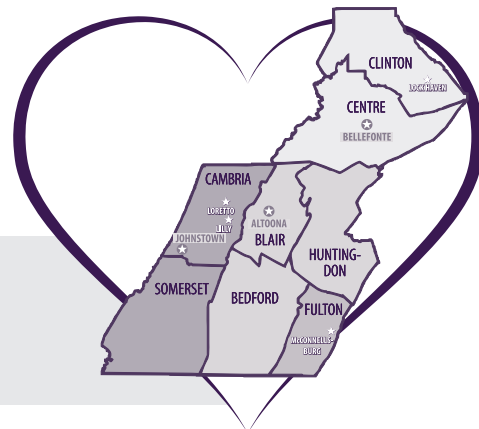
Guild of Guardians gifts are unrestricted and support the most critical needs of those served by Catholic Charities.

## *Annual Recognition Dinner & 75th Anniversary*

Wednesday, June 1, 2016  
5 to 8 p.m. | The Altoona Grand Hotel

Join Catholic Charities as we mark a milestone year (75 years of serving neighbors in need) and recognize those in our community who are devoted to helping and serving others. We will recognize those individuals—selected from nominations received across the eight counties of the Diocese—with the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award and the Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award.

Find full details, including our exclusive dinner menu presented by Executive Chef Josh Wertz, at [www.catholiccharitiesaj.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesaj.org).

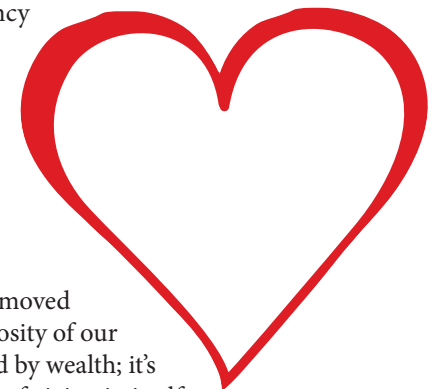
*Staff Feature***Charity is Valued by an Open Heart**

**"There are a Lot of People Who Need Help, and Every Gift Makes a Difference"**

**W**e'd like to recognize outgoing Emergency Financial Assistance Case Manager at Catholic Charities' Bellefonte office, Moses Mbesha. This summer, Mbesha will be expanding his passion for human services as he departs to develop his own nonprofit, the Conscious Connect, based on social reform to restore and advance the essences of black communities and culture.

In his time at Catholic Charities, Mbesha was moved by the clients he was able to help, thanks to generosity of our community. According to him, charity isn't valued by wealth; it's valued by an open heart. After all, he says, the act of giving in itself is what matters most.

"All small gifts add up and completely change someone's situation and his or her life," he said. "Whether you donate \$5 or \$10 or \$1,000, it helps tremendously. There are a lot of people who need help, and every gift makes a difference."



## Answer Jesus' Call During this Jubilee of Mercy

### Catholic Charities Enables Local Catholics to Put Their Faith Into Action Under Matthew 25

In observance of this year's Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy by Pope Francis, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has asked all local Catholics to focus on the message of Jesus in Matthew 25:35-40, which ends "*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me.*"

This Lent, the Diocese encouraged us to observe various aspects of this powerful message. You can fulfill your observance throughout the entire year of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy by supporting Catholic Charities. Your donation will help to:

- Feed the Hungry/Give Drink to the Thirsty
- Shelter the Homeless/Welcome the Stranger
- Clothe the Naked
- Care for the Sick



When you make a gift to Catholic Charities, you directly influence an individual or family in your county that needs your help. Catholic Charities helps to provide emergency financial assistance and other vital resources to your neighbors in need, enabling them to:

- Purchase life-saving medications or medical equipment.
- Pay utility bills, including excessively high heating bills from this bitterly cold winter.
- Avoid eviction when a financial downfall causes them to fall behind on rent.
- Seek emergency shelter following eviction, a disaster, or a domestic dispute.
- Receive professional counseling to overcome major personal, family, or career obstacles.
- Receive critical pregnancy support, promoting the physical and mental well-being of a mother and her child during the pre- and postnatal periods.

*Thank you for your generosity in helping your neighbors in need this Lent and throughout the year.*

## 5 Reasons Catholic Charities Needs You

1. **Neighbors helping neighbors:** Your gift stays in your county, impacting an individual or family, and your local community.
2. **A hand-up:** We help clients stabilize their finances so they are less likely to need emergency financial help in the future.
3. **Transitional support:** 86% of our clients need a one-time gift to manage temporary financial instability caused by a major life event.
4. **Serving all people:** Catholic Charities helps all people regardless of their faith.
5. **Growing need:** Widening gaps in existing social service programs leave many of our area's seniors and families facing hunger and homelessness, choosing between paying for medicine or utility bills, childcare, or food.

Right now, Catholic Charities can only fulfill 25% of requests for assistance. You can help us help more of our neighbors in need.

*From the Executive Director*

## Responding to the Community's Greatest Needs for 75 Years, Thanks to Donors Like You



In its 75 year history, Catholic Charities has provided help and hope to countless individuals and families residing within the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. We've offered a wide range of services through the years—from operating orphanages in the '50s, to supporting unwed mothers in the '70s, to sheltering the homeless and providing emergency financial assistance to thousands of local households today.

While our slate of services has evolved over the years, one thing remains the same: we're able to respond to the greatest needs within our community, thanks to support from generous donors like you.

Catholic Charities relies on voluntary donations from individuals, families, businesses, and churches throughout all eight counties, to provide emergency financial assistance and other critical resources. I want to assure you that 100% of donations made to Catholic Charities come directly to our office to help neighbors in need. Recent tragic headlines surrounding the Diocese make our fundraising mission more critical than ever. We are counting on ongoing support to continue helping local families, seniors, and individuals facing financial crisis—regardless of their faith or religion.

Often, there are misconceptions about our funding and our services because our name is Catholic Charities. We serve all people, and we receive support from all people. Financial crisis can affect anyone, and it has repercussions throughout all communities.

Our goal in our 75<sup>th</sup> year is to bring more people into our efforts to spread help and hope, and to let those who need us know they are not alone.

You can help us with this objective by spreading the word of our shared mission to your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers—whether they're Catholic or not—to increase our level of support in the community and to help even more local individuals and families in need in the next 75 years.

In Sincere Gratitude,

Jean D. Johnstone, Executive Director

The official registration and financial information of Catholic Charities may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

## Yes! I want to help my neighbors in need.

- I'd like to join Guild of Guardians.
- One-time payment of \$1,000       Two payments of \$500
- Four payments of \$250       Monthly payments of \$83.33
- Please invoice me for installment payments.
- I'd like to make an annual contribution of:
- \$500    \$250    \$100    \$50    \$35    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please earmark \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of my gift to the Martha & Mary House.

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## Helping Neighbors Weatherize Their Homes through Education

In November, the Johnstown Catholic Charities office offered four classes on weatherization. In partnership with Jim Buday of the Alternative Community Resource Program (ACRP) and Ron Springer of the Department of Emergency Management, Catholic Charities provided a wealth of information on winter weatherization. Topics covered included:

- How to install basic items to cut down on heating bills (weather stripping, insulation, outlet covers, window plastic)
- Thermostat settings to help conserve oil
- Information on community financial resources (PCAP, LIHEAP)
- Basic safety information on how to keep your home safe in the winter

Attendees received free supplies to help winterize their homes.

## Student Homelessness On the Rise in Our Region

### Homeless Students in Pennsylvania Public Schools Increased by 18% from 2012 to 2014

Homelessness doesn't just impact adults. In fact, a growing number of students in our region have no place to call home.

According to Maureen Bourke, the Region 6 site coordinator for student homelessness through the PA Department of Education, in the 11-county region she serves (Armstrong, Blair, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Indiana, Jefferson, and Potter counties), the homeless student population has steadily increased. Catholic Charities serves households in four of these counties: Blair, Cambria, Centre, and Clinton.

*A growing number of students in our region have no place to call home.*

"It varies from year to year as far as districts, but there has been a steady increase at least for the past four to five years that we've been able to solidify the data and look at the actual numbers," Bourke said in an interview with *The Courier Express*.

The article states that the number of homeless students attending public school in Pennsylvania increased by 18 percent between the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years—an increase more than double the national average of 8 percent, according to statistics reported by the U.S. Department of Education.



## In 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year... *Continued from page 1*

underemployment, a sudden illness, or the need to care for a sick family member. Within weeks, families dealing with a crisis can face homelessness, hunger, loss of utilities, and the inability to afford basic necessities."

According to Johnstone, many clients simply need assistance to bridge a gap—for example, to stay in their home, maintain water or electric service, or afford a uniform or specific shoes in order to accept or keep a job.

"The average request for assistance is around \$300," she

says. "This relatively modest amount is enough to be life changing. It's profound, especially when you consider the clients we serve are your neighbors, your friends from church, the cashier from your local grocery store, or the parents and grandparents you meet from your children's school."

Find a full county-by-county breakdown of the biggest struggles facing our communities on below or at [www.catholiccharitiesaj.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesaj.org).

## Need Help?

Call or visit a Catholic Charities location near you.

### Main Office Locations

#### Blair, Bedford & Huntington Counties

1300 Twelfth Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16601  
Phone: (814) 944-9388

#### Centre & Clinton Counties

213 East Bishop Street  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
Phone: (814) 353-0502

#### Cambria & Somerset Counties

321 Main Street, Suite 5G  
Johnstown, PA 15901  
Phone: (814) 535-6538

### Homeless Shelter

#### Martha & Mary House Cambria County

899 Bedford Street  
Johnstown, PA 15902  
Phone: (814) 254-4413



## A County-by-County Snapshot of Daily Struggles Facing Area Residents\*

### The Biggest Issues Facing Each County Include:

#### Bedford County

23% of children are food insecure. (Highest rate in our service area)

#### Blair County

17% of residents are enrolled in SNAP (food stamp) benefits. (Highest enrollment rate in our service area, tied with Centre County)

#### Cambria County

Johnstown is considered the poorest city in Pennsylvania, according to an article published in 24/7 Wall Street. The city earned this designation due to low median incomes (\$25,542 vs. \$52,548), high poverty rates (26.8%), and low educational attainment of bachelor's degrees (11.2% vs. 27.5%).

#### Centre County

\$19 is the average hourly wage needed to rent a two-bedroom apartment, where the average rent is \$982.

#### Clinton County

48% of all renters pay more than 30% of their incomes toward housing.

#### Huntingdon County

7.7% unemployment rate. (Among the most severe in our service area)

#### Somerset County

23.5% of all residents over age 65 are enrolled in PACE.

\*Represents a snapshot of top issues facing each county. Nearly all counties in our service area face similar struggles. Find full details at [www.catholiccharitiesaj.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesaj.org).



## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Wearing A Veil In Church

**Q.** Recently, I have been “convicted” to wear a veil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament -- both when I am at Mass and during my adoration hours in our parish’s Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. Several other women in the parish have also felt led to do so.

However, I am told that some of these women have been “counseled” by our pastor that he does not want this and feels the wearing of a veil to be prideful. As a child, of course, I wore a veil at my first Communion and even for some years afterward and never thought it to be prideful. I would like your opinion. (South Carolina)

**A.** The custom of women wearing a veil in church finds a basis in the earliest days of the church, as reflected in the 11th chapter of Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians. That custom, though, may well have reflected the cultural bias of the times because the same chapter says: “For man did not come from

woman, but woman from man; nor was man created for woman, but woman for man.”

The 1917 Code of Canon Law (in No. 1262) said that men in church should be bare-headed while women “shall have a covered head.” (That same canon also said, “It is desirable that, consistent with ancient discipline, women be separated from men in church.”)

But in 1976, an instruction issued by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith indicated that this 1917 directive was no longer in force. (The CDF said, “It must be noted that these ordinances, probably inspired by the customs of the period, concern scarcely more than disciplinary practices of minor importance, such as the obligation imposed upon women to wear a veil on their head. ... Such requirements no longer have a normative value.”)

In the current Code of Canon Law currently in force, published in 1983, the canon about head veils was not reissued.



Hilary Of Arles  
Circa 400 - 449  
Feast - May 5

This French aristocrat, a pagan holding high office in a local government, was converted to Catholicism by his relative, Saint Honoratus, and became a monk at Lerins. An austere and strict monastic, Hilary succeeded Honoratus as Bishop of Arles when he was just 29. As Bishop, he preached notably, donated his earnings from manual labor to the poor, ransomed captives by selling sacred vessels, and built and visited monasteries in his Diocese. But he got into trouble by claiming metropolitan jurisdiction over other Bishops and tried to depose one who appealed to the Pope. As Pope, Saint Leo the Great restricted Hilary’s authority, but later recalled him “of blessed memory,” perhaps signaling a reconciliation before Hilary’s death.

Clearly, then, women today are not required to cover their heads in church.

Does that mean that they are not permitted to? Of course not. Within the bounds of modesty, people are free to wear whatever they want -- and the only one who is in a position to judge motivation is the wearer.

If you are using a mantilla, or chapel veil, out of vanity -- to draw attention to yourself -- then that is wrong. But if you wear it as a sign of reverence, out of respect for the dignity of the Eucharist and our unworthiness before it, then that is a laudable choice. It’s your call, left to your prayerful discretion.

**Q.** What is the church’s position about “destination weddings,” which may or may not be performed by a priest? If two previously unmarried Catholics in good standing are married in such a non-church ceremony, will the church accept that marriage? (Schenectady, New York)

**A.** My take on “destination weddings” is that they are fraught with complication -- both from the religious point of view as well as the civil.

Two Catholics must be married by a Catholic priest or deacon. Sometimes an “exotic” wedding venue will assure a couple that the venue will find a member of the clergy to officiate, but whether that will turn out to be a Catholic priest or deacon in good standing is always uncertain.

Further, there is the matter of securing the proper license from a foreign municipal authority and assuring that the marriage will be recognized in the United States. On more than one occasion in the recent past, I have persuaded Catholic couples bent on a destination wedding to be married beforehand in a quiet ceremony in our parish church with me as the celebrant and with a marriage license from our own city hall.

Following that, they can leave and party in the tropics with their friends and family, confident that their marriage is recognized as official by the church and by the state.



## For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola  
New Challenges For  
Young Women And Girls

I am not one who thinks everything was better when I was young and that the younger generation is doomed. Instead, I think growing up has always been tough. From my female perspective, I think it has been hard being a girl from day one.

Despite the women’s movement, more equality, less discrimination and more opportunity in the workplace, I think the challenges facing girls remain, perhaps in different forms and certainly with new technology.

Those challenges were spelled out recently in a PBS interview with Nancy Jo Sales, who has written a book called, **American Girls: Social Media And The Secret Life of Teenagers**. It’s enough to make you want to hold off on buying your daughter a smartphone until she’s 18.

Today’s generation, perhaps in the past eight years, has become the first to grow up with the ubiquitous phone as a main component of their intellectual and social lives as kids.

When my oldest daughter was younger, she sometimes subscribed to the typical teenage girl magazines, the ones that were predominantly about clothes, makeup and hair. These magazines might offer an article or two on study habits or the risks of anorexia, but mainly they sold the need to look good, as determined by fashion and commercialization.

When she was older, my daughter told me that once she gave up those magazines, her body image improved considerably. She liked who she was, not the person the glossy rag told her she should be.

Today’s girls, instead of opening the occasional magazine, are confronted daily by social media in which being “hot” is a primary value, and hot has a distinctly sexual overtone. In her book, Sales describes girls who have plastic surgery so their Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook shots are better, and boys who text girls asking for nude photos.

“This is the swamp they’re swimming in,” Sales said.

People are different online than they are in person. One only needs to read the anonymous postings in the comments section of an article to know that behind a screen, people can become vile and uncivil in short order.

And even when the postings are not necessarily anonymous, social media brings out lascivious and cruel comments. Sexualization of females is pretty blatant today, and social media bullying is a reality.

Then there’s the prevalence of pornography. Gone -- long gone -- are the days when it was pretty naughty just to have a **Playboy** magazine tucked beneath the mattress where you hoped Mom would never find it. Pornography, which is increasingly full of violence toward women, is now available to nearly everybody. What kind of message is that sending young men about respect for our daughters?

The “hook-up” mentality in colleges naturally springs from this sexualization. Sex is casual and uncommitted, often fueled by wild binges of alcohol and drugs.

But Sales’ book isn’t talking about college girls. She’s talking about teens and tweens, whoever has access to a smartphone and social media. She’s talking about the depersonalization of relationships and a dearth of true friendship and respect.

It’s enough to make a grandma worry, but as I said, I think every generation faces challenges. Women today -- including young women -- should be raised to know they are tough and can stand up and resist this pressure.

That’s where good parents come in, parents with strong values who can raise strong women, parents who show more than a little interest in what’s happening on their children’s screens, parents who promote and give examples of true friendships. Parents must be the lifeboat in this particular swamp.

# Service Club Fights World's Thirst

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In the immediate future they have planned bake sales, a Dress Down Day at school, when the students donate money to wear informal attire, and they will have a donation table at the Boalsburg Memorial Day Celebration. In addition, they are planning a Block Party in cooperation with Grace Prep Christian School.

The Service Club has a fund raising page online at <https://my.thirstproject.org/>, and plan to spread the word through local churches, and fund - raisers.

Jordan Wisser of Tyrone is the Service Club president. "I've done a lot of research on The Thirst Project," she said. "We're not only trying to raise money, but we're also making an effort to raise awareness." A senior,



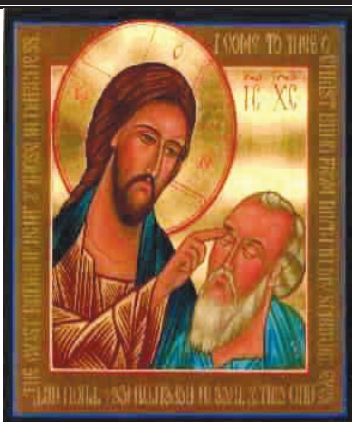
**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC ACADEMY SERVICE CLUB:** Members of the Saint Joseph Catholic Academy Service Club, pictured (left to right) are First row: Michaela Bojan, Jordan Wisser, and Lindsay Carmack. Middle Row--Greta Miller, Xabine Stager-Kamat, Maggie Urban, Gillian Dash. Second row: Sera Mazza, Torie Houseknecht, Monica Surovec, Austin Emel, Hannah Straub, Anna Handerson, Courtney Gregory and Julie Kirchgessner.

she is the daughter of Michael and Bonnie Wisser. "Jordan is wonderful and has been a great president," Mato added.

"We often take for granted the many amazing things around us," Maggie said. "We use our sinks, water fountains, and bathrooms everyday, yet there are so many people that don't have the privilege of that easy access. Too many people are dying from waterborne diseases and the lack of access to clean drinking water to keep quiet about this."

Mato has much admiration for the students. "This is an incredible group of kids. Being their advisor has been a wonderful experience."

**The Saint Joseph Catholic Academy Service Club has a fund raising page online at <https://my.thirstproject.org/>, and plan to spread the word about their project to relieve global thirst through local churches, and fund - raisers.**



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**LAW DAY:** Saint Francis University, Loretto hosted its annual Red Mass/Law Day on Friday, April 22. Bishop Mark L. Barchak served as celebrant of the Mass celebrated in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, and Father John Byrnes, diocesan judicial vicar and rector of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, delivered the homily. The keynote address at the Law Day luncheon was given by The Hon. Joy Flowers Conti, U.S. District Court of Western District of PA. Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law in the United States. It underscores how law and the legal process contribute to the freedoms of all Americans, and it provides an opportunity to recognize the rule of courts in this democracy and the importance of jury service in maintaining the integrity of the courts. The Red Mass and the luncheon were well attended by numerous area judges, lawyers, law enforcement officials, friends and residents, as well as special guests—state Senator John Wozniak and The Hon. Kim Gibson, U.S. District Court of Western District of PA. Pictured are (left to right) Bishop Mark L. Barchak, Saint Francis University President Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Malachi Van Tassell, Judge Joy Flowers Conti and Judge Kim Gibson.

# Prince Gallitzin Cross Award To Be Given To Those Embodying Spirit Of Apostle Of Alleghenies

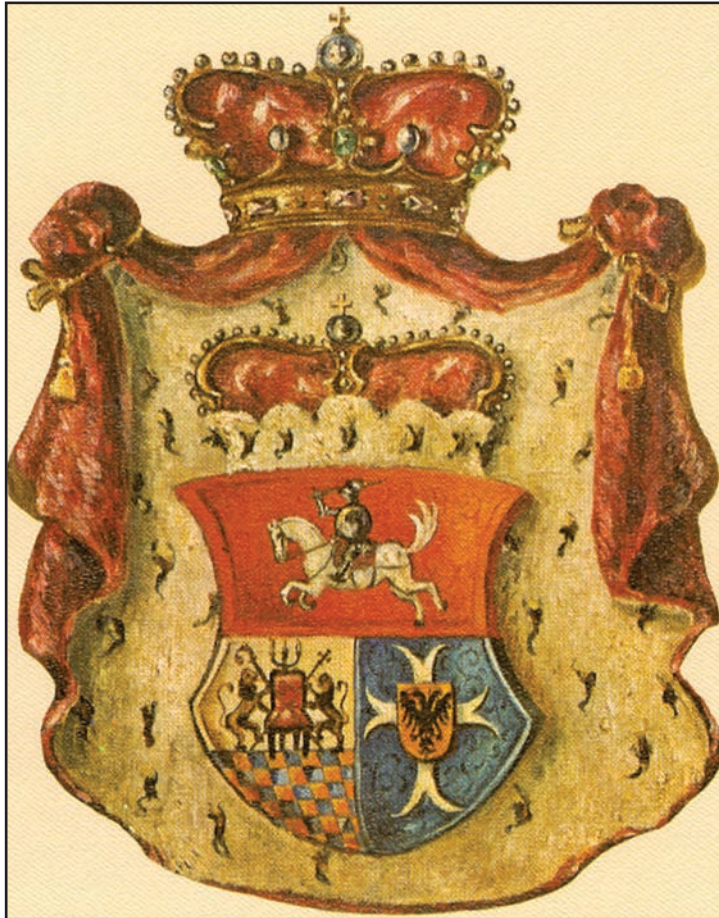
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**Viola T. Najjar** is a member of Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish, Johnstown and is described by Father James Crookston as “a visible presence, dedicated to her many ministries.”

Said Father Crookston “Viola is a living testament to dedication, service and commitment.” She is an altar server, lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, assisting at daily and weekend liturgies and at Funeral Masses. She “works behind the scenes” with the Christian Life and Service group, is a money counter and takes the Eucharist to the homebound and shut ins. She is an active volunteer with the YWCA. “In a world where dedication to church and community is not held in high regard, Vi Najjar has made a difference and served so many by her loving, giving and generous nature,” Father Crookston said. “She truly lives out her life in the spirit of the prince and priest, Servant of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin.”

**Stanko P. Popich** is a life-long member of Saint Mary Parish, Nanty Glo, and has been active there his entire life, according to Father Leonard Voytek, pastor, and Elizabeth McDermott, chair of the Parish Council.

“Stan is a man who serves his parish, the Church, and his community with the love of God in his heart,” said McDermott. “We feel he is more than deserving to be presented with the Prince Gallitzin Cross.” She noted that Popich is a choir member and cantor, a lector and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, an altar server, a parish liturgy committee member and a member of the diocesan liturgical commission, has served on the parish council and is active in a mens’ prayer group. He is also active in Cursillo, serves in prison ministry, and helped establish Nanty Glo’s Interfaith Community Food Pantry. “He

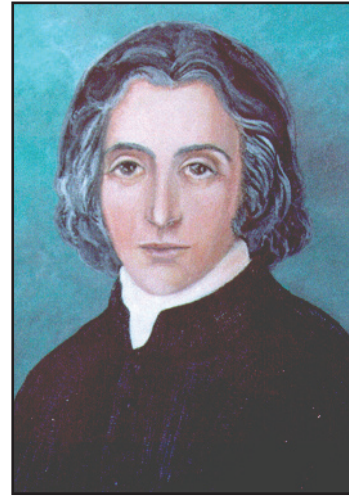


demonstrates Christian love for God, his family, his fellowman, and the Catholic Church in the way he lives his daily life,” said McDermott of Popich.

**Andrew and Katharine Solomon** are members of Transfiguration Parish in Conemaugh and are characterized by Father Robert Hall, pastor as “two outstanding Catholics who live out the balanced exceptional

**AWARD:** The Prince Gallitzin Cross Award (left) is based upon a cross depicted in the lower right hand side of the Gallitzin family coat of arms (above). The award has been presented annually since 1990 by the Bishop of Altoona - Johnstown to people who embody in their lives of ministry and service the qualities that exemplified the life of the Servant of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin, a Russian Prince who became a priest and was the pioneer evangelizer of the people of the Allegheny Mountains.

Catholic life of courage, dedication, devotion and stewardship.” Their parish ministries involve them in parish council and finance council, religious education, fundraisers and charitable activities. Andrew is an active member of the Knights of Columbus and serves on the board of directors of the diocesan Knights’ Seminarian Education Endowment Fund, while Katharine



**THE SERVANT OF GOD  
DEMETRIUS AUGUSTINE  
GALLITZIN**

rine has served as president of the Ladies’ Columbian Circle.

Father Hall also noted that “Andy and Kathy have served on diocesan committees dealing with the disabled. This stems from the blessing they received from Our Lord of their physically challenged son. This has also led them to be involved in civic programs for the disabled.” He went on to say “Andy and Kathy are among those key people who desire to have a parish that motivates people by work and example, and serve as a unifying force within the parish, as they participate and lead many of our parish members. I am very grateful for the work that Andy and Kathy Solomon do.”

**Steven and Christine Stoner** are members of Saint Matthew Parish, Tyrone, where Father Joseph Kovacik is pastor. They were nominated for the award by the Parish Council. The council members said the Stoners embody Pope Francis’ calls to experience the “Joy of the Gospel” and the “Joy of Love,” as they “have witnessed to Christ’s loving fidelity by mutually supporting each other in good and challenging times.” As spouses and as parents “Faith and family are at the heart of who they are and what they do - with parish, neighborhood and

town included in their definition of family.”

Described as “fully invested in their Catholic faith” Steven and Christine have been active in many aspects of parish life and in the life of Saint Matthew School. They have assisted the Sisters of the Carmelite Community of the Word at Saint Matthew Convent, and volunteer in a number of ways that enhance the life of the parish. Steve is instrumental in coordinating liturgical decor for all seasons of the Church year, organizes monthly coffee and donut Sundays, and has assisted the Saint Matthew Home School Committee and the Religious Education Committee. Chris is active with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and with parish bible studies. The Parish Council said in their nomination letter “We acknowledge Steve and Christine Stoner to be not mere hearers and keepers of God’s Word, but individuals and a couple who go forth to share that Word with others. The missionary spirit of Pope Francis’ new evangelization - - and of Prince Gallitzin himself - - is alive and well in them.”

The Prince Gallitzin Cross Award was first presented in 1990 to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of the Prince - Priest. The insignia of the award is an enameled white cross bearing a yellow shield on which is displayed a black double-headed eagle, taken from the Gallitzin family coat of arms. It hangs from a yellow ribbon, allowing it to be worn around the neck at various parish or diocesan functions, and is accompanied by a certificate signed by the Bishop.

The June 4 award program will begin with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner reservations must be made by Friday, May 20, by contacting any local parish, or the Diocesan Administration Center at (814) 695 - 5579.

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“Students began to recognize that each department - - from housekeeping and nutrition to IT and engineering - - is integral to the operation of the hospital.”

Junior Meghan Moxley said, “I was already planning to become a physician’s assistant, which is one of the careers we went over. It gave me valuable new insights about working as a PA. My favorite part of the meeting was learning the backgrounds of the people who are successful there, and what they had to do to get where they are today.”

As part of The Challenge Program, Inc. partnership, Conemaugh Miners Medical Center representatives will also visit Bishop Carroll in the fall to host a school - wide, kickoff assembly.

By participating in The Challenge Program, schools and



**SAINT THOMAS MORE:** Saint Thomas More Parish, Roaring Spring, celebrated Confirmation Tuesday, April 5. Pictured are (left to right) Dr. William Kirsch (catechist), Nicholas Mauro, Emma Housel, Luke Ritchey, Father Leo Lynch (pastor), Michael Speck, Evan Potter, Melissa Troy and Laurie Staub (Confirmation director).

businesses like Bishop Carroll and Miners Medical Center engage in ongoing workforce connection activities throughout the school year. Activities include facility tours, panel discussions, job shadowing, classroom visits, and internships.



**MOST HOLY TRINITY, SOUTH FORK:** Celebrating Confirmation at Most Holy Trinity Parish, South Fork, were (left to right) Angela Maticic, Kylie Debias, Courtney Cecere, Abbey Eppley and Kylie Richardson. Pictured with the newly - confirmed is Father Joseph Nale, pastor.

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**Cresson:** Mount Aloysius College has been notified that it has met the criteria as a Catholic College of Distinction for 2016. The designation offers students and parents searching for a college an objective look at several areas of college life. Mount Aloysius College president Tom Foley commended faculty and staff of Mount Aloysius for their collective attention to the many important facets of academic, social, and spiritual life that comprise the Mount Aloysius experience.

“The Catholic Colleges of Distinction 2016 is an excellent resource for students and

their parents to use as they look for the best value in a college education,” said Foley. “This guide offers an objective look at the campus life here. It is a succinct, informational synopsis of Catholic schools nationwide.” President Foley noted that the Mount Aloysius College compact of graduating students who are Job-ready, technology-ready and community-ready, together with the College’s ability to keep tuition low offers exceptional value for the educational dollar.

Catholic Colleges of Distinction, like Mount Aloysius, were subject to a rigorous research process. This included an in-person campus review, interviews with a cross-section of the campus community, school

records research, discussions with admissions directors and more. This research focused on four distinctions — Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community and Successful Outcomes. It also highlights education practices such as internships, global learning, capstone courses and more.

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**Sister Marie Chabanel Erzal  
R.S.M.**

Sister Marie Chabanel Erzal, a member of the Mid - Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy, died Sunday, April 3, in Wilmington, NC. She was 80.

The former Shirley Erzal was born August 2, 1935 in Portage, the daughter of the late Rudolph and Dorothy Erzal.

Sister Marie Chabanel graduated from Mount Aloysius College, Cresson; Misericordia University, Dallas; and received her degree in pharmacy from Saint Louis College of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences.

Sister Chabanel entered the Sisters of Mercy at Dallas on September 8, 1955, and professed her vows on August 16, 1958. Sister Chabanel ministered as a pharmacist at Mercy Hospital, Johnstown, and Mercy Hospital, Scranton. Following her departure from traditional health care, she joined Project Remain, an inner - city ministry in Wilkes-Barre, where she counseled residents on medication usage and side effects. More recently, she continued her pharmacy counseling at Fino's Drugstore in Dallas, where she developed a special affection for the people of the Back Mountain.

Sister Chabanel was preceded in death by her sisters, Ruth H. Urish, Mary Catherine Erzal and Jean Smalley, and her brothers, William R., Paul R. and Robert J. She was also

predeceased by her nieces, Connie Bullock, Becky Smalley and Stacy Erzal.

Sister Chabanel is survived by her sister, Rosemarie (Mike) Kuchera, Lady Lake FL; many nieces and nephews; her dear friend, Dr. Judith Patterson, with whom she resided in Leland NC and her Sisters of Mercy.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Marie Chabanel Erzal R.S.M. was celebrated Friday, April 22 in Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mercy Center, Dallas. Committal was at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial contributions in Sister Chabanel's name may be made to the Sisters of Mercy at Mercy Center, P.O. Box 370, Dallas, PA 18612, or to "Anna's Purse" (an emergency fund for the poor) at the Sisters of Mercy, Mid-Atlantic Community, 301 Lake St., Dallas, PA 18612.

**Andrea K. Crum**

Andrea K. Crum, 62, of Johnstown, died Wednesday, April 6, at Memorial Medical Center, Johnstown.

She was born October 18, 1953, in Johnstown, the daughter of the late Andrew M. and Kathryn (Sadel) Kurdziel.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel C. Crum; son, Andrew Saverling married to the former Erica Davis, Irwin; step - daughters: Jacqueline Crum, Windber; and Jennifer Crum and her fiancé, Matt Gallatin, York; grandchildren: AJ, Ian, Emma and Cassidy Saverling; step - grandchildren: Jadyne, Johnathan and Sophia Crum; brother, Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, parochial vicar at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona; and sister, Marcia Podlesky. Also survived by her best friends, Pat and Tom Sukenik.

A funeral service for Andrea K. Crum was held Monday, April 11 at the Francis G. Ozog Funeral Home, Johnstown, with Father Dennis Kurdziel presiding. Committal was at Grandview Cemetery, Johnstown.

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**



**Sister M. Lorraine Beckes  
O.P.**

Sister Mary Lorraine Beckes, of the Dominican Sisters of Hope, Ossining, New York, died Friday, April 8, in the Saint Catherine Healthcare Facility, Caldwell NJ. She was 97.

The daughter of the late Gregor Luke and Apollonia (Pitonyak) Beckes, she was born June 14, 1918 in Bitumen, and was a member of Immaculate Conception Parish.

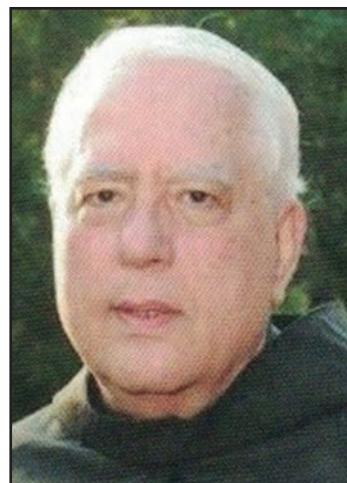
Sister Mary Lorraine entered the novitiate of the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh, New York on September 8, 1942, made her First Profession June 18, 1944, and Final Profession August 21, 1949. Sister Mary Lorraine earned her bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education and her master's degree in Elementary Education, also from Villanova University.

Sister Mary Lorraine taught elementary school children in New Jersey and in New York. After leaving full time teaching, she continued as a teachers' assistant until her retirement in July of 2009 to Saint Catherine of Siena Convent in Caldwell NJ.

Sister Lorraine is survived by her sister Julia DePiano, and her nephews Eugene, George, and John Beckes, and Francis and Joseph DePiano.

She was preceded in death by brothers John and Joseph Beckes and her sisters Margaret Beckes and Mary Hope.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Lorraine Beckes O.P. was celebrated Tuesday, April 12 in the chapel of Saint Catherine of Siena Convent, Caldwell NJ.



**Father Cyprian J. Mercieca  
T.O.R.**

Father Cyprian J. Mercieca, 81, a Third Order Regular Franciscan Friar of the Immaculate Conception Province, died Monday, April 18, at Saint Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg.

He was born in New York City on December 15, 1934, the son of the late Phillip and Violet (Zarb) Mercieca. He is survived by his Franciscan Community; his brother, Phillip Mercieca of East Hampton NY.; and by nieces and nephews. Father Cyprian was preceded in death by his sister, Mary.

Father Cyprian entered the Franciscans of the Third Order Regular in Hollidaysburg on September 8, 1952, and professed his vows of poverty, chastity and obedience on July 16, 1954. He continued his studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington DC., and received his bachelor of arts degree in philosophy in 1957, and was ordained to the priesthood at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on June 3, 1961.

For one year, he was an instructor at the Franciscan Preparatory Seminary in Hollidaysburg. From 1963 to 1968, he was a missionary in Paraguay, South America. Upon his return, he was an assistant pastor at Saint Patrick Parish in Inver Grove Heights MN in 1968 and then was named pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in South Saint Paul MN. Father Cyprian then returned to Paraguay for an additional four years.

Returning to the United States, he served in pastoral

ministry in West Virginia from 1974 to 1979. He was then appointed the novice director at the Franciscan Formation House in Hloksz, South Africa. In 1983, Father served as pastor of the Church of the Annunciation in Fort Ashby and its mission church of Saint Anthony in Ridgely WV. In 1986, he worked in Hispanic ministry and was appointed pastor, econome and local minister at Saint Paul Church in Wilmington DE. He then served as pastor of Saint Peter Parish in Delano MN, before returning to Paraguay from 1988 to 1991. Returning to the United States, Father Cyprian did Hispanic ministry at Saint Matthew Cathedral in Washington DC, in 1991.

He returned to South Africa as formation director from 1991 to 1998. In 1998, Father became the pastor of Saint Bridget Church in Minneapolis MN, and was then transferred to West Virginia, where he became the pastor of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in Berkeley Springs in 2002. Father Cyprian retired to Saint Joseph Friary in Hollidaysburg in June 2008. In March 2009, responding to the need of a Spanish speaking priest, he accepted a position at Saint Joseph Parish in Fort Worth TX.

The Funeral Mass for Father Cyprian J. Mercieca T.O.R. was celebrated Saturday, April 23 in the chapel of Saint Bernardine Monastery. Committal was in the monastery cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Franciscan Friars T.O.R. Retirement Fund, P.O. Box 139, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.



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## ‘Jungle Book’ Is Lively, Lavish Family Fare

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** -- Forest, fauna and beast never looked as good as they do in “The Jungle Book” (Disney), a lavish retelling of the 1894 collection of stories by British author Rudyard Kipling.

What makes this “live-action” 3-D adaptation particularly compelling is that, apart from the “man-cub” Mowgli (Neel Sethi), everything on screen, from the breathtaking jungle landscapes to the meticulously detailed creatures great and small, was created on a computer. A cheeky line at the end of the credits, “Filmed in Downtown Los Angeles,” attests to this surprising fact.

Hence, this “Jungle Book” has much in common with an-

other in-house creation, Disney’s beloved 1967 animated take on the tales. In fact, director Jon Favreau (“Chef”) and screenwriter Justin Marks pay homage to that movie with moments of humor and by incorporating its toe-tapping tunes, “The Bare Necessities” and “I Wanna Be Like You.”

A few scary sequences aside (the jungle is a dangerous place, after all), this version makes delightful, good-natured, heartfelt entertainment for the entire family.

Kipling’s basic plot endures: Mowgli, orphaned as a baby, is discovered by a kindly panther, Bagheera (voice of Ben Kingsley). He brings this child to a pack of wolves which raises him as one of their own, instilling a strict moral code and respect for family and other critters. Fortunately for Mowgli



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**THE JUNGLE BOOK:** Neel Sethi stars in a scene from the movie “The Jungle Book.” The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

-- and the audience -- all of the anthropomorphic animals speak perfect English.

But danger lurks in the guise of Shere Khan (voice of Idris Elba), a menacing tiger who threatens the peaceable kingdom. Man is a threat, he warns, especially the “red flower” he commands -- fire.

Shere Khan demands that the wolves surrender Mowgli, now 10 years old, to him for killing. “How many lives is a man-cub worth?” he challenges.

Mowgli decides to leave home to protect his wolf family and, with Bagheera’s help,

makes his way toward the distant “man village.” An accident separates the duo, and Mowgli is swept deep into the jungle, where he is threatened by Kaa (voice of Scarlett Johansson), a seductive python.

All hope seems lost until Mowgli encounters a happy-go-lucky bear named Baloo (voice of Bill Murray). An unlikely friendship strikes up, which will serve Mowgli well in a showdown with Shere Khan and another would-be despot, King Louie (voice of Christopher Walken), boss of all primates.

“The Jungle Book” barrels to an action-packed conclusion that may frighten the youngest moviegoers. But ultimately it’s all good escapist fun.

Besides possible scares,

parents also may want to take note of a passing reference to a non-biblical creation story. This myth could serve as the opportunity to discuss, in an age-appropriate way, the Christian understanding of life’s origins.

Amid the “storm and drang” generated by most Hollywood blockbusters, “The Jungle Book” presents a welcome opportunity, as Baloo croons, to “forget about your worries and your strife.”

The film contains a few scenes of peril. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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**May 8** - - On this Mother’s Day, Mary Gebhardt, a member of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville, talks about the joys of being a mother and grandmother.

**May 15** - - Jim Yeager and Dotty Caminiti explain how the SVDP/Monastery Community Gardens are helping to feed the hungry in the community.

## May They Rest In Peace



**Father Carlo Napoli  
T.O.R.**

Father Carlo Napoli, 87, of the Third Order Regular Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, died Wednesday, April 20 at Saint Francis Friary at Mount Assisi, Loretto.

Robert Orlando Napoli was born on November 13, 1929 in Vandergrift, the son of the late Salvatore

and Rosina (Pansa) Napoli. He attended Vandergrift Grade School, Sharpsburg Grade School, and Saint Mary's High School, Sharpsburg. He graduated from Saint Fidelis Seminary in Herman, and entered the Franciscan Third Order Regular Franciscan community at Mount Assisi Friary, Loretto on September 1, 1950.

On July 2, 1951 he entered Sacred Heart Novitiate, Washington, DC and pronounced his temporary vows on July 3, 1952. He pronounced his solemn vows on July 3, 1955 at Mount Assisi Friary.

Father Carlo was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Howard J. Carroll, of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona on May 24, 1958. He received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Saint Francis University in May, 1956, and did theological studies at Saint Francis Seminary from 1954 to 1958.

Father Carlo did graduate studies at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville OH, Villanova University, Villanova and Notre Dame University, South Bend IN.

Father Carlo served in many of the ministries of the Province. He taught in high schools; he was parochial vicar in several parishes and was chaplain in several hospitals. Although Father Carlo found great joy in all of his apostolic assignments, the one that remained closest to his heart was his service as a missionary. He ministered to the people of Brazil for 30 years.

In March of 2015, Father Carlo was assigned to Saint Francis Friary at Mount Assisi, and spent his time in the ministry of prayer.

Father Carlo is survived by a niece and nephews and his Franciscan brothers. He was preceded in death by brothers: August and Frank, and a sister Ann Spagnola.

The Funeral Mass for Father Carlo Napoli T.O.R. was celebrated Monday, April 25 in the chapel of Saint Francis Friary at Mount Assisi, with Father Richard L. Davis, minister provincial as principal celebrant. Committal was in the Franciscan Friars Cemetery on the campus of Saint Francis University, Loretto.

Memorial contributions may be made to support retired Friars in care of T.O.R. Retirement Fund, Saint Francis Friary, P.O. Box 137, Loretto, PA 15940.

## In The Alleghenies

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### Prayer

### Kolbe Relics In Johnstown

**Johnstown:** To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the martyrdom of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan who died in the World War II concentration camp in Auschwitz, Poland, the Franciscan Friars Conventual of the Our Lady of the Angels



**SAINT ANDREW:** Celebrating Confirmation at Saint Andrew Parish, Johnstown, were (left to right) First row: Michael Weinzierl, Mary Constantino, Meghan Carbaugh, Kaylee Moyer, Amanda Rhine, Lauren McIntosh, Trent Simko. Second row: Maureen Clark (director of religious education) Juliana Gindlesperger, Father Angelo Patti (pastor), Deacon Herman Lux, Tracy Yoder and Bill Blum (catechists).

**The Catholic Register will be accepting First Holy Communion, Confirmation, May Crowning and Graduation photos for publication, until Friday, July 15. All photos submitted prior to July 15 will be published; no exceptions to the deadline will be made. Photos may be submitted to [tstein@dioceseaj.org](mailto:tstein@dioceseaj.org) or [btomaselli@dioceseaj.org](mailto:btomaselli@dioceseaj.org)**

Province, Ellicott City MD are sponsoring apilgrimage of Saint Maximilian's relics.

The relics will be venerated at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 120 Barron Avenue, May 13 - 15. Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka is pastor.

Crafted from bronze and silver and presenting different symbols from his life, the beautiful reliquary houses strands from Maximilian's beard. The visit will include a liturgy, opportunities for veneration, and materials for further prayer and study.

In his lifetime Saint Maximilian established the Militia Immaculata (MI), an evangelization movement identifying with Mary, the Immaculate, founded "Cities of the Immaculate" in Poland and Japan, and published countless religious works, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 230,000, and a monthly magazine with a circulation of over one million. Arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and transferred to Auschwitz,

Father Kolbe volunteered to take the place of an innocent husband and father who was scheduled to be killed by the Nazis. Still alive after two weeks of starvation, Father Kolbe was injected with a lethal dose of phenol on August 14, 1941.

Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian as a "Martyr of Charity" and "Patron Saint of our difficult century" in 1982. Saint Maximilian Kolbe is the patron saint of prisoners, journalists, families, the pro-life movement, and the chemically addicted.

### Schools

### Musical

**Johnstown:** The Cathedral Catholic Academy Drama Club will present the musical, "The Wizard of Oz," at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 at Bishop McCort Catholic High School.

This is the 10th annual and final CCA musical performance.

Ticket prices are adults: \$6.00 and students grade 1 - 12: \$4.00. Children kindergarten and under are free. Tickets are available at the door.

For more information, call (814) 255 - 1964.

### Reunion

**Altoona:** As part of the 125th anniversary of Saint Mark Parish, a Special School Reunion Mass will be held Saturday, June 18, at 4:30 p.m.

Alumni and former teachers are invited to attend the Mass which will be followed by a light reception in the church hall. If you plan to attend and would like to bring photos and mementos (please mark appropriately), you may do so.

To make a reservation, or for further information, please call: Sally Hancock, (814) 932 - 5188; Michele Kennedy, 944-0276; or Janice Manning, 934-8797.

Reservations must be made by Sunday, June 12.

# Ten Will Receive Prince Gallitzin Cross Award June 4

By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein

Ten persons have been named recipients of the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award.

They will receive their award from Bishop Mark L. Barchak at a Saturday, June 4 dinner at the Calvin House in Duncansville.

Those receiving the award are: Mary Burgoon, Paula J. Clemens, Clement P. Durachko, William Lingle, Viola T. Najjar, Stanko P. Popich, Andrew and Katharine Solomon, and Steven and Christine Stoner.

The ten awardees are being honored for a ministry or service that has contributed to the growth of the Diocesan Church of Altoona - Johnstown, as judged on the basis of the Gospel of Jesus, the evangelizing spirit of the Servant of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin, the teachings of the Church, and the guidance of the Holy See and the local Church as given through various decrees and letters.

In a special way, the award honors those who have kept alive the memory of the Prince - Priest, Father Gallitzin.

**Mary Burgoon** is a member of Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg. Pastor Father Anthony Legarski said "Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin endeavored to bring Christ to whomever he was able, bring others to Christ who needed to encounter Him, see the person of Christ in other

human beings, and plant seeds of the faith so that they would grow. Mary Burgoon has lived her nearly 90 years of life doing precisely these very same things in the time and culture in which she lives."

A member of Saint Mary Parish for 50 years, Burgoon has been a religious education teacher to special needs high school students, a founding member of the Cursillo apostolate, an active participant in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults formation process, and is an associate member of the Sisters of Mercy. She has been active in prison ministry, has been a board member of the Altoona Food Bank, is a past president of the Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona, has volunteered at Garvey Manor and with Meals and Wheels, and with her late husband, Francis, was a foster parent for Catholic Charities. "Her apostolic zeal and altruistic nature gave Mary the motivation to teach out to others whom she did not know personally, but allowed her to make a difference in the lives of others," said Father Legarski.

**Paula Clemens** is a member of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Altoona, where she serves as the director of funeral dinners.

Monsignor Robert Mazur, rector, in nominating Clemens, said "Through her stewardship of time and talent, Paula is present with compassion and service in the name of the Lord. As a li-



turgical minister, when laundering the Mass linens, as director of the Cathedral's funeral luncheon ministry, and when present in the parish office, Paula exemplifies the evangelizing spirit of Prince Demetrius Gallitzin. Paula touches many lives in the name of Jesus Christ as she lives out her baptismal call to build up God's kingdom in our midst." Monsignor Mazur concluded "She is kind, smiling and generous with her time in every situation here at the Cathedral Parish. I believe she truly exemplifies the virtues of Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin."

**Clement P. Durachko** is a lifelong member of Queen of Archangels Parish (formerly Saint Michael Parish) in Clarence, and according to Father Mark Reid, pastor, "is an invaluable asset to the parish," in his ministry as sacristan, altar server, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and lector. He also gives generously of his professional skills as a plumber to make needed repairs in the rectory and church building.

"Clem is a Catholic gentleman," said Father Reid, "always willing to serve the Church and the priest in any way that he is called upon to do so. I cannot recommend Clement Durachko highly enough for the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award. He, in my estimation, exemplifies everything that it stands for."

**William Lingle** is an active member of Holy Spirit Parish, Lock Haven. He has been the

chairman of the Finance Council for over five years, a member of the Lock Haven Catholic School Finance Council, co - chairman of the expansion committee for Lock Haven Catholic School, and serves as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

Lingle was a member of the committee that worked to merge Saint Agnes Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish to form Holy Spirit Parish. According to Father Joseph Orr, pastor, "Bill models for others what it means to be an active member of a parish. He spends countless hours volunteering at both Holy Spirit Parish and Lock Haven Catholic School. Through his committee work and getting into the trenches to solve problems, he is helping to keep the Catholic faith alive in our community. If there is a need at either place, he is always just a phone call away. When there is a need, he is there to lend a helping hand. He has a giving soul, not only with his talents, but with financial support (often done anonymously) as well. Every year he makes sure that the needy of our community have warm coats to wear and food for their holiday meals. He is an inspiration to our community with his faith and good deeds."

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