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Bishop Reminds Young People To Stay Close To Jesus

Photos And Text
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

The wrong kind of peer pressure can lead us down a path of self - destruction and guilt.

“I hope that you pursue your passions,” Bishop Mark L. Bartchak told young people gathered at the annual Mass for Young People Going to College, Military, or Work,

“And, I hope,” he continued, “you defy society’s expectations, especially all the superficial expectations.” The Mass was held on Sunday, August 7, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto.

Concelebrating the Mass with Bishop Mark was Father John D. Byrnes, rector of the adjacent Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel; and Monsignor Michael A. Becker, coordinator of Campus Ministry for the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese.

During his homily, Bishop Mark reflected on the Gospel reading when Jesus said to his disciples, “Your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom,” which means He wants to give you more than you or society expects.

“I hope,” reminded Bishop Mark, “you heard the words of Jesus, who said to His disciples: ‘Where your treasure is, that is where your heart will be;’ like a teacher who teaches his students



PRAYERFUL GIFT: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak presents a prayerful gift - - a one decade rosary - - to a young man attending the annual Mass for Young People Going To College, Military or Work. The Mass was celebrated Sunday, August 7 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto.

to discover their capabilities and teaches them to believe in themselves.”

Bishop Mark said that true happiness lies in the things of the heart. Just so we are clear, he said, it is about pursuing your passion; and it is about defying society’s superficial expectations.

A new phase in your lives will begin for many young peo-

ple, he added. It can be awesome in so many ways. “But, I’d like to throw in some advice of my own. You can’t just leave behind everything you have learned at home, at school, and at Church.”

The Bishop reminded the young adults of their human dignity and that we are all made in the image and likeness of God. We have a responsibility to take care of our mind, body, and soul.

“There is something else that goes along with eating and sleeping well. Stay away from sex, drugs, drinking, and smoking,” he instructed.

Bishop Mark said he has heard many real stories from young people who came to see him who were so messed up, stressed out, or so unhappy after getting high or drunk at some party and being used for some-

one else’s sexual gratification or using someone else for sexual gratification.

“I’m not talking about it being wrong just because that’s what God tells us. I’m talking about that kind of self - indulgence that will demolish your awesome human dignity or the dignity of someone else.”

The Bishop’s message included these reminders:

- - Don’t forget your purpose for being in college. You are in search of job skills, information etc., but you are also in pursuit of knowledge and truth;

- - Study so you can learn; and learn to grow in the awareness of who you really are and what you can and should be in our world.

“Do not leave your Catholic faith at home,” advised Bishop Mark. “The more you put your faith into action, the more real your relationship with Christ will become; and He will show you how to follow your passion and defy the superficial expectations of this world.”

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Community

High Schools

Assist Family Kitchen

Johnstown: The Saint Vincent DePaul Society's (SVDP) Family Kitchen will hold its annual Duck Race/Chicken BBQ Dinner Sunday September 11.

The event will be held at the SVDP Thrift Store on Central Ave. across from Johnstown High School. Dinners will be served from 11:00 a.m., and the Duck Race will begin at 2:00 p.m. Baked goods and other foods will be available for purchase.

The SVDP Family Kitchen at 231 Bedford St. serves an average of 150 meals per day to anyone in need without charge. Last year nearly 40,000 meals were served.

For more information or to purchase tickets call 539-7811.

Congressional Intern

Boalsburg: At age 20, Jonathan Hayes, a Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy graduate, spent his summer exploring his interest in possibly working in politics one day. Through an internship in Washington D.C., and a trip to the Republican National Convention, he gained real - life experiences in the political arena.

Jonathan was chosen for a 10 - week internship that ran from May 29 to August 6 with Congressman Tom Marino (PA-10) in his D.C. office, located directly across from the U.S. Capitol Building. This summer, Jonathan also attended the Republican National Convention as an alternate delegate.

Jonathan is currently a rising junior at the University of Richmond in Virginia. In his sophomore year, he received



SPIRIT OF PENANCE AWARD: Saint Francis University, Loretto, has presented the 2016 Saint Francis of Assisi Spiritus Paenitentiae (Spirit of Penance) Award to Project HOME, a Philadelphia non - profit organization empowering individuals to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness through affordable housing, employment, health care, and education. Sister of Mercy Mary Scullion, President and Executive Director of Project HOME, accepted the award on behalf of her organization at an awards ceremony in Philadelphia in June. The Spiritus Paenitentiae (Spirit of Penance) Award recognizes individuals or organizations whose acts of love, charity, and care of all creation exemplify the Peace Prayer of St. Francis. The award is made possible through The Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology, established by Saint Francis University alumnus Lou DiCerbo, CLU, ChFC, of Manhasset, NY. DiCerbo is a member of the General Agents and Managers Association (GAMA) International Management Hall of Fame and a Distinguished Alumnus of Saint Francis University. Pictured (left to right) are Pat and Lou DiCerbo (Class of 1959), endowment founders; Sister Mary Scullion, Project HOME; and Saint Francis University President Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Malachi Van Tassell.

the University's Metcalf Prize, which recognizes "men of character, leadership, and scholarship from the Sophomore Class." From a potential pool of 382 male sophomores, he was one of five selected as the best in his class. Jonathan says he was humbled to receive the award and gives credit to his alma mater, Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy.

"I can't help but note that several of the characteristics (scholarship and leadership) I was awarded for are shared with the pillars at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy," he noted. "Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy was the first to instill them in me, and it goes to show that these values are carried with me long after high school graduation."

While Jonathan's internship involved what he calls "standard duties," such as answer-

ing phone calls and replying to emails, he was determined to make the most of his experience. To do this, he actively pursued additional responsibilities and went out of his way to personally meet with politicians who inspire him.

"I researched and composed memos to the Congressman's legislative aides in the office on a deluge of issues, from democracy in Sri Lanka to what constitutes as an impeachable offense under the Constitution," said Jonathan. "Each issue I researched was timely to either an upcoming bill or an upcoming congressional hearing."

In July, Jonathan also attended the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, as an alternate delegate. Each Congressional District in Pennsylvania receives three delegates and three alternate delegates. In the alternate delegate race, Jona-

than carried every county in his district (the 10th), and came in first place with 55.2% of the vote, or 51,495 votes.

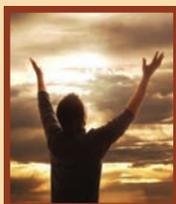
"At 20 years old, I became the youngest member in the entire Pennsylvania delegation at the Convention, and among the youngest in the entire Convention," said Jonathan. "The Convention was dramatic and amazing - - I was even interviewed by Stephen Colbert and the clip was broadcast on his show that week!"

Jonathan became interested in politics during the 2008 election when he watched history in the making. Today, he says it is his vocation.

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Heart of Faith

St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville

Wednesdays: 6:30-8:30 PM

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St. Patrick School Building, Johnstown

Wednesdays: 6:30-8:30 PM

September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26

Old Testament

St. Rose of Lima, Altoona

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:30 PM

November 8, 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13, 20; January 3

St. Patrick School Building, Johnstown

Thursdays: 6:30-8:30 PM

October 27; November 3, 10, 17; December 1, 15, 22; January 5

New Testament

St. Joseph Friary, Hollidaysburg

Thursdays: 6:30-8:30 PM

September 1, 8, 15, 22; October 6, 13, 20 27

St. Patrick School Building, Johnstown

Thursdays: 8:30-9:00 PM (6 weeks)

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6

Course descriptions, tuition fees and registration forms can be found online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or by calling Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or email mheinze@dioceseaj.org. *All are welcome!*

In The Alleghenies



LUDDY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: (Left to right) Alyssa Luther, Deacon Jonathan Dickson, and Lynn Haller were awarded the The Monsignor Joseph M. Luddy Scholarships at a luncheon hosted by UPMC Altoona Thursday, July 28, 2016. Luther, a 2016 graduate of Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will be attending the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh this fall. Deacon Dickson is entering his fourth year at Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, and Haller is continuing her studies in the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh Johnstown. The scholarships are a memorial to Monsignor Luddy, who was the Director of Catholic Charities, chaplain at Garvey Manor and a dedicated servant to the entire community. He died suddenly in August 1984. Friends and colleagues created the Scholarship Fund which has distributed more than \$112,000.00 since its inception.

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"We each have a vocation -- a calling -- in our own lives, and for me, it is politics," he said. "Granted, it can be extremely challenging, even depressing at times, but I share George Washington's sentiments on what politics should aim to achieve: 'to see the whole world in peace, and the inhabitants of it as one band of brothers, striving who should contribute most to the happiness of mankind.'"

During his internship Jonathan went out of his way to meet as many people as possible. Two especially memorable meetings happened with Senator Marco Rubio and Representative John Lewis. After running into Representative Lewis in an elevator, Jonathan was able to arrange a

one-on-one meeting with the legendary civil rights activist.

"To see with my own two eyes the scars on his head, which remain a testament to the shocking violence inflicted upon Lewis and his fellow marchers, and to know that he is the last remaining living speaker from the March on Washington, where he was the youngest speaker at 23 years old, was deeply humbling, inspiring, and overwhelmingly profound," said Jonathan.

Now that his internship and the Convention are over, Jonathan can soon get back to his studies at the University of Richmond. As for his plans after college, Jonathan isn't 100% sure yet.

"I have aspirations like any other college student," he explains, "but I want to enter poli-

tics for the right reasons and I currently don't believe that my passions can wait another four years for grad school."

Jonathan's family has lived in McVeytown since 2007. He was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley in California.

Higher Education

Places Third

Loretto: The Saint Francis University Institute for Energy placed third in the statewide Energy Sprout Competition held July 28 at Penn State.

A sustainable energy design competition, Energy Sprout, looked to foster the development and deployment of innovative,



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Day Of Prayer For Human Rights And Equality

Monday, September 5, is a special Day of Prayer in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. The local Church will observe the intention for Human Rights and Equality. Please pray the following for all who seek just and rewarding work.

O God, full of mercy and compassion, many seek work to meet the needs of their families. Provide labor that offers just wages and dignity of life so that all may live comfortably in our day. We remember employers and employees. Fill all hearts with the fire of your love so that there is equality among all. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

community-scale, sustainable energy programs and projects in Pennsylvania. Saint Francis proposed the development of an interactive webtool that would allow Pennsylvanians to easily determine if their property is suitable for renewable energy.

With the third-place prize money (provided by the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund and the Sustainable Energy Fund), the Institute will develop the tool specific for Cambria, Somerset and other Southwest Pennsylvania counties.

More information about the Institute for Energy can be found at www.francis.edu/energy.

Scholarships Awarded

Bedford: Gabrielle Donatelli, Carly Lapinski and Emily Yanoshak have been named the winners of the Kayla Ann Nicodemus Memorial Scholarships, in recognition of their service as altar servers at Saint

Thomas the Apostle Parish. Each will receive \$1,269.83.

Donatelli, a graduate of Chestnut Ridge High School, is the daughter of Matthew and Lisa Donatelli of Schellsburg. She will attend the Coastal Carolina University and major in Marine Science.

Lapinski, a graduate of Chestnut Ridge High School, is the daughter of Denise and Mark Lapinski of Osterburg. She will attend the University of Pittsburgh and major in Neuroscience.

Yanoshak, a graduate of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona, is the daughter of Steve and Claire Yanoshak of Bedford. She will attend Penn State University and major in Biology/Neuroscience.

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Point Of View

Roman Senator Marcus Tullius Cicero wrote, "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

Why is a garden precious?

One reason is it produces life-sustaining food. It can also produce the life-enhancing spirit of beautiful flowers. Most mysterious and even more precious is its secretive powers of growth without which life wouldn't exist.

Among its other mind-boggling mysteries is watching old dormant seeds come to life when planted. It is as if within them there is a consciousness that knows when to go into action.

Ironically, the smaller a seed is, the more its powers of growth sometimes can be. And too, the way a garden's plant life complements our physical life with the nutrients we need is astonishing.



The Human Side

By Father Eugene Hemrick
A Garden's Mystique

Capitol Hill in Washington, where I live, is a vast botanical garden adorned with flowers whose shapes and shades of colors are breathtaking. During moments when things look dark, I make it a practice to walk among them and drink in their uplifting beauty. Better therapy doesn't exist!

Horticulturist and botanist Liberty Hyde Bailey wrote, "A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They

thrive because someone expended effort on them."

A reason people plant gardens is the labor and attention they require. But why is this so?

When our minds become jumbled, focusing on something outside of ourselves is an excellent way to regain composure. Ralph Waldo Emerson knew the power of composure well in stating, "Concentration is the secret of strength."

Poet Alfred Austin adds a poetical side to gardening in saying, "The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but the soul."

George Bernard Shaw takes us into the divine side of gardening in declaring, "The best place to find God is in a garden. You can dig for him there."

One more reason a garden is precious needs stating: It teaches trust. There have been times I planted with nothing coming up for weeks. The thought would arise, "Maybe the soil or seeds were bad," but as one seasoned gardener counseled, "Be patient, and most of all have faith."

Next time you garden or happen to see one, take a second peek; it contains inspiring lessons that are precious.

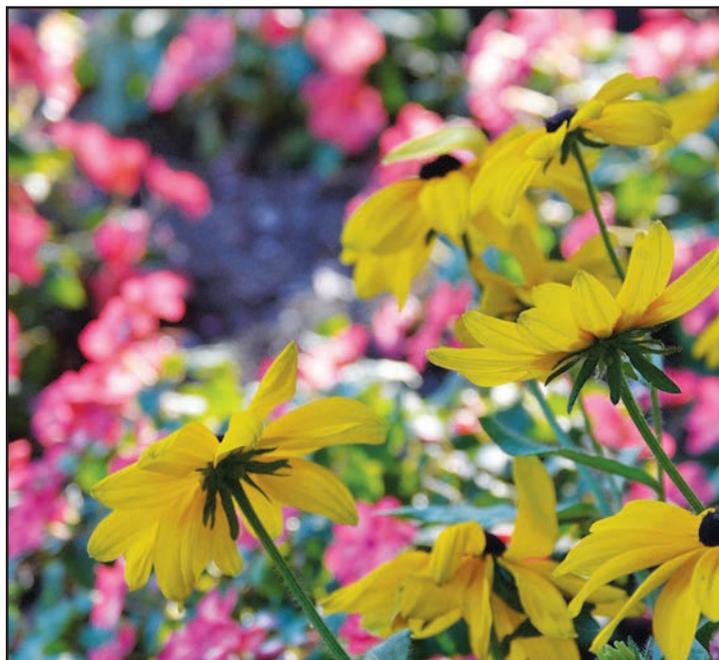


Photo By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
Mother Teresa

On Sunday, September 4, the Calendar of Saints will be enriched by the addition of a new name, that of Saint Teresa of Kolkata (the spelling preferred by the Indian government).

I strongly suspect that most of us will continue to refer to the new Saint by the name she is known best, "Mother Teresa of Calcutta" (even the Vatican stamp honoring her canonization uses the old spelling of the city name).

Mother Teresa had been ministering to the poorest of the poor in India for close to a quarter – of – a – century when the Western world first became aware of her, with the release of a 1971 television film "Something Beautiful For God," accompanied by a book of the same name by the British journalist Malcom Muggeridge. An agnostic for most of his life, Muggeridge was received into the Catholic Church in 1982, having been inspired by the life and work of Mother Teresa. Her ministry to the poorest of the poor had touched someone who was spiritually among the poorest, enriching him with a sense of his need for God and the things of God. But what Mother Teresa did for Muggeridge, she did for many: she opened the eyes of the world to the fact that all of us were created in the image and likeness of God, that God who is all good created us good, and that all of us are capable of doing something beautiful for God by serving the God that we find in one another.

Muggeridge's book was my first introduction to Mother Teresa. I received a copy of it the year it was published. My library has been culled many times in the past 45 years, and I am not sure if I still possess that book, but I remember the simple telling of Mother's story, and the beautifully expressive photos that accompanied the text. It all made a deep impression on me. I, too, wanted to do something beautiful for God. I wanted to serve Him and to serve His people. I was especially struck by Mother Teresa saying her religious name referred not to the "great" Saint Teresa of Avila, but to the "little" Teresa - - Saint Therese of Lisieux, the beloved Saint of the Little Way. Saint Therese and Mother Teresa showed me that the little things count, and that even the simplest, smallest action, done with love - - done from love - - can make a big difference in our world, and can bring consolation to the heart of God.

I will be among the thousands of people gathered in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican for Mother Teresa's canonization on September 4. I can remember reading accounts of the canonizations of Saint Therese and of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, and being impressed by the description of the beauty of those ceremonies, which were accounted as two of the most spectacular of the twentieth century. Canonization ceremonies today are much simpler than they were in the pre – Vatican II Church. And such simplicity is most appropriate for the canonization of Mother Teresa, a simple servant of God's people.

Mother Teresa is truly a Saint for our times. She ministered to all people, without distinction of creed or color, with no questions asked about their way of life or the circumstances that brought them to her door. She began her ministry at a time when India was torn asunder by ethnic and religious conflict. She lived and worked in time and a world not so very different from our own. She reminds us today that there are many kinds of poverty, needs without number, and people who are waiting for someone to reach out to them and acknowledge their God – given value and worth.

Our new Saint reminds us that all of us are capable of doing something beautiful for God, if we live our lives with love.



Help, Hope, Healing: Introducing PCAR And Victim Services

Help. Hope. Healing. Like you, PCAR wants children to feel safe, happy and loved. Like you, PCAR wants all people to live full lives without the fear of being harmed or harassed in their homes, offices or neighborhoods. And like you, PCAR wants to help heal men, women and children who have been abused. The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and the network of rape crisis centers work tirelessly to ensure that all victims and their family members receive the support services they need.

For more than 40 years, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) has worked to bring help, hope, and healing to all residents of Pennsylvania. It is PCAR's mission to eliminate all forms of sexual violence and advocate for the rights and needs of victims of sexual assault. Partnering with a network of 50 rape crisis centers, PCAR assures survivors have access to counseling and advocacy services in all 67 counties across the state. PCAR also works with communities to empower everyone to prevent and respond to sexual violence. PCAR knows a safer, healthier world is possible, and is committed to making it a reality.

Each year, approximately 30,000 men, women, and children receive support services from PCAR's network of rape crisis centers. Victims have a variety needs in the wake of an assault, from dealing with feelings to accompaniment to the hospital or court. Rape crisis centers provide free, confidential counseling and advocacy services

for children and adults of all genders. Services are also available for victims' families and significant others. Local rape crisis centers have 24-hour hotlines, available 7 days per week, for emergency and support services. PCAR also has a statewide, toll-free hotline number to route callers to their local rape crisis programs (1-888-772-7227).

Trained staff and volunteers are available at all local centers to accompany victims to medical facilities, police stations, and legal proceedings; they are able to advocate on behalf of the victim for their needs with human service, medical, and criminal justice systems. Centers also provide free short-term individual and group counseling. Counseling for children is available, including play therapy and trauma-informed therapy. Some centers may also serve other crime victims, like domestic violence.

Local rape crisis centers are actively involved in their communities, providing education about sexual violence and prevention programming in schools and for other community groups. Center staff also do trainings for allied professionals, organizations, civic groups, and clergy on topics like recognizing signs of abuse, and understanding and complying with mandated reporting laws. Rape crisis centers also serve as a valuable link to other community resources.

These direct services change lives, help survivors heal, and build stronger communities.

Support For Survivors

Support for survivors of sexual abuse is available throughout the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Survivors are encouraged to seek help through any of the following agencies.

Bedford County

Your Safe Haven Inc.

<http://www.yoursafehaven.org/>
(800) 555-5671

We are a comprehensive crime victims center and respond to victims of all crime whether it be through our office, the court system, the hospital, or police agency.

Blair County

Family Services Inc.

<https://www.familyservicesinc.net/>
(814) 944-3585

Crisis intervention and counseling, therapeutic counseling, legal and medical advocacy and accompaniment, information and referrals, safety planning, transportation, other supportive services.

Cambria/Somerset Counties

Victim Services Inc.

<http://victimservicesinc.org/>
(814)288-4961 and (800) 755-1983

24-Hour Hotline (1-800-755-1983) and Crisis Intervention; Counseling (Bachelors level, highly trained and experienced staff); Therapy (Master's level/licensed, highly trained and experienced staff, EMDR); Support Groups for Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Families of Homicide Victims, and others as requested/needed in the community; "Safe and Unsafe Touches" Individual Education Program for Children; Accompaniment to Medical, Police, and Justice System Proceedings; Court Preparation / Orientation to the Criminal Justice System; Assistance with Victims Compensation Claims; Victim Notification; Referrals to Other Resources; Prevention Education

Programs for schools/colleges; Professional Trainings on trauma, sexual abuse, victim-centered response, etc. (can be developed to meet your needs); Certified Mandated Reporter training (2 certified trainers on staff).

Centre County

Centre County Women's Resource Center, Inc.

<http://ccwrc.org/>
(814) 234-5050

Crisis counseling, 24 hour hotline, legal & medical advocacy, information and referral, civil legal representation, emergency shelter, transitional housing, primary prevention programs, safe custody exchange/supervised visitation, support groups.

Clinton County

Clinton County Women's Center

<http://www.ccwcsafe.org/>
(570) 748-9509

24 hour hotline service; Sexual Assault Protection Orders; advocacy and options counseling, support groups; medical advocacy; Prevention and outreach education; Safe shelter for victims of domestic violence, legal advocacy; PFA assistance; screening for TBI; referrals for community services; and children's advocacy.

Reporting Child Abuse

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

- PA Child Line 1 - 800- 932 - 0313 (intake is available 24/7)
- Pennsylvania Attorney General Hotline (888) 538 - 8541
- Pennsylvania State Police Headquarters (717) 783 - 5599 or your local Pennsylvania State Police Station
- Your local police department

If there is an indication of imminent danger, you should call 911 immediately.

The Diocese reports all information regarding sexual abuse of minors to law enforcement. You are urged to do the same. Anyone may and should report suspected child sexual abuse.

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

Franklin/Fulton Counties

Women In Need/Victim Services

<http://www.winservices.org/home.aspx>
(717) 264-4444

Direct services for dv/sa victims-ind. counseling, group counseling, legal advocacy including accompaniment, medical advocacy, hotline, prevention education, shelter, VCAP assistance, Sexual assault response team.

Huntingdon/Mifflin/Juniata Counties

The Abuse Network

<http://www.abusenetwork.org/>
(717) 242-2444

Trauma-informed Empowerment Counseling, Support Groups, 24-Hour Hotline Counseling, Legal Advocacy and Accompaniment, Medical Advocacy and Accompaniment, Prevention and Awareness Educational Programs, Services are Free and Confidential.

In The Alleghenies

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The Kayla Ann Nicodemus Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund was initiated by Kayla's grandparents, Joe and Ann Kaminski, and supported by generous gifts in memory of the Saint Francis University freshman who died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in the Fall of 2007, during her first semester at the Loretto school.

Kayla's goal in life was to help people in need; these annual scholarship awards make her

dream of helping people come true.

Solar 5K

Loretto: The Saint Francis University Science Outreach Center is hosting its annual Solar 5K run and walk on Saturday, September 17 around the campus mall in Loretto.

The Solar 5K is both a fun, family activity and a 5K challenge for serious runners, unifying health and natural sciences in one event. It includes a timed race, a solar viewing, awards,

prizes, brain-teasing games, hands-on activities for children and their parents, and lots of fun information about our home—the Solar System! The Solar 5K is open to the public and is great for all ages.

To create the course for the Solar 5K, the Science Outreach Center has scaled down the solar system to just five kilometers, making it much more manageable to reach the boundaries of the sun's domain. As runners and walkers make their way through the solar system, they will learn



Photo By Tony DeGol

NEW SEMINARIAN: Sean Gibson, a member of Saint Peter Parish in Somerset, has been accepted for priestly formation for the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. A graduate of Boston College, Gibson will attend Saint Mary Seminary in Baltimore this fall. He is one of six Diocesan seminarians this 2016-2017 academic year. Gibson is pictured with Father Matthew Reese, Director of Vocations for the Diocese.

Celebrating A New Saint

The Life of Mother Teresa



- 1910** Born Aug. 26 in Macedonia
- 1928** Makes first vows with Loreto Sisters in Dublin
- 1934** Named principal of girls school in Kolkata
- 1946** Receives inner call to serve the poor
- 1950** Establishes Missionaries of Charity
- 1952** Opens home for dying destitute in Kolkata
- 1965** Receives pontifical approval for her order
- 1971** Receives first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize
Establishes first U.S. foundation of her order
- 1979** Receives Nobel Peace Prize
- 1990** Resigns as head of order, but re-elected in unanimous vote
- 1997** Turns over leadership of order to Sister Nirmala
Dies in Kolkata Sept. 5
- 2003** Beatified by Pope John Paul II
- 2016** Elevated to sainthood

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Extensive coverage of the upcoming canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata can be found in this issue of **The Catholic Register**, beginning with Monsignor Timothy P. Stein's column on Page 4. Coverage continues with a roster of canonization - related events on Page 7; an interview with Father John D. Byrnes, who met the new Saint in 1991, on Pages 11 and 15; and a review of Mother Teresa's life, beginning on Page 16 and continuing on Pages 12 and 13.

The Catholic Register is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Italy in conjunction with the canonization of Mother Teresa. Sixteen local pilgrims will visit Pisa, Florence, Siena and Assisi, before arriving in Rome on Saturday, September 3, and participating in the canonization Mass in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican on Sunday, September 4. The pilgrims will depart from the Diocesan Administration Center in Hollidaysburg on Monday, August 29, and will return there Thursday, September 8. While in Rome they will attend Pope Francis' general audience on Wednesday, September 7.

Full coverage of the pilgrimage will follow in future editions of **The Catholic Register**.

how the Sun generates energy in its core and how we use it on Earth. They will encounter planets and their moons, cross the Asteroid and Kuiper belts, meet asteroids and comets, and learn some tips from health specialists on how to stay healthy throughout their lives.

To learn more or register, visit online at francis.edu/science-outreach-center/solar5k.

Parishes

Cathedral Tours

Altoona: Four tours of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered in September, the month the Cathedral was formally dedicated in 1931.

Guided, one - hour tours will be conducted Sunday, September 4 at 1:00 p.m.; Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, September 25 at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served following the tours.

To reserve a tour time, or for more information contact the Cathedral parish secretary, Sue Cronin at (814) 944 - 4603.

Prayer

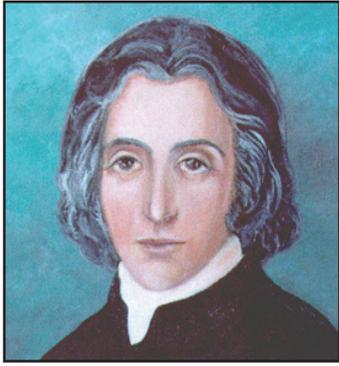
Carmelite Novena

Loretto: This year's eighth novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese, the Little Flower, conducted by the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, opens today, Monday, August 22, and will conclude Tuesday, August 30.

All intentions submitted to the Carmelite Nuns will be remembered during the special Novena prayers following day Mass at Carmel.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Therese is given every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and every First Friday of the month, in the public chapel at Carmel.

Those desiring to share in the graces and blessings of these nine days of prayer, and in the private prayers of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns during the Novena, are requested to send their petitions to Mother Prioress, Discalced Carmelite Monastery, P.O. Box 57, Loretto PA 15940.



A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

The Servant Of God
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Mercy, Poor At Center Of Mother Teresa's Canonization

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The poor, the suffering and those who minister to them will be at the center of celebrations leading up to the canonization of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata at the Vatican.

The main event -- the canonization Mass -- will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 4, the Vatican announced Aug. 5.

A "family feast" for the poor, a musical, Masses and prayer vigils will precede her canonization, according to programs published by the Vatican and by the Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded.

Known as the "saint of the gutters," Mother Teresa was revered for ministering to the sick and the dying in some of the world's poorest neighborhoods.

Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910 to an ethnic Albanian family in Skopje, in what is now part of Macedonia, Mother Teresa went to India as a Sister of Loreto in 1929. Receiving what she described as a "call within a call," she began her missionary work with the poor and laid the foundation for what would become the Missionaries of Charity.

Following her death in 1997, St. John Paul II waived the usual five-year waiting period and allowed the opening of the process to declare her sainthood. She was beatified in 2003.

The date of Mother Teresa's canonization will coincide with the conclusion of the Year of Mercy pilgrimage for workers and ministers engaged in works of mercy.

Here are the main events planned around the canonization of Mother Teresa:

-- Sept. 1, "feast for the poor and Missionaries of Charity family," including a musical based on Mother Teresa's life.

-- Masses Sept. 2 in various languages in Rome's Basilica of St. Anastasia al Palatino and veneration of her relics. In the evening, a prayer vigil with solemn eucharistic adoration will be held at Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran with Cardinal Agostino Vallini, the papal vicar of Rome, presiding.

-- Catechesis Sept. 3 by Pope Francis for the jubilee cel-

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.

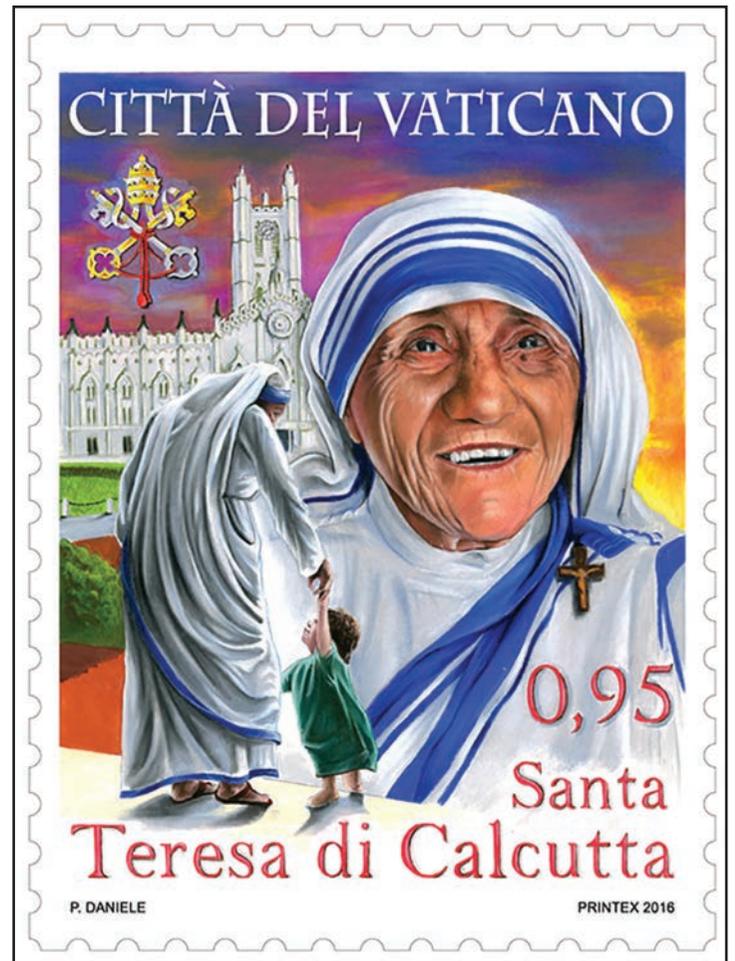
Confident of your faithfulness to us, we humbly ask you, our God, to grant us the favor of (name your intention).

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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STAMP: The Vatican will anticipate the canonization of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata with this special postage stamp, which will be released Sept. 2, two days before Pope Francis officially declares her a Saint. Her canonization will be marked by events focusing on reaching out to the poor through acts of mercy.

celebration of workers and volunteers for mercy. In the evening, a prayer and musical meditation will be held at Rome's Basilica of St. Andrea della Valle followed by veneration of Mother Teresa's relics and Mass.

-- Canonization Mass Sept. 4. Pilgrims will be able to venerate St. Teresa's relics in the evening at the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

-- Celebration Sept. 5 of a Mass of thanksgiving and the first feast of St. Teresa of Kolkata in St. Peter's Basilica with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, presiding. Pilgrims will be able to venerate the relics of St. Teresa at St. John Lateran in the evening.

-- Sept. 6, continuing veneration of the relics of St. Teresa at St. John Lateran.

-- Sept. 7-8, veneration of the relics of St. Teresa of Kolkata at Rome's Church of St. Gregory the Great, along with the possibility of visiting her room at the convent of St. Gregory.

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The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis
**Mercy Received
 Must Be Mercy Shared**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- God's mercy is infectious and must be shared with others, Pope Francis said.

Mercy is "a journey that departs from the heart to arrive at the hands," the pope said Aug. 10 at his weekly general audience.

In his main audience talk, Pope Francis focused on the Gospel story of Jesus raising from the dead the son of the widow of Nain, giving renewed hope not just to the woman and her son, but to all.

"The powerful word of Jesus can make us rise again and takes us, too, from death to life," the pope said. "His word revives us, gives hope, refreshes weary hearts and opens us to a vision of the world and of life that goes beyond suffering and death."

Pope Francis ended his main talk by insisting that "Jesus watches you, heals you with his mercy and says, 'Arise,' and your heart is new."

"And what do I do now with this new heart healed by Jesus?" he asked. "I do the works of mercy with my hands and I try to help, to heal the many who are in need. Mercy is a journey that departs from the heart and arrives at the hands, at the works of mercy."

Greeting Italian visitors at the end of the audience, the pope returned to his point about how the experience of mercy must lead Christians to concrete acts of mercy toward others.

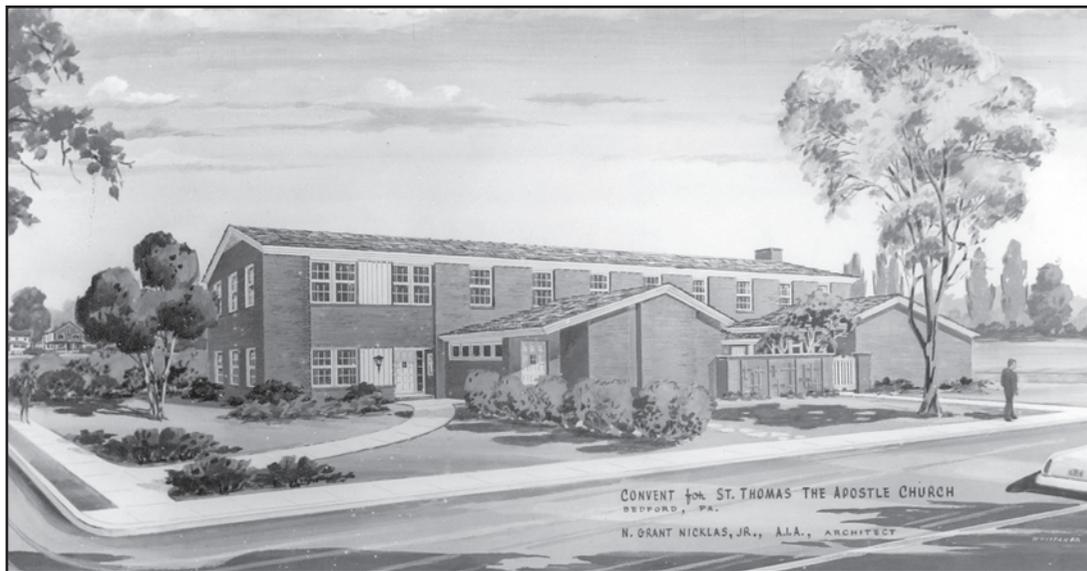
Recently, he said, a bishop told him that in his cathedral, there is not just one Holy Door designated for the Year of Mercy, but two.

One Holy Door is an entrance, the doorway people pass through to ask for God's forgiveness and receive it in the sacraments. The other door is an exit, "to go out and bring God's mercy to others with the works of mercy. This bishop is intelligent, isn't he?" the pope said.

"In our hearts we receive the mercy of Jesus, who gives us pardon because God forgives everything, everything," the pope said. "He raises us up. He gives us new life and he also infects us with his compassion. From our hearts forgiven and healed, and with the compassion of Jesus, the journey toward our hands begins, that it, toward the works of mercy."

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AUDIENCE: Pope Francis waves as he leads his general audience in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican Wednesday, August 10.



ONE MORE TIME: Fifty years ago, in the summer of 1966, *The Catholic Register* published this architect's sketch of the convent being constructed for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bedford. The convent marked the second phase of a parish construction project, following the completion of a parochial school and a parish hall.

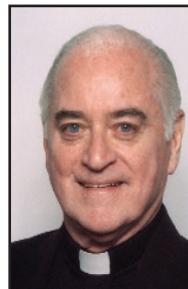
A woman confided to me that she was terribly afraid for her grandchildren to grow up in a world like ours. I conceded that the dangers are real, but I reminded her of the words of Jesus: "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (Jn 16:33).

Granted there is much to worry about, but we all have to try to keep calm and avoid becoming joyless Christians. Try to overcome your fears as best you can with sound information. For instance, it's important to understand that a monumental split exists between the vast majority of peace-loving Muslims and the radical militant minority.

People such as the late Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the former self-proclaimed "emir" of al-Qaida in Iraq, said, "Killing the infidels is our religion ... until they convert to Islam, or pay us tribute."

Good Muslims reject this kind of rhetoric as evil. The Quran states, "There is no compulsion in religion" (Surah 2, 256). Salam Al-Marayati, the executive director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council speaks of religious liberty as "an Islamic principle." Unjust jihadi attacks that have taken place in many places in the world are not a result of authentic Islamic theology.

In my home Diocese, in the



Spirituality For Today

By Father John Catoir
**The Fear Of Extremism
 And Violence**

city of Paterson, New Jersey, and in many other American cities, Muslim children are attending Catholic grammar schools. Their parents prefer sending them to Catholic schools rather than to the public schools, chiefly for reasons of safety. One would think that the abhorrence of any other religion would not allow such a thing.

Granted there are many concerns about the violence toward Christians in many Muslim countries, which we vigorously denounce. No one has the right to represent Allah or God as one who demands the slaughter of innocent people or commands their conversion.

In his address to the U.S. Congress, Pope Francis stated that "no religion is immune from forms of individual delusion or ideological extremism." He went on to say that special attention must be given to fundamentalism, religious or not.

Sayyid M. Sayeed, national director of the Islamic Society of North America's Office for

Interfaith and Community Alliances, writes that "all faiths are striving to promote those divine values enshrined in our sacred texts and Scriptures so that those who exploit them for reinforcing hate, extremism, violence and instability are identified as enemies of all faiths."

He refers to a "new millennium of alliance building for common values of mutual respect and recognition." The Second Vatican Council's document "Nostra Aetate" calls for dialogue and collaboration with other religions, and recognizes the church's "esteem" for Muslims.

I am hopeful that children will one day soon live in a peaceful world. I don't know when, but this current wave of madness will gradually ease down. The fact that a small minority of radical Muslims have tried to hijack the religion of Islam to promote their own agenda should not make us cower in fear. We will fight this evil every step of the way and peace will prevail.



Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Am I Free To Marry?

Q. I was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church. When I was younger, I served as an altar boy for several years. About 12 years ago, I got married in a Methodist church. I never had the marriage “convalidated” in the Catholic Church since my wife was against involving another member of the clergy.

Over the years, I found that my wife was actually an atheist; she would speak negatively about faith in general and especially about the Catholic Church. We have two children. Due to her infidelity and to her unwillingness to work on our marriage, we are now divorced.

I went to Catholic Masses throughout our marriage. My question is this: If I were to marry again, would I be able to get married in the Catholic Church? I have been living with a wonderful woman who shares my religious beliefs and was also confirmed in the Catholic faith. We attend Sunday Masses together. (Richmond, Virginia)

A. Since you evidently did not receive the Catholic Church’s permission to be married in an other-than-Catholic ceremony -- you could have, especially if your bride was Methodist and that was her parish -- and since you did not subsequently have the marriage blessed (“convalidated”) by a Catholic priest or deacon, your first marriage was not recognized by the Catholic Church.

You would be free to marry now in a Catholic ceremony.

What you would need to do is to meet with a priest and provide some information about that first marriage; the priest would then submit that paperwork to the diocese for what is generally called a “Declaration of Nullity Due to Lack of Canonical Form.” There is usually a fairly quick turnaround, requiring no more than a few weeks.

I do feel the need, though -- based on your question -- to make two further points. First, you say that you are now living with the woman you may marry.

I’m sure you know that this is in clear violation of Catholic moral teaching; the long-held and consistent view of the church (actually, of many religions) is that a couple should not be living together until there has been a lifelong commitment ratified by a civil and religious ceremony.

Also, the story of your first marriage highlights the need for a couple to take the time during courtship to examine each other’s deepest values; foremost among them, in my mind, are religious values since those affect greatly how a person will think and behave. Thus, the wisdom of pre-Cana programs, which can help prospective spouses do just that.

Q. What is the reason behind some sermons sounding like a scolding and some being so uplifting? Our new pastor is the complete opposite of our former priest, and I hate being scolded. I need instead to be given a positive message to carry me through my week. (City of origin withheld)

A. The reason is that a parish priest is father of a spiritual family. As with any family, people need occasionally to be chided, but mainly to be encouraged.

A case in point: A couple of weeks ago at a parish nearby, the celebrant reprimanded those who were leaving Mass early. (Before the dismissal rite -- in fact, while coming up the aisle after receiving Communion -- more than a dozen individuals were heading straight toward the doors.)

The celebrant remarked that such an early exit disrespects not only the Lord but those who are still trying to worship. His comment created a bit of a stir; some were surprised by its directness, but one woman was heard to remark, “It’s about time somebody said something.”

In my mind, it’s a question of balance. Once in a great while, you can do something like that. But for the most part -- as you mention -- worshippers need to know that God loves them and that, on the whole, they are pretty decent people.



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
The Need For Witnesses
Like Edith Stein

You cannot overstate how strange and perplexing this U.S. election season has been.

The call to fear and isolationism, the occasional drumbeat of nationalism approaching xenophobia depresses me. Have you heard the whispers of scapegoating of certain people?

I found it so consoling that in the midst of the campaign season, a Sunday Gospel reading in July yielded the parable of the good Samaritan.

Once again, Jesus makes his point when the two religious figures cross the road to avoid the injured man left for dead, while the outsider, the stranger, stops and helps him with great mercy and compassion.

I am struck that in this Scripture, Jesus does not emphasize that the wounded man is my neighbor. Instead, Jesus asks us which of the three travelers proved himself a neighbor to the fellow in the ditch.

This puts the onus on me. To whom do I prove myself a neighbor? And what streets have I crossed to avoid being a neighbor?

This summer, the world mourned the death of Elie Wiesel, whose life gave profound witness to the horrors of the Jewish Holocaust. Wiesel’s experiences in Auschwitz and Buchenwald were recounted in the profoundly moving memoir “Night,” which remains one of the transcendent testimonies from a survivor of the death camps.

On August 9, Catholics celebrated the feast of a woman who did not survive the camps but remains a witness no less. We honor the memory of Edith Stein, also known as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, born to devout Jewish parents in Germany in 1891.

A brilliant academic, Stein eventually left her family’s faith and embraced atheism. But a reading of the autobiography of the mystic St. Teresa of Avila brought Stein, in 1922, to Catholicism. She entered a Carmelite convent in 1933.

Germany was entering its darkest days. Stein realized that her presence in the German convent was threatening not just her own life but that of her Carmelite sisters. Under darkness of night, she slipped out of Germany and went to a Carmelite convent in the Netherlands.

But even there she wasn’t safe. Both she and her sister, also a convert to Catholicism, were sent to Auschwitz where she was killed in the gas chamber. Imagine, a cloistered nun threatening the authorities simply on the basis of her heritage. How does madness like this take over a government?

St. John Paul II called Stein “an outstanding daughter of Israel and, at the same time, a daughter of Carmel.”

Each day we see other witnesses to the Holocaust like Wiesel silenced by death.

Perhaps at no time in recent history have we needed those witnesses more. What causes a nation to turn on an entire group of people and scapegoat them as Germany did? Is it realistic to think it could never happen here?

This spring I was part of a group that welcomed a Syrian refugee family to our state. Well-vetted, these refugees approved by our Department of State are longing for a better life and safety for their children. It was a small gesture of welcoming and yet we were told to keep the arrival of Syrians quiet lest it provoke fear and outrage.

In this season of national challenge, we must seek out what Abraham Lincoln so eloquently called “the better angels of our nature.” Those angels are sorely needed right now.

We pray to Edith Stein to guide us in mercy. We pray to be like the Samaritan who did not hesitate to be a neighbor. We pray for our country.

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Victoria was born into a leading tribal family in Madagascar at a time when Christian missionaries had been expelled. After this persecution, she was among the first pupils at a mission school run by nuns. In 1863, she was baptized, but it was hard to be Catholic in her circle. Though she wanted to become a nun, she was married to the chief minister’s son, who drank heavily and was unfaithful. When a new persecution began, she encouraged her fellow Catholics, and helped the local church survive. She was beatified in 1989.



BLESSING: Young men and women preparing for college, military service or their first jobs, received Bishop Mark's blessing at the conclusion of the August 7 Mass.



Prayers, Blessing Offered For Young People Beginning College, Military Service Or Employment

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If you are looking for answers, he told the students, you can find it in the Word of God,

the Bible. Reading the Bible for just five minutes each day offers so much. With today's technology it's easy to find a Bible App. Don't forget the Sacra-

ments, especially the Sacrament of Penance, he cautioned, adding "It's an awesome gift."

"Prayer, the Word of God, the Sacraments. Don't leave

home without them," reminded Bishop Mark. "They are all about staying connected with the ultimate friend that all of us would ever want, Jesus Christ.

He is your friend, your Savior, your strength, your peace, and your hope. He is your way, your truth, and your life."

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Teens Sample Seminary Life

By Sean Gallagher
Catholic News Service

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)

-- The teenage boys from across the state of Indiana and beyond who participate in an annual vocations retreat and camping experience in Indianapolis get to pray, learn about the faith and themselves, and have fun in the process.

It's not unlike what daily life is like at the Indianapolis Archdiocese's Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary. And that's part of the purpose of what the school calls Bishop Brute Days -- to help young men get a taste of what life is like in the seminary. The event has been held there every year since 2005.

That's what Joseph Yoder, a member of St. Joseph Parish in Jennings County, experienced when he attended Bishop Brute Days this summer at the seminary.

"I've been considering the priesthood for a long time, really," said Joseph, who will be a home-schooled high school

junior in the fall. "And I wanted a deeper view of what seminary life is like. I've learned and seen a lot about what's going on here. I like it."

The camp drew a record number of participants this year at 55, bringing in teenage boys from as far north as South Bend and as far south as Louisville, Kentucky.

From within the archdiocese, the teens came from eight of the 11 deaneries and from 17 parishes.

The large group of teenagers participating this year was encouraging to Father Joseph Moriarty, who was the seminary's vice rector during Bishop Brute Days. He became rector July 6.

"It renews my hope in the fact that men are discerning and they're discerning from an early age, as I did when I served at Mass and sometimes reflected on what it would be like to be a priest," Father Moriarty told **The Criterion**, newspaper of the Indianapolis Archdiocese. "Whether they become priests or not, it's important to them to have God within their lives. To

me, that's an incredible witness, both of what their parents have done and what they're doing."

It was Ryan Rasmussen's first time at Bishop Brute Days. A member of St. Aloysius Parish in Pewee Valley, Kentucky, will be a junior in the fall at Immaculata Classical Academy in Louisville.

"It kind of helps you to know what it would be like to be in the seminary," Ryan said. "It's given me a little bit more of an open mind."

"I hope that what I'm learning here will help me in my life. What does God want me to do in this moment, and in all of the moments of my life?"

He and the other participants got the chance to ponder such questions during presentations on the faith, daily Mass, eucharistic adoration and a nighttime eucharistic procession on the seminary grounds, as well as in praying the rosary and having the chance to participate in the sacrament of penance.

They also had fun interacting with each other in a scavenger hunt, football, soccer and team dodgeball.

Father Byrnes' Ministry Influenced By Encounters With Soon - To - Be - Canonized Mother Teresa

Photo And Text
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

After a few knocks, the ancient doors to the Chapel at the Church of Saint Gregorio al Celio in Rome swung open.

Incredibly, seminarian John D. Byrnes, a native of Cresson, found himself face - to - face with Mother Teresa of Kolkata, a Nobel Peace Prize Winner, who many considered a living saint.

"I was surprised but not shocked," recalled Father Byrnes, now rector of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, and Judicial Vicar for the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese.

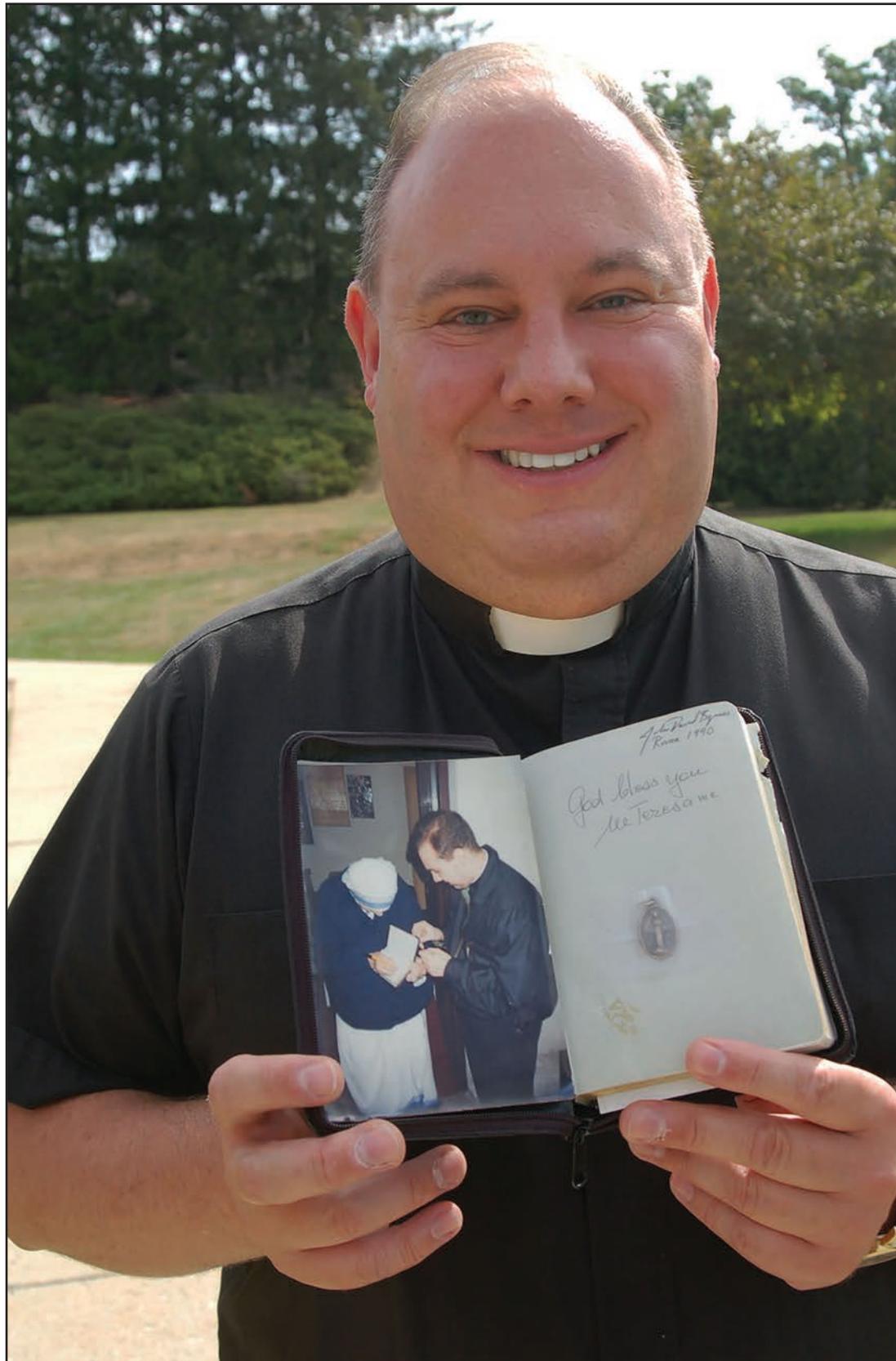
Pope Francis will declare Mother Teresa, Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, India, a saint at the Vatican on September 4. Mother Teresa died in 1997. Many regarded her a living saint as she ministered to the sick and dying in some of the poorest neighborhoods.

There she was, the soon - to - be - saint. Father Byrnes remembers it like it was yesterday. "She invited me inside," he recalls, "and then she asked me if I would help her to put down a rug for prayer." Unassuming she was. "Again, I was surprised, but when Mother Teresa was in community she was just like any of the sisters."

Following Mass, Father Byrnes found himself alone for a few minutes, with Mother Teresa and Martin Sheen, the famous Hollywood star. "He introduced himself to me," laughed Father Byrnes at the incredibility of it all.

He recalls the day, February 28, 1991, because it was the day the Gulf War in Kuwait and Iraq came to an end. He cherishes a Bible in which Mother Teresa inscribed, "God Bless You." She also presented him with a Miraculous Medal, which he carries taped to the inside of that Bible.

Father Byrnes met Mother



PRECIOUS SOUVENIRS: Father John D. Byrnes holds precious souvenirs of his meeting with Mother Teresa of Kolkata: his Bible, which she signed with a personal message; a Miraculous Medal affixed to the page, and a photo of him holding the Bible for her signature.

Teresa twice prior to that, but never on quite the personal basis as on that day in 1991.

It was the second time his path crossed that of a future saint.

After graduating from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus OH, Father Byrnes

went to Rome in 1990 to pursue a graduate degree in Sacred Theology at the Gregorian University. While resident at the Pontifical North American College, he completed that degree in 1992, and graduated in the Spring of 1994 with a licentiate, a graduate degree in Canon Law.

Saint John Paul II used Father Byrnes' personal Chalice at a Mass in the his private Chapel in 1993. The chalice was a gift to him from his mother and father. "What really impressed me was the willingness of the Holy Father to offer this gesture," said Father Byrnes in an interview in 2014.

"It was a Pope being kind. I felt it said a lot about his personal care toward a seminarians, and, yes, it showed me that the saints are real."

Father Byrnes recalls that Mother Teresa had a deep love for those in formation to the priesthood and religious life. The late 1980s to the mid - 1990s was a great time to be in formation in Rome with the influence and example of the two future saints, Mother Teresa and Saint John Paul II, said Father Byrnes.

In 1990, he experienced an exciting and educational summer, working at a mission in Saint Anselm Parish in Southall, London, England, known as "Little India", and the largest community of Punjab people.

The atmosphere was quite different in those years and people of all faiths, and in those years the cultures coexisted peacefully. At that time Saint Anselm was the only Roman Catholic Church in the area. There were five Anglican Churches, 10 Sikh Gurdwaras (places of worship), and three Muslim Mosques.

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A Life Of Love For The Poorest Of The Poor

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“To me, the nations who have legalized abortion are the poorest nations,” she said. “They are afraid of the unborn child, and the child must die.”

Often when criticized about her approach to social issues, Mother Teresa told of a man who suggested she could do more for the world by teaching people how to fish rather than by giving them fish.

“The people I serve are helpless,” she said she told him. “They cannot stand. They cannot hold the rod. I will give them the food and then send them to you so you can teach them how to fish.”

When she was criticized for not using her considerable influence to attack systemic evils such as the arms race or organized exploitation and injustice,



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COMFORTING THE DYING: Blessed Mother Teresa, who will be canonized Sunday, September 4, is seen comforting a dying man in an undated photo.

she simply responded that was not her mission, but one that belonged to others, especially to the Catholic laity.

“Once you get involved

in politics, you stop being all things to all men,” she said in an interview in 1982. “We must encourage the laypeople to stand for justice, for truth” in the political arena.

In 1994, British journalist Christopher Hitchens released a video, “Hell’s Angel -- Mother Teresa of Calcutta,” in which he accused her of being, among other things, a fraud and a “ghoul”; of providing inadequate and dangerous medical treatment for patients; of taking money for her personal gain; and of using her fame to “promote the agenda of a fundamentalist pope.”

And *New York Daily News* columnist Dick Ryan said many American nuns were quietly critical of Mother Teresa’s lack of acceptance of or support for their lifestyle and their self-image as American religious women intent on fostering social justice and religious renewal. For Mother Teresa, love for the dying, the scandal of abortion and the obedient servanthood of women were paramount -- to the exclusion of such issues as social problems and male domination in the church, Ryan said.

American columnist Colman McCarthy sought to answer the critics.

“Undoubtedly,” he wrote, “Mother Teresa would be much closer to the orthodoxies of American social improvement if she were more the reformer and less the comforter. But instead of committee reports on how many people she’s moved ‘above the poverty line,’ all she has are some stories of dying outcasts. Instead of acting sensibly by getting a grant to create a program to eliminate poverty, she moves into a neighborhood to share it.

“When Mother Teresa speaks of ‘sharing poverty,’ she defies the logic of institutions that prefer agendas for the poor, not communion with individual poor people. Communion disregards conventional approaches. It may never find a job for someone, much less ever get him shaped up. Thus the practitioners of communion are called irrelevant. They may get stuck -- as is Mother Teresa -- with being labeled a saint.”

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Ganxhe Bojaxhiu to Albanian parents in Skopje, in what is now Macedonia, Aug. 26, 1910. She had a sister, Aga, and a brother, Lazar. Her father was a grocer, but the family’s background was more peasant than merchant.

Lazar said their mother’s example was a determining factor in Agnes’ vocation.

“Already when she was a little child she used to assist the poor by taking food to them every day like our mother,” he said. When Agnes was 9, he said, “She was plump, round, tidy, sensible and a little too serious for her age. Of the three of us, she alone did not steal the jam.”

As a student at a public school in Skopje, she was a member of a Catholic sodality with a special interest in foreign missions.

“At the age of 12, I first knew I had a vocation to help the poor,” she once said. “I wanted to be a missionary.”

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MISSIONARY OF CHARITY: A woman smiles as she is greeted by Sister Marica of the Missionaries of Charity, the community founded by Mother Teresa, at a home for the elderly in the Pashupatinath temple in Kathmandu, Nepal, July 4, 2015. The nuns have been caring for the dying and the elderly sick at the destitute center since 1978, when Mother Teresa initiated the service at the Nepal's holiest Hindu temple.



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RELIC: A member of the Missionaries of Charity venerates a relic of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata following a Mass in 2010 marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Missionaries of Charity at Saint Rita of Cascia Church in the South Bronx section of New York City.

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At 15, Agnes was inspired to work in India by reports sent home by Yugoslavian Jesuit missionaries in Bengal -- present-

day Bangladesh, but then part of India. At 18 she left home to join the Irish branch of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Loreto Sisters. After training at their institutions in



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**BLESSED
MOTHER TERESA
OF KOLKATA**

Dublin and in Darjeeling, India, she made her first vows as a nun in 1928 and her final vows nine years later.

While teaching and serving as a principal at Loreto House, a fashionable girls' college in Kolkata, she was depressed by the destitute and dying on the city's streets, the homeless street urchins, the ostracized sick people lying prey to rats and other vermin in streets and alleys.

In 1946, she received a "call within a call," as she described it. "The message was clear. I was

to leave the convent and help the poor, while living among them," she said.

In 1948, the Vatican gave her permission to leave the Loreto Sisters and follow her new calling under the jurisdiction of the archbishop of Kolkata.

After three months of medical training under the American Medical Missionary Sisters in Patna, India, Mother Teresa went into the Kolkata slums to take children cut off from education into her first school. Soon volunteers, many of them her former students, came to join her.

In 1950, the Missionaries of Charity became a diocesan religious community, and 15 years later the Vatican recognized it as a pontifical congregation, directly under Vatican jurisdiction.

In 1952, Mother Teresa opened the Nirmal Hriday (Pure Heart) Home for Dying Destitutes in a dormitory -- formerly a hostel attached to a Hindu temple dedicated to the god Kali -- donated by the city of Kolkata. Although some of those taken in survive, the primary function of the home is, as one Missionary of Charity explained, to be "a shelter where the dying poor may die in dignity." Tens of thousands of people have been cared for in the home since it opened.

When Blessed Paul VI visited Bombay, now Mumbai, India, in 1964, he presented Mother Teresa with a white ceremonial Lincoln Continental given to him by people in the United States. She raffled off the car and raised enough money to finance a center for leprosy victims in the Indian state of West Bengal.

Twenty-one years later, when U.S. President Ronald Reagan presented her with the presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House, he called her a "heroine of our times" and noted that the plaque honoring her described her as the "saint of the gutters." He also joked that Mother Teresa might be the first award recipient to take the plaque and melt it down to get money for the poor.

In addition to winning the Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa was given Pope John XXIII

Peace Prize in 1971; the Templeton Prize in 1973; the John F. Kennedy International Award in 1971; the \$300,000 Balzan Prize for Humanity, Peace and Brotherhood in 1979; the Congressional Gold Medal in 1997; and dozens of other awards and honors, including one of India's highest -- the Padmashri Medal.

Even after health problems led her to resign as head of the Missionaries of Charities in 1990, her order re-elected her as superior, and she continued traveling at a pace that would have tired people half her age. In 1996 alone she had four hospitalizations: for a broken collarbone; for a head injury from a fall; for cardiac problems, malaria and a lung infection; and for angioplasty to remove blockages in two of her major arteries.

In late January 1997, her spiritual adviser, Jesuit Father Edward le Joly, said, "She is dying, she is on oxygen." That March, the Missionaries of Charity elected her successor, Sister Nirmala Joshi. But Mother Teresa bounced back and, before her death Sept. 5, 1997, she traveled to Rome and the United States.

Mother Teresa was beatified in record time -- in 2003, just over six years after her death -- because St. John Paul set aside the rule that a sainthood process cannot begin until the candidate has been dead five years.

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'Nine Lives' Wastes At Least Eight Of Them

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- It must have been a slow day in Hollywood when the proposal for the vapid comedy "Nine Lives" (EuropaCorp) got the green light.

Or perhaps someone behind the scenes saw some potential in the project that failed to make it to the screen.

Either way, the dead-on-arrival result, in which Kevin Spacey gets turned into a cat named Mr. Fuzzypants, is calculated to please very few adults. As for those youngsters who might be most inclined to settle for the entertainment value of slapstick animal antics, the script ill-advisedly includes elements, including a story line touching on suicide, that prevent endorsement for them.

Watching the formidable Spacey wander through the wreckage here is like seeing Vladimir Horowitz seated at Schroeder's piano -- or hearing Louis Armstrong puff away on a kazoo.

Spacey plays Tom Brand, a callous tycoon too work-obsessed to focus on his marriage to second wife Lara (Jennifer Garner) or to devote much attention to parenting their 11-year-old daughter Rebecca (Malina Weissman). His grown son David (Robbie Amell), who works for Dad and craves his approval, gets equally short shrift.

Tom is clearly in need of some life lessons, and what better way to teach them than to consign his soul, temporarily, to the body of a household pet? So the reasoning seems to go.

Cue Christopher Walken in the role of Felix Perkins, the vaguely mysterious shop owner



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NINE LIVES: Melina Weissman, Kevin Spacey and Christopher Walken star in a scene from the movie "Nine Lives." 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.

from whom Tom purchases a kitty as a birthday gift for Rebecca. Felix's dark hints about an impending crisis for Tom are soon vindicated as an accident leaves the wheeler-dealer's body in a coma and lands his psyche inside Mr. Fuzzypants.

Since Tom, unsurprisingly, objects to this arrangement, far too many of the ensuing scenes are dominated by his caterwauling meows of protest.

When not grating on the audience's ears, Tom/Mr. Fuzzypants attempts to tickle their funny bones by, among other

things, scrambling into a kitchen cabinet and getting his head stuck in a box of breakfast cereal. And when David's mom, Madison (Cheryl Hines), appears on the scene, Tom demonstrates his feelings toward his ex by climbing into her designer handbag and relieving himself.

In between such adventures, Tom gets to hear what the family really thinks of his neglectful ways and starts to repent. Thus, amid the otherwise flavorless proceedings, we're force-fed the unarguable moral that that familial bonds should take priority over the pursuit of wealth.

Retrieving that nugget of obvious wisdom from the fur ball of boredom that surrounds, however, it is hardly worth the effort.

The film contains a suicide theme, some adult wordplay, at least one use each of profanity and crass language, a mild oath and nonhuman scatological humor. 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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September 4 - - On this Labor Day weekend, Bishop Mark sits down with two people who labor in the Church -- Andrew and Katharine Solomon, members of Transfiguration Parish in Conemaugh.



**Sister M. Anitra Nemetko
I.H.M.**

Sister Mary Anitra Nemetko, of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton, Monday, August 1, at Our Lady of Peace Residence. She was 77.

She was born September 17, 1938 in Dunmore, the daughter of the late Anthony J. and Ann Therese (Dougherty) Nemetko. She entered the Immaculate Heart Congregation on February 2, 1959, made temporary vows on August 4, 1961 and final August 4, 1967.

Sister Anitra locally at Immaculate Conception High School in Lock Haven from 1963 to 1966. She served as the IHM Congregation Archivist from 2008 to 2016.

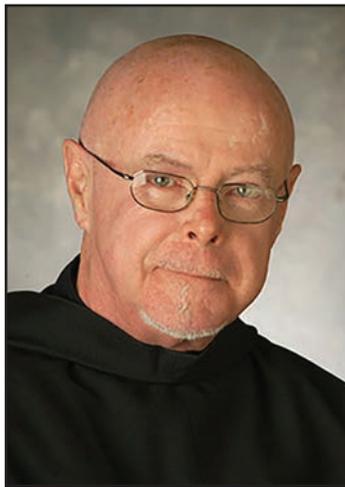
Sister Anitra received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Marywood College, a Master of Science degree in Biology from Villanova University and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh, where she was awarded a Doctoral Fellowship. She held memberships and made conference presentations at several learned societies. She was also a member of the Archivists of Congregations of Women Religious (ACWR) and the Society of American Archivists (SAA). Board memberships included the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) and Saint Joseph's Center in Scranton, PA.

Sister Anitra was an Associate Professor of Biology at Marywood University, Scranton, and was awarded Faculty Emerita status in 2014.

She is survived by several cousins and the members of the IHM Congregation.

Committal was at Saint Catherine Cemetery, Moscow, following a private Funeral Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to the IHM Sisters Retirement Fund and to Marywood University at 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509.



**Father Daniel J. Mulkern
T.O.R.**

Father Daniel J. (Simeon) Mulkern, of the Third Order Regular Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, died Thursday, August 4, at Saint Francis Friary at Mount Assisi, Loretto. He was 78.

He was born July 22, 1938 in Philadelphia, the son of the late Joseph and Anna (Sheehan) Mulkern. He attended Cathedral Elementary School, Philadelphia, and graduated from Roman Catholic High School, Philadelphia. He entered the Third Order Regular Franciscan community on September 16, 1957. On July 30, 1959 he entered Sacred Heart Novitiate, Washington DC and pronounced his first vows on July 1, 1960. He pronounced his solemn vows on July 1, 1963 at Mount Assisi Friary, Loretto.

Father Daniel was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop J. Carroll McCormick at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona on May 19, 1966. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Saint Francis Seminary in May, 1962. He completed theological studies at St. Francis Seminary in 1962. He received a master's degree from The Catholic University of America, Washington DC; a master's degree from DePaul University, Chicago; a master's degree from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles; and a theological master's degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey.

Father Daniel served in many of the ministries of the Province. He taught at Bishop

Conwell High School in Levittown; was on the faculty of Saint Francis Seminary; was director of communications for the Province, at Saint Francis Prep School, Spring Grove; served in campus ministry at the College of Saint Francis, Joliet IL; and was parochial vicar in several parishes in New Jersey, New York and South Dakota. Father Daniel was an artist, a writer, a photographer and a film maker.

Surviving is a sister, Kathryn Tangert of Philadelphia and many nieces and nephews and his Franciscan brothers. He was preceded in death by his brother: Joseph, and sisters: Theresa McCabe and Mary Massey - Davis.

The Funeral Mass for Father Daniel J. Mulkern T.O.R. was celebrated Monday, August 8 in the chapel of Saint Francis Friary at Mount Assisi, with Father Richard Davis, minister provincial, as principal celebrant. Committal was in the Franciscan Friars' Cemetery on the campus of Saint Francis University.

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



Joyce E. Baum

Joyce E. Baum, 61, of Northern Cambria, died Saturday, August 6, at home.

She was a middle school social studies teacher at Saint Benedict School, Carrolltown, with 14 years service. She also taught for two years at Altoona Central Catholic School.

She was born May 17, 1955 in Spangler, daughter of Wil-

liam E. and Margaret (Petrisko) Switzler and was preceded in death by her father. Surviving is her mother of Northern Cambria, daughter Michele (Jeremy) Nixon of Portage, step grandson Zachery Nixon, all of Portage, and friend, David "Tink" Kvitkovich of Northern Cambria

The funeral Mass for Joyce

E. Baum was celebrated Tuesday, August 9 at Saint Benedict Church, Carrolltown. Committal was at Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Benedict Catholic School P.O. Box 596 Carrolltown, PA, 15722.



**Father Byrnes Inspired
By Meeting
Mother Teresa**

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"There was significant street poverty during that period," Father Byrnes remembers. "Southall is the juncture where East meets West, rich meets poor, educated meets the illiterate. It is also a place to celebrate the crossroad of faith and culture, and witness the life - changing love of Christ."

Father Byrnes worked among the poor in a kitchen, operated by the Missionaries of Charity founded by Mother Teresa, serving soup and other nutritious foods to the residents of a homeless shelter.

The Missionaries of Charity Sisters are a truly international congregation with nearly 5,000 sisters. They minister to the poor and sick in continents such as Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America, Europe and Australia.

"I am so grateful to have had Mother Teresa's personal

influence," said Father Byrnes. We knew at that time as seminarians we were in the presence of a saint.

"She told us that only through daily prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and by attending daily Mass, would we have the strength to live out our vocation."

Mother Teresa was a petite person and very soft spoken, recalls Father Byrnes. He said when you spoke with her you always got the feeling that you had known each other for a long time.

She is an inspiration to him that will last a lifetime. "Her encouragement toward prayer, and to not being afraid of a little hard work has stayed with me," said Father Byrnes.

"She advised us to immerse ourselves into the new cultures to which we would be ministering. "Every time I take on a new parish I think a lot about that advice she offered us."

Mother Teresa: 'Do Small Things With Great Love'

By Catholic News Service

KOLKATA, India (CNS)

-- A favorite motto of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata was: "Do small things with great love."

But the "small things" she did so captivated the world that she was showered with honorary degrees and other awards, almost universally praised by the media and sought out by popes, presidents, philanthropists and other figures of wealth and influence.

Despite calls on her time from all over the globe Mother Teresa always returned to India to be with those she loved most -- the lonely, abandoned, homeless, disease-ravaged, dying, "poorest of the poor" in Kolkata's streets.

On Sept. 4, Pope Francis, who has spent this year preaching about mercy, will canonize Mother Teresa, who traveled the world to deliver a single message: that love and caring are the most important things in the world.

"The biggest disease today," she once said, "is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity, the terrible indifference toward one's neighbor who lives at the roadside, assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease."

Her influence is worldwide. The Missionaries of Charity, which Mother Teresa founded in 1950, has more than 5,300 active and contemplative sisters today. In addition, there are Missionaries of Charity Fathers, and active and contemplative brothers. In 1969, in response to growing interest of laypeople who wanted to be associated with her work, an informally structured, ecumenical International Association of Co-Workers of Mother Teresa was formed.

The members of the congregation take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, but the vow of poverty is stricter than in other congregations because, as Mother Teresa explained, "to be able to love the poor and know the poor, we must be poor ourselves." In addition, the Missionaries of Charity -- sisters and brothers -- take a fourth vow of "wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor."

The tiny, wizened Mother Teresa in her familiar white and blue sari opened houses for the destitute and dying, for those with AIDS, for orphans and for people with leprosy. She founded houses in Cuba and the then-Soviet Union -- countries not generally open to foreign church workers.

Her combination of serene, simple faith and direct, practical efficiency often amazed those who came in contact with her.

In 1982, when Israeli troops were holding Beirut under siege in an effort to root out the Pal-



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MOTHER TERESA: A statue of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata holding a child is seen in a prayer garden at Cure of Ars Church in Merriken, N.Y. On Sunday, September 4, Pope Francis, who has spent this year preaching about mercy, will canonize Mother Teresa, who traveled the world to deliver a single message: that love and caring are the most important things in the world.

estine Liberation Organization, Mother Teresa visited a community of her nuns at Spring School, a home for the aged in

East Beirut. It was her first visit in a war zone but not her last.

Meeting with Red Cross officials about relief needs, she

asked what their most serious problem was. They took her to a nearby mental hospital that had just been bombed, requiring immediate evacuation of 37 mentally and physically handicapped children.

"I'll take them," she said.

"What stunned everyone was her energy and efficiency," a Red Cross official involved in the evacuation said afterward. "She saw the problem, fell to her knees and prayed for a few seconds, and then she was rattling off a list of supplies she needed -- nappies (diapers), plastic pants, chamber pots. We didn't expect a saint to be so efficient."

She was an advocate for children and was outspoken against abortion.

In a 1981 visit to New York, she proposed a characteristically direct and simple solution to the problem of unwanted pregnancy: "If you know anyone who does not want the child, who is afraid of the child, then tell them to give that child to me."

When Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, Dec. 10, 1979, she accepted it "in the name of the hungry, of the naked, of the homeless, of the blind, of the lepers, of all those who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society." She also condemned abortion as the world's greatest destroyer of people.

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