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Marriage Means Accepting Both Good And Bad, Bishops Says At Annual Mass For Couples



RENEWING THEIR VOWS: Joe and Olivia Sutton of Loretto were one of the couples renewing their marriage vows at the annual Mass Honoring Married Couples, celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak on Sunday, July 27 at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto.

**Photos And Text
By Bruce A. Tomaselli**

Quick to condemn in this culture, we are. Some of us even revel in the misfortunes of others, and Bishop Mark L. Bartchak took note.

“People seem to be preoccupied with the faults of others in our society today,” Bishop Mark said at the annual Mass Honoring Married Couples. Heavy rains and high winds forced the Sunday, July 27 Mass to be held inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto.

During the celebration married couples renewed their wedding vows.

In his homily, the Bishop told the story of Grandma Clara, who explained the secret and longevity of her marriage to her grandchildren. She said, on her wedding day she picked 10 of her husband’s faults, which for the sake of the marriage, she would overlook. But she never actually counted his faults.

The lesson Clara taught to her grandchildren was that everyone has faults. Said the Bishop, “Clara offered some wise advice to her grandchildren when she acknowledged grandpa had his faults. But the

story explained she did two other noteworthy things: She never made a list, and she overlooked those faults.”

The Bishop said that marriage has its challenges. Those challenges are a result of human weakness. “We shouldn’t limit ourselves to a merely human understanding of what marriage is all about, without any reference to what God has in mind.”

He expressed concern that in this society marriage has become controversial. The teachings of Christ and the Church are viewed as limited, as too exclusive, and prejudicial.

Divine Revelation tells us that Marriage is understood as an exclusive, life - long, and life - giving bond between one man and one woman that is open to the gift of children. It comes with the responsibilities that come from committing oneself to the care of one’s spouse and to the education and care of the children born of that union. “Who would have thought,” continued Bishop Mark, “that marriage would be viewed more often as a disposable commodity that can be abandoned when the challenges, faults, and failures, and shortcomings start to add up?”

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STATE WINNER: Meghan Mostick, a sixth grade student at All Saints Catholic School, Cresson, was the second place winner, Grades 6 - 7, on the state level for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2014 National Education Contest. Her entry was sponsored by Court Joan Of Arc #716. Pictured are (left to right) Dot DeAngelo (vice regent), Connie Stransky (recording secretary), Mary Jo Fitsimmons (regent), Meghan, Jennifer Myers (Meghan's mother) and Alyssa Mostick (Meghan's sister).



CRESSON BIBLE CAMP: Vacation bible camp was held at Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson during the third week of June. Children and volunteer helpers from all over the Mainline Area attended. Father John Byrnes (left), pastor of Saint Aloysius and Father Leo Arnone (right), pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Parish are shown with the adult staff, helpers and campers.



ATTEND CANONIZATION: Johnstown pilgrims who attended the canonization of Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II at the Vatican on Sunday, April 27 included (left to right) First row: Mary Ann Powell, Alice Havers, Cecilia Neiderer, Mary Jo Skala, Frances Skala. Second row: George Pisula, Carol Pisula, Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka (pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish), Evelyn Dmpfl and Joan Ludwig.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Holy Spirit Parish in Lock Haven held Vacation Bible School June 16 - 21. This year's theme was "Weird Animals". Over 50 children attended each evening with 30 teenage and adult helpers. Each evening the children rotated between different stations including games, story time, music, crafts, science, snacks, Kid Vid Cinema, and Saints. The week ended with the children attending the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass as a group. They presented Father Norman Imgrund, celebrating his Golden Jubilee that weekend, with a dozen yellow roses and dedicated two songs to him. The Mass was followed by an evening of fun at the VBS Family Picnic.

Foundation

Funds Distributed

Altoona: The Independent Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown announced the annual distribution of funds after their June meeting.

With the recommendation of the Finance and Distribution committee, the Board of Trustees approved a 4.25 percent distribution for this year's funds; this is an increase from last fiscal year. The Foundation's policy calls for an annual distribution of a percentage of the average value from each separate endowment account. The total

amount available for distribution this year is over \$850,000 which represents an 19% increase over last fiscal year's availability; this is a record amount. These amounts do not reflect \$1.1 million in contributions to new and existing endowments. The average market value of the Foundation's endowment portfolio was over \$20.4 million for the determination period; this represents \$1.8 million more than last year's average.

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YOUTH WEEK: Saint Augustine Parish, Saint Augustine, and Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs, held Youth Week at Saint Augustine Parish Hall June 16 - 20. The youngsters enjoyed Bible stories, music, arts and crafts, games, activities, plays and snacks. The theme for the week was "Son Treasure - - Finding A Treasure In God And In One's Faith." Jane Stoltz was director for the week. Father Joseph Fleming is pastor of both parishes.

In The Alleghenies



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Windber, on Sunday, April 27 were (left to right) First row: Owen Boyer, Kaylee Dowdell, Cayden Anderson, Gracie Strapple, Aiden Culp, Sara Molnar, Garrett Page. Second row: Blake Dowdell (server), Aidan Klahre, Bode Wise, Skyler Alexander, Noelle Bobak, Garrett Farabaugh, Dominic Huss. Third row: Brandon Harrigan (server), Kathy Trusch (catechist), Father Martin Cingle (pastor), Deacon Thaddeus Janisko, Joanne Kot (catechist), Violet Bunk (director of religious education) and Allen Farabaugh (server).



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, NEW GERMANY: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception Parish, New Germany, on Sunday, May 4 were (left to right) First row: Monica Krug, Deanna Plummer, Joshua Weinzierl, Nadia Daubert. Second row: Grayson Girona, Paige Miller, Amiee Smith, Sydney Rickley. Third row: Jessica Daubert (catechist), Benedictine Father Leon Hont (pastor) and Ronald Kulback (catechist).

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With this year's distribution, total support for the various ministries of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown exceeds \$4 million dollars for the past 6 years. The Foundation was cre-

ated 24 years ago as an independent non-profit corporation to support the various ministries of the Diocese. It currently manages well over 200 permanently restricted endowments valued at over \$23 million. Information can be found at www.icfdaj.org.

Prayer

Scott Hahn To Speak

Cresson: Dr. Scott Hahn, internationally renowned Catholic author and speaker will give three presentations at Mount



VINCENTIAN MEETING: The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul held its annual Eastern Region meeting at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. The Vincentian gathering concluded with Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Barchak. Presenting the gifts to Bishop Mark, assisted by Deacon Michael Anna are Dom Visco (left), SVDP Vice President Eastern Region and Doris Gatto, SVDP Holy Name Ebensburg member.



SPELLING BEE CHAMP: Michael Lamb a fifth grade student at Saint Thomas the Apostle School, Bedford (center), 11 - year-old son of Connie and Tom Lamb, took top honors at the Altoona Johnstown Diocesan Spelling Bee at Saint Andrew School in Johnstown, Wednesday, May 7. Michael claimed his first - place spot from among a field of fourth through sixth grade competitors from 20 schools. This was Michael's second year to compete. He is pictured with Angie George (left) and Heath Miller (right) who helped him prepare for the competition.

Aloysius College on Saturday, September 13.

At 9:30 a.m. he will speak on "The Lord's Supper" and at 11:00, "Lord Have Mercy." At 1:30 p.m., Dr. Hahn's topic will be "Evangelizing Catholics."

All presentations will take place in the Wellness Center.

Dr. Hahn was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1982, and was received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 1986. He is professor of theol-

ogy and Scripture at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. Over 500 of his presentations have been produced on audio and video tapes, and he frequently appears on the EWTN Global Catholic Network.

Dr. Hahn and his wife, Kimberly, live in Steubenville, and are the parents of six children.

Registration information is available at sandrainzana@comcast.net, or by calling Sandy at (814) 472 - 8814.

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Point Of View

Our conversation goes like this, “Can you just do it for me mom?” “No, I can not sweetheart.” “But it is way too hard...” “I know it is hard but you’ve got to push through it and learn to do this on your own.” “But, mom I can’t, it is just way too hard!”

As tears pour down his face and mine, my heart breaks. Maybe just this time I should just do it for him, I think to myself, but down deep I know better. The more I rescue him, releasing him from the struggle, the more it will hurt him in the long run. As I wipe his tears and kiss his forehead, his strength seemingly returns but it would be months before he conquers this feat. Although, the circumstances were different for each of my children, the conversation was almost always the same when they were faced with the struggles of childhood.

As a mom I find myself wanting to step in and make it all better, but the stark reality is every time I rescue them, they will need to climb that same mountain again by themselves. In reality, I wasn’t helping them by solving their problem; actually I was holding them back! Children need to struggle, feel the pain and the frustration in order to experience the thrill of the victory! But, boy is it hard!

As life goes on, our childhood struggles soon turn into teen struggles, young adulthood struggles, parenting struggles, mid-age struggles, old age struggles etc. Struggles have no preference for young or old, thick or thin, degrees or no degrees, the



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich
We Were Born To Fly!

right side of the tracks or not, faith or no faith. Struggles in life are inevitable. However, when we realize the value of going through the struggle, not escaping it by taking the path of least resistance, is when we finally obtain our true reward.

At a recent Family Life Conference, I was reminded of the much familiar analogy of the caterpillar whose very insides are liquidized beyond recognition as it makes its journey inside the cocoon to become a butterfly. Once these now gooey guts are completely disassembled, the Master creator not only slowly puts every part back together but reconfigures this old being into something totally brand new. As the newly formed, but still fragile butterfly, struggles and wrestles to be set free of it’s stronghold, it has to push and push it’s wings against the cocoon, pumping the much needed life fluid into the small vessels of its wings, the very thing needed to fly.

Although, the butterfly, would probably love for someone to come and help him out in a hurry, that mere offering, although good intentioned, would actually harm the butterfly, weakening him until the point of death. The butterfly needs to

experience this struggle in order for it to fulfill its original plan for God’s design. The butterfly was meant to fly and when the time is right, it takes off just as its Creator planned.

This analogy reminds me that God has every little detail of our life planned and He promises in the end all things, both good and bad, will work out for those who love the Lord. This is especially true for those who feel the struggle of life. God can take our struggles and turn them into something beautiful but we must remember there is a process and change that needs to take place.

Believing we will be transformed by the pain and reassembled by God’s very own hand helps us realize we were not meant to stay there helpless in the liquid gooey messes of our life. We were born to fly!

As August makes it full debut and butterflies flutter about, stop and look for these beautiful intricately designed creatures for they are a message from God Himself! Keep pushing your wings against your cocoon my friends, for God has already booked your flight and has positioned you on the runway, ready to fly! Blessings!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
No Gesture Too Small

Jesus spoke in parables when explaining the mystery of the Kingdom of God, pointing out that the Kingdom grows from small beginnings:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed . . . the smallest of all seeds, yet when it is full grown, it is the largest of plants.” (Matthew 13:31b – 32)

“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.” (Matthew 13:33b)

In speaking of the Kingdom in those terms, Jesus reminds us that even the very smallest effort for good, even the tiniest gesture of love in action, can be the means by which great good is accomplished in this life, and in the world to come.

Might it not also be said that the same is true of evil? That even the smallest gesture of hatred, of indifference, of lack of concern for another’s welfare and well – being can be the means by which evil is allowed to run rampant in our world? I believe history tells us that this is so.

Just 100 years ago, this Summer, a small, localized conflict in the Balkans, set off by the assassination of the Austrian heir apparent and his wife, escalated into the tempest that became known as “The Great War,” “The War To End All Wars,” or more simply and more chillingly “The First World War.”

In 1936, the Spanish Civil War, another “small, localized conflict” became the dress rehearsal for the wider conflagration that would erupt in 1939 when another “small, localized conflict” - - the German invasion of Poland, broke out into The Second World War.

History does have a way of repeating itself.

This Summer has had more than its full share of chilling echoes of what took place in the Summer of 1914. A “small, localized conflict” between Israel and Gaza makes headlines in every newspaper and dominates every nightly newscast. The “small, localized conflict” between Ukraine and Russia became a worldwide nightmare when Malaysian Flight 17 was shot from the sky, with almost 300 innocent lives lost, as it flew across that disputed territory. I wonder if anyone else saw a parallel with the 1915 sinking of the RMS Lusitania, a British passenger liner sunk by a German torpedo, with the loss of 1,198 passengers and crew. Among the dead were 128 United States citizens. The sinking of the Lusitania helped draw our nation into what had begun as that little, local, Balkan conflict.

Even when faced with the consequences of what can happen when a small, evil act is let loose in the world, we must not lose faith, we must not lose hope in the Lord’s gospel message that small acts of kindness will have their reward. We sing so often “Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.” Let those not be vain words, but the promise and pledge of what we hope to bring to birth in our world: a world where peace and prosperity, liberty and justice for all spreads out from the heart of each peaceful person, everyone making whatever gesture they can to allow God’s Kingdom to come.

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SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BELLEFONTE: Celebrating Confirmation at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bellefonte (photo at left), were Kristen Bell, Anthony Berenty, Emily Catalano, Kristin Cavanaugh, Mark Coll, Samantha Dawson, Sarah Files, Derek Fries, Ryan Gmerek, Michael Jabco, Kaitlin Ladlee, Ashley Morris, Montana Moyer, Brooke Nadolsky, Sierra Nagel, Mary Polak, Jocelyn Pruss, Vance Przybys, Tyler Rudloff, Colton Schnars, Patrick Scordato, Morgan Sherman, Amber Sherretz, Brooke Shirey, Zachery Stephens, Mitchell Taylor, Morgan Taylor and Abigail Young. They are pictured with Father George Jakopac (pastor), Father John Gibbons (parochial vicar) and Deacon Thomas Boldin. Celebrating First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3 (photo at right) were (left to right) First row: Dylan Gehringer, Rebecca Burns, Marissa Yeager, Kyle Yangula, Zachary Folmar, Michael Yurick, Mackenzie Ellenberger, Braden Ennis, Olivia Tobias. Second row: Emma Homan, Cameron Hane, Allison Harris, Kate Rarrick, Eric Clark, Gauge Schnars, Johnathan Nadolsky, Annalise Glunt, Jillian Stoltz, Patrick DePlato, Anthony Fisher. Third row: Kathryn Nichols, Charles Kellog - Long, Grace Novitsky, Catherine Reed, Annabelle DeAngelo, Maria Cotter, Aiden McMaster. Fourth row: Father Jakopac, Joshua Culley, Katelyn Packer, Tyler Lehman, Carter Boone, Lauren Kellog - Long, Morgan Besecker, Abigail Johnson and Father Gibbons.

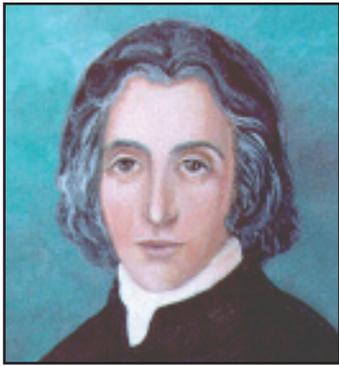


VISITATION: Celebrating First Holy Communion (photo at left) at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Johnstown, were (left to right) First row: Gracie Smith, Nathan Zolnosky, Phillip Pham, Madison Durst. Second row: Jacob Kozak, Maureen Clark (director of religious education), Father Barry J. Baroni (pastor), Pat Balagusz (catechist), Lauren and Mackenzie Kozak. Celebrating Confirmation (photo at right) were (left to right) First row: Nicholas Mical, Noah Rastall, Megan Zolnosky, Nathan Homyak, Nicholas Gjurich. Second row: Maureen Clark, Eric Johncola, Father Baroni, Quinn Larkin and Cynde Smith (Confirmation director).



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER: Teresa Haig, a sixth grade student at Saint Michael School, Loretto, was named the 2014 winner of the Sister Theresa Nelen Scholarship Fund Award. The scholarship fund was established within the Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation in August 2006, to honor Sister Theresa's ministry in Catholic education. Pictured are (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rodkey, Teresa, and Carmelite of the Word Sister Theresa Nelen.

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, DUNCANVILLE: Confirmation was celebrated by Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Duncansville, on Thursday, May 1. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Nicole Gearhart, Molly McCabe, Kirsten Creamer, Shirley Nearhoof (catechist). Second row: Randy Lantzendorfer, Joseph McGeehan, Devon McGeehan and Jerome Landry. Monsignor Robert Saly is pastor.



A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

The Servant Of God
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin
1770 - 1840

Tomb Is Fitting Monument To Life Of Prince - Priest

This is Part Two of the history of the Servant Of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin's tomb. It can be found in full on the website of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, www.basilica-loretto.org.

Seven years beyond Gallitzin's death on May 6, 1840, plans were underway in the summer of 1847 by the Saint Michael's Church Committee and the pastor, Reverend Hugh

Gallagher, to have Gallitzin's body exhumed from its rapidly deteriorating wooden casket and removed at some indefinite future time to a more fitting place of burial. Father Gallitzin had

requested entombment for himself in a common grave, simply marked with a mountain headstone, located mid-way between his beloved Saint Mary's Chapel and House and the old wooden framed church that was erected on the same plot as was the original log church in which he first celebrated Mass in McGuire's Settlement in 1799.

Gallitzin specifically told his administrators that he wanted buried among his orphan children who pre-deceased him. But in deference to his Last Will and Testament, the peoples of Saint Michaels in the late 1840's decided that this holy and saintly man must have a tomb and burial site that was much more visible and hallowed in remembrance than that of a wooden box common grave. One that would do him just honor not only for his memory, but also for the increased number of pilgrims who were finding their way to Loretto to pray and give honor to the Apostle of the Alleghenies. His new tomb and burial site would be an above-ground arrangement situated almost immediately in front of the new church then being planned for Saint Michaels - an impressive brick structure to be built after the full Rites of the Roman Pontifical, and one far more suitable to the needs of Loretto's growing Catholic congregation.

When the necessary funds were arranged and a contractor assigned, the resultant burial monument, rustic yet dignified, presented Father Gallitzin in a manner befitting the great and respected dignitaries of state and

religion, one which raised the name of the European Gallitzin to a true position of just honor. A high wooden cross towered over the site casting long shadows over the massive stones and mausoleum below. Large blocks of native sandstone and limestone arranged in three graded levels supported a large, rectangular stone enclosure much resembling a burial mausoleum. A timbered pedestal-mounted bell flanked the northern approach; a stone entablature on the mausoleum read: "Sacred to the Memory Of Dem. A. Prince of Gallitzin - - born Dec. 22, 1770, who having renounced Schism was raised to the Priesthood, exercised the sacred ministry through the whole of this region, and distinguished for faith, zeal, charity, died May 6, 1840."

And a small but simple-wooden cross surmounted the mausoleum. It was fastened to a replica of a wooden coffin also set atop the mausoleum, there to remind all who came of the humble arrangements of Gallitzin's first entombment. Pilgrims could ascend the different stone tiers of the monument, walk around the mausoleum, feel and touch the stones pro-

tecting the sainted one within. A wooden rail fence was provided to help keep roaming cattle from desecrating the site.

With Father Kittell's arrival to Saint Michael's in April, 1891, some 44 years after the first burial monument was erected, and to which little if anything had been done to in the ensuing years, he immediately set to work to repair this deteriorating historic Catholic landmark which he said "the frosts of our long and severe [Allegheny] winters have forced apart the stones, leaving large crevices, annually growing deeper, through which the rain and melting snow penetrate to the vault beneath, where the remains of the heroic missionary are preserved. These blocks will have to be reset and securely clamped so as to maintain them permanently in position; and when this is accomplished, it is proposed to replace the unsightly (and now decayed) wooden cross and coffin which surmounted the so-called monument, with a life-size and life-like statue of the venerable Gallitzin, for which the pile of massive blocks would serve admirably as a pedestal."

(To Be Continued)

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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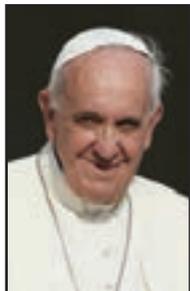
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The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

Gossip, Anger, Bitterness Come When Celibacy Is Sterile

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- One of the dangers of a "sterile" form of celibacy is bitterness and gossip, Pope Francis told a group of priests and bishops in Caserta.

"A man who is alone ends up bitter, not fruitful, and he gossips about others," the pope said July 26 during a meeting with 123 priests working in the Diocese of Caserta and 19 bishops from Italy's Campania region.

When a priest disagrees with his bishop or when bishops disagree with each other, they must air their differences -- even loudly -- but never talk behind each other's backs, Pope Francis told the group of bishops and priests. A transcript of the pope's remarks was released by the Vatican July 27.

"Say it to his face," the pope recommended. "You're a man, so if you have something against your bishop, go and tell him. There may be consequences, but pick up your cross, be a man!"

Not for the first time, the pope admitted that he, too, has been tempted to gossip. "I've wondered if this isn't the consequence of a celibate life lived as sterility, not fruitfulness."

A priest in Rome, he said, once told him that he was worried that so many priests and bishops are bitter and angry with each other.

"When we find a priest who lives with such anger and tension, we think: This man drinks vinegar for breakfast. Then, for lunch, pickled vegetables. And, in the evening, a nice glass of lemon juice," the pope said.

Pope Francis told the priests it is normal and even "healthy" to get angry, but wallowing in that, not getting it off his chest, not airing differences directly, but talking behind someone's back cause more damage.

The key to a fruitful life, the pope said, lies in "double fidelity and double transcendence: being faithful to God is seeking him, opening oneself to him in prayer, remembering that he is the faithful one," and "opening oneself to others" with empathy, respect and patience.

The pope told the priests that "creativity" is "a divine word," because God told Adam to care for the earth, make it bear fruit, "be creative."

But as priests, that creativity must be inspired by the Holy Spirit and the only hope for that to happen is "the path of prayer," he said. "A bishop who doesn't pray, a priest who doesn't pray, closes the door, closes the path to creativity."

Openness to the Spirit must be accompanied by openness to other people and to their real problems, the pope said. The only way to learn about the needs of others is to listen to them, patiently and resisting the temptation to give easy answers.

"We cannot be a church closed in on itself, navel-gazing, a church that is self-referential, that stares at itself and is incapable of transcendence," he said. "Going out is not an adventure, but a journey, it is the journey to which God has called us since the moment he told Abraham, 'Leave your homeland.'"



ONE MORE TIME: Ladies at Saint Joseph Parish, Bellwood, gathered for a social and dinner in August 1973.

I think if God played Major League Baseball, he'd be a pitcher. He'd pitch mostly fastballs, and then, just to mix things up, an occasional curveball -- a big curveball.

I suspect that's how most people eligible for AARP membership (age 50 and up) would summarize their lives. The years blow by and are amazing surprises. Some are incredibly wonderful. Others are far from that. Good or bad, there are curveballs in life.

Unlike a baseball pitcher, God wants me to hit his fastball -- and his curveball. God takes great delight in me when I knock one out the park.

I can see that the curveballs have included meeting my late wife, Monica, when we were 20. Then a series of fastballs: falling in love, getting married, having kids and grandkids. And then another curveball when we were 60: her death from cancer last year. It seemed as if suddenly I was married and suddenly I wasn't married anymore.

Yes, love is stronger than death, and I believe in the communion of saints, but in the eyes of the state and the church, I'm now single. And like a young, just-wedded fellow figuring out married life so long ago, now I'm a not-so-young, just-widowed fellow figuring out this new stage of life.

Decades ago, I was shocked to discover my basic vocation was to be married, when I really thought religious life, the priesthood, was going to be it.



Your Family

By Bill Dodds

Widowhood And Life's Curveballs

God and Monica saved a lot of parishes from a lot of trouble. Those two were in cahoots, and I'm so very grateful for that. (And, no, I don't feel called to the priesthood now. Perhaps God has had time to think it over more carefully. Perhaps Monica has recently pointed out to him, face to face, why it still would be a bad idea.)

Like marriage, this singlehood subcategory -- widowhood -- takes adjusting to. Unlike marriage, the adjustments can be overwhelmingly unpleasant, to put it mildly.

Still, God's on the mound and he wants me to do something, something good, with the

pitch he has just served up. He wants me to do something good with the rest of my life, whether that lasts three more days or 30 more years.

That's a common theme in the spousal-loss support groups I go to. After the initial numbness and blurriness of grief begin to soften, the question "now what?" starts to emerge.

That seems to be the case whether one is strongly religious, an atheist or somewhere in between. It's a question that comes from a very human heart, and a broken heart, a heart that's mending as best it can, but one that will never be the same.



Photo By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein



Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
When To Recite The Creed
And The Gloria

Q. Recently, my wife and I were visiting friends in the Chicago area and decided to attend a weekday Mass. I was surprised when we did not recite the creed, which I had always thought was a critical part of the Mass.

My friend said that frequently, at this parish, they recite neither the Gloria nor the creed. I knew that during certain periods of the year, the Gloria was not recited, but I thought that the creed was always used. Has something changed with the Mass that I am not aware of? (Floyds Knob, Indiana)

A. According to the liturgical guidelines of the Catholic Church, on most weekdays neither the creed nor the Gloria is recited during the celebration of Mass. The creed is used during Sunday celebrations and on solemnities (e.g., on holy days of obligation, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.)

When the creed is called for, usually the Nicene Creed is

the form used, but the Apostles' Creed may be substituted, particularly during Lent and Easter. (Since the Apostles' Creed is the basis for the baptismal promises, it is especially appropriate during that time of year when many adult baptisms occur.)

Liturgical aids (such as laminated cards in the pews) generally offer both options for the creed.

The Gloria, a hymn of joy and praise, is recited or sung on all Sundays except during Advent and Lent (which are penitential seasons) and also on many important feasts that occur on weekdays.

To illustrate, during the month of July, as I write this column, the creed is recited only on the four Sundays, while the Gloria is used on those Sundays as well as on the feast days of St. Thomas on July 3 and St. James on July 25.

And lest you think that a priest needs to be a genius to remember all of this, he doesn't. He has in the sacristy a little

book, called the "ordo," which gives him the directions for each day.

Q. What would be the proper reaction to our non-Christian (Muslim) friend who has offered to pray for us to "her God"? Should we decline the offer, so as not to offend our own God? (Midlothian, Virginia)

A. You should absolutely accept the offer and be grateful. How could it possibly hurt for her to pray for you? Since there is only one God, "her God" is your God as well. The Muslim view of the divine has striking similarities to the Christian view, but also some important differences.

The religion of Islam, like Christianity, is strongly monotheistic. For Muslims, as for Christians, God is the all-powerful and all-knowing creator, sustainer and judge of the universe. Muslims, though, would reject the Christian doctrines of the Trinity and the divinity of Jesus. The Christian notion of God as a loving, personal father who has entered human history to reveal himself and to rescue us from our sinfulness would be foreign to Muslims.

As to whether to accept the prayer of a Muslim offered on your own behalf, I would take my cue from Pope Francis. In June of this year, when he invited Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to the Vatican, the three were joined by an interfaith group of Muslims, Jews and Christians who prayed for the common cause of peace at the same time and in the same place, but each in their own traditions.

It was graphic testimony to their shared belief that they are brothers and sisters, and children of the same God.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
An Immigration Journey
To The Prairie

During July, some of our family traveled out to rural Nebraska to a little graveyard on a hill where my father and his family are buried.

The occasion was the 100th anniversary of my dad's birth. He was born in a farmhouse a few miles north of the Platte River on a hot day in July 1914. A few days earlier, Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife were assassinated in Sarajevo. That violence would signal events that culminated in the cataclysm of World War I and changed the direction of history.

But on the day of Dad's birth, with the prairie wind blowing the fields of corn, my grandparents were probably paying little heed to whatever "world news" managed to make its way to their home.

Today, with 24-hour news clamoring around us, I'm not sure we're much more mindful of the consequences of events than our peers of the early 20th century.

The news is yammering away about immigration right now, about "unaccompanied minors." But what are we hearing?

It's impossible to journey to our family graveyard, Kelly Hill, without feeling a deep kinship with immigrants.

Kelly Hill's official name is St. Patrick's Cemetery, the resting place for the Irish-Americans who populated this part of the prairie. The little churches Kelly Hill served are now long gone.

You can ask anyone in my family, and they'll agree that there's something otherworldly about Kelly Hill. People often think of Nebraska, if they've driven through it on the interstate, as flat and monotonous. But if you drive the dusty gravel roads that take you to Kelly Hill, you stand high above a sweeping vista from which miles of verdant farmland extend as far as the eye can see.

The horizon, at dusk when we visited, was misty and a shade of somber blue. While we were there, walking through the wet grass and avoiding the prairie dog holes, we never once saw another vehicle or even the telltale clouds of dust that herald a distant traveler. All was peaceful and still.

Immigration? The old Irish used to put up impressive gravestones to herald their success in the new land. Feeling ties to ancient roots, however, they engraved not just their country of birth, but the Irish county from which they hailed.

My father's grandfather died a couple of years before Dad was born. Family lore offers different stories of his immigration saga, but on this much all sources agree: He came to the U.S. when he was about 12, from County Galway, having seen his parents die in the famine that killed millions and sent millions more into exile.

Did someone let him tag along on this perilous journey? Did he have papers? I doubt it. Years later, he signed his last will and testament with an "x."

There was Ellis Island and other ports of entry where people were quarantined and sometimes held back. But we generally accepted the tired, poor, huddled masses. As I stood before his great, gray monument, it struck me: My great-grandfather was probably an unaccompanied minor. He was no less than any poor little kid showing up on the border today, part of the wretched refuse of a foreign shore. It's the American story. It's our story.

As a nation, we need controls on immigration. We need rules. But that's why we need Congress to quit playing politics and face their responsibility to legislate. We must join with the U.S. Catholic bishops who advocate for immigration reform. We must demand action. And first and foremost, as Christians, we must experience and act on compassion.

Mary MacKillop
 1842 - 1909
 Feast - August 8



Mother MacKillop is Australia's first native-born saint and its patron. The oldest of eight children of Scottish immigrants, Mary began working with children as a governess. With encouragement from a priest-adviser, Mary founded the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, the continent's first religious order, to open schools and orphanages for poor children in rural areas and to serve the aged and friendless by setting up women's shelters. She took the name Mary of the Cross, and survived episcopal opposition, disrespect and even excommunication. The order received papal approval in 1888, and her 2010 canonization in Rome drew thousands of pilgrims from Australia, where she is considered a national heroine.

Bishop Reflects On Marriage At Mass In Loretto

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Amy Kanich, director of the Family Life Office, expanded on those thoughts. "In a culture where it feels it can take God's image for marriage and distort it for its own benefit, it was wonderfully encouraging to see so many married couples come forth to renew their sacramental wedding vows, in the eyes of the Church, just like God had intended.

"Although our culture is in darkness, our Church is the beacon of light for the world, and we in the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese are very blessed to have married couples who are not afraid to shine their lights."

Jesus reminds us that marriage as a natural bond and as a

sacrament is one image of the Kingdom of God.

Bishop Mark said his favorite image of Sunday's Gospel was when Jesus describes the Kingdom of God (and therefore marriage) as a big fishing net that is thrown into the sea and when it's hauled ashore, it is filled with both the good and the bad. "But, all of us who are Christians should know immediately that the Kingdom of God, and therefore marriage, are realities that need to include kindness, mercy, and forgiveness," he said.

For some reason it is a real burden, for many people, to know how to accept that there is going to be both good and bad that show up in the net of married life. He said we must an-

swer within the perspective God intended.

The first Book of Kings recalls Solomon, who was chosen to replace his father, David, as king. The job certainly would bring both good and bad. Solomon, a person of faith, was open to God in his life. God said to Solomon, "Ask something and I will give it to you." He didn't ask for easy answers to problems that might arise. Solomon asked the Lord God only for an understanding heart.

"Thanks be to God for the gift of the Kingdom, the gift of marriage, and the understanding hearts of Solomon and Grandma Clara," prayed Bishop Mark.

"And thanks to God for all of you gathered here to give witness to the way in which you have offered your understanding heart to God, to your spouse and to your children.

"I hope that like Grandma Clara, all of you will pass on the truth about marriage. Our world needs to know that truth for sure," said Bishop Mark.

Following Mass, Kanich and her husband, Bill, highlighted several of the ministries available through the Family Life Office.

- - World Wide Marriage Encounter for couples who have a good marriage, but are striving to have great marriages.

- - Marriage Care Ministry for couples who are really trying to live out their vocation, but are struggling.

- - Retrouvaille deals with married couples struggling to the point of considering making painful decisions.

- - Marriage Enrichment Programs held throughout the year to enrich marriages.

Amy said early in 2015 Family Life will present Faith Finance, a workshop on managing budgets, getting out of debt, and living life as God intended.

"We invite all people to become part of these ministries," Kanich added. "No experience is needed. We welcome all."



SPECIAL MOMENTS: The Sunday, July 27 Mass Honoring Married Couples, celebrated at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, was full of special moments for all who participated. In the top photo, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak blesses a baby held in his father's arms, while his siblings look on. In the bottom photo, Rebecca Rieger, and her husband, Rich, members of Queen of Peace Parish in Patton, hold hands as they renew their marriage vows during the liturgy.



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GROUNDBREAKING Taking part in the ceremonial groundbreaking for a gymnasium at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy on Wednesday, July 23 were (left to right) Chris Chirieleison, SJCA principal; Bishop Mark L. Bartchak; Rob Thomas, SJCA board of trustees president; and Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, Diocesan director of education. The gymnasium will host athletic events, religious services, and social activities next to the school building in Boalsburg, Centre County.

Newest Catholic High School Breaks Ground For Gym

**Photo And Text
By Tony DeGol**

The newest Catholic high school in the Diocese is literally building for the future.

The Board of Trustees of Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy has given the green light for construction of a gymnasium next to the school building in Boalsburg, Centre County.

A ceremonial groundbreaking was held at the site on Wednesday, July 23.

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, Diocesan Director of Education, joined SJCA trustees, administrators, faculty, students, and parents for the event.

"This is a great next step with regards to the continuing growth of our school," said Rob Thomas, President of the Board of Trustees and one of the school's founders.

The Board had been evaluating the need for a gymnasium since the school opened in 2011.

In February of this year, school officials began meeting with Diocesan officials and potential contractors to determine the scope of the project.

By February of next year, the 16,000 square feet facility is expected to be completed.

The building will hold 475 people and will play host to PIAA athletic events, religious services, and social activities.

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy plans to launch a capital campaign to raise money for the facility, which comes with an estimated \$1,650,000 price tag.

Although that is a big financial investment for a young academy, SJCA principal Chris Chirieleison believes the addition of a gym will provide a more complete high school experience for students and their families.

"As a Catholic, college-preparatory high school and faith community, we are committed to forming the next generation of leaders through excellence in scholarship, personal

discipline, accountability, and integrity," he said. "Our new gymnasium will provide us with a new environment in which to accomplish this important work through the many activities we will host there."

During the groundbreaking ceremony, Thomas and Chirieleison applauded the commitment of the school's teachers, coaches, students, and parents.

They invited those present to join them as part of a photo opportunity for the many members of the local media on hand.

Also recognized were Father Neil Dadey, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College and SJCA trustee, and Father Michael Wolfe, parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory and chaplain at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy.

Bishop Mark offered a blessing before he and others grabbed shovels for the groundbreaking.

Construction of a gymnasium is just the latest sign of

growth at the school in its three year history.

Chirieleison said he expects enrollment to be about 120 this coming academic year —about four times the registration during the school's inaugural year.

As the student population grows, the new gym will be an asset, said SJCA athletic director Chad Walsh.

"One exciting aspect of this new gymnasium is that we will be able to provide students with an excellent facility on campus," he noted. "Although we are very grateful to those community organizations whose facilities we've utilized over the past three years, we look forward to hosting more athletic events in the coming years."



SAINT MARY MAY CROWNING: May Crowning was celebrated at Saint Mary (Immaculate Conception) Parish, Altoona, on Sunday, May 4. Pictured, crowning the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is May Queen Mira Sparacino, and her escort, Torin Robertson.



SAINT ROSE MAY CROWNING: Taking part in May Crowning at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, were (left to right) First row: Nicholas Pruznak, Connor Matsziuk, Devon Housom, Connor Adams, Joshua Adams. Second row: Julia Kline, Lauren Unangst, Emily Berkheimer, Christian Tibbot (May King), Alexander Lieb, Kaylee Harpster, Hannah Patterson, Finley Steinbugl (May Queen), Madelyn Riley, Isabella Frank. Third row: Corey Craw (teacher), Joshua Corso, Tyson Rehm, Father Brian Saylor (pastor), Brianna Dawson and Susan Pohl (teacher).

Summer Camps Help Kids Build Strong Faith Lives

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Campers also enjoyed arts and crafts, swimming, games, and more.

As always, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak visited both sessions.

He celebrated Mass, ate lunch with the students – as noted earlier – and fielded their many curious questions.

As usual, various priests assisted with Camp Z including Father Brian Saylor, pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Altoona; Father Allen Zeth, administrator of Saint Patrick Parish in Newry; Father Matthew Baum, parochial vicar at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown; and Monsignor Michael Becker, pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Altoona.

Father Matthew Reese, Diocesan director of vocations, also visited each session of camp and celebrated Mass.

Additionally, 60 adult staff members, counselors, and counselors-in-training offered their time and talents throughout the two weeks.

“We tell them it’s going to be intense, and it is, and they always rise to the challenge,” said Swope of her support team.

Their efforts are surely worth it after hearing the positive feedback from the campers.

“I like the environment, and it teaches you a lot about the Church, and you make new friends,” said Tre Butts, a member of Saints Gregory and Barnabas Parish in Johnstown.

Butts, a ninth-grade student, has attended Camp Z for the past five years.

He said he hopes to attend Camp Timothy, the Diocesan summer camp for high school students, next year.

So, too, does Elizabeth Kowalski, also a five-year Camp Zacchaeus veteran.

“You’re around other kids your age and you get to experience Adoration and Evening Devotions,” said Kowalski, a member of Holy Rosary Parish in Altoona. “It really just helps build your faith.”

“We’re excited to see the campers excited about their faith,” said Sister Margie Monahan, about the Tuscarora Catholic Summer Camp.



Q&A: Camper Rylee Zeak poses a question to Bishop Mark L. Bartchak during the question and answer portion of the Bishop’s visit to Camp Zacchaeus on Wednesday, June 30. Zeak was one of 220 students who attended the Diocesan summer camp held during the last two weeks of July at Camp Sequanota in Somerset County.



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SAINT FRANCIS BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School was held at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown, July 14 - 18. Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka, is pastor.



WINDBER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: “The Fingerprints Of God” was the theme of Vacation Bible School held at the Windber Catechetical Center.



SAINT DEMETRIUS: Saint Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, May 29. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Sophia Funari, Michele Smithbauer, Kristen Woomer, Carly Osmolinski. Second row: Brett Fowler, Bryce Smithmyer, Tyler Strasser, Marissa Myers, Joseph Patterson, Daniel Kochara. Third row: Father Albert Ledoux (pastor) and Mary Colangelo (teacher). Not pictured: Zebulun Lego.



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER: Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Creson, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, May 29. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Taylor Doughty, Cassandra Asberry, Kasey Creehan, Katie Vinglish. Second row: Tracey Ingold (director of religious education), Zack Myers, Josh Hayes, Amanda Shaffer, Timmy Courtot, Eric Jaap, Father Leo Arnone (pastor). Third row: Brandon Martinazzi, Nikolis Suckinos, Ian Dunmyer, Jordan Stombaugh and Caleb Eckenrode.



SAINT PATRICK, NEWRY: Celebrating Confirmation at Saint Patrick Parish, Newry, on Thursday, May 1 (photo at left) were (left to right at) First row: Emily Kelly, Danielle McFarland, Alexis Shaw, Ashley Lombardi. Second row: Father Allen Zeth (administrator) and Nick Hofer. Not pictured: Brynee Baughman and Sean McIntosh. Celebrating First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4 (photo at right) were (left to right at) First row: Delaney Hall, Rachel Fleck, Violet Leonard, Destiny Molinari. Second row: Ian Crilly, Sydney Nagle, Morgan Knepp, Madison Mellott, Ben Philstucker. Third row: Hunter Smith, Samantha Dodson, Isabel Marr, Erin Cummings, Erik Potter, Debbie Terchanik (catechist). Fourth row: Linda Guiffre (director of religious education), Father Zeth and Sister of Mercy Rose Tomlinson (catechist).

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Movie Tells Story Of Catholic School Team's Amazing Winning Streak

By Michele Jurich
Catholic News Service

OAKLAND, Calif. (CNS) -- This is how a movie gets made.

"I found the book in the Santa Monica High School football team locker room when I was cleaning it," said David Zelon, who in addition to being the father of a football player, is executive vice president at Mandalay Entertainment Group.

In spring 2009, in a place that "smells of testosterone and sweat," he found what would become his latest film project.

"I'm 30 pages into it," he recalled, "and I felt like I found a needle in a haystack. It's an amazing story."

The book, **When The Game Stands Tall**, recounts the amazing winning streak of De

La Salle High School in Concord, coached by Bob Ladouceur.

Upon meeting with its author Neil Hayes, Zelon learned there was an even more amazing story, one that the original book didn't recount. Get a copy of the paperback, Hayes told him.

It was in that story that Zelon, who produced the inspirational movie, "Soul Surfer," found the heart of the narrative of the Ladouceur film, which opens in theaters Aug. 22.

In what Zelon described as a "perfect storm," Zelon, the father of a high school star -- who would play four years at Harvard, on teams that won two Ivy League championships -- found a story that spoke to him. And, he hopes, to many more.

De La Salle High School would run that winning streak to 151 games, over a dozen years, before losing. But the story told

in **When The Game Stands Tall** is much bigger than wins and losses. Ladouceur not only coached football at De La Salle, but also taught religion.

For Zelon, finding the right director was essential. "Thomas Carter really fit the bill perfectly," Zelon said. "He captured the raw emotion of sports in 'Coach Carter.' He's a huge sports fan."

"Coach Carter" recounted the story of the Richmond (California) High School coach who took his team off the court until the student-athletes' grades improved.

In casting the lead role of Ladouceur, Zelon said he was "looking for somebody who worked on multiple levels."

"He needed to be somebody who understood sports," he said. "He needed to understand iconic coaching. He needed to be athletic himself. He needed to have a basis of faith in his life so he would fit both sides and give us balance."

Jim Caviezel was the name that "floated to the top," Zelon told **The Catholic Voice**, Oakland's diocesan newspaper. "He checked all the boxes."

Caviezel may be best known for his portrayal of Jesus in Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" in 2004.

Zelon and Carter flew to New York to meet with the actor, who took them to a concert with him.

"We went out and saw Johnny Mathis," Zelon recalled. "Johnny Mathis gave this amazing concert. His voice was like an angel. We shared this creative experience together. We bonded together."

Zelon found Ladouceur to be an interesting character. "He doesn't have to preach," he said. "He just does it. He lives it. He walks the talk."

Caviezel echoed that sentiment about "Lad" being a man of few words.

"Here's a guy in a room and he's not saying much. He's looking at his coaches. He knows they're capable of doing what they do. He lets them coach. But his presence is felt," he told the Oakland paper in a separate interview.

What he read in the script "had great redemption in it,"

Caviezel added. He spoke to the paper in Charlotte, North Carolina, where the film was screened for attendees at the Catholic Media Conference in mid-June.

From his own time on the basketball court in high school and knowing some top coaches over the years, Caviezel said he has seen firsthand how turning boys into men, working on the qualities of the inner self and "sacrifice, brotherhood, commitment ... are so essential in having a strong team."

"Winning is just a byproduct of working on that inner self. It's the heart," he added.

Zelon told **The Catholic Voice** the De La Salle athletes also earned his respect. About a year after he had acquired the rights to the book, Zelon and screenwriter Scott Marshall Smith went to a De La Salle football game.

"One of the things that impressed me about this team immensely was something that happened in the locker room after the game. They were playing a team, and were beating them. They were up 35-0 at the half. Lad said, 'Seniors, you're done for the night.'"

The juniors went into the game. De La Salle ultimately won 49-7.

Afterward, Zelon overheard some talk around the lockers -- it was eight of the juniors discussing their effort that night, including the fact they "only scored 14 points in the whole second half."

Bottom line, he said, the players decided that they had to



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JIM CAVIEZEL

do better, recommit themselves to the team and take on additional practice and preparation.

"There was not an adult in sight," Zelon said. "They were having a conversation you would pray that kids would have on their own. They had learned their lessons so well, they had embraced the De La Salle concept so well. We stood there with our mouths opened. I was so impressed by that."

Zelon is hoping that moviegoers will be inspired by Ladouceur.

"This story was honed and built over 30 years; three decades of work went into formulating a program that turned our great young men," Zelon said. Perhaps others might want to understand the roots of success, not just on the field, but in helping boys become men."

Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

August 17 - - Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School students Jared Barber and Ally Stevens will share memories from their recent Study Abroad trip to France.

August 24 - - As the new school year begins, new Diocesan Assistant Director of Education JoAnn Semko will sit down with the Bishop to discuss her goals for the position.

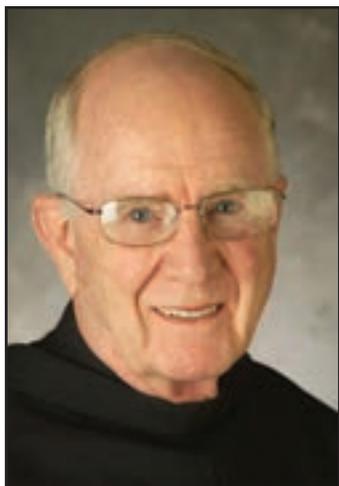
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**Father Sean M. Sullivan
T.O.R.**

Father Sean M. Sullivan, 85, of the Third Order Regular Franciscans of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, died after a brief illness, Saturday August 2, at Saint Francis Friary - Mount Assisi, Loretto. Father Sean had resided at Saint Francis Friary - Mount Assisi since 2009 and was in the ministry of prayer.

He was born June 6, 1929 in Cleveland, Ohio and given the name Frank Charles, the son of the late Frank C. and Margaret Mary (Wilhelmy) Sullivan. He is survived by a brother, Thomas C. Sullivan and wife, Sandra, Bay Village OH; and sisters, Joan Livingston and husband James, East Lake OH; Kaki O'Neill, Westlake OH and Sue Jacobus and, husband John, Elm Grove WI; and many nieces and nephews, and his Franciscan brothers. He was preceded in death by his sister Sue Schreiner and husband, John.

Father Sean attended Saint Clement Elementary School, Lakewood OH and graduated from Lakewood High School in 1947. After graduation he attended Miami University, Oxford OH for three years. He entered the Franciscans on October 7, 1950, and made his novitiate at the Portiuncula Friary in Washington DC, professing his temporary vows on July 2, 1952 and solemn vows on July 3, 1955. Father Sean was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona on May 25, 1957.

Father Sean received his bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Saint Francis College, Loretto in 1953; he completed his theology studies at Saint Francis Seminary in Loretto in 1957 and did graduate studies at Villanova University, Philadelphia and University of Wisconsin, Madison WI. He received his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1963 and did post - graduate studies at DePaul University, Chicago IL, and Notre Dame University, South Bend IN.

During his long and very faithful Franciscan life, Fr. Sean primarily ministered in education, serving locally as acting president and then as president of Saint Francis College (University), Loretto. Father Sean served as a member of the Board of Trustees of both Franciscan University of Steubenville and St. Francis College (University). He received an honorary doctor of humanities from Saint Francis College in 1997.

Father Sean served his religious community in many ways. He was a delegate to the General Chapter of the Order; he served in leadership as Provincial Director of Studies; Provincial Councilor; and Director of Studies and Religious Formation at Saint Francis Seminary, Toronto, Canada.

Father Sean helped found the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Arts, and was a member of the board of trustees from 1975 until 1996 at which time he became trustee emeritus.

The funeral Mass for Father Sean M. Sullivan T.O.R. was celebrated Wednesday, August 6, in the chapel at Saint Francis Friary - Mount Assisi with Father Richard L. Davis, minis-

ter provincial, as principal celebrant. Committal was in the Franciscans Friars Cemetery on the campus of Saint Francis University.

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



QUEEN OF ARCHANGELS: First Holy Communion was celebrated on Sunday, May 4 at Queen of Archangels Parish, Clarence/Snow Shoe. Pictured with Father Mark Reid (pastor) are (left to right) First row: Taylor Hall, Mason Reese, Rachel Bryan. Second row: Cierra Surovec, Madison McCloskey, Sydney Hockenbury and Ava Murnyack.

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Catholic Summer Camps Get Diocese's Youngsters Excited About Living Their Faith

Photos And Text
By Tony DeGol

Tuscarora Catholic Summer Camp

What do the Beatitudes and the game ga-ga have in common?

Both were big hits at an annual summer camp sponsored by the Diocese's Fulton County Catholic Mission.

For the past 21 years, the Mission has sponsored the Tuscarora Summer Camp.

Located at Rhodes Grove Camp between Chambersburg and Greencastle, which is in the Diocese of Harrisburg, the camp welcomes students from parishes in the southeastern end of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown and parts of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

The 2014 camp was held the week of July 28.

Fifty three students between the grades of 4 - 11 attended.

This year's theme was "We Live the Beatitudes."

"This is a good week for us," said Carmelite Community of the Word Sister Margie Monahan, who, along with fellow Carmelite Sister Martha Burbulla, steers the Fulton County Mission based out of Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg.

"We're excited to see the campers excited about their



GAGA FOR GA - GA: Campers at the Tuscarora Catholic Summer Camp enjoy a spirited game of ga-ga, an Israeli version of dodge ball. The game is just one of the highlights of the camp, sponsored by the Diocesan Fulton County Mission.

faith," she added. "We see it as a worthwhile experience for kids who don't have the benefit of attending a Catholic school in these areas."

Sister Martha pointed out that some of the Catholic students invite their non-Catholic friends.

Besides the Sisters, Father Joseph Nale, pastor of Saint Stephen Parish, Saint Mary Parish in Orbisonia, and Immaculate Conception Parish in Dudley, and Father Joseph Orr, pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Lock Haven, assist at the camp.

Father Orr, Sister Margie,

and a now - deceased priest from the Diocese of Harrisburg were founders of the camp.

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak visited the camp for the first time on Tuesday, July 29.

He celebrated Mass and then fielded questions.

After lunch, Bishop Mark cheered on the campers during a game of ga-ga.

The game is an Israeli version of dodge ball, and a big attraction at the camp, along with swimming and horseback riding.

"It's really fun," said Telah Zinobile, a 13 - year - old member of Saint Stephen Parish. "I

love the personal development and going to Mass. We can learn more about God."

Zinobile has attended the camp her whole life.

Her parents are among the roughly 20 volunteers every year, so she accompanied them as a child and now enjoys the benefits as an official camper.

Sister Martha, who has been involved for the past 16 years, lauded all who have donated their time to help with the camp.

"We've had a core of volunteers who have really made this camp what it is," she said.

Camp Zacchaeus

How cool is it to eat a corn dog with the Bishop?

Such was the opportunity for youngsters at a Diocesan summer camp last month.

Beyond that lunch cuisine and conversation, Catholic social teachings were front and center for the two sessions of Camp Zacchaeus 2014, held at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown, Somerset County.

The theme was "You are called to build a relationship with God and others; care for the needy; respect and protect creation; be hope for the world."

According to camp director Francine Swope, much attention was given to making the social teachings of the Church understandable for young people.

"They need to realize that this is what they are called to be doing by virtue of their Baptism, and we are trying to teach them how to answer that call," said Swope, Diocesan coordinator of youth ministry, religious education, and Sacramental preparation.

Open to students entering grades 4 - 9, Camp Z included daily Mass, large group evangelization, Eucharistic Adoration, and other faith enrichment opportunities.

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