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## Ecumenical Trip: Pope Travels To Sweden, Today, To Mark 500th Anniversary Of Reformation

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS) --** As Catholics and Lutherans prepare to mark the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, Pope Francis said they should feel “pain for the division that still exists among us, but also joy for the brotherhood we have already rediscovered.”

The pope will travel to Lund, Sweden, Oct. 31, to participate in an ecumenical prayer service launching a year of anniversary activities. Lutherans mark Oct. 31 as Reformation Day, honoring Martin Luther, who was a Catholic priest in 1517 when he began the process that became the Protestant Reformation.

His “95 Theses” were a list of topics on which, Luther believed, the Catholic Church needed to reform. Asserting that faith, not deeds, leads to salvation, many items on the list were triggered by the “selling” of indulgences, a practice the Council of Trent later banned.

The Catholic Church believes that Christ and the saints have accumulated a treasure of merits, which other believers -- who are prayerful and repentant -- can draw upon to reduce



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**ECUMENICAL TRIP:** A statue of Martin Luther is seen onstage as Pope Francis arrives for an audience with a pilgrimage of Catholics and Lutherans from Germany in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican Thursday, October 13. The Pope will visit Sweden October 31 - November 1 for commemorations of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

or erase the punishment they are due because of sins they have committed. Colloquially, an indulgence is described as a promise of reduced time in purgatory. While making money from

indulgences was a spark, the heart of the Reformation became different understandings of justification, or how people are made righteous in the eyes of God and saved. In 1999, after years of theological study, discussion and review, a joint declaration on justification was finalized and signed. It said Lutherans and Catholics agree that justification and salvation are totally free gifts of God and cannot be earned by performing good works, but rather must be reflected in good works.

Overcoming the hurdle of differences on justification paved the way for Catholics and Lutherans to discuss possibilities for common commemorations of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In 2013, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Lutheran World Federation published a document, “From Conflict to Communion.”

“Luther had no intention of establishing a new church but was part of a broad and many-faceted desire for reform,” the document said.

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**High Schools**

**Husky Open**

**Ebensburg:** On Saturday, September 24, alumni and friends of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School gathered at Ebensburg Country Club for the 25th Annual Husky Open.

Though Husky Hill is known for seasonally cool weather, it turned out to be a beautiful day. As golfers trickled in for registration, the cool morning gave way to a sunny afternoon perfect for a round of golf. Participants had a chance to catch up with fellow alumni and friends during the registration hour, and after snacks and some words from golf pro Jeff Homady, the event got underway.

The winning team included Brian Ley, Missy Dziabo, Mike Dziabo, and Claudia Lucas. Following the round, dinner was served and prizes were awarded.

Bishop Carroll faculty, staff, and board members are grateful for continued support they receive from the community for this event, and for

the long - time golf pro, Jeff Homady.

The event proceeds totaled \$10,000 thanks to many generous donors, sponsors, and golfers. These funds will directly benefit Bishop Carroll students.

**National Honor Society**

**Boalsburg:** Since 1921, students across the nation in grades 10 - 12 have had the opportunity to join the prestigious National Honor Society (NHS). This year, on October 4, Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy inducted its first group of 24 students - - seven seniors and 17 juniors - - further demonstrating its commitment to the school's four pillars: faith, scholarship, leadership, and service.

In fact, the qualifications of NHS membership are nearly identical to those pillars. NHS membership requires that inductees demonstrate scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

"The characteristics of the National Honor Society have found a home at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy," said junior Bryce Herman. "They align perfectly with our pillars of faith,



**BLANKETS FOR CHILDREN:** The Student Council at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg, collected new blankets and stuffed animals to be given to patients at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. Blankets were also collected for children in Haiti. Class officers, representing Student Council are pictured with some of the donated items.

scholarship, leadership, and service in every respect."

"NHS inductees become servants to society, using their scholarship to improve upon the world in the future. Their leadership will cause others to follow their path, and their character will make others respect their ideas and goals," said senior Michael Peters.

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**COACH VISITS SCHOOLS:** On Thursday, October 6, Lance Loya, the all - time winningest coach in the history of Mount Aloysius College, Cresson, gave a dynamic and inspiring presentation to the students and faculty at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, State College and Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, Boalsburg about the life - long importance of being a good teammate and the three characteristics vital to being a good teammate: Caring, Sharing, and Listening. Loya connected his message to this year's OLVCS school theme of "Doing small things with great love," and the SJCA Pillars.

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# In The Alleghenies



**SEMINARIANS:** Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, students and members of the Rector's Council gathered for a group photo on Wednesday, September 7. The group includes (left to right) First row: Benedictine Fathers Boniface Hicks (director of spiritual formation), Nathan Munsch (director of pastoral formation), Edward Mazich (rector), John Mary Tompkins (vice rector and director of human formation), Father Emmanuel Afunugo (dean of students and assistant professor of moral theology), Benedictine Fathers Cyprian Constantine (director of liturgical formation and assistant professor), Maurus Mount (language instructor). Second row: Altoona - Johnstown Diocese seminarians Peter Crowe (fourth theology), Mark Groeger (pre - theology II) and Austin Keith (first theology).



**WINNING TEAM:** The winning team of the 25th Annual Husky Open held Saturday, September 24 at the Ebensburg Country Club consisted of (left to right) Missy Dziabo, Kurt Eger, Don Nagy and Claudia Lucas. The event benefits students at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School.

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The service included music, a pledge and a prayer, the calling forth of inductees, and inspirational speeches by several faculty members. The official remarks at the ceremony were delivered by Sister of Charity

Donna Marie Leiden, Director of Education for the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.

The NHS selection committee at Saint Joe's included five faculty members from different disciplines.

"I really enjoyed hearing the teachers talk about each

of the NHS characteristics," said senior Sophia DeNezza. "The quotes that they shared at the end were thoughtful, and I could tell that they had special meaning to the teachers."

"I think the NHS program is the perfect opportunity to capitalize on and strengthen our

individual talents, personalities, and abilities for the betterment of not just the SJCA community, but also our community as a whole," said junior Veronica Emigh. "Our generation has so much to offer the world. We are goal setters, go-getters, and innovators."

The inductees included: Class of 2017 - - Sophia DeNezza, Anna Henderson, Michael Peters, Nicholas Shearer, Hannah Straub, Monica Surovec, Audrey Thomas. Class of 2018 - - Meghan Caswell, Rocco Chirieleison, Jacob Cusatis, Gillian Dash, Jordan Dawson, Veronica Emigh, Carl Engstrom, Madeline Helfer, Bryce Herman, Torie Houseknecht, Ana Legaspi, Katherine McGraw, Greta Miller, Amanda Mohamed, Ziyi Qin, Max Wortman, Emma Youngmark.

## Higher Education

### Lessons And Carols

**Cresson:** Mount Aloysius College's Vox Nova choral group and the office of Campus Ministry will join forces to present "Lessons and Carols," a collaboration of Biblical readings paired Christmas carols. The celebration will be on Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, on the college's campus.

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## Point Of View

When I asked my daughter what classes my grandson was taking, she told me one was called “digital immigrants.”

“Are you sure?”

“I think that’s the name of it,” she said.

He’s a sixth-grader. First year of middle school.

“What is it?” I asked her.

“A computer class.”

I caught myself from saying, “You mean typing?”

Turns out she had the name right, but I still didn’t know what “immigrants” had to do with a computer class. So, this man born in the mid-20th century looked up the phrase online and voila!

Turns out I’m an immigrant in the 21st century. And so is my daughter.

We were both “born or brought up before the widespread use of digital technology.” I do OK, but she is more tech savvy. Still, we each -- to carry the term one step further -- speak with an accent. “Tech” is not our native tongue.

In many instances, we rely on paper, pen and books. We like them and use our own combination of both tech and “old school” in our tasks at home and work.

So why aren’t all sixth-graders “digital natives”? Because some, for a variety of reasons, haven’t had a lot of access to technology in their homes or classrooms.

I realize now that when I talk to my grandkids about “the old days” -- which, by the way, don’t seem that long ago to me -- I’m also talking about “the old



## Your Family

By Bill Dodds

### ‘Digital Immigrants’ At The Family Holiday Table



CNS Photo/Karen Callaway

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country.” About the world where I grew up.

It isn’t that I emigrated from it. It simply slipped into where I am now. The world of my children’s childhood has done the same with them.

It’s a strange thought, but I realize it’s always been that way. What my grandmother talked about, what my parents talked about, always seemed ... at least vaguely foreign. If not very much so.

Horse and buggy at end of the 19th century. No electricity on the farm. Radio but no television. Ice boxes, not refrigerators. Fans but no air conditioning. And on and on.

What about my own childhood? So typical and normal -- to members of my generation. One black-and-white TV in the house. (With no remote.) One phone. (Landline, of course. What else could it be?)

One car with kids riding in the front seat and the back. (No seat belts. That was for airplanes -- or so we heard.)

My very own transistor radio! (With an earphone.) And on and on.

Just as I can’t imagine my grandparents’ childhood and young adult life, my grandkids will always be pretty clueless about mine. Yes, I tell them stories, but kids are kids. I’m sure Grandma Dodds told me things that went in one ear and out the other. (Even if one ear had that earphone in it.)

All of this has been on my mind as Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s are fast approaching. People from one planet but three different worlds will be sitting around our family table.

Still, there are some words, some experiences, some ways of life, that haven’t changed. And I hope (and pray) they never do. When any of us talks of love or family or faith, everyone knows what those mean.



## Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein  
For All The Saints

If Jesuit Father James Martin hadn’t already written a best-selling book entitled “My Life With The Saints,” I might have been tempted to choose those words for the title of this column.

I love the Saints. Always have. Always will.

On the page in the Sacramentary opposite the start of the Second Eucharistic Prayer, there is a copy of a painting showing God, the Holy Trinity, surrounded by angels and Saints. Angels? I’ve never had much truck with them -- light, ethereal beings. Since I never attended parochial school I did not have the experience of being told to move over in my seat to make room for my Guardian Angel. But the Saints? Ah, yes, the Saints. They are much more to my liking -- flesh and blood people, real folks like you and me; people who have had to walk the same paths the rest of us walk, always keeping their eye on the prize: a life lived in union with God.

Whenever I look at that illustration in the Sacramentary, I have the feeling that the sanctuary surrounding me, and the church opening out before me, is a bit of a crowded space. As I offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass I am conscious of the presence of the Saints all around me. I count among their number those who are recognized by the Universal Church as models of holiness: the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Anne -- to name the three who are at the top of my personal pantheon of sanctity. But I think too of those whose holy lives I witnessed, and who helped me know and love God: my beloved parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends. And when I look out into the body of the church I think of the holy men and women who have occupied those pews since the day in 1860 when the doors of Saint Mary’s Church on Fifth Avenue in Altoona first opened, and I know that they are there, too. The Saints are always with us and all around us! I am grateful that it is so!

When I’m feeling a bit more lighthearted, I hear the music of that lively song “When The Saints Go Marchin’ In” running through my head, and a cavalcade of Saints unfolds before my mind’s eye. I see Saint Francis of Assisi dancing a lively two-step; Saint Therese of the Child Jesus taking dainty steps as she skips along with a pink parasol held high, and Saint Teresa of Avila either shaking a tambourine, or clicking a pair of castanets, twirling her skirts as she dances along. That’s a picture that’s been in my head since my childhood. The Saints have always been that real too me.

The Saints are mightily present in this issue of The Catholic Register. Pope Francis canonized six men and one woman on Sunday, October 16. Their biographies can be found on page 11. On page 10 you can read some of what the Holy Father had to say about them that day. Get to know them, and welcome them as special members of our family of faith. You’ll be glad to count them among your friends.

This issue also includes coverage of the pontiff’s visit to Sweden, today and tomorrow, to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Maybe you’re surprised to see two pictures of Martin Luther in your local Catholic newspaper, particularly in an issue reporting so heavily on the Saints. Well, the Lutheran blood coursing through my veins from Grandma Stein’s Shryock family tree compels me to recognize that the universal call to holiness encompasses our brothers and sisters of the Protestant and Orthodox traditions. Even among people of the non-Christian faiths, godly, saintly, men and women can be found. God’s call to be a holy people excludes no one.

Tomorrow we celebrate All Saints Day, and on Wednesday we mark All Souls Day. These feasts remind us that we are all part of the great Communion of Saints -- a family of believers united in a way that defies all boundaries of space and time. These are our feasts; they celebrate who we are and what we are, and what we are called to be. When the Saints go marchin’ in, I want to be in their number, and I’m sure all of you do, too.

Happy feast days to you all!

# The Healing Journey: Life After Sexual Abuse

By Erika Brosig of Victim Services, Inc.  
In Cambria and Somerset counties

We all encounter events that change the course of our lives. Sometimes these changes are subtle and other times they are dramatic. When a person is subjected to sexual abuse, in childhood or adulthood, they are impacted in dramatic ways. Each person experiences the trauma or sexual abuse differently and the list of possible effects can be pages long. However, there are some reactions that are more common than others.

Survivors may face a multitude of emotional challenges as a result of the sexual abuse. Many survivors struggle with anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues after the abuse. They may experience nightmares, have trouble sleeping, and they may have flashbacks - vivid memories where the survivor quite literally re-experiences the abuse. For some survivors, the memory of being abused may be so painful that they forget it entirely, placing it in the back of their mind. Although the abuse is not part of their consciousness, the pain is still there under the surface and it continues to have a ripple effect on their lives. Some turn to drugs and alcohol to cope with the feelings, leading to problems with addiction.

Experiencing sexual abuse can disrupt a survivor's understanding of being in relationship, not only with others but also with themselves. Sexual abuse is most often perpetrated by someone the person trusts, which can result in a feeling of betrayal and makes it challenging for the survivor to trust other people throughout the course of his or her lifetime. The impact on the survivor's view of self is also altered by the abuse. His or her body

becomes a dangerous place and many survivors carry the heavy weight of shame and guilt. Many survivors never come forward about their abuse and if they choose to do so, many are not believed but instead face blame and criticism. Many survivors feel alone and lost.

Although the experience of abuse is heavy and there are many challenges to overcome, I write this today to share with you that there is hope and there is a path to healing. As a survivor myself, I began having panic attacks as a teenager and struggled with depression and suicidal thoughts. Although I was raised in a loving and wonderful home, I struggled to find value in myself because someone took it upon himself to try to take that value away from me. Despite seeing many counselors and therapists, no one ever asked if I had been sexually abused. It wasn't until I began to work in this field that my memories returned and I was able to connect my struggles with the abuse. When I came forward I was believed, I was supported through my healing, and I was guided to work in this field, one that has surrounded me with hope. I was finally able to process the memories and move forward in my life.

Through the course of my career I have walked beside countless survivors and have been lucky enough to witness their transformation. Healing IS possible. Survivors don't have to go through life struggling with the impact of someone else's choice to hurt them; there is life on the other side of abuse. It takes courage, strength, and commitment to face the memories and move through them, but with support, encouragement, and guidance survivors can move into a life where the sexual abuse is a part of their past but no longer defines their present and their future.

Counselors and therapists at the rape crisis centers across Pennsylvania work tirelessly to guide others down this path every day and they are uniquely trained and suited to do this work. If you or anyone you know is struggling with the impact of sexual abuse I would encourage you to reach out and find the support you need to heal. We are here to help guide you.

## 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/>  
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### Blair County

Family Services Inc.

<https://www.familyservicesinc.net/>  
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Victim Services Inc.

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

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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).

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- 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.

# Trip Marks Reformation Date

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The controversy over indulgences and over the degree to which a person must cooperate in his or her own salvation “very quickly raised the question of which authorities one can call upon at a time of struggle,” the document said. Luther emphasized the authority of Scripture while church leaders emphasized the role of church teaching and tradition in interpreting Scripture.

In the 16th century and later, the document said, “Catholics and Lutherans frequently not only misunderstood but also exaggerated and caricatured their opponents in order to make them look ridiculous.”

“What happened in the past cannot be changed, but what is remembered of the past and how it is remembered can, with the passage of time, indeed change,” the document said.

Especially since the Second Vatican Council and with 50 years of official theological dia-

logue, Catholics and Lutherans have come to a deeper understanding of Luther’s concerns, as well as to a recognition of the hostility and even political factors that pushed the two sides further apart.

In a joint statement published in early October, Swiss Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, and the Rev. Martin Junge, general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, said the joint commemorations will acknowledge how Martin Luther set out to reform the church, but -- partly because of the “convoluted context of social, political and economic upheaval” -- ended up splitting the church and unleashing centuries of tension and outright war.

**Luther emphasized the authority of Scripture while Church leaders emphasized the role of Church teaching and tradition in interpreting Scripture.**

At the same time, they said, the anniversary events will honor the progress made in 50 years of Catholic-Lutheran dialogue and, especially, recognize the “strengthened relationships and more profound mutual understanding reached in many parts of the world in service and witness.”

In addition to the ecumenical prayer service Oct. 31 in Lund -- the city where the Lutheran World Federation was founded in 1947 -- Pope Francis and leaders of the Lutheran World Federation will witness the signing of a cooperation agreement between the federation’s World Service and Caritas Internationalis, the Vatican-based umbrella organization of national Catholic charities.

“The meeting in Lund stems from a process of dialogue spanning several decades,” said the Rev. Michael Bjerkhagen, official chaplain to the king of Sweden. “A milestone in this process was the document, ‘From Conflict to Communion,’ signed in 2013. In this document Lutherans and Catholics express sorrow and regret at the pain that they have caused each other, but also gratitude for the theological insights that both parties have contributed.”



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MARTIN LUTHER

## Pope: Dialogue Is Expression Of Mercy, Respect, Love

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Dialogue is an essential component of mercy because it is the only way a husband and wife can understand each other, people of different religions can live in peace and the only way the Catholic Church can evaluate what is needed to promote the common good in the world, Pope Francis said.

Good relations between husbands and wives, parents and children, employees and bosses, he said, require one “to listen, explain with meekness, don’t bark at the other, don’t yell, but have an open heart.”

Pope Francis spoke about the importance of dialogue and marked the feast of St. John Paul II Oct. 22 with a special Year of Mercy general audience in and around St. Peter’s Square.

In his main audience talk, Pope Francis said dialogue is an important aspect of mercy; it is what “allows people to know each other and understand the needs of the other.” In addition, “it is a sign of great respect,” because it involves listening to the other and making the effort to see the good in what the other is saying.

“Dialogue calls us to place ourselves before the other, seeing him or her as a gift of God,” the pope said.

The church, too, is called to dialogue, Pope Francis said. Listening is the only way to know what is in the other’s heart and what the other needs.

Dialogue is an expression of God’s love, which reaches out to each person, sowing seeds of goodness, he said. “Dialogue tears down walls of division and misunderstanding, creates bridges of communication and does not allow anyone to isolate him - or herself.”

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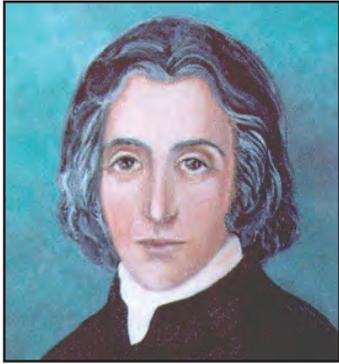
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## A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

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# Albanian Church Awaits Beatification Of 38 Communist - Era Martyrs

By Jonathan Luxmoore  
Catholic News Service

**WARSAW, Poland (CNS)** -- A priest who was shot for baptizing a child and a religious novice who died after she was

tortured in a sack are among 38 Albanians to be beatified as martyrs Nov. 5, doubling the number of Catholics declared blessed from communist rule in Eastern Europe.

"Martyr beatifications send many messages, and the most important at this historical mo-

ment is of unshakeable trust in God," said Archbishop Angelo Massafra of Shkoder, president of the Albanian bishops' conference.

"We still hear their prophetic cry -- 'Viva Christ the King! Viva Albania!' -- and know Christ is glorified by the power of their witness, even when Albanians have regained freedom and can breathe the air of true democracy."

In an interview with Catholic News Service, the archbishop said the planned ceremony had garnered "great interest" among Catholics who, until 1991, were officially barred from practicing the faith, but it was also viewed as a "national event for all Albania."

"The world will be made more aware of the fierce persecution suffered by believers during the communist dictatorship," Archbishop Massafra said.

"Albanians are people of great talent and ability. They'll see the importance of this event for their country's much-needed civic development and draw incentives for the future from the courage shown by its children."

Around 130 Catholic priests were executed or died through imprisonment, alongside thousands of lay Christians, under communist rule in Albania, which lasted from 1944 to 1991.

The martyrs include Archbishop Nikolle Vincenc Prenushi of Durres, who died of torture and exhaustion in 1949, two years into a 20-year hard la-

## 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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bor as an "agent of foreign powers," and Bishop Frano Gjini of Lezhe, who died in 1948 declaring his "spirit and heart are with the pope," according to the execution record.

Among 20 diocesan priests, Father Shtjefen Kurti was sentenced and shot for "reactionary anti-state activities" in 1971 after secretly baptizing another convict's child at a labor camp, while two other priests drowned in 1948 when their heads were forced down in a prison cesspit with rifle butts.

The list includes several foreign clergy, including one who was shot for giving last rites to a wounded fugitive.

Three lay Catholics are included among the 38, as was as

a 22-year-old Franciscan novice, Sister Maria Tuci, who died in Shkoder's civic hospital after being tied in a sack and tortured.

Archbishop Massafra said the list of martyrs had been agreed after church consultations in 1994 and 2000, but added that "many others" could also be declared blessed in future.

"Numerous cases have been documented and added to our narrative of the Christian presence in Albania," he told CNS.

"All the material will be relevant in considering other beatification processes and will not allow our young generations to forget. The one merciful God knows how to give value to the tears shed by humanity."

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# Word of Life



## The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

### Vocations: Go Out, Listen, And Call

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- In its ministry to young people, and especially in vocations promotion work, church workers must step out of the sacristy and take seriously the questions and concerns of the young, Pope Francis said.

Young people are searching for meaning, and the best response is to go out to where they are, stop and listen to them and then call them to follow Jesus, the pope said Oct. 21.

Meeting participants at a vocations promotion conference sponsored by the Congregation for Clergy, Pope Francis emphasized the need for church workers to be on the move and to echo the vocations call Jesus used with the disciples, "Follow me."

"Jesus' desire is to set people out on a journey, moving them from a lethal sedentary lifestyle and breaking through the illusion that they can live happily while remaining comfortably seated amid their certainties," Pope Francis said.

The seeking and desire to explore that comes naturally to most young people "is the treasure that the Lord puts in our hands and that we must care for, cultivate and make blossom," the pope said.

Care is key, he said. It requires an ability for "discernment, which accompanies the person without ever taking over his or her conscience or pretending to control the grace of God."

Vocations promotion, which is the responsibility of every Catholic, the pope said, must follow the same steps Jesus used when interacting with people.

"Jesus stopped and met the gaze of the other, without rushing," he said. "This is what makes his call attractive and fascinating."

Jesus did not stay in "the secure fortress of the rectory," the pope said, but set out into the cities and villages, pausing to listen to the people he came across, "taking in the desire of those who sought him out, the delusion of a failed night of fishing, the burning thirst of a woman who went to the well to get water or the strong need to change one's life."

"In the same way, instead of reducing faith to a book of recipes or a collection of norms to observe, we can help young people ask the right questions, set out on their journey and discover the joy of the Gospel," he said.

Every pastor and, particularly, everyone involved with helping young Catholics discern their vocations, he said, must have a pastoral style that is "attentive, not rushed, able to stop and decipher in depth, to enter into the life of the other without making him or her ever feel threatened or judged."

Pope Francis told conference participants that he has never liked speaking about vocations ministry as an office in the diocesan chancery or headquarters of a religious order. It's not an office or a project because it is all about helping someone meet the Lord and answer the Lord's call.

"Learn from the style of Jesus, who went to the places of daily life, stopped without rushing and, looking upon his brothers and sisters with mercy, led them to an encounter with God the father," the pope said.



**ONE MORE TIME:** A 1950 history of Sacred Heart Parish in Altoona, included this photo of the pioneer teachers at Sacred Heart School, established in 1890. They were Sisters of Saint Joseph, whose Motherhouse, now in Baden, was then located in Ebensburg. The faculty included (left to right) Sisters Stanislaus, Baptist, Evangelist, Mary Leo, Monica and Berchmans.

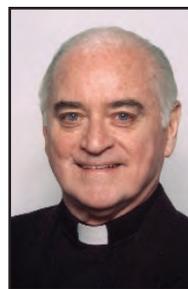
There are two things to remember about your spiritual life: 1) It extends way beyond your prayer life to the way you treat others, the way you spend your money, the way you maintain your self-respect and even to your politics; 2) It also includes the way you relate to God through your local parish.

The parish Mass on Sunday is an act of worship, and participating joyfully in this primary duty of the people of God is essential for achieving holiness. How any particular parish or individual builds the spiritual life will vary of course, but the goal is clear: We are all called to love God with our whole heart, mind and soul.

For Catholics, the parish exists to help individuals carry out the mission that Jesus proclaimed for his people; namely, to proclaim the kingdom of God and to become living examples of Christ in service to God and to one another.

As a community of faith, hope and love, the parish community teaches the parishioners how to live in the Holy Spirit. It exists as a sign of the kingdom of God in the world. The parish also points to and anticipates the kingdom of heaven by realizing and extending the reign of God through our worship and service in all areas of life.

Granted, I'm talking about an ideal here; we all know some terrible, discouraging stories from parish life or ministry, but



## Spirituality For Today

By Father John Catoir  
The Parish Community And Your Spiritual Life

still, parishes are called to strive for holiness. One way we do this is by creating community sub-groups, which serve the common good and the special personal needs of its members.

Prayer groups, senior citizen gatherings, hobby clubs, scouting groups, grief ministries and the like: All of these activities have their own distinctive way of serving the diverse needs of the body of Christ. We use the various talents of our volunteers to form special group ministries.

I grew up in the parish of St. Joan of Arc in Jackson Heights in Queens, New York. The diocesan Catholic Guild for the Blind held regional meetings there for members. As a teen, I watched blind people being brought to the parish hall, and I was curious.

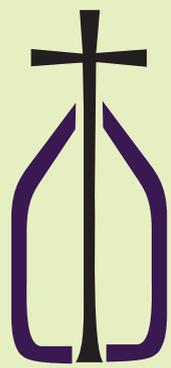
I volunteered to help and spent many enjoyable years working with the blind. We even took them bowling. A guide rail was all they needed to enjoy the sound of their ball crashing into the pins.

Because they met in our parish every week, a whole world opened up to me. I discovered how brave a human being could be despite suffering a serious disability.

In summary, a person's spirituality, far from being simply his or her private prayer life, is basically one's whole life in and with God. The parish community is there to offer support and aid us on our journey.

We need to face life's challenges by trusting God in all circumstances and helping one another make this a better world.

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## A Devastating Shortage: Covering Basic Needs on Minimum Wage Income Catholic Charities Helps Fill Gap

**T**oday's minimum wage leaves families in a devastating situation: while many don't qualify for government assistance, they are not making enough to afford basic necessities like housing, utilities, and critical medications.

With cold winter months just around the corner, many face homelessness or lack of heat, which can be life-threatening for sick and elderly individuals, and for infants and children.

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*According to the Pennsylvania Housing Alliance: "In 2011, fair market rent of a two-bedroom apartment in Pennsylvania was \$837. To afford this rate, one needs to earn \$16.09 per hour—but the average renter in Pennsylvania only makes \$12.49. The minimum wage is only \$7.25 per hour, requiring someone to work more than two full-time, minimum wage jobs just to afford a place to live."*

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### High Rent Crippling Households

Currently, Pennsylvania is facing a housing crisis. There's a significant gap between current income levels and the cost of rent—and mortgage payments—in nearly every community in the state. According to the Pennsylvania Housing Alliance:

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There simply aren't enough affordable housing options, and housing payments leave families at constant risk of homelessness, or unable to afford other essentials, such as food, clothing, and utilities.

### Hope for a Better Future

In May, Governor Tom Wolf introduced a new initiative

to address the lack of affordable housing throughout the state. His plan will implement greater coordination across agencies and levels of government to make housing resources and services more accessible to all. Since then, Governor Wolf also announced awards of \$40.3 million in tax credits and \$5.9 million in Penn-HOMES funding for the construction of 39 affordable multifamily housing developments located throughout Pennsylvania.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is pleased to know that, of those awards, \$3,005,182 in tax credits and \$1,007,122 in PennHOMES funding has been awarded to towns within our service area. This funding will pay for the construction of a total of 139 units in three different developments (in Johnstown, State College, and Philipsburg) to help reduce the number of rent-burdened families in our communities.

Although these recent advancements provide some hope for the future, there's still much more progress to be made. That's why Catholic Charities' services remain critical.

### Emergency Financial Assistance: Lightening the Load for Low-Income Households

Catholic Charities will continue to play a critical role in supporting low-income individuals and families in the eight-county service area.

In our communities, an average of 46% of renters and 27% of homeowners are paying more than 30% of their income on housing. With the majority of their paycheck going toward housing, just one unexpected expense, such as a car repair, can leave these families facing a stark reality: *a winter without heat, days without food, health complications due to an inability to afford medicine...*

That's why Catholic Charities offers Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA). A one-time gift from Catholic Charities can:

- Allow a single mother to put food on the table while she waits for her next paycheck
- Help a family suffering from one spouse's loss of employment to afford heat this winter
- Provide an elderly individual with the funds to cover life-saving medications



- Enable a mother or father to purchase uniforms or footwear for work

### Martha & Mary House

We also offer temporary housing at the Martha & Mary House in Johnstown for those already experiencing homelessness. There, our expert staff helps families and individuals get their lives back on track, providing assistance in searching and applying for jobs, resume writing, budgeting, and the search for affordable housing.

*Catholic Charities is there when those in need have nowhere else to turn. Thank you for supporting our mission and helping our neighbors in their greatest time of need.*

Learn more about our mission and how you can help your neighbors in need at [www.catholiccharities.org](http://www.catholiccharities.org).

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# Helping Families Heal in the Aftermath of Trauma

## New Type of Therapy Offered by Catholic Charities

Families in Bellefonte and Altoona will now have access to a new type of therapy designed to help adolescents and children heal from trauma. It will be implemented by one of Catholic Charities' newest team members, Hannah Hartswick, MS, NCC.

What is she most looking forward to in her new role?

"Relatively few therapists specialize in child counseling, and even fewer include play therapy as the main technique of treatment," said Hannah.



Hannah Hartswick

In her previous role as a Reunification Counselor with Family Intervention Crisis Services, Hannah worked on several cases with Sharon Felson, MSW, from the Catholic Charities Bellefonte office. Through that work, she developed an appreciation for Catholic Charities and the services provided

to populations who might otherwise struggle to identify support and resources.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to provide counseling services, as well as advocacy for, individuals who might otherwise struggle to obtain support," she said. "This is especially true of children from families either without medical insurance or with medical assistance."

Hannah will divide her time between the Bellefonte and Altoona offices. She sees her role as one that assists clients in understanding their experiences, emotions, thoughts,

and behaviors, and helping them move forward in healthy and appropriate ways. The techniques she uses include traditional cognitive-behavioral approaches, as well as more creative endeavors such as art, music, and play.

While trauma can come in just about any form, much of Hannah's experience is in the realm of family interactions, childhood abuse or neglect, and experiencing loss during childhood. She explains that when children experience trauma, it can interfere with their brain development and emotion regulations.

"Through validation and guidance, a client should be able to tell their own story at their own pace, examine it, and adjust the narrative in order to continue moving forward," she said.

An important insight that a trauma counselor can provide is that they can often identify the trauma as the cause of defiant behavior, depression, anxiety, or behavioral problems. Trauma can manifest in all of these ways and more. Identifying the trauma as the cause and recognizing these behaviors as the symptoms can help the client and family members resolve their struggles and move forward.

When asked what characteristics are important for a trauma counselor to have, Hannah says that you need to be empathic and supportive.

"Having a passion for the wellness of others is also critical, as well as the understanding that each client has something to teach us," said Hannah. "A counselor cannot be successful without developing strong rapport and respect with the individuals they are assisting."

Hannah stresses the importance of meeting patients where they are in the healing process. Stabilizing them enough to even begin to cope requires both patience and competency. She is constantly on the lookout for additional

training opportunities, articles, and new research to ensure she is providing the best services possible to her clients and their families.

*"I'm excited to have the opportunity to provide counseling services, as well as advocacy for, individuals who might otherwise struggle to obtain support."*

Hannah is also eager to share her knowledge of trauma counseling with the other counselors at Catholic Charities.

"We are currently advocating for an effort taking place in Centre County to provide Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) training and certification to providers of therapy for survivors of childhood abuse," she explained.

Prior to joining Catholic Charities, Hannah completed an undergraduate degree at Penn State University and received an M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Lock Haven University in May 2016. She has extensive experience in family counseling, creative therapies, and anxiety reduction techniques. She especially enjoys assisting individuals in promoting change through self-growth and discovery.

Catholic Charities is pleased to welcome Hannah to the team and expand counseling services to meet our community's changing needs.

### Making Ends Meet

For many families, their average monthly income isn't enough to make ends meet.



**Monthly Income**

Average Individual Take-Home Pay ..... \$1,374



**Monthly Expenses**

Average Rent ..... -\$644



Average Utilities ..... -\$250

Average Healthcare Costs ..... -\$500



Average Transportation Costs ..... -\$250



Food Costs ..... -\$219

Negative Balance at End of the Month ..... -\$489

### Thank You Donors!

As Catholics, we are called to fulfill the Gospel teachings through acts of kindness, selflessness, mercy, and generosity. On behalf of all the individuals and families we've been able to help, we want to thank our generous donors and Guild of Guardian members who have answered this call.

The Guild is made up of benefactors who contribute a minimum of \$1,000 over the course of each year. Gifts are made on a monthly, quarterly, biannual or annual basis, and they support the most critical needs of those served by Catholic Charities.

Thanks to this ongoing commitment that we can rely on from our Guild members, we can better plan how to utilize donations throughout the year and consistently provide counsel, guidance, and support in our communities.

Catholic Charities is also blessed to have more than 1,300 generous individual donors who make gifts ranging from \$5 to \$500.

If you're not a Guild member, but want more information or wish to join, visit [www.catholiccharitiesaj.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesaj.org) and click on the "Guild of Guardians" tab. With your gift, you'll help ensure we can continue to do the work of Christ.





## Who Do We Help? The Answer Might Surprise You

In our communities, some individuals and families are thriving. This can make it easy to overlook the fact that many others are in need. Friends and neighbors—maybe some that you know from church, school, or work—are working hard every day to support their families and to make ends meet. But despite their best efforts, they're still struggling.

Job loss, injury or illness, underemployment, and lack of affordable childcare are just some of the reasons. Without adequate income, unpaid rent can quickly put a family on the verge of eviction. Unpaid bills can snowball into a situation that seems hopeless.

Catholic Charities works to help people through these tough times. Unfortunately, government assistance programs don't help everyone in need. Some working individuals and families may not qualify, even if they are desperately in need. Maybe you can personally relate to the stories below, or know someone who can...

### ***A Single Mother Who Wants the Best for Her Son***

Susan is a single mother of three children. Her young son struggles in school and has been diagnosed with mental health issues. She desperately wants to get him the help he needs, but her health insurance won't cover counseling and therapy in an office nearby. Wanting to make a good impression at work to keep her job, and also not lose income, Susan struggles daily with worrying how she can manage it all.

*Catholic Charities helps Susan and other parents like her get counseling for her son without having to sacrifice time at her job and her already meager income.*

### ***A Devoted Son Caring for His Elderly Parents***

Joe, the sole caretaker of his elderly parents, works as an independent contractor in the construction industry. After a bad accident left him unable to work for several months, he and his parents struggled to pay their monthly bills and growing medical co-pays and medication costs.

*Joe and his parents were relieved that the Catholic Charities' Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) could help cover the costs of medical bills and some medications while Joe was recovering from his accident.*

### ***An Elderly Woman Without a Home***

Sophia lost her husband several years ago and her physical and mental health has been in decline. She does not have family close by, and her finances were depleted. Bills went unpaid and Sophia was evicted.

*Thanks to a suggestion from a friend, Sophia found a safe haven at the Martha & Mary House. Case workers helped her get her finances in order so she could live independently again.*

**Every day Catholic Charities helps people in our community who reach out to us in their time of need. We give them hope in what may seem like a hopeless situation.**

### *From the Executive Director*

## You make our work possible.

**O**ur work is only as good as our support from the community. Without generous donors standing behind our mission and offering their financial support, Catholic Charities wouldn't be able to do the work we've done for so many years. From low- to no-cost counseling and pregnancy support to emergency financial assistance (to cover rent, utilities, and other basic needs), we take care of individual and families throughout our eight-county service area during their greatest times of need.



*"Jesus paved the way to helping those in need. As Catholics, we are called to follow in his footsteps and offer our love, kindness, and service to others."*

Many of the people we serve are low-income families who have fallen through the widening cracks of existing social service programs. With tight budgets, it would only take one unexpected expense (like a car repair or emergency trip to the hospital) to cause a serious financial crisis. In addition, many of these families are wondering how they'll afford heat during the bitter cold winter months just ahead.

Thanks to you, Catholic Charities is able extend a helping hand that will get them through a tough time and give them hope for a better tomorrow when they have nowhere else to turn.

**Jesus paved the way to helping those in need. As Catholics, we are called to follow in his footsteps and offer our love, kindness, and service to others. Thank you to all those who have answered this call. To learn more about how you can answer this call through Catholic Charities, visit [www.catholicchartiesaj.org](http://www.catholicchartiesaj.org).**

In Sincere Gratitude,

Jean D. Johnstone, Executive Director

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## In Their Own Words

### Getting to Know Catholic Charities

*No one can better express what we do than those who work with us and those we serve. Here are just a few of their comments.*

***"Catholic Charities has had a great impact on our family. They were a lending hand when our electricity was turned off. We were very thankful to have someone to reach out to when we were facing hard times."***

***"Through counseling at Catholic Charities I now have more confidence and security in my professional life. I am much more effective at my job and I am a happier and more stable person."***

***"It is so nice to know that there is an advocate to help families through tough situations. Thank you for the caring services you provided to us. May God bless you and help keep your services available to those who truly need your help."***

## Do You Know Someone Who Will Answer our Call?

As we strive to help our neighbors in their greatest times of need, we look to you to assist us in reaching more people who can help us fulfill this mission.

As Catholics, we are called upon to help those less fortunate. If you're able to provide contact information for more individuals like you who want to answer this call, please contact us at (814) 944-9388 or send the information to:

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2160 Sandy Drive, Suite D  
State College, PA 16803

Thank you for helping us expand our growing community of supporters!



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#### 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  
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### Homeless Shelter

#### Martha & Mary House Cambria County

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



## Do Small Things with Great Love

### Gaining Inspiration from Saint Teresa's Charitable Words and Actions

*"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."*

Those are the words of Saint Teresa, who was canonized earlier this month. She truly lived her life by these words, offering help and hope to countless people around the globe, including the most vulnerable—"the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone," as she once said.

Mother Teresa, in both her words and in her actions, dedicated her life to helping the poor. In 1950, she founded the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic congregation that grew to 4,500 sisters by 2012. The congregation was active in 133 countries operating homes for people suffering from HIV/AIDS, leprosy, and other ailments. The congregation opened soup kitchens, offered counselling, managed orphanages, and ran schools, among other acts of kindness.

Saint Teresa often displayed a courage in her faith by going to the most dangerous places to help those in need. One such example is her trip to rescue 37 children trapped in a

hospital during the Siege of Beirut in 1982. She brokered a cease-fire between the Israeli army and the Palestinian guerrillas and travelled through the war zone to complete the evacuation.

In 1988, she visited Armenia following a devastating earthquake. She also traveled to Ethiopia in the height of famine to feed the hungry and to Chernobyl after the devastating nuclear accident to help radiation victims. Throughout her life, Saint Teresa was the recipient of countless awards for her charitable work. Her most important honor was received just this year, on September 4, 2016, when she was canonized and recognized by the church as a saint.



Catholic Charities strives to follow the mission of Saint Teresa of Calcutta by providing help and hope to the most vulnerable right

here in our community. Your gift to Catholic Charities goes directly to individuals and families facing crisis with nowhere else to turn. Your donation could help a family pay their rent, keep their lights on, or purchase life-saving medicine.

With Saint Teresa as inspiration for our own charitable giving, we carry on her legacy of helping those most in need. Will you follow in Saint Teresa's footsteps today and do a small thing with great love?

## Things You Should Know about Giving to Catholic Charities...



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

### Three easy ways to make a gift:

Call our toll-free donation hotline at 1-800-975-6699

Mail a gift to our office: Catholic Charities, 1300 12th Avenue, P.O. Box 1349, Altoona, PA 16603

Visit us at [www.catholiccharitiesaj.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesaj.org)



## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Promoting  
Priestly Vocations

**Q.** I am very saddened now whenever I read the obituary notice for a priest -- even if I haven't known him personally -- because I feel that this continues the downward spiral for the Catholic Church which has meant so much to me. (I am now 73.)

When is the church going to do something about the shortage of priests? Each year it gets worse and worse -- and nobody seems to be doing anything about it. (At the very least, they should hire some staffing consultants.)

We need the church more than ever, but parishes are being forced to close because priests aren't available. (Baltimore)

**A.** Far from "doing nothing," the Catholic Church in the U.S. is energetically involved in promoting vocations to the priesthood. This effort is making some inroads, even in a culture that seems to marginalize priests and in which parents are often reluctant to have a son choose

the seminary because they have different hopes for him.

In 2015, 3,650 men were enrolled in post-baccalaureate studies for the priesthood -- a modest increase from the low year of 1998 (3,114 students), but nowhere near the peak years of the 1960s (8,159 students in 1968).

In some places where particular energy is applied to these efforts, the results are remarkable. One small farming town in central Michigan with a population of 1,224 has now produced 22 priests; that town's Catholic parish has a weekly Holy Hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and fundraisers are held regularly to support those who have chosen such paths.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops encourages diocesan and school newspapers as well as parish bulletins to run interviews with priests and religious on how they discerned their own calling.

A key factor in promoting

vocations is personal encouragement from other Catholics. Recently, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate determined that 350,000 single Catholic males in the U.S. have "very seriously" considered a vocation to the priesthood, but only 1,000 enter a seminary or novitiate each year. That same study shows that if a young man has three people encourage him toward the priesthood, he is five times more likely to consider such a vocation.

In my own diocese, some success has come from a program entitled "Called by Name." On one particular weekend, churchgoers throughout the diocese were encouraged to write on a card the name of someone they knew who they felt would make a good priest.

Those named were then contacted by the diocese and invited to an evening with our diocesan bishop where, in low-key and friendly conversation, the needs of the church were discussed. This effort resulted in some young men entering the seminary and several others who began to discern a vocation with the help of a spiritual director.

**Q.** In the old days, Catholics never ate meat or drippings from meat on Fridays. I personally still don't eat meat on Fridays -- or even on Wednesdays (monastic training!) But I recently heard that the church now permits us to eat gravies made from meat on Fridays.

I often cook beans and rice with sausage, so my question is this: May I eat the beans and the rice, on days of abstinence, without the sausage? (Austin, Texas)

**A.** Canon 1251 of the church's Code of Canon Law requires Latin-rite Catholics to abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year, as well as on Ash Wednesday. That same canon, however, gives to national conferences of bishops the authority to modify this requirement.

In the United States, Catholics are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday and on the Fridays of Lent.



## For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola  
Refugee Crisis  
Becomes Real  
Because Of A Friend

Not too long ago, a 15-year-old refugee from Eritrea was found walking along the side of a road in Hampton, England.

Just another statistic, perhaps, representing a microcosm of an enormous problem, a worldwide conundrum encompassing millions and millions of people who have been displaced by war, famine, tyranny. It's a refugee problem worse than anything since the end of World War II, and most of us have seen that only in history books.

This young man, however, is more than a figure in a news story to me, more than a picture amid the gray, demolished buildings of a war-torn country.

Because right now, at 18 years old, he's living in the guest room of a lady I know in London. And because of that, he has become a real person to me and a lesson in what charity and stewardship are all about.

Eritrea is not exactly a household name to most Americans. It's not Syria or Afghanistan or even the beleaguered city of Aleppo, with which we're painfully familiar despite the fact that a third-party candidate in this year's presidential election couldn't recollect what "Aleppo" was.

No, Eritrea is one of those out-of-the-way places the 24-hour news cycle often ignores. So here's a brief summary: In 1993, Eritrea won independence from Ethiopia, a country which now lies directly to its south. To the west of Eritrea is Sudan, and right across the Red Sea lies Saudi Arabia. I love geography, but I readily admit I had to consult a map to figure this out.

The young man wandering about in Hampton was the youngest of four children. His parents had seen their three older kids conscripted by the military.

Eritrea has a repressive regime awash in human rights violations, among them mandatory conscription into the military with no exit date. Forced labor and disappearances are part of military service. The three older children have disappeared without a trace.

The parents, desperate to save at least one of their children, used the mysterious modern networks of escape to send their youngest child away.

"Hand off to hand off," was the way my friend in London described it.

After being found in Hampton, British social service agencies took over, and eventually sought a placement for this young man.

My friend, in the meantime, was conducting a spiritual gifts assessment workshop for a Catholic parish in England. As part of her preparation, she challenged herself to review what her own gifts were.

"I thought to myself, one of my gifts is my spare room," she said.

In the mysterious ways of God, need and gift were matched. But which, we might ask, was the need and which was the gift? Again, God's mystery.

The real sacrifice -- sacrificial giving, in the parlance of Catholic stewardship -- was made by his parents, she said. They will never see their son again. But their sacrifice gave him life.

The young man is an Orthodox Christian, and when asked by his caseworker who he can talk to when he needs help, he replied, "God."

Lest I think him overly pious, however, my friend says he has embraced the British club scene and is making friends readily.

What choices we face. Do we embrace walls and barriers? Or do we see an empty room as a gift and fill it?

## Saint Quentin Third Century Feast - October 31



An early martyr in northeastern France, Quentin, or Quintin, is mentioned by St. Gregory of Tours and the Venerable Bede. By tradition, this son of a Roman senator was sent with other missionaries to evangelize the Belgic peoples. He reportedly worked near Amiens with St. Lucian of Beauvais. But the rest of his story is legend. It includes torture and beheading, with his body recovered from the Somme River long after his death, and subsequent marvels attributed to his intercession. His cult took root in England, France and Belgium.

# Pope Says Seven New Saints 'Fought The Good Fight Of Faith'

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

## VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- The seven new saints of the church were holy not because of their own efforts but because of "the Lord who triumphs in them and with them," Pope Francis said.

Each one "struggled to the very end with all their strength," which they received through perseverance and prayer, the pope said Oct. 16 at a canonization Mass in St. Peter's Square.

"They remained firm in faith, with a generous and steadfast heart. Through their example

and their intercession, may God also enable us to be men and women of prayer," the pope told the estimated 80,000 people present at the Mass.

Seven large tapestries bearing the portraits of the new saints decorated the facade of St. Peter's Basilica, some representing specific aspects of their lives that exemplified their holiness.

Argentine "gaucho priest," St. Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero was portrayed sitting on a donkey, his humble means of transportation when traveling thousands of miles to minister to the poor and the sick.

St. Jose Sanchez del Rio, a 14-year-old Mexican boy martyred for refusing to renounce his faith during the Cristero War of the 1920s, was depicted holding a palm branch and rosary while a trail of blood and a single bullet were at his feet.

St. Salomone Leclercq, who was killed after refusing to renounce his faith at the height of the French Revolution, was shown with his eyes fixed toward heaven as an angel carried a palm, symbolizing his martyrdom for the faith.

The French Carmelite writer and mystic, St. Elizabeth of the Holy Trinity, was shown seated in prayer, and St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia, a Spanish bishop who spent his life devoted to Eucharistic adoration, smiled radiantly.

Brightly colored tapestries also featured the images of two new Italian saints: St. Ludovico Pavoni, the founder of the Sons of Mary Immaculate, who dedicated his life to the vocational and spiritual education of the poor and hearing impaired, and St. Alfonso Maria Fusco, founder of the Congregation of the Baptistines Sisters of the Nazarene and of the Little House of Providence, a home for abandoned children.

The celebration began with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect

of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, requesting Pope Francis enroll the six men and one woman "among the saints, that they may be invoked as such by all the Christian faithful."

Following the singing of the Litany of the Saints, the pope "declared and defined" their sainthood which was met with applause from crowd, many waving banners and flags in approval.

In his homily, the pope said the central theme of the Sunday readings was prayer, an important aspect in the lives of the newly canonized saints and something that obtained for them "the goal of heaven."

He reflected on the day's first reading which recalled Moses raising his arms in prayer while the Israelites fought Amalek's army. When Moses' arms would fall from weariness, the tide would turn against Israel.

Just as Aaron and Hur held Moses arms up until the Israelites won the battle, the pope said, so should Christians "support one another" in the "commitment to prayer."

"Weariness is inevitable," he said. "Sometimes we simply cannot go on, yet, with the support of our brothers and sisters, our prayer can persevere until the Lord completes his work."

Like Moses who grew weary, yet was sustained by Aaron and Hur, Christians must remember they are not alone in the church, the pope said.

"We are members of the body of Christ, the church, whose arms are raised day and night to heaven, thanks to the presence of the risen Christ and his Holy Spirit. Only in the church, and thanks to the church's prayer, are we able to remain steadfast in faith and witness," he said.

Looking at the day's Gospel reading, the pope said Jesus' parable of the widow who persists in seeking justice reveals "the mystery of prayer" which



CNS Photo/Paul Haring

**MEXICAN MARTYR:** A tapestry of new Mexican Saint Jose Sanchez del Rio, who was martyred at the age of 14 in 1928, hangs from the facade of Saint Peter's Basilica before the canonization Mass for seven new saints celebrated by Pope Francis at the Vatican Sunday, October 16.

**Saint Jose Sanchez del Rio, a 14 - year - old Mexican boy martyred for refusing to renounce his faith during the Cristero War of the 1920s, was depicted holding a palm branch and rosary while a trail of blood and a single bullet were at his feet.**

involves crying out persistently and not losing heart.

"To pray is not to take refuge in an ideal world, nor to escape into a false, selfish sense of calm. On the contrary, to pray is to struggle, but also to let the Holy Spirit pray within us," the pope said.

Before the final blessing, Pope Francis led the faithful in praying the Angelus and thanked the delegations as well as the pilgrims from the various countries of the new saints for their presence. The official

delegations included Argentine President Mauricio Macri and cabinet ministers from Spain, France and Italy. The official Mexican delegation was headed by Roberto Herrera Mena, adjunct for religious affairs.

Pope Francis prayed that "the example and intercession of these luminous witnesses sustain the commitment of each one in your respective areas of work and service for the good of the church and the civil community."



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# Canonized October 16: Street Saints And Martyrs

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Here are brief biographies of the six men and one woman canonized by Pope Francis on Sunday, October 16.

**Saint Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero**, affectionately known as the “gaucho priest,” was born in Argentina in 1840 and died in 1914. Ordained for the Archdiocese of Cordoba, he spent years traveling far and wide by mule to reach his flock. Pope Francis, in a message in 2013 for the priest’s beatification -- a ceremony scheduled before the Argentine pope was elected -- said Father Brochero “did not stay in the sacristy combing the sheep,” but went out in search of the lost.

“This is what Jesus wants today, missionary disciples, street priests of faith!” the pope said.

The new saint gained particular fame for caring for the sick and dying, devoting himself to ensuring they received the sacraments. He eventually contracted Hansen’s disease, commonly known as leprosy, possibly from sharing a cup of mate tea with someone who was infected.

**Saint Jose Sanchez del Rio** was martyred several weeks before his 15th birthday in 1928. Born in Michoacan, he wanted to join his brothers in the Cristero War, a civil war between rebels and the government of Mexican President Plutarco Elias Calles who introduced tough anti-clerical laws and confiscated church property.

Although his enlistment was refused, the young boy’s persistence wore down the rebel general and he was allowed to be the flag bearer of a unit. During an intense battle, he was captured by government forces and threatened with death if he didn’t renounce his faith. In an attempt to break his resolve, he was forced to witness the hanging of a fellow soldier. Instead, the young boy encouraged the



CNS Photo/Paul Haring

**THE GAUCHO PRIEST:** Argentine Saint Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero, known as the “gaucho priest,” was among seven new saints declared by Pope Francis at the Vatican Sunday, October 16. His tapestry is seen on the facade of Saint Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican.

soldier, saying they would soon meet in heaven.

After enduring two weeks of torture following his capture, Saint Jose was executed. Witnesses say that before his death, he drew a cross in the dirt and kissed it. **Saint Guillaume-Nicolas-Louis Leclercq**, commonly called by his religious name, Salomone, entered the De La Salle Christian Brothers in 1767. After serving several years as a teacher and provincial, Saint Leclercq along with his confreres found themselves and other Catholic clergy targeted during the French Revolution.

The Christian Brothers were among the many Catholic institutions deemed illegal for refusing to pledge the oath of allegiance to the new government

after King Louis XVI was deposed. Despite being monitored, Saint Leclercq continued to write to his relatives and even planned to form a new congregation.

However, he was arrested and imprisoned with other priests in a convent in Paris in 1792. Several weeks later, he and his fellow inmates were executed in the convent garden.

**Saint Manuel Gonzalez Garcia** was deeply devoted to eucharistic adoration. Born in Seville, Blessed Gonzalez felt called to the priesthood at the age of 12. After his ordination in 1901, he was sent to preach at a church that he found was unclean and abandoned.

It was there, praying before the tabernacle that he decided to dedicate his life to bringing souls back to the church and



CNS Photo/Paul Haring

**NEW SAINT:** A woman holds an image of new Saint Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero, before the canonization Mass for seven new saints

founded the “Union Eucaristica Reparatoria” (“Eucharist Reparation Union”), an order devoted to the Eucharist and caring for the sick, the poor and abandoned children.

He was appointed as auxiliary bishop of Malaga and later named bishop of Palencia in 1935 by Pope Pius XI. He died in 1940 and because his final request was to be buried at the foot of the tabernacle, he was buried at the main altar of the Cathedral of Palencia.

**Saint Ludovico Pavoni** was born in Brescia, Italy, in 1784. Ordained to the priesthood in 1807, he opened an oratory dedicated to the personal and social education of young people.

With his bishop’s support, he also opened an orphanage and vocational school, which was among the first schools to admit deaf children. He established the Sons of Mary Immaculate, now commonly known as the Pavonians, to continue his work. He died in 1849.

**Saint Alfonso Maria Fusco** was born in Angri, Italy, to parents who, hoping for a child, went to pray at the tomb of St. Alfonso Maria de Liguori. A priest there told them they would have a son, who they should name Alfonso and that he would become a priest. One year later, the baby was born.

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1863, he dedicated himself to evangelization and gained fame as an understanding

confessor. He founded the Congregation of the Baptistine Sisters of the Nazarene and opened a home for abandoned children. After dedicating his life to opening similar houses throughout Italy, he died in 1910.

**Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity** was born Elisabeth Catez in France in 1880 and died in 1906.

Against the wishes of her mother, who wanted her to marry, she entered the Discalced Carmelite Order in 1901. Throughout her life, she desired a deeper understanding of God’s love, which she expressed in her writings. A writer and mystic, she died at the age of 26.

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# Election Guide -- 2016

## Part II

### U.S. CONGRESS

1. What is your position on providing a federal tax credit to businesses that donate to scholarship organizations that provide scholarships for low-income students at private and religious schools in grades kindergarten through 12?

Bill Shuster (R) 9th District – SUPPORT

Keith Rothfus (R) 12th District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: "I am for reforming the tax code to make it simpler and fairer for everyone. This means closing loopholes and taking out special interest credits, both the ones that go to organizations I support and the ones that go to organizations I do not."

2. Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- I support legalized abortion.
- I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.
- I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

Bill Shuster (R) 9th District – I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest.

COMMENTS: I am 100% pro-life and a proud member of the Congressional pro-life caucus.

Keith Rothfus (R) 12th District – I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.

COMMENTS: "Every human has a right to live from conception until natural death; our laws should promote a culture of life. I do not oppose operations necessary to prevent maternal death, for example, surgery to remove ectopic pregnancy or uterine cancer."

3. What is your position on legislation that would permit undocumented immigrants who have lived in the United States for a number of years, have worked and built equities in our country and who do not have criminal records to register with the government and take steps to earn legal status?

Bill Shuster (R) 9th District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: "I am opposed to any legislation that grants amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants."

Keith Rothfus (R) 12th District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: "I oppose amnesty. It would be unfair to those who followed the rules and those who are waiting in line."

4. What is your position on efforts to pass legislation (i.e., the Federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act) that would make sexual orientation and gender identity or expression protected classes that are equivalent to other protected classes (e.g., race, religion, sex, etc.)?

Bill Shuster (R) 9th District – OPPOSE

Keith Rothfus (R) 12th District -- OPPOSE

5. What is your position on increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates as a means to provide greater access to care for Medicaid-covered individuals?

Bill Shuster (R) 9th District – OPPOSE

Keith Rothfus (R) 12th District

COMMENTS: "Because of the ACA, Medicaid is facing significant challenges remaining a sustainable program of assistance. Instead of shackling states with more mandates, Medicaid needs to be reformed to empower states to design their own programs that fit their specific needs. This will provide the cost savings and changes necessary for Medicaid to continue being a viable health care option for our most vulnerable citizens."

### PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. What is your position on increased funding for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits (OSTC) where the state budget includes an increase in public school funding?

Carl Metzgar (R) 69th District – SUPPORT

Frank Burns (D) 72nd District – SUPPORT

COMMENTS: "I have voted for a multi-million dollar increase in funding for the EITC program since taking office and I will continue to support such efforts. These successful programs are an example of how government and businesses can create a win-win situation for everyone."

Cecilia Houser (R) 72nd District – SUPPORT

Mike Hanna (D) 76th District – SUPPORT

COMMENTS: "I have voted for increased funding several times."

John McGinnis (R) 79th District – STRONGLY SUPPORT

COMMENTS: "Empowerment of students and parents is the surest way to promote positive educational outcomes, and funding that follows the student and allows choice is our best opportunity to bring about 'a thorough and effective' education for students."

Rich Rogers (D) 81st District – SUPPORT

COMMENTS: "When public school fulfill educational needs."

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Cecilia Houser (R) 72nd District – I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.

Mike Hanna (D) 76th District – I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

John McGinnis (R) 79th District – I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.

COMMENTS: "Human life begins at conception and is due full protection by government from then until natural death."

Rich Rogers (D) 81st District

COMMENTS: "I support a doctor patient right to give whatever medical need required."

3. What is your position on expanding the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to provide health insurance to children in Pennsylvania who are undocumented immigrants?

Carl Metzgar (R) 69th District – OPPOSE

Frank Burns (D) 72nd District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: "Taxpayer resources should not be used for undocumented immigrants. When we allow taxpayer resources to be used in this way, it creates a disincentive for immigrants to follow the law and obtain the proper documentation to be in this country legally."

Cecilia Houser (R) 72nd District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: "Due to on-going budget problems, I would like to ensure that quality health care is provided to the children of Pennsylvania."

Mike Hanna (D) 76th District – SUPPORT

John McGinnis (R) 79th District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: "All charity is better delivered through private initiatives. When the government runs a welfare program it first takes, by force, money from those who earned it which is a manifest violation of the role of government."

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Rich Rogers (D) 81st District – SUPPORT

4. What is your position on amending Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination laws for housing, employment and public accommodation to include sexual orientation?

- They should include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression” as protected classes, no exceptions.
- They should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners.
- No change is necessary.

Carl Metzgar (R) 69th District – They should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners.

Frank Burns (D) 72nd District – They should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners. No change is necessary.

COMMENTS: “If there is a change to Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination law then it should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners. However any attempt by the Pennsylvania General Assembly to amend Pennsylvania’s anti-discrimination law must recognize that such amendments could result in protracted legal consequences that will ultimately be decided in the U.S. Supreme Court.”

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John McGinnis (R) 79th District – They should contain specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners.

COMMENTS: “We are fast obliterating the sovereignty of individuals and institutions and replacing it with totalitarian government dictates.”

Rich Rogers (D) 81st District – No change is necessary.

5. What is your position on increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates as a means to provide greater access to care for Medicaid-covered individuals?

Carl Metzgar (R) 69th District – SUPPORT

Frank Burns (D) 72nd District

COMMENTS: “I believe strongly that we should never deny our people access to health care. With skyrocketing medical costs, we absolutely must find ways to control health care cost in this country so that we are able to provide Medicaid for our most vulnerable citizens.”

Cecilia Houser (R) 72nd District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: “I would support further auditing of the system to eliminate fraud, abuse, and waste in the system. This would enable more money to be spent on individuals in most need of help and remove those abusing the system.”

Mike Hanna (D) 76th District – SUPPORT

John McGinnis (R) 79th District – OPPOSE

COMMENTS: “As I wrote above, it is a mistake to use government to provide welfare and expanding such programs only worsens the problem of government misbehavior.”

Rich Rogers (D) 81st District

COMMENTS: “No person should go without needed medical treatment.”

## PA STATEWIDE CANDIDATES

### Attorney General

Joshua D. Shapiro (D)

John C. Rafferty, Jr. (R)

### Auditor General

Eugene A. DePasquale (D)

John A. Brown (R)

### State Treasurer

Joseph M. Torsella (D)

Otto W. Voit, III (R)

NOTE: Candidates DePasquale and Torsella did not respond to the survey

1. What is your position on increased funding for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits (OSTC) if the state budget includes an increase in public school funding?

Shapiro (D) Support

Rafferty (R) Support\*

Brown (R) Support\*

Voit (R) Support\*

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Rafferty (R) 3

Brown (R) 3

Voit (R) 3

3. What is your position on expanding the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to provide health insurance to children in Pennsylvania who are undocumented immigrants?

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3. No change is necessary.

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Brown (R) 3\*

Voit (R) 3\*

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Rafferty (R) Support\*

Brown (R) Support\*

Voit (R) Support\*

\*Indicates comments were provided. See footnotes.

### COMMENTS

Question 1. Brown – I support this program because I believe that families deserve this support to pursue a religious education. Rafferty – This is a terrific program and I have always supported. Voit – I believe that families deserve this support so they can take advantage of opportunities presented by religious schools.

Question 3. Brown – I oppose the use of taxpayer dollars, but I believe that this is an opportunity for private charities to step in to offer support. Rafferty – I oppose the use of taxpayer dollars but this is where charities need to step in. Voit – I oppose the use of taxpayer dollars for undocumented immigrants, but I believe that this is an opportunity for private charities to step in to offer support.

Question 4. Brown – If there is to be a law, this provision should definitely be included. Rafferty – If there is to be a law, this provision should definitely be included. Voit – If there is to be a law, this provision should definitely be included.

Question 5. Brown – The poor deserve care and I believe that health care professionals deserve to be adequately compensated. Rafferty - Health care professionals deserve a fair reimbursement and the poor deserve care. Voit – Health care professionals deserve to be adequately compensated for caring for the less fortunate and I believe our society has an obligation to help those who can’t help themselves.

# Now Showing

## ‘Keeping Up With The Joneses’ Falls Flat

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** -- “I am everyday people.” Such was Sly and the Family Stone’s boast in a classic 1968 song, and a similar sentiment pervades the action comedy “Keeping Up With the Joneses” (Fox).

Despite its celebration of the lives of honest, decent, mari-

tally committed suburbanites, however, awkward handling causes both the film’s upright message and its humor to fall flat. What remains are some good intentions and fitful smiles.

Exemplifying the ordinary folks the movie seeks to salute are Atlanta-area cul-de-sac dwellers Jeff (Zach Galifianakis) and Karen (Isla Fisher) Gaffney. Jeff is a mid-level executive in the human resources department of a large defense contractor while Karen works from home as an interior decorator.

With their two young sons off to summer camp for the first time, Jeff and Karen should be concentrating on the pleasures of a temporarily empty nest. Instead, they’re distracted by the arrival of new neighbors, suspiciously perfect couple Tim and Natalie Jones (Jon Hamm and Gal Gadot).

Travel writer Tim speaks



CNS Photo/Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation

**KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES:** Zach Galifianakis and Isla Fisher star in a scene from the movie “Keeping Up With the Joneses.” The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Chinese, has a favorite cafe in Marrakesh and learned glass-blowing during one of his stays in Hungary. For her part, Natalie has a gourmet cooking blog and supports a charity for orphans in Sri Lanka.

Jeff and Karen eventually discover that the Joneses are, in fact, undercover spies. But not before Jeff develops a “man crush” on Tim and Natalie casts a spell of exotic sensuality over Karen.

The latter plot line plays off the cliché of men fantasizing about lesbian encounters as Karen, who has followed Natalie into a clothes store, winds up sharing a dressing room with her while they try on lingerie together.

In a bid for laughs of a different sort, Michael LeSieur’s script then drags the Gaffneys through such fish-out-of-water experiences as high-speed chases, shootouts and a potentially life-threatening stint as disguised decoys. During the last of these situations, the girl-on-girl motif resurfaces when Karen and Natalie exchange a lingering kiss, though they do so strictly as a stratagem to distract the bad guys.

As with the underwear scene, this sleight-of-hand smooch is contained within a safe context: both women are happily married, and Karen later explicitly reassures Jeff that it was just a red herring. In fact, Jeff’s confused fears on the subject are meant to be comically baseless.

But LeSieur and director Greg Mottola are clearly not above appealing to the very instincts they’re implicitly satirizing. And that tends to undercut the legitimacy of their movie’s pro-marriage outlook, a stance from which, amid all the bloodless mayhem, they view both the

problems besetting and the solutions awaiting their four central spouses.

The film contains considerable stylized violence, semi-graphic marital lovemaking, partial nudity, some sexual humor, including a reference to aberrant behavior, a same-sex kiss, several uses of profanity, at least one rough term and occasional crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

## Coming Up On ‘Proclaim!’

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

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A U.S. Navy veteran serving on the Air Craft Carrier USS Philippine Sea, he was a well known window cleaner in the area, and was employed as a rigger at Bethlehem Steel Corp.

Deacon Lux was the Director of the Saint Andrew Food Pantry.

He was ordained a Permanent Deacon in 1992, and served Saint Mary Parish in Nanty Glo; the former Saint Joseph and Holy Spirit Parishes in Beaverdale-Dunlo, Saint Mary Parish in Pensacola FL for eight years, where he was chaplain for the Mother of Mercy Legion of Mary, and Saint Andrew Parish in Johnstown

The Funeral Mass for Deacon Herman J. Lux was celebrated Friday, October 14 at Saint Andrew Church, with Bishop Mark L. Bartchak as principal celebrant, and the diocesan clergy. Committal was at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Johnstown.

Memorial donations may be made to Windber Hospice or Saint Andrew Food Pantry in memory of Deacon Herman J. Lux.

#### Sister Ursula Grimes C.S.J.

Sister Ursula Grimes, 93, died Saturday, October 15, in her 76th year as a Sister of Saint Joseph of Baden.

The daughter of the late Patrick J. and Agnes (Cain) Grimes, Sister Ursula entered the Congregation from Saint Titus Parish in Aliquippa.

During her 17 -year ministry in education, she served as a teacher in the schools of the Dioceses of Altoona – Johnstown and Pittsburgh. Sister Ursula also ministered for a year at the Saint Joseph Infant Home in Ebensburg, where she nurtured babies and toddlers.

After earning a PhD in Administration and Supervision from the University of Notre Dame in 1961, Sister moved into several leadership positions within the Congregation, serving as Assistant Formation Director, Formation Director, and then Assistant Superior General from 1973 -1983.

Sister Ursula is survived by her sister, Sister Mary Cordia

C.S.J., nieces and nephews, and the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden and their Associates.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Ursula Grimes C.S.J. was celebrated Wednesday, October 19 in the chapel of Saint Joseph Convent, Baden. Committal was in the Sisters' Cemetery on the Motherhouse grounds.

Donations in the name of Sister Ursula may be sent to the Sisters of Saint Joseph Memorial Fund, Saint Joseph Convent, Development Office, 1020 State Street, Baden, PA 15005.

## In The Alleghenies

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As we look ahead expectantly towards the Christmas holiday, the season of Advent allows us to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Vox Nova and Mount Aloysius College's Campus Ministry join together to prepare for an evening of readings and music significant for the Advent season," Nancy Way, assistant professor of music and Vox Nova director, said.

Campus Ministry presenters will read selections as Vox Nova provides music reminis-

cent of its text and meaning. There will be Bible excerpts and songs familiar to listeners such as "Silent Night," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "We Three Kings" as well as other Advent selections. General admission will be \$5.00, all area students are admitted free.

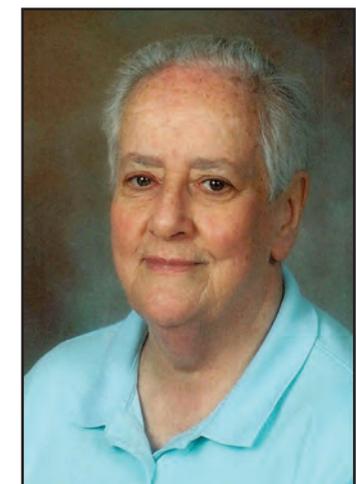
For more information, please call the Mount Aloysius College Music Office at (814) 886 - 6495.

### Parishes

### Conference On The Family

**Altoona:** The Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona is sponsoring an evening program focusing on the recent Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the family. The event will be held Monday, November 7 at Saint John the Evangelists Church in Lakemont.

Bishop Mark Bartchak will give an overview of the papal document, "Amoris Laetitia," with leaders of faith communities and social service agencies giving their responses in light of their own experience and faith traditions. There will be a question and answer session following, as well as time for fellowship and refreshments. All are cordially invited.



Sister Marie Elise Regan  
I.H.M.

Sister Marie Elise Regan, of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary died on Thursday, October 6, at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton. She was 83.

She was born September 2, 1933, in Moscow, and given the name Eileen, the daughter of the late Francis and Elizabeth (Fowler) Regan. She entered the IHM Congregation on September 8, 1951, and made her temporary profession of vows on August 2, 1954, and her final profession of vows on August 2, 1957.

Sister Marie Elise was principal of Saint Aloysius School in Cresson, from 1966 to 1969.

From 2013 until the time of her death, Sister Marie Elise served as a prayer minister at Our Lady of Peace Residence.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Marywood College, Scranton.

She is preceded in death by brothers, John and Thomas; and a sister, Mary.

She is survived by a brother, Richard of West Chester, a sister, Doris Bray of Clarks Summit, and nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Marie Elise Regan I.H.M. was celebrated Wednesday, October 12 at Our Lady of Peace Residence. Committal was at Saint Catherine Cemetery, Moscow.



Deacon Herman J. Lux

Deacon Herman J. Lux, 79, Johnstown, died Friday, October 7.

He was born October 11, 1936 in Pittsburgh, son of the late Herman C. and Mildred (Salamon) Lux. He was preceded in death by parents; mother - in - law, Margaret Nicandro; brothers - in - law, Michael Pruchnic and Jacob Mraz.

Surviving is his wife, of 60 years, Grace (Nicandro) Lux and these children, James (Paula Gritzer), Karen (fiancée, Ron Slezak), John (Karen Bantly), Joseph Lux, Herman (Laura Dyball), Richard (Emily Gomerac), Kathleen (John Weeks), Thomas (Lisa Pfiel), Lisa (Darell Bohannan), Grace, Maria (fiancée, John Hess), Michael (Melissa Hildebrand), Mark (Katie Benchoff); grandchildren, Elizabeth Lux Gabriel, Morgan Lux, Michael and Allison Lux, Cory and Alyssa Lux, Brandon and Zachary Lux, Nathan, Jennifer, Simon and Isaiah Lux, Laura Marie Winder, Robert Weeks, Heather Weeks, Lauren Lux, David Poole, Dylan Hutchison, Alexa Naquin, Darien and Lillian Lux, Chole and Keira Lux; and great - grandchildren, Horizon Gabriel, Landon, Raleigh and Skylar Weeks; Katie Marie Farrantino, and Skyler Gaunt.

Also surviving are sisters Marie Mraz, Bernadette Pruchnic and Dolly Hippler.



## Holliday Boutique

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2700 Broad Avenue

**November 12, 2016 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM  
Again This Year: Margaret Cooney's Sweet Rolls

Lunch Served 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Meatball Sandwiches - Hot Dogs w/Kraut  
Homemade Chicken Noodle/Vegetable Soup & Chili  
Potato Salad, Homemade French Fries, Haluski  
Soda, Coffee & Tea, Chicken Patina Soup, Chili Dogs

\*Pictures With Santa From 11 AM to 1 PM\*

Crafts, Christmas Crafts  
Bake Shoppe, Kids Christmas Carnival  
Baskets Galore, Prize-a-rama  
COLLECTIBLES AND GIFTS, Food For Thought  
BOOKS, JEWELRY & Sister Basil's Lollipops

# National Shrine Pilgrimage November 12



Photo by Monsignor Timothy P. Stein

**OUR LADY OF IRELAND:** Among the first images of Mary to greet pilgrims to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, is the statue of the Blessed Virgin holding the Christ Child in the Chapel of Our Lady of Ireland, found in the base of the Knights' Tower immediately inside the entrance to the Great Upper Church. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will lead pilgrims from the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown to the Basilica on Saturday, November 12, as part of the Diocese's celebration of the Jubilee Year Of Mercy.

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