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Gallitzin Cause Reaches Significant Milestone

By Bruce A. Tomaselli

Coincidence, maybe.

The Holy Spirit at work, more than likely.

On Thursday, July 10, while Bishop Mark L. Bartchak led the priests of the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese on a pilgrimage to Conewago, he was able to announce that a major milestone was reached in the Cause for Sainthood of the Prince - Priest Father Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin.

Word came from Rome that the Congregation for the Causes of Saints issued a decree that the process for the Reverend Prince - Priest Demetrius Gallitzin was valid with no clarifications.

"I received a call from Father Luis F. Escalante, Roman postulator for the Cause of the Servant of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin," said Monsignor Michael E. Servinsky, vicar general, and the Bishop's delegate for the Cause. "Father Luis told me the decree was made on July 4 in Rome.

Appropriate that the word came while the Bishop and priests were in Conewago, the place of Prince Gallitzin's first assignment after ordination.

Bishop John Carroll, the first Bishop of Baltimore, and the first Catholic Bishop in the United States, ordained Prince



Photo By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein

THE SERVANT OF GOD DEMETRIUS AUGUSTINE GALLITZIN

Gallitzin on March 18, 1795. He was assigned to Sacred Heart Church in Conewago.

There are no hurdles to negotiate for the Diocese, which is "a process that can take years," said Monsignor Servinsky. He said it's very unusual for the Congregation in Rome not to request additional material or seek clarification of submitted written material.

The next step involves Father Escalante working with a relate, someone who acts like the director of a doctoral disser-

ation, who will guide a writing of a Positio, an annotated biography of Father Gallitzin.

The Positio is a document of no more than 500 pages, and presents the work of the diocesan Historical and Theological Commissions. After it is written, the Positio will be the subject of deliberation in Rome. There will be a vote on its contents by a panel of historians, and another vote by a panel of theologians.

Only after those votes, will it be presented to the Cardinals and Bishops making up the

Congregation for the Causes of Saints. They will take a definitive vote on whether or not the Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin practiced the virtues in an heroic manner. If that vote is favorable, a decree from the Holy Father will confer the title of "Venerable" on the Servant of God.

Just a few months after his ordination the Prince - Priest made a visit to McGuire's Settlement, in what would later become Cambria County, to answer a sick call.

The faith of the people in the Allegheny Mountains impressed him so much he sought Bishop Carroll's permission to return as pastor. Four years later his wish was granted and on December 25, 1799, Father Gallitzin celebrated Midnight Mass at McGuire's Settlement, a community he would later rename Loretto, after the famous Marian Shrine in Italy.

"I'm hoping within two years we may get an answer on Venerable," smiled Monsignor Servinsky. But, he said, there are no guaranteed guidelines to the process.

Bishop - Emeritus Joseph V. Adamec declared the Inquiry phase for the Cause of Prince Gallitzin at a Mass on March 11, 2007, at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto.

"After The Reverend Prince Gallitzin is declared Venerable, we will need one confirmed miracle on his behalf for him to be declared Blessed," explained Monsignor Servinsky. "We are presently gathering information on a possible miracle."

Monsignor Servinsky said the process to sainthood is an expensive one and donations are welcome.

To send a donation or to obtain prayer cards persons should address inquiries to: The Cause of Reverend Prince Gallitzin, 927 S. Logan Blvd. Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.



KNIGHTS PRESENT CHECK: Wayne Sutherland, grand knight of the Saint Andrew's Council 11308, Knights of Columbus (right), presents a check for \$5,000.00 to Saint Andrew Elementary School, Johnstown, principal Grace Guaetta and Father Angelo Patti, pastor. Over the past 20 years, the council has raised more than \$70,000.00 for the school.



CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Altoona, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4 and Confirmation on Thursday, June 5. Pictured at top are (left to right) First row: Chloe Hammond, Kayla Cox, Alec Jones, Elliot Egan, Matthew Roesch. Second row: Mara Stadtmiller, Ava Dolphin, Aden Diehl, Kolin Hite, Delaney Barr, Marina Myers, Holly Butler. Third row: Betsy Eger (catechist), Kaybia Dufrene, Melayna Steward, Brendan Iachini, Megan Eckels, Christopher Kozminski, Bron Mosely, Brady Gottshall, Xavier Grove, Jennifer Crawford (catechist). Fourth row: Colin Butler, Olivia Butler and Randy Longwill (servers), Christina Laraia (director of religious education). Fourth row: Deacon John Szwarc, Father Dennis Kurdziel (parochial vicar), Monsignor Robert Mazur (rector), Father John Slovickovski (in residence) and Deacon John Rys. Not pictured: Marklin Myers. Pictured at bottom are (left to right) First row: Jean Koury (Confirmation director), Ashton Truby, Alyssa McCullough, Brooklyn Haugh, Alyssa Hughes. Second row: Monsignor Mazur, Nicholas Dumm, Owen Wolf, Daniel Dodson and Deacon Rys. Not pictured: Samuel McCloskey.

Adult Education

Fall Class Offerings

Johnstown: The Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Adult Enrichment is offering the following classes. All classes are 8 weeks unless otherwise noted.

Heart of Faith will be offered at Saint Patrick School, Johnstown, Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning September 3; Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Duncansville, Wednesdays,

6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning September 10; and Holy Spirit Parish, Lock Haven, Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning September 3.

Old Testament will be offered at Saint Patrick School, Johnstown, Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning October 21; Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning October 28; and Holy Spirit Parish, Lock Haven, Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning November 5.

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Day Of Prayer For Human Rights And Equality



Monday, September 1, is a special day of prayer in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. It is a Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Equality. Please join the Local Church in praying the following:

O God, who through human labor never cease to perfect and govern the vast work of creation. Listen to us and grant all men and women work that befits their dignity, joins them more closely to one another and enables them to serve their neighbor. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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In The Alleghenies



SAINT MARY, ALTOONA: Saint Mary (Immaculate Conception) Parish, Altoona, celebrated Confirmation on Wednesday, April 23. Pictured at top are (left to right) First row: Scot Kelley, Torey Horell, Sidney Horell, Caitlyn Harrison, Alyssa Davis, Kayla Letscher. Second row: Donovan Gochneur, Jordan Rhone, Jonathan Watson, Max Steinbugl, Zachary Skelley. Third row: Monsignor Timothy P. Stein (pastor). First Holy Communion was celebrated on Saturday, May 3. Picture at bottom are (left to right) First row: Paige Frederick, Gage Burgmeier, Jacob Ceglar, Matthew Riccio, Shawna Lovrich. Second row: Mira Sparacino, Torin Robertson, Brian Echard, Noah Kelleher, Alayna Hatch. Third row: Mary Rose Poorman (catechist), Tessa Wise (server), Sarah Zeak (catechist), Monsignor Stein, Kayla Hatch (server) and Jim Mock (director of religious education).



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New Testament will be offered at Saint Patrick School, Johnstown, Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., beginning August 28 (6 weeks); and Sacred Heart Formation Center Altoona, Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning September 4.

The Four Constitutions of Vatican II will be offered at Saint Patrick School, Johnstown, Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning September 8 (5 weeks).

Hospital Ministry will be offered at the CCW Incarnation Center, Gallitzin, Wednesdays,

6:30 - 9:00 p.m., beginning September 24.

Further information and registration forms are available online at www.ajdiocese.org/lay-ecclesial-ministryor by contacting Marybeth Heinze at (814) 361-2000 or at mheinze@dioceseaj.org.

Higher Education

Scholarships Awarded

Bedford: Beau Bosch and Alexandria Donatelli will each receive a \$1,827.87 Kayla Ann Nicodemus Memorial Scholarship, in recognition of their service as altar servers at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Beau, a graduate of Chestnut Ridge High School, is the son of Richard and Kimberly Bosch of New Parish, and will attend Lafayette College, majoring in engineering.

Alexandria, also a graduate of Chestnut Ridge High School, is the daughter of Matthew and Lisa Donatelli of Schellsburg. She will attend Saint Francis University, Loretto, and enroll in the Physician's Assistant Science program.

The scholarships were made possible by a memorial fund set up by Joe and Ann Kaminski in memory of their granddaughter, Kayla Ann Nicodemus, a freshman at Saint Francis University who was killed in an automobile accident in the Fall of 2007.

Kayla's goal in life was to help others; the annual scholarship awards make her dream of helping others come true.

Prayer

Carmelite Novena

Loretto: The year's eighth novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese, the Little Flower, opened at the Carmelite Monastery Chapel on Friday, August 22, and will conclude Saturday, August 30.

All intentions requested of the Carmelites will be remembered in the prayers of the nuns in the special novena prayer recited after the daily Mass.

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

Every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and every First Friday of the month, Benediction

of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given in the public chapel at Carmel, followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Therese.

Rosary For Vocations


Loretto: A pre - dawn Rosary for vocations will be prayed Saturday, September 6 at 6:00 a.m., at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies. Participants are asked to bring a lawn chair.

In the event of rain, the Rosary will be prayed inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Birth Of Mary Celebration



Duncansville: The 33rd annual Birth of Mary Celebration will be held Monday, September 8 at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Shrine.

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Point Of View

I am on the fence! I go back and forth with my decision, weighing the pros and cons but really cannot seem to make up my mind. Some call me “old-fashioned,” “out of date” or “not with the times.” In some aspects I agree but I am still not sure of the impact it would have on my life. I am truthfully discerning the reality involved in my decision but I am leaning towards not doing it. I am not sure I could handle the temptations. Although my spirit is strong, my flesh is weak and opening up this can of worms may just be too much for me.

So, what is my big decision you may ask? What keeps me up at night? (Not really!) Okay, here it is.....My hard decision simply involves if I should set up a personal Facebook account of my own or not. I know you are now thinking - “Really Amy, is that what you are fretting about? Get real.....” But, please hear me out. I am familiar with Facebook. Although, I do not have a Facebook page of my own I often have the opportunity to look at my sister’s account.

I guess some people call it “creeping” but I beg to differ. I simply get on my sister’s Facebook, with her permission, and look around. I look at the pictures, posts, quotes and even spend time looking up old friends. I admit I love this aspect of Facebook. It really is a wonderful tool to stay connected, to be involved in other’s lives and to stay updated! In fact, as a Christian, situations arise on Facebook affording me the opportunity to pray for others.



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich
Should I Be On Facebook?

portunity to pray for others. If it wasn’t for peeking on Facebook I would not have been praying for them since I was not aware of their needs. I find this aspect of Facebook very rewarding.

While Facebook is great in many ways the reality is it’s also tempting in so many others. For these reasons, alone, I really question whether or not I should have my own Facebook page. I call these reasons my personal temptations although, seemingly innocent, if not carefully monitored may lead me down paths I would otherwise have not chosen so easily.

- The temptation to “brag” too much! I surely love my family, and think they are really darn cute but having to post everything about them, giving every small detail of their lives, could possibly lead me to down the pathway of ungodly pride.

- The temptation to set up my life so it looks perfect from the outside, failing to post both the good, bad and ugly may lead

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- The temptation of looking for approval of my life by constantly counting the likes and reading the comments of friends, may lead me down the pathway of an ungodly approval addiction.

- The temptation to find out about the latest and greatest “news” or perhaps “gossip” more than likely would lead me down the path way to uncharitable discussions.

- Finally, the temptation to constantly look at Facebook, seeing if there are any new posts, may lead me down the pathway to idleness and more importantly lead me away from my time with God.

These are my concerns and I honestly could see myself being tempted with each and every one of them. I love Facebook, but the reality of not being sure causes me to ask if it’s really worth the risk. Please understand my friends, I am not trying to be out of date or not with the times, I am simply trying to guard my mind and heart! My spirit is strong but my flesh is weak. I guess I am still on the Facebook fence and for now I think this is where I will stay. Blessings!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
Confession Is No Laughing Matter

Confession is no laughing matter.

I take with a grain of salt all those stories people tell of being humiliated when the priest could be heard bellowing across the church “You did WHAT? How many times? With who?” I took with a grain of salt, too, a recent column in our local newspaper where the writer, speaking from the perspective of a fallen – away Catholic, wrote about his experiences going to confession, as a boy, in some Altoona area parishes.

Having written a column or two like that in my own time, columns displaying my own talent for playing the role of the smart – aleck in residence, I didn’t think too much about that column at the time it appeared in print. Only when I heard my parishioners expressing their discomfort with what had been written did I resolve to enter the fray and weigh in on the subject. I write because, indeed, Confession is no laughing matter. No one should ever try to yuck it up when writing about the stuff of one’s soul, or the souls of other people.

My brother priests and I have the wonderful gift of experiencing the great Sacrament of Reconciliation from both sides of the confessional screen: as confessors who hear the confessions of our brothers and sisters, and as penitents seeking the grace of the sacrament ourselves. Both are privileged positions.

As a confessor, the second greatest privilege of my priesthood, second only to being able to speak the words of consecration by which bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ, is being able to be the mediator between God and God’s people when they come to confess their sins. I am humbled and often struck speechless by the honesty and the humility with which people approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To hear someone speak to God with openhearted candor is a most powerful moment. Never am I more conscious of the fact that I am but an instrument, an earpiece for God if you will, in that sacred moment when the secrets of the human heart are laid bare. Sometimes I marvel at the words that come from my mouth when I respond to what I have heard. I know that the Holy Spirit is speaking, through me. The words are not my own. God is present. The only tears I’ve seen shed in the confessional come not from shame, but from relief, from joy, from a heart set free. And sometimes, my tears have mingled with those of the man or woman before me. God is so good! That thought alone brings a tear to my eye.

And as a penitent, I thank God for the great gift of this freeing sacrament, a graced encounter with God’s reconciling, forgiving love. I have never seen the confessing of my sins as wiping the slate clean, allowing me to go out and do the same things all over again (though to my shame, that is often the case), but rather as an encouragement to go out and to make a sincere effort to do better, knowing that the sacramental grace just received will help me to do just that.

Confession is no laughing matter, but hopefully, it will at the very least raise a smile from the person going out from “the box” with the weight of the world lifted from their shoulders. Call it what you will - - Confession, Reconciliation, Penance - - this sacrament is a gift from God.

It should not be taken lightly.

U.S. Bishops: To End Border Crisis, Address Issues Forcing People To Flee

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- To end the U.S.-Mexico border crisis, the United States must address the flow of illegal drugs and arms and the harmful economic policies forcing children and families to leave Central America for the U.S., said the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace.

Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, made the comments in a July 24 letter to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, following a trip he and other bishops and church leaders made to Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

In a separate statement, Seattle Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio L. Elizondo, who heads the U.S. bishops' migration committee, urged President Barack Obama and the presidents of the three Central American countries that Bishop Pates visited to protect and care for children and families fleeing violence in the region.

Bishop Elizondo's letter was issued a day before a July 25 meeting in Washington of Obama and Presidents Otto Perez Molina of Guatemala, Salvador Sanchez Ceren of El Salvador and Juan Orlando Hernandez of Honduras.

"The leaders should focus upon the protection of these children and families, as they are charged with as the heads of their nations," the bishop said. "Instead of cooperating on intercepting them and sending them back to dangerous situations, they should work together to protect them from those dangers, including providing them asylum in neighboring countries and in the United States."

The Pew Research Center estimates that more than 57,500 unaccompanied children and youths crossed the U.S.-Mexico border illegally in the nine months between Oct. 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014, an increase from 38,700 youths in fiscal year 2013. Its July 22 report shows that children 12 and older are the fastest growing group of unaccompanied minors crossing the border.

National Catholic leaders have called for a compassionate response to the youths who have crossed the border, many of whom are fleeing drug-related violence.

In his letter to Kerry, Bishop Pates said the U.S. cannot separate the humanitarian crisis of many thousands of unaccompanied minors journeying to the U.S. border from several root causes in Latin America, many of which he said are generated by U.S. policies.

"The crisis on our borders will not be minimally resolved until drugs and arms flows, harmful trade provisions, and other critical economic policies that contribute to violence are addressed and rectified," Bishop Pates wrote.

Church leaders and U.S. diplomats in each country his delegation visited, he said, agreed that long-term resolutions would only come from investment in education and jobs.

Bishop Pates said he frequently heard that the Central American Free Trade Agreement, known as CAFTA, "and similar trade policies, had devastated small agricultural producers and businesses in the region, while depressing labor conditions and wages."

With regard to the drugs and violence that often drive people to leave their home countries, Bishop Pates said the U.S. must recognize its "own complicity in this crisis, and support more effective

programs that reduce drug usage here at home."

"Similarly, the regulation of gun exports, coupled with criminal justice reforms that foster rehabilitation rather than retribution," he said, "need to be implemented by our states and our federal government."

He pointed to another factor he said is making life intolerable for many in Central America -- destructive environmental impact and public health consequences of U.S. and Canadian mining companies in Latin America.

Bishop Pates said the U.S. and Canadian governments need to hold companies with operations in the region to the same standards of protecting human life and the environment as they require in their own countries.

In his statement, Bishop Elizondo echoed Bishop Pates' remarks about the need for a strategy to address "over the long term ... the violence and lack of opportunity in the countries of Central America. Specific attention should be paid to helping at-risk youth remain safe and access opportunity at home."

In the Diocese of Syracuse, New York, in an open letter to the community at large, Bishop Robert J. Cunningham said the diocese "stands at the ready" to help temporarily house migrant children from Central America who are awaiting deportation hearings.

He said he is aware that the issue has been the subject of intense debate, and will continue to be in the future, but in the interim he said the church has an obligation to help.

"In the midst of this debate that will continue over the course of months, one fact remains," Bishop Cunningham wrote. "We must care for the children. Wheth-

er we agree with the method or the circumstance, the fact is that there are 52,000-plus children who are in our country who are in need right now."

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is considering former convents and the former Maria Regina College owned by the Sisters of St. Francis on Syracuse's North Side as a potential site for temporary housing.

The Maryland Catholic Conference said in a July 23 statement: "As our national and local governments continue to grapple with this difficult situation, we are hopeful that partisan differences will not stand in the way of finding a just and humane response to this urgent need."

"We pray that our country will be able to look back proudly at how we answered this call, and ask God to touch the hearts and minds of the people of Maryland and throughout America with compassion and generosity," it said. "Most importantly, we entrust these children to God's providence, for we know 'You do see, for you behold misery and sorrow, taking them in your hands. On you the unfortunate man depends; of the fatherless you are the helper' (Psalm 10)."

Arkansas Bishop Anthony B. Taylor of Little Rock in a July 25 statement said that until the federal government will allow local families to take in unaccompanied minors and mothers coming across the border, Catholics could still help in various ways.

First he said people of faith can "examine our own hearts: How do we see the people who are like refugees at our border? Do we see them as objects who threaten our lifestyle or can we see them as children without any hope, as parents who just want the best for their families, as people who are so desperate for a safe place

to live that they risk walking a thousand miles just to find it. What does love demand of us?"

He urged Catholics to keep them in their prayers, be the "voice of the voiceless," and provide donations of needed money and supplies.

"How hard it must be for parents to reach," Bishop Taylor continued, "the point of realizing that the only chance their children have for escaping violence and possible death is to put money in their hands and send them north, even at the cost of possibly never seeing them again but also with the hope that our hearts might be moved to help their children have a chance for a better life. Hence this is a human crisis for us as well - 'crisis' in the sense of a time of decision in which we reveal who we really are before God."

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio said July 21 that the Catholic Church would only support amendments to the 2008 anti-trafficking law at the center of the crisis "that would truly ensure due process, justice, and humane treatment of these children. Merely sending them back to the violent context from which they have fled is a shameful action."

"These immigrants are people like ourselves, not mere problems or statistics or irritants. They are our sisters and brothers. Let us embrace them with traditional American compassion," he said.

Altoona Calvary Cemetery Crypt

Tandem burial crypt for two in a beautiful peaceful location of the Good Shepherd Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery in Altoona. Eye level crypt number 419 facing Brush Mountain. Present purchase price would be \$6,900 for similar level crypt, selling for \$5,500.

Priest Named President Of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School

The Board of Trustees of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School (BG), Altoona, has appointed Franciscan Father John "Jack" McDowell, as president of the school. His Franciscan community, the Holy Name Province of the Order of Friars Minor, has granted him permission to serve in this capacity. Bishop Mark L. Barchak has approved the appointment.

"Father Jack will be a great asset to our school, alumni and the local community," said Michael Fiore, chair of the BG Board of Trustees. "He brings years of experience working in education and with organizations of all types. His Franciscan approach to hospitality and service will benefit our advancement and enrollment efforts. We welcome him to the BG family."

The president is responsible for the overall success of the school. The president ensures the school's financial viability through prudent fiscal and enrollment management, and successful development and fundraising efforts. The position reports to the Board of Trustees.



**FATHER JOHN 'JACK'
McDOWELL O.F.M.**

"I am blessed to have this opportunity to work with the fine people at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School and to develop relationships with the alumni of the school and people in the local community," said Father Jack. "I hope to bring the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi and the challenges of Pope Francis to Guilfoyle."

Father Jack is a 1968 graduate of Saint Francis University, Loretto and a 1977 graduate of the Washington Theological Union, Washington DC. He was ordained a priest of the Holy Name Province, New York City in 1977.

He has spent the majority of his professional life in educational ministry, and he has experience both at the collegiate and high school levels.

From 1977 - 80, Father Jack was vice president of Student Affairs at Saint Bonaventure University, Saint Bonaventure NY. He served as principal at Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo NY from 1992 - 94.

Since ordination he has



CATHEDRAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: "Gangway To Galilee" was the theme of Vacation Bible School held July 7 - 11 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

worked in parishes and retreat centers in New York, Georgia and North Carolina. From 1998 - 2007, he was a chaplain at the University of Georgia. From 2007 - 09, he was director of Campus Ministry at Saint Francis University in Loretto.

Most recently, he has spent his time in South Carolina as a Catholic chaplain at Clemson University and a priest at Saint Mary of the Angels parish. He has led numerous mission trips, retreats and workshops in the United States, Canada, Jamaica and Guatemala.

Members of Holy Name Province have diverse backgrounds, and their ministries are varied. Most serve in pastoral roles, while others work in education, social ministry, administration and manual trades. Two colleges that are run by the Holy Name Province are St. Bonaventure University and Siena College, Loudonville NY.

Father Jack succeeds Thomas J. Kristofco who served as president since October 2012. Kristofco will continue to support BG as a voting member of its Board of Trustees.

The mission of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School is to prepare young men and women for rewarding and productive lives in our global society; young men and women of vision and passion who are securely grounded in Christian spirituality, academic proficiency, and personal accountability.

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The day will begin with Mass in the parish church at 7:45 a.m., celebrated by Monsignor Robert J. Saly, pastor. The Rosary will be prayed in church from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., and again from 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.

At 5:00 p.m., Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Daniel Sinisi of Saint Francis University, Loretto, will be the celebrant and homilist at Mass celebrated at the Shrine, followed by a candlelight procession and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., soups, salads and sandwiches will be available for sale in the parish hall. Coffee and cake will be served after 6:00 p.m.

Petitions may be addressed to Birth of Mary Celebration, P.O. Box 88, Duncansville PA 16635.

Vocations

Carmelites Of The Word

Duncansville: The Sisters of the Carmelite Community of the Word will be holding a Vocation Discernment Weekend, Friday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m.

to Saturday, September 6 at 4:00 p.m.

This time of discernment is for women who have felt a stirring in their heart, a calling to a life of dedication to God by living as a Consecrated Religious. The weekend will include presentations by the Carmelite Community of the Word Sisters, prayer time that will include the Liturgy of the Hours and a Holy Hour, meal times with various CCW Sisters, and exploring the grounds of the Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center.

The event will be held at the CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road.

For more details, or to discuss your particular faith journey, to ask questions, or to register, contact the vocation director, Sister Margie McGuire, at (814) 472 - 9457 or Email at margiemc12@gmail.com. Inquiries can also be made by calling Incarnation Center at (814) 886 - 4098. Check the Carmelite Community of the Word website at www.ccwsisters.org.

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the deadline for the next edition of The Catholic Register will be Friday, August 29, at noon.



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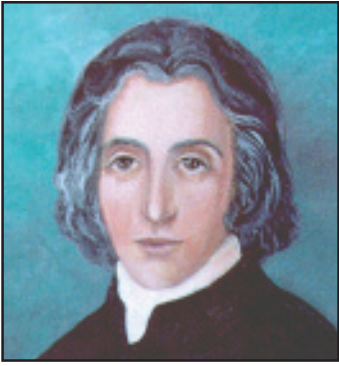
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This is the final part, of the history of the Servant Of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin's tomb. It can be found in full on the website of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto, www.basilica-loretto.org. The article was written by Frank Seymour.

It came to be that eight intervening years later Father Kittell was to see his dream realized. To achieve such an ambitious undertaking as he outlined in his pamphlet titled "An Appeal For Funds... To Erect a Suitable Monument to His (Gallitzin's) memory," published in June, 1891, was reasonably beyond the financial means of his mostly agrarian congregation.

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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UNVEILING: Draped in white, the life-size statue of Father Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin is shown on the day of its unveiling, October 10, 1899, in the presence of some 6,000 pilgrims.

But with prayerful intercessions to Gallitzin, Saints Mary, Joseph, and Michael, and by sending his written appeal to the general public, it so happened that Charles Michael Schwab, then President of the Carnegie Steel Company and one of the emerging young millionaires to evolve from America's Industrial Revolution of the 1890's, was at this time building an impressively large summer home on an eminence overlooking the hill north of the Loretto Village. In addition, Schwab's parents lived in Loretto, and were members of Saint Michael's parish. They were very supportive of Father Kittell's preservation efforts on behalf of Father Gallitzin, and wielded substantial influence over their son's charitable distributions.

And so it was during the latter years of the 1890's that Charlie Schwab, home-town boy made-good, in concert with the church fathers and Reverend Kittell, announced his intentions to donate to our parish a bronze, life-sized statue of Father Gallitzin. It would stand atop a new granite pedestal which in turn would set upon those same limestone and sandstone blocks that held up the first monument to Gallitzin put up in 1847. And to add to the beauty and religious atmosphere of this sanctuary for Gallitzin, Schwab

ument which graced the lawns in front of the old brick church.

From his elevated position atop the monument, Gallitzin could preside over his parish grounds and buildings, the comings and goings of his parishioners, and over the entire construction project of the new stone church, occupied for the first occasion on October, 1901.

Over the 100-plus years since the present tomb and monument complex were first given to the public and to the parishioners of Saint Michaels, few events of significant impact have changed the environment of this monument. The towering wooden cross on the west approach has been taken down. The glass-covered coffin lid is gone and no longer gives visual entry to Gallitzin's remains. There are many still who remember Gallitzin's intact skull and the silk-like appearance of his grayish ashes. In 1972 Gallitzin was knocked off his pedestal by a falling tree, and he survived, unhurt. In 1991 Gallitzin's walking stick was taken (now replaced). Most of the giant spruce trees standing around the monument have been removed. In 2000 the statue was sandblasted, repaired and weather treated. But each year the blooming flowers reappear in spring lasting well into the frosts of Fall. Green grasses cover the gentle slopes leading up on and down to the fenced-in shrine. The old spear and picket fence with its poppy-headed post finials still stand sentinel-like around the tomb. And the pilgrims still travel here from all the countries of the world to raise in prayer their testaments of supplication and intercession, some just to stand and wonder in what Divine Plan this Russian Prince was sent here to the wilds of a new country with all its forms of sacrifice, leaving behind a life of luxury and ease, of fame and inheritance.

There he stands, our Father Gallitzin, looking to the West and the Heavens of the Great Beyond. He knew his Catholic religion had no frontiers. Here he lies buried so very far from home and family. This American adventure was his ultimate sacrifice to his God and to his Faith.

Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

The Korean Martyrs Call Out To Us

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) -- Pope Francis placed 124 Korean martyrs on the last step toward sainthood in a beatification Mass Aug. 16 that brought elation to the 800,000 people in attendance.

The sun was searing as Bishop Francis Ahn Myong-ok of Masan, president of the commission for the beatification, asked the pope to pronounce the martyrs blessed. After hearing a brief collective biography of 124 of the original founders of the Korean Catholic Church, Pope Francis pronounced the formula of beatification.

With his words, trumpets blared and a huge swath depicting a watercolor of the newly blessed martyrs in heaven was unfurled on the side of a large building facing the square where the faithful gathered. People laughed and cheered as the image also popped up on the giant video monitors along the more than one-mile stretch.

The 124 were killed for their beliefs, setting off a 100-year period in the 18th and 19th centuries when the Korean government went after about 10,000 faithful who pledged filial piety to God, not the king of Joseon. Among this group was Paul Yun Ji-Chung, the very first Korean to be executed for his faith after he buried his mother using Catholic rites that completely went against the norms of the heavily Confucian society.

In his homily, the pope said, "So often we today can find our faith challenged by the world, and in countless ways we are asked to compromise our faith, to water down the radical demands of the Gospel and to conform to the spirit of this age."

"Yet the martyrs call out to us to put Christ first and to see all else in this world in relation to him and his eternal kingdom. They challenge us to think about what, if anything, we ourselves would be willing to die for," he said.

Pope Francis credited the martyrs with showing the "importance of charity in the life of faith," since their belief in the "equal dignity of all the baptized" led them to challenge the "rigid social structures of their day."

Moments before the Mass, the pope personally greeted the faithful as he traveled via popemobile along the stretch from Seoul's City Hall to Geongbok Palace, the backdrop of a temporary altar. Geongbok is described by South Korea's tourism bureau as the grandest of the Joseon-era palaces.

Among those who attended the Mass were about 300 U.S. military personnel and 400 family members of the victims of the Sewol ferry accident, which left more than 300 dead in April.

The Sewol group had been protesting at the square for weeks, demanding that a special law be passed for an independent investigation into the accident. They were determined to remain during the beatification Mass in hopes of an encounter with the pope.



ONE MORE TIME: This historic photograph depicts the old brick church at Saint Michael Parish in Loretto just prior to the October 10, 1899 unveiling of the monument to Father Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin. The monument, draped in white, can be seen just in front of the church, which was replaced by the current structure in 1901.

These hours-long "humanitarian cease-fires" called to interrupt the ongoing carnage between Israel and Gaza are obscene.

They are implemented, observed then violated. Their purpose is to allow time for civilians to leave their places of relative safety in search for food, medicine and taking the injured to medical care.

Civilian victims of the hubris of insurgents, military and posturing politicians are granted the privilege of a respite for 12 or 24 hours so they can try to prepare for being killed again.

It is the height of hypocrisy. The cavalier disregard of life by both sides for their insignificant purposes is truly astounding. Hamas fires volleys and volleys of rockets into Israel. The Israelis retaliate with air and ground attacks with a cynical "sorry about that" if any explosives happen to demolish a school or homes.

Hamas wants to end a blockade of Gaza maintained by Israel and Egypt. Israel wants to destroy tunnels used by Palestinian militants to infiltrate Israel.

No position is worth the killing and maiming of toddlers or the killing of civilians. At the end of July, the United Nations, with figures collected from the Gaza health ministry, said at least 1,400 Palestinians had been killed and, of those, 250 were children. The number of militants killed is unclear, but the United Nations estimates



Consider This

By Stephen Kent

The Cost Of War Is The Senseless Loss Of Children's Lives

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that more than 70 percent of the dead were civilians.

Israel Defense Forces say 62 Israeli soldiers and three civilians have been killed in Israel during the same time period.

The Vatican representative to the U.N. Human Rights Council, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, reiterated the position of the Catholic Church that violence brings only destruction and that Israelis and Palestinians must engage in a dialogue, accepting each other's right to exist peacefully in their own states with internationally recognized

borders and that both Israelis and Palestinians have a right to decent living conditions.

Each day, on television's nightly news shows, we see posturing politicians at microphones, giving the latest double talk about being close to an agreement. Each day, news shows have punch-to-the-gut images of wide-eyed bloodied children lying on stretchers wondering what happened to their home, to their parents.

The history of conflict in the Middle East is long and complex. But it does not require a foreign policy expert to know that mutilating and killing children is wrong and repugnant.

Pope Francis cut through the babble speak of the politicians to give much-needed perspective:

"I think most of all about children, whose hopes for a dignified life, a future are dashed, dead children, wounded children, mutilated children, orphans, children who have the leftovers of war for toys, children who don't know how to smile. Stop it, please! I beg you with all my heart! It's time to stop!" he said at his Angelus address July 27.



Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Coping With A Change
Of Pastor

Q. Our parish had a change in pastors this year. Previous to his arrival, I had been attending daily Mass for 18 years. Now I go only on Sunday because I just don't like this priest; some of the things he does at Mass put me in such a bad mood that I feel that I am better off not going. I have prayed to God to help me accept him, but so far I have been unable to do it.

The first irritant is his failure ever to start on time -- sometimes as much as 10 minutes late, while the congregation just sits and waits. Throughout his homily, he will make a few statements and then ask the congregation to guess what he is going to say next. (Usually it takes three to five tries before someone hits it.)

All of this has added at least 20 minutes to what we had been used to for a weekday Mass. He gives the impression that we are there to watch his show, rather than to worship God. Am I wrong to let him upset me -- to the extent of not getting the

comfortable warmth that I used to experience each day from the Mass? (Arkansas)

A. I am sorry that your dissatisfaction has deprived you of the benefit -- both spiritual and emotional -- that you once gained every morning. More often than not, the arrival of a new pastor requires an adjustment on the part of parishioners, particularly those who have been most loyal.

From what you have told me, your situation seems to involve more than just the customary period of "getting used to."

The most upfront thing to do would be to ask your new pastor for a few minutes of his time and explain to him your concerns. Be diplomatic, of course. Tell him how much you miss going, and highlight the fact that his style at the weekday Mass might also be discouraging other parishioners, also.



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This Spaniard studied law at the University of Lerida and was ordained a priest in 1583, despite his father's hope that he would be a soldier. He became vicar general of a Spanish diocese, but in 1592 left for Rome, where he joined the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and worked with neglected children. In 1597 he established the first free school in Rome with three other priests. This work led him to found the Clerks Regular of the Religious (or Pious) Schools, known as Piarists. He overcame internal and external opposition and served as superior general of the order. He was canonized in 1767, and in 1948 Pope Pius XII named him the patron saint of Christian schools. He is also a patron of students.

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First, unless the priest in question has other responsibilities just before daily Mass, to start several minutes late on a regular basis is inconsiderate.

In most parishes, the congregation at weekday Mass includes not only retirees but some people who are on their way to work or have family obligations. For the same reason, to extend that weekday Mass by several minutes with a "dialogue homily" is usually neither practical nor popular.

A dialogue homily, by the way, requires a whole lot more preparation than does a two- or three-minute "sermonette." To do it effectively, a priest must predict in advance what the congregants' remarks might be, in order to have a plan as to what direction he wants to take the discussion.

The easiest suggestion is for you to find another Catholic church nearby and, on weekday mornings, go there instead. My guess, though, is that you live in a fairly rural area where that would be difficult -- or else you would already have tried that.

The most upfront thing to do would be to ask your new pastor for a few minutes of his time and explain to him your concerns. Be diplomatic, of course. Tell him how much you miss going, and highlight the fact that his style at the weekday Mass might also be discouraging other parishioners, also, because of its length. If you can, back it up with numbers of worshippers who attended Mass before and after his arrival.

If you are reluctant to approach your pastor directly, perhaps you might find a priest-friend of his who would relay these concerns. Or, as a last resort, you might contact the director of priests' personnel in your diocese and invite him to share your observations with the priest in question. But please don't continue to lose the great blessing of daily Mass. The Eucharist itself is far more important than the particular priest who offers it.

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For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
Grace And
The 'Gift' Of Tears

Those of us who cry easily are blessed. A good cry can mend the heart and heal wounds. Scientists even tell us that crying rids the body of toxins.

Nevertheless, crying leaves us exhausted.

It was afternoon when it hit me. The weary feeling, that grainy nagging in my eyes, the desire for a nap. Why am I so tired? I wondered. Ah, yes, I had been to a funeral that morning and the tears had come freely.

Tears may drain you of toxins. But in a good, cleansing way, they also simply drain you. The Jesuit pastor of my parish died after years of struggling with leukemia and the aftermath of treatments. He simply wore out.

He was a kind, gentle man who seemed younger than his 55 years. He had a heart for the poor, serving in the Peace Corps as a young man and in foreign missions as a Jesuit. He volunteered at ground zero after 9/11. He was about as universally loved as anyone I've known.

The church was full. Tears, spontaneous and unbidden, came to many.

It struck me that tears are very complicated visitors, arriving stealthily, beyond our control. They touch something deep, areas we can't express or explain.

We cry for the dead, for the abruptness of this end. Yet our faith assures us that for Father Pat, life is not over.

Sometimes, funeral tears reflect regret for a life left unfinished or poorly lived. But that bore no reflection of our tears for Father Pat.

Some tears are shed because we miss the dead, for the pain the absence brings into our life. I didn't know Father Pat very well personally. I admired his homilies, his liturgies, his demeanor, the stories I'd heard about him.

But the absence I felt was far more abstract than the absence one would feel at the dinner table where a vacant seat proclaims a searing loss.

No, I think that at funerals such as Father Pat's, often we are crying for ourselves and for the overwhelming juxtaposition of the reality of death as our life's companion, and the depth of the faith which sustains us through it.

We cried because Father Pat's life, and the liturgy that so beautifully honored it, strengthens us and brings us hope, and yet calls us into an unfathomable mystery. It's the Holy Spirit, interceding for us through our tears.

The founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyola, believed tears could be a "gift," especially when, in prayer, we cry, not out of sadness, but because we have touched on something profound. St. Ignatius would have appreciated the tears that accompanied Father Pat's funeral liturgy.

At the end of the service, many Jesuits gathered around Father Pat's coffin, and a version of St. Ignatius' prayer, "Suscipe," was sung. This prayer is a beautiful one to hear, and a difficult one to pray. "Take, Lord, and receive, all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess; you have given it all to me, I now give it back to you, O Lord. All of it is yours now, dispose of it according to your will; give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me."

A reception in the Jesuit gardens featured lemonade and cookies and the inevitable realization that for those left behind, life moves on.

Afterward, I slipped back into church to use the restroom and left by the front door. There, at the foot of the stairs, was the hearse with Father Pat's body. I walked by, almost alone on the empty sidewalk, said goodbye and asked Father Pat to pray for me.

In the end, the Lord receives it all, and returns love and grace. The tears are an added gift.

Remains Of Saint Marianne Cope Return To Hawaii

By Patrick Downes
Catholic News Service

HONOLULU (CNS) -- The mortal remains of St. Marianne Cope found a final resting place in Honolulu's Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace July 31, welcomed back in an exuberant two-and-a-half hour celebration of prayers, songs, gestures, reflections, dance, flowers and incense.

Nearly 700 people packed the church that first welcomed Mother Marianne 130 years ago when she first stepped foot on Oahu to begin her mission of charity to those no one else would dare touch.

The event incorporated the church's midday prayer and a Mass of thanksgiving, with Honolulu Bishop Larry Silva as the principal celebrant.

Sealed in a 48-by-20-by-12-inch zinc-coated metal box, St. Marianne's remains were driven with police escort to the cathedral in a white hearse from the convent of the Sisters of St.

Francis in Honolulu. They had arrived there July 27 from Syracuse, New York.

After a formal greeting outside the cathedral by the bishop and other diocesan officials, the box, wrapped in white Hawaiian tapa cloth and draped with a traditional Hawaiian quilt decorated with a Hawaiian flag pattern, was carried by four Franciscan sisters into the church on a canoe-shaped platform made of koa wood.

Accompanying the remains in procession were about 40 Sisters of St. Francis and members of Hawaiian royal societies.

Many of the mostly Hawaii-born Sisters of St. Francis wore what could be regarded as a contemporary habit, variations of dress using fabric decorated with a colorful block art print depicting St. Marianne and St. Damien de Veuster.

The ceremony that followed included a traditional hula -- a single male dancer in long black pants and long-sleeved white shirt accompanied by a Hawaiian chanter paying tribute to St. Marianne.



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SAINT MARIANNE COPE

The service also included brief reflections by Sister Roberta Smith, general minister of St. Marianne's religious community, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, and others.

"How fitting that she be placed here in a place of peace. She brought peace to many people," Sister Roberta said.

"She had the great courage to step out into the unknown," she said. "Her simple yes affected a whole group of people. She brought love, care, dignity, respect to those who were cast off."

Sister Roberta said that her congregational "sister" would be "flabbergasted" at the outpouring of affection and appreciation expressed in the cathedral that day.

But she said St. Marianne's "great love" was a gift "not only for Hawaii but for the whole world."

Clarence "Boogie" Kahilihiwa spoke for the remaining Hansen's disease patients of Kalaupapa, Molokai, several of whom were there for the saint's homecoming. St. Marianne served in Kalaupapa for 30 years.

"Aloha mai kakou," he said

in Hawaiian, expressing a fond welcome to all.

"We of Kalaupapa are so happy that St. Marianne's remains have returned home to Hawaii," he said.

"She was so special to our people. She cared for all with aloha, compassion and dignity," Kahilihiwa said. "We love her."

He thanked the bishop and the diocese of accepting the responsibility "to care for her."

A 20-minute period between the formal midday prayer and the start of Mass at noon allowed time for veneration of the remains. What started as a single line of Sisters of St. Francis turned into a crush of faithful silently inching their way toward to flower-laden box to lay a hand, say a prayer or place a lei.

Bishop Silva then concelebrated the Mass with 30 priests, many of whom wore stoles bearing images of St. Marianne and St. Damien on each side. St. Marianne succeeded St. Damien in ministering on Molokai.

The bishop said the "physical proximity" of the saint's remains provides a spiritual experience more enriching than contemplating her goodness "from afar."

Using the Hawaiian word for spirit, Bishop Silva said that the bones of the saint have a spiritual power that can heal and move hearts.

"It is the 'mana' of St. Marianne that brings us together today," he said. "The mortal remains of this frail creature of God, made from dust and returning to dust, have an incredible spirit of their own, an aura that makes us want to be near them."

"We want to touch the relics of this woman who dedicated herself to healing, so that we may be healed and may be healers," he said.

Bishop Silva said St. Marianne's "'mana' radiates from

these mortal bones so that the Holy Spirit may penetrate into our bones and lead us to feed the hungry on our streets, to welcome the stranger on our borders."

St. Marianne Cope and six companion sisters arrived in Hawaii in 1883 from Syracuse at the request of the Hawaiian Kingdom to help care for natives who had contracted the then incurable Hansen's disease, or leprosy. What was supposed to be a temporary assignment for the nun, who was the superior of her New York community at the time, turned out to be a permanent one as she chose to stay where she felt she was most needed.

St. Marianne opened a hospital on Maui and a home for the healthy children of leprosy patients before moving in 1888 to the leprosy settlement in Kalaupapa. Among other duties there, she ran Bishop Home, a complex of cottages for the female patients. She died of natural causes in 1918 in Kalaupapa and was the only Sister of St. Francis to be buried there. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

In the 125 years since her arrival, her sisters have continued their ministry in Kalaupapa in addition to opening hospitals and schools on other islands and attracting hundreds of local vocations.

St. Marianne's remains were exhumed in 2005 in preparation for her beatification that year and enshrined in her motherhouse chapel in Syracuse. Their return to Hawaii was necessitated by the closing and relocation of the motherhouse.

At the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace, the box holding her remains were placed in an existing koa and glass display cabinet that had held a small relic of St. Marianne. A planned renovation of the cathedral will add a small chapel to display relics of St. Damien and St. Marianne. St. Marianne's remains will be interred beneath the floor of the chapel.

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CONSECRATION: The setting sun in the Western sky illuminates the scene as Bishop Mark elevates the consecrated Host at the Sunday, August 10 Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto.



BLESSING: Bishop Mark imparts a blessing with Holy Water to worshippers in Loretto, Sunday, August 10.

healthy, and to get plenty of rest and regular hours of sleep. "Without sufficient rest, your brain will not function, and you do need your brain in college," the Bishop said.

3. "Stay away from sex, drugs, drinking and smoking. There's no need to explain any of that," Bishop Mark stated. "Self indulgence will demolish your awesome human dignity, or could be the means by which you demolish the dignity of another," he said.

4. "Be careful who you make friends with," the Bishop cautioned. He said that good friends can be friends for life, but that bad company can also lead to a downward spiral of bad behavior that could have an adverse impact for years to come."

5. "Remember why you are going to college," Bishop Mark challenged. He said "You are in search of something really big - - job skills, knowledge, and most of all, truth. Don't be satisfied with anything less than the truth about yourself and about life."

6. "Don't leave your Catholic faith at home," Bishop Mark exhorted the young men and women at Mass. He invited them to pray every day, to read the Bible, to attend Mass every Sunday - - and more often if possible, and to make good use of the Sacrament of Reconcilia-

tion on a regular basis. "Prayer, the Word of God, and the Sacraments: don't leave home without them," said Bishop Mark. They connect you to your ultimate friend, Jesus Christ."

"I truly wish you all the best," Bishop Mark told the collegians, "and I will be praying for you, and for your parents."

He concluded by reminding the young men and women that when Peter stepped out of the boat to walk on water with Jesus, and was afraid of the wind and the waves, he called out "Lord save me."

"Remember that simple prayer," Bishop Mark said. "He already has, and He always will."

Concelebrating with Bishop Mark were Monsignor Michael Becker, diocesan coordinator of Campus Ministry, and Father Matthew Reese, diocesan director of Vocations.

Students Urged To Remember Their Catholic Faith

(Continued From Page 16.)

Bishop Mark laughed as he told the young people "There are some things that your parents would like you to know, but they've asked me to be the one to

tell you. For some reason, they think you will listen to me!" He went on to enumerate six points for them to keep in mind:

1. "Remember who you are." Bishop Mark reminded his hearers that "you are made in

the image and likeness of God. That's an awesome dignity," he said. He continued that we are each composed of "mind, body and soul. Take care of all three."

2. "Take care of yourself," he repeated, urging them to eat

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Catholic Aid Official Says Agencies Are Trying To 'Pick Up The Pieces' In Gaza

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AMMAN, Jordan (CNS)

-- A senior Catholic aid official said humanitarian agencies are "trying to pick up the pieces" of Gaza's badly destroyed infrastructure, desperately hoping that the declared truce between Israel and the militant Hamas will hold.

"It's difficult to explain the gravity of the situation," said Sami El-Yousef, regional director of the Jerusalem office of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

El-Yousef told Catholic News Service in a phone interview that the initial cease-fire in early August allowed aid work-

ers to get out for the first time in more than a month to assess the extent of the damage from intensive bombardment and shelling.

"We're trying to pick up the pieces of the infrastructure, water, sanitation, electricity. Food and water supplies are running low, there is significant damage to the infrastructure, homes and other buildings," he said. "It's going to take a very, very long time before Gaza gets back on its own two feet."

The CNEWA official said he and others are "clinging to the hope" the cease-fire "will hold and eventually we get to the root cause of all this mess. Otherwise, we will enter this cycle again and again."

As the extent of the devastation wrought on the coastal strip



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PALESTINIAN MAN REACTS: A Palestinian man reacts upon seeing destruction in Khan Younis, Gaza Strip, Aug. 1. The city was hit by Israeli shelling and airstrikes. The president of Caritas Internationalis suggested Israeli and Hamas leaders pick up a pair of binoculars so they could see that "most of your victims are innocent people."

emerges so, too, have some of the stories unfolded of both bittersweet miracles and tragedies.

El-Yousef said that, in March, CNEWA had just completed restoration of the Gaza City residence of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word, damaged in an earlier conflict. During the most recent conflict, the bedrooms were struck by shelling.

"But there was actually a miracle in the making," he said. "Had the sisters been in the house at the time -- they were evacuated a bit earlier -- something very bad would have happened."

Still, the nuns, the handicapped children in their care and Father Jorge Hernandez, the lone parish priest in Gaza, are all safe. Father Hernandez travels throughout the strip helping with aid distribution and carrying out pastoral visits, El-Yousef said.

Many others have been less fortunate.

El-Yousef recounted learning about the recent death of a nurse serving at the Anglican Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, the only Christian hospital in Gaza, which serves the entire commu-

"She had been working for a long stretch and was released to go for a home rest for two days," he said. "The day she went home her house was targeted by a missile. She, her mother-in-law and father-in-law were killed in the attack. Only her two young children survived. I felt awful to hear this news."

El-Yousef said Jeries Ayyad, a Christian injured when a missile struck his house in July, was clinging to life after being transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital in Jerusalem. Jeries had burns on approximately 90 percent of his body. He has had amputations to both of his legs and has had three strokes.

During the cease-fire, El-Yousef said CNEWA hoped to provide psychosocial support, particularly to children served by Gaza's Christian institutions. The United Nations reports that some 373,000 Gazans are in need of psychosocial intervention because of the losses of immediate family members, homes, and traumatic events.

Immediately though, CNEWA's focus will be to provide emergency medicines, medical supplies, and fuel for generators to the Al-Ahli hospi-

tal and to Middle East Council of Churches clinics.

"Gaza's electricity supply is nearly gone so refueling for the generators is needed to ensure near uninterrupted power supply," El-Yousef explained. CNEWA also is covering costs for medical treatment for conflict-related diseases.

Planning is underway to fix damages sustained by Christian institutions and some homes within Gaza's Christian community.

Auxiliary Bishop William Shomali of Jerusalem said the church was helping provide emergency items as well as some cash to help some families buy basic necessities, such as food.

"We need to inject a bit of hope into the hearts of the people," Bishop Shomali said in a phone interview from Jerusalem.

"For one month, they haven't slept because of the shelling and the bombing. They need to heal from their fatigue and stress," he said.

Both Catholic officials expressed concern that with most of Gaza's schools sheltering perhaps up to 400,000 people, children will be unable to start classes any time soon.

Some U.N. schools as well as the Holy Family Catholic School in Gaza City have also been partially damaged in the airstrikes. The school has helped host some displaced people who have lost homes.

"It's been quite a challenge because they don't have the official structures in place to deal with emergency situations," El-Yousef explained.

Despite that, these Christian institutions have provided meals, clean water and hygiene kits, opening their doors to thousands, mainly Muslims, who do not have a safe place, he added.

"We are trying to help. But it's small in a sea of needs," the CNEWA official explained. "We are doing a lot, but the needs are so incredible. We keep at it."

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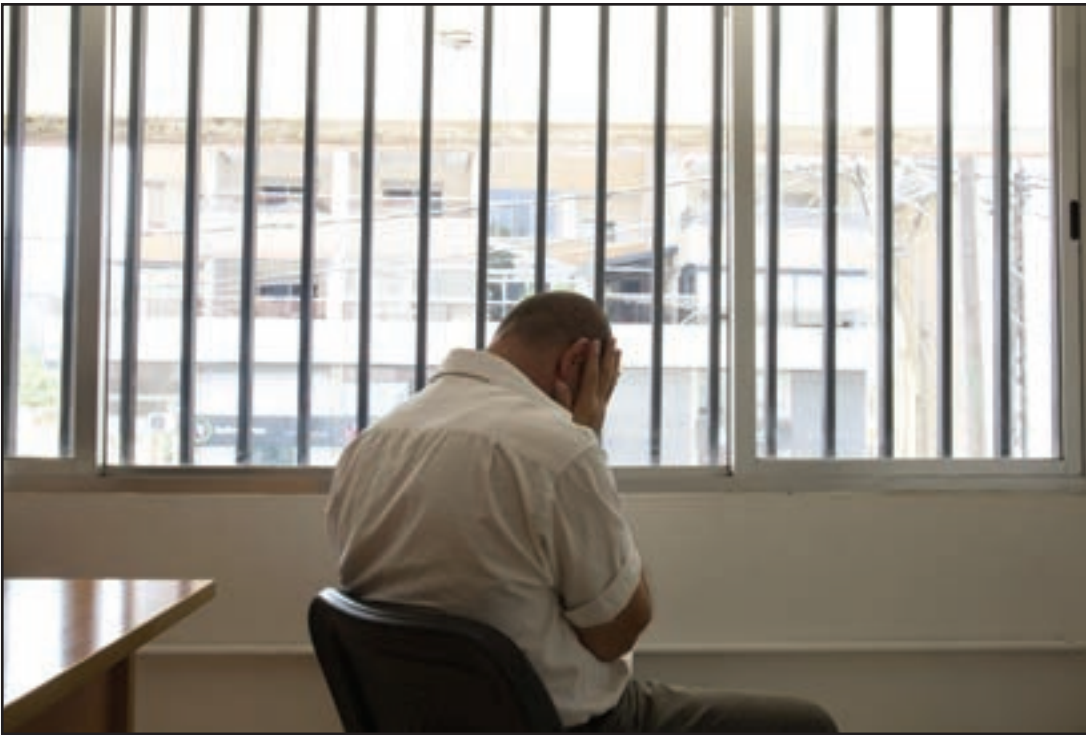
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CATHOLIC IRAQI REFUGEE: Emil, a Catholic Iraqi refugee, hides his face during a posed photo at the Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center in Beirut Aug. 8. The resident of Mosul, Iraq, fled his hometown with family members after receiving threats from Islamic State militants.

Catholic Iraqi Refugees Recall Horror Of Militant Attacks

By Doreen Abi Raad
Catholic News Service

BEIRUT (CNS) -- The memory of that brutal June evening in his home near Mosul, Iraq, brought 48-year-old Joseph, now a refugee in Lebanon, to tears.

"These people know no limits of humanity, decency, or respect for human life," he said of the Islamic State fighters.

Meeting with Catholic News Service Aug. 8 at the Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center in Beirut, he and other Catholic Iraqi refugees asked that their real names not be used to protect their identities as they shared the traumatic experiences that led to their exodus.

Joseph recalled how his wife and their teenage son, Bachar, were in their living room. Two other children were asleep around 10 p.m. when there was an explosion-like crash. In an instant, four militants barged into the house, guns

aimed at the heads of father and son.

"Give us your gold and valuables," he said they demanded.

Filled with fear, Joseph's wife tried to calmly gather all jewelry she had. One of the militants, noticing Bachar's cross, ripped off the chain in a rage and started to beat the boy, accusing the family of withholding their gold.

"What's for sure is they (the terrorists) are not all Iraqis. The ones with the beards are not Iraqis," Joseph said.

After ransacking the home for other valuables, the terrorists warned they would return in 48 hours. Their ultimatum: The family must convert to Islam, pay the Islamic jizya tax, or be killed.

Joseph knew he had no choice but to flee quickly with his family.

"We were happy, our life was good," he said, collapsing into sobs.

"All the work of my father and myself and my brothers, all

"I want to remain a Christian," Emil said. "Our religion is about peace, not killing."

the years ... gone in just a few seconds," he said of the trading company he had to abandon. The next morning, "I went to the cemetery and said good-bye to my father, and I went to Mass in my church to receive the Eucharist. I think it was the last Mass celebrated in my village. And I thought, if I'm meant to die at this time, at least I'm in God's house."

The family fled to Irbil the night after the attack, eventually boarding a flight to Beirut.

Through a relative, Joseph found a furnished apartment in Beirut, but rent is \$850, so he is searching for cheaper accommodations, knowing that his savings will quickly run out.

Jobs in tiny, economically strapped Lebanon are hard

to find. New refugees have to compete with other refugees for work. Currently more than 1.5 million Syrian refugees -- equal to at least one-quarter of Lebanon's resident population -- are living in Lebanon.

Even before the Islamist militant onslaught in Mosul and Iraq's Ninevah province beginning in June, there were already some 9,000 Iraqi refugees in Lebanon, most of whom fled their homeland after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

"I am jumpy and nervous," Joseph told CNS. "What happened is not easy. My children ask me, 'What will we do? (Islamic State) made us leave Iraq, and now (it) is in Lebanon,'" he said, referring to the incursion Aug. 2 by the Islamic militants into a Lebanese town 55 miles northeast of Beirut. "They are afraid."

Rachid, also from a village near Mosul, told CNS: "All the village has gone. There's absolutely no one left, no one at all." The 49-year-old Chaldean Catholic father of six collapsed into tears.

After regaining his composure, Rachid recounted how he was taking his wife to her regular physical therapy appointment in Mosul June 10 when he was forced to stop at an Islamic State checkpoint. The heavily armed militants demanded to see his identity card and asked him if he was Christian.

"Yes I am," he told them, as Iraqi ID cards indicate the sectarian identity of the cardholder.

"I thought I would be executed on the spot," Rachid said. The militants refused him entry into Mosul, despite his pleas that his wife needed to see a doctor.

They told him all Christians should convert to Islam, pay the jizya tax or be killed.

The next day, Rachid was able to sell some of the inventory from his grocery store to scrape up just enough money to flee. "I locked the doors of my shop and my house for the last time, and we left."

"There is no future for Christians in Iraq anymore. I left everything for my religion, so I have to trust in the Lord that he will take care of us," he said.

Before the Islamic State attacks in June, 35,000 Christians lived in Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, and more than 60,000 lived there before the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, according to the Chaldean Catholic Patriarchate.

Emil, 40, came to Lebanon with his father, a widower with a heart condition, and his wheelchair-bound physically disabled adult sister, both of whom he supports.

He said that on June 16, four militants broke down the door of their Mosul home and told him he had five days to pay them about \$20,000.

"We know where you live, what you do, everything about you, we will find you and kill you," he said they told him.

So Emil gathered all the family's legal papers, the few pieces of his late mother's jewelry -- including her crucifix and Marian medal -- and fled with his father and sister in the night toward Irbil, leaving behind his home and his sanitation supply shop filled with inventory.

"I want to remain a Christian," Emil said. "Our religion is about peace, not killing."

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy Seeks Director Of Advancement

Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, located in Boalsburg, PA, seeks a Director of Advancement to begin in September, 2014. The Director of Advancement will report to the Principal and Board of Trustees, and is responsible for leading and managing Saint Joseph Catholic Academy's fundraising efforts including annual events, special fundraisers, EITC, sponsorships, endowments, planned giving, and capital campaigns. The Director will have an established track record of leadership in organizational advancement and is expected to be capable of developing strong donor relationships and increase the school's overall fundraising capabilities. Interested candidates should E-Mail or mail cover letter and resume to: Chris Chirieleison, Principal, at cchirieleison@stjoeacad.org or 901 Boalsburg Pike, Boalsburg, PA 16827

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'Journey' Has About As Much Substance As An Airy Souffle

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Like an airy souffle, director Lasse Hallstrom's food-themed romantic fantasy "The Hundred-Foot Journey" (Disney) has an elegant appearance and a charming taste, but not much substance.

Still, there's little to offend on any level in this adaptation of the best-selling novel by Richard C. Morais. So parents will probably find it acceptable for mature adolescents.

Picturesque, stately and thoroughly unrealistic, this is the story of the Kadam family, an Indian clan of restaurateurs. When political unrest results in the torching of their subcontinental establishment, they seek refuge in Europe, eventually set-

ting -- more or less by chance -- in a small town in the French countryside. Cue the lush sunsets and Bastille Day fireworks.

The otherwise unnamed Papa Kadam (Om Puri) nurtures dreams of winning the local populace over to curry and cardamom. But the building in which he chooses to set up shop is directly across the road from the region's most venerable eatery, a Michelin-starred haven of the rich and famous presided over by the formidable Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren).

At first, Madame Mallory has nothing but contempt for her new neighbors, and resorts to dirty tricks to try to undermine them. Marguerite (Charlotte Le Bon), one of Madame's sous chefs, by contrast, adopts a more welcoming attitude once she connects -- both professionally and personally -- with Hassan (Manish Dayal), the principal



CNS Photo/Disney

THE HUNDRED - FOOT JOURNEY: Om Puri, Manish Dayal and Helen Mirren star in a scene from the movie "The Hundred-Foot Journey." 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.

cook among Papa's progeny.

Recognizing that Hassan is prodigiously gifted, Marguerite gives him classic French cookbooks to help him expand his culinary horizons. Thus begins his spectacular rise into the stratosphere of haute cuisine.

As Madame Mallory and Papa continue to butt heads, and the divergent cultures they represent clash more generally, Marguerite and Hassan become the Romeo and Juliet of their mildly warring factions. But Hassan's destiny beckons from the direction of Paris.

Young love, lavish food-stuffs, a conflicted protagonist. ... As they say in New Delhi, what's not to like?

Screenwriter Steven Knight's mostly restrained dialogue -- often pleasingly urbane, now and then cliched -- veers into vulgarity only once by our count. And a somewhat suggestive scene finds Hassan, who was last glimpsed passionately kissing Marguerite, rearranging his clothes as the two emerge from the kitchen setting of their clutch.

Today's teens, need it be said, will not be shocked by such proceedings. However, the descent of an arsonist rabble on

the Kadam's original place of business -- an incident with fatal consequences -- would likely prove a traumatic sight for real youngsters.

Characters occasionally mention "the gods" and refer, in passing, to their control of human affairs. But this amounts to no more than a turn of phrase and will leave even the impressionable unaffected.

Given all the onscreen feasting, on the other hand, mature

viewers would be well advised to make reservations before they buy their movie tickets.

The film contains scenes of mob violence, implications of an intimate encounter and a single crude term. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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In South Korea: Pope Francis Tells Young Asians To Witness To Christ In All Aspects Of Life

By Simone Orendain
Catholic News Service

SEOSAN, South Korea (CNS) -- Pope Francis told young Asian Catholic leaders to witness to Christ in everything they do.

During his homily on the muddy grounds of Haemi Fortress, Pope Francis urged more than 40,000 people -- including young Catholic leaders from 22 Asian countries -- to "reflect God's love." He reminded them it was their "right and duty to take part in the life of (their) societies."

"Do not be afraid to bring the wisdom of faith to every aspect of social life," the pontiff said. He also urged them to discern "what is incompatible with your Catholic faith ... and what aspects of contemporary culture are sinful, corrupt and lead to death."

Young people are always choosing their social lives over other things, and this makes it complicated to "grow up in their faith also," said Montira Hokjareon, a youth coordinator in Thailand's Udon Thani Dio-

cese. She said it was especially hard for young Thai Catholics to practice their faith in a predominantly Buddhist country where less than half of 1 percent of the population is Catholic.

Hokjareon, 34, was one of 20 participants who had lunch with Pope Francis Aug. 15. She told Catholic News Service it was good he nudged the youth leaders to evangelize, "because I think the people will learn (about) Jesus through us."

Rain threatened the Aug. 17 closing Mass for Asian Youth Day, which, unlike the massive international World Youth Day events, focuses more on youth leaders. At one point, the wind whipped off the pope's cap.

Pope Francis emphasized the theme of this year's gathering, "Asian Youth Wake Up, the Glory of the Martyrs Shines on You."

"It's no good when I see young people who sleep," said the pontiff. "No. Wake up! Go! Go!"

Haemi Fortress was where thousands of Catholics were killed during a 100-year period in the 18th and 19th centuries. In the 1700s laypeople formed

the church based on Catholic writings that they got ahold of from China. The original founders pledged loyalty to God rather than the Korean king, which was socially unacceptable. The government pursued them for carrying out Catholic rites and baptisms, killing 10,000 faithful in the century beginning in 1791.

Michael Hwang of Seoul said being on these grounds was "exhausting emotionally," because his ancestors were among those executed. But he told CNS he was glad to be a part of Asian Youth Day because it brought him closer to other Catholics from Asia.

"(The pope) said to wake up and a lot of people can come together, and we could be like one nation," said Hwang, a 17-year old high school student.

Hwang said his friends are not Catholic, "but I think Catholicism is a great thing and I can tell to my friends about how (being) Catholic is great, and this event will be a great background to teach or tell other people."

Stephen Borja of Manila, Philippines, told CNS the founding of the church in Korea "is

such a unique story, and it really touched me. How passionate they were about receiving the faith, standing up for it, even giving up their lives for it."

Borja, 34, works with the youth commission of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines. He said the pope's words inspired him to show his faith to others, which is still a challenge in his predominantly Catholic country.

The three characteristics the pope identified for the church in Asia are "holier, more missionary and humbler," he said. "Those are words I would carry with me and also with my work in the church."

Pope Francis celebrated Mass at an altar made up of 16 wooden crosses that locked together like wooden blocks and were decorated by the youth. Readings and intercessions were in Filipino, Indonesian, Korean and other languages.

"As young Christians,

whether you are workers or students, whether you have already begun a career or have answered the call to marriage, religious life or the priesthood, you are not only a part of the future of the church, you are also a necessary and beloved part of the church's present," said the pope.

He told young Asian to build "a church which loves and worships God by seeking to serve the poor, the lonely, the infirm and the marginalized."

Bishop Peter Kang U-il of Jeju, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Korea, noted that this was the first Asian Youth Day attended by a pope.

"The young Asians may have experienced an extraordinary moment of grace, and they also may have acquired the seed of courage and hope for their future, because Your Holiness shared a great affection and intimacy with them," he told Pope Francis at the Mass.


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GIFT OF HOLY WATER: Following the Sunday, August 10 Mass for students returning to college, Bishop Mark presented each of the several dozen young people in attendance with a bottle of Holy Water for their personal use during the coming school year. The Mass was celebrated at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto.

PERIODICAL RATE MAIL

Bold Undertakings, Great Faith Go Hand - In - Hand, Bishop Says At Mass For College - Bound Young People

**Photos And Text
By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein**

Third time's the charm.
Third time, lucky.

And so it proved to be on Sunday, August 10, when Bishop Mark L. Bartchak celebrated a Mass for students returning to college, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto.

Twice, in July, Bishop Mark had planned to celebrate Mass at the Shrine, once for those discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, and once honoring married couples, but both of those celebrations had to be moved into the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel when heavy rain and wind made it impossible for the open - air liturgies to proceed.

But the Mass for students went ahead, as planned, with nary a cloud in the sky, on a mild summer evening.

The absence of rain made the many references to water, during the Mass, more than a bit ironic.

With a gospel story that told of Jesus walking on water during a storm at sea, the Mass

began with Bishop Mark sprinkling the worshippers with Holy Water. The Mass continued as a gentle spray of water bubbled up from the reflecting pool in front of the shrine, and concluded with the Bishop presenting the young people in attendance with a bottle of Holy Water for their personal use during the school year.

And in between, Bishop Mark gave the collegians some good advice about how to steer their way through the choppy waters of the year ahead.

Keeping in line with the watery theme, Bishop Mark began his homily with a story about a little boy afraid to take his first leap off of a diving board. Even with encouragement from his father, who tried to cheer the tyke with a story of how he had faced the same fear, the lad was still too afraid to take the plunge.

"All of us have been afraid, like that," Bishop Mark reflected. "We want to do bold things, but we find that the goal is bigger than what we thought. We become discouraged. We're afraid. But Saint Matthew tells us a story that challenges us to the very core of our faith."

The story of Jesus walking on water during the storm at sea is an image of the Church, the Bishop explained, with Jesus telling the apostles - - and the Church throughout the ages - - "Take courage! Do not be afraid! It is I!" Bishop noted that the Hebrew name for God, "Yahweh" translates as "I am." The name Jesus means "Yahweh saves." The Lord's message as he walked through the storm is "I came here to save you," Bishop Mark stated.

"Jesus saves us from darkness and fear," Bishop Mark continued. "It's a beautiful summer evening here in Loretto. There is no storm and darkness has not descended. But sooner or later," he said "we will have to face those realities."

Addressing himself to those going off to college for the first time, to those returning again to their studies, and to young people preparing for military service or entering the job market, Bishop Mark said "this new phase of your lives is as bold as getting out of the boat and walking on water." In setting out on those waters, he advised "Don't forget what you've already learned."

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