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Record Numbers Attend Bishop's Annual Dinner For Seminarians And Those Considering Priesthood

Photos And Text
By Tony DeGol

It is always a good problem when an annual event becomes so successful that it outgrows its usual venue.

Every year, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak hosts a Christmas social and dinner for diocesan seminarians and other men considering a vocation to the priesthood.

The event is usually held at the Bishop's residence in Hollidaysburg. However, the 2013 gathering, held on Friday, December 20, generated such a positive response that Bishop Mark's house would not have been big enough to accommodate the crowd.

To solve the problem, the Bishop moved the dinner to Carmel Hall, a banquet room located inside Garvey Manor nursing home in Hollidaysburg.

All four diocesan seminarians were on hand, along with 14 other young men considering priesthood and clergy from their parishes.

Father Matthew Reese, Vocations Director for the Diocese, said he is greatly encouraged that more than a dozen young men took the bold step to be part of the gathering.



VOCATIONS CHRISTMAS GATHERING: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and Father Matthew Reese, diocesan Director of Vocations, join some of the diocesan seminarians and other young men considering a possible vocation to the Priesthood at the Bishop's annual Christmas dinner on Friday, December 20, 2013 at Carmel Hall at Garvey Manor in Hollidaysburg.

"Many were taken by surprise by the invitation but were courageous enough to answer 'yes' and look further into a possible vocation," he said.

According to Father Reese, ten of the 14 young men who attended the dinner are high school students.

He said they were all invited because they have been in touch with Bishop Mark and/or the Office of Vocations. A pastor may also have suggested that

an individual be included on the guest list.

Father Reese said it was a great opportunity for the young men to talk with their peers and to interact with priests.

"They see they're not alone, and that is probably the most encouragement they get and the best fruit that comes from that night," he said.

One of the young men who attended the gathering is Corey Coleman, a member of Our

Lady Queen of Angels Parish in Central City and a freshman at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

"It was one of the best nights I ever had," said Coleman, who is studying pre-medicine. "It made me think a lot about the priesthood and how wonderful it is."

Coleman said the biggest lesson he took away from the event was that one's discernment does not end when he

enters seminary, but rather continues as part of the formation process.

"It made me feel more comfortable with thinking about the priesthood," he added.

Since arriving in Altoona - Johnstown in 2011, Bishop Mark has made it a priority to encourage vocations and reach out to men who are discerning a call to the priesthood.

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Catholic Charities

Grant Received

Altoona: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown has announced the agency is the recipient of a \$8,000 grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.

The grant is to support the Emergency Financial Assistance Program. Funds will be used to provide winter home heating and utility assistance for low-income households in Cambria and Bedford Counties.

The grant was made possible through the Robert Walters Charitable Trust, the Ray DiBattista Charitable Fund and the

Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.

The grant will be distributed through the Catholic Charities Johnstown Office (for Cambria County residents) and the Altoona Office (for Bedford County residents.).

Community

Respect Life March

Tyrone: The 27th Annual Respect Life March sponsored by Saint Gregory Council #1218 of the Knights of Columbus, will be held Sunday, January 19 beginning with a noon prayer service at Saint Matthew Church.

Marchers will then proceed the 1.25 miles to Oak Grove

Cemetery for another prayer service at the grave of Baby Agnes Doe.

A hot lunch will be served in the parish hall following the March.

Marchers are encouraged to bring signs; those unable to walk are invited to drive at the end of the procession.

For further information contact Peter Kreckel at (814) 684 - 2898 or pharmcanoe@aol.com.

Family Life Office

Widows And Widowers

New Germany: Hosted by Immaculate Conception Parish, the Family Life Office will sponsor **The Heart of God — Valentine's Morning Prayer and Breakfast for Widows and Widowers throughout our Diocese** on Monday, February 10.

All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at 10:00



OPERATION SOS: Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. Altoona, students participated in the Operation SOS (Support Our Soldiers). BG senior class president Kylor Kiesewetter (right) and freshmen class president Frankie Montecalvo (left), dressed in Marauder Militia attire, co-chaired the campaign. Operation SOS is in its 10th year and is organized Gary Clare of Smith Furniture in Duncansville. BG students donated seven large boxes of snacks such as protein bars, peanuts and beef jerky and large box of toiletries. Smith Furniture shipped the boxes to our service men and women in Afghanistan.

a.m. Mass. Brunch at 11:00 am, followed by a chalk talk (a spiritual monologue presentation done while a local artist draws). A \$5.00 donation is suggested.

Widows and widowers throughout the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese are invited to attend. Immaculate Conception Church is located at 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill.

Reservations are required by Monday, February 3.

Contact the Family Life Office at (814) 886 - 5551 or familylife@dioceseaj.org

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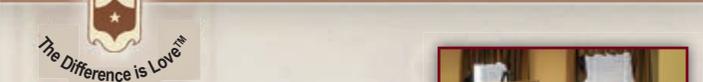
Ring Of Honor Nominations

Altoona: Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School is accepting nominations for the school's Ring of Honor ceremony on April 24.

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In The Alleghenies



NATIVITY PLAY: Father Angelo Patti, pastor, is shown with children of Saint Andrew Parish, Johnstown, who participated in an annual pageant preceding the parish's Christmas Eve Children's Mass, Tuesday, December 24, 2013.



CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT: Members of the Young Adult Formation Group from Saint Mary (Immaculate Conception) Parish, Altoona, carried out a Christmas service project at the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Food For Families Soup Kitchen in Altoona, on Sunday, December 1, 2013. The young people decorated the kitchen's cafeteria and Christmas tree. Pictured are (left to right) Sarah Steinbugl, Shayne Rossman, Alyssa Adams, Zach Bender and Christian Hornberger. Jim Mock is moderator of the group which meets every Sunday following the parish's 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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

Mother Prioress, Discalced Carmelite Monastery, P.O. Box 57, Loretto PA 15940.

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

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Eligible nominees include anyone associated with Altoona Catholic - Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, past or present, who have exemplified the values and spirit of BG and have contributed to the growth of the school. This can include (but not limited to), past or present administrators, faculty, staff, coaches, alumni, clergy, religious, parents, volunteers, and special friends of the school. The primary focus of the award is to recognize members of the Bishop Guilfoyle extended family who have demonstrated a record of extraordinary service to Bishop Guilfoyle.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from BG's Web site (www.bishopguilfoyle.org). The deadline to nominate someone for the BG Ring of Honor is Saturday, February 1.

Nominations can be mailed to Mike Balchin at 2400 Pleasant Valley Boulevard, Altoona 16602 or via e-mail at mbalchin@bguilfoyle.org.

Higher Education

Sign Day

Loretto: Saint Francis University will host its third annual Sign Day on Sunday, April 6, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the John F. Kennedy Student Center.

The event is open to students in grades one through twelve. Participants will learn the alphabet, numbers, Pledge of Allegiance, and will also Jam in American Sign Language to "Dynamite" by Taio Cruz. In addition, Boy and Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to learn the Scout Pledge or Scout Law in ASL, and will be on their way to earning a badge. Participants should bring a labeled bagged lunch.

Registration for the event is due no later than Friday, March 7. The cost is \$10.00 per child, and cost includes a t - shirt.

For more information, or to register, please call (814) 472 - 3051 or email lakline@francis.edu.

Prayer

Carmelite Novena

Loretto: The year's first novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese, the Little Flower, conducted by the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, will open at the Carmelite Monastery Chapel on Wednesday, January 22 and end on Thursday, January 30.

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Point Of View

The snowcapped mountains of the Alleghenies are an absolutely beautiful sight this time of year! The soft, downy like snow atop the tree branches and evergreens creates an atmosphere of exquisite beauty, turning the once stark scene, to one filled with light and wonder. If one can look beyond the cold and chill this time of year, winter here in the mountains is surely a magnificent sight.

After several months of snowfall, it still amazes me how much I delight in watching new glistening snow fall from the sky onto the earth below. I love to see a fresh dusting of snow powder, especially after days of no snow, when piles of dirt and gravel have accumulated along the road side turning the once beautiful heaps of frozen beauty into dreadful piles of darkness. A fresh dusting of new snow makes everything looks so lovely and pure!

Watching snow fall reminds me to still myself, if even for a moment, to watch the beauty of God's creation dance before me. God's personal handiwork! The thought put into each and every unique snowflake astounds me by reminding how much he cares about the littlest details of his creation. But watching snow fall also reminds me of something else, something God gives me everyday of my life, a gift I absolutely can not live without!

Freshly fallen snow reminds me of God's generous gift of never ending Mercy that falls into my life. The gift of Mercy freely falls into every part of my being, searching out and expel-



The Bureau Drawer

By Amy Kanich
God's Mercy Like Snowfall



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ling the darkness within, illuminating the dark places of my heart. God's Mercy is a gift, like the newly fresh blanket of snow which covers my entire being, turning a sinful person into a new creation, a daughter of God.

God's Mercy is endlessly free - falling, and for that I am thankful! I have to admit there are days, that I need more Mercy from God than others. I am thankful I can receive God's Mercy just by asking, knowing that it will fall freely into my life. I don't have to hesitate every day, every hour and some-

times, if needed, every minute I can ask for a new falling, a fresh covering of His infinite Mercy.

Now as I watch the snow fall the question I ask - If God's Mercy is so wonderfully free-falling into my life, am I quick to let Mercy fall so graciously into the lives of others? Do I generously ask for Mercy, yet sometimes so stingily provide when others ask the same from me? Am I quick, like the newly fallen snow, to cover other's mistakes or trespasses against me or do I somehow, someway, withhold the gift of Mercy?

This winter season, as the snow falls gently to the earth, I will rejoice reminding myself of God's Mercy in my life and will also, with God's help, try to allow Mercy to fall more freely into others lives as well. Thank you dear Lord, for allowing us to live in these beautiful mountains where we are so blessed to have a constant reminder of Your handiwork in creation but also of Your ever flowing gift of Mercy that beautifully and perfectly covers us all!

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isaiah 1:18

Blessings!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
Deja vu All Over Again? Not Quite . . .

When the word began to go around that the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown would be launching a strategic planning process this year, surely some people thought of that wonderful malapropism by Yogi Berra: "It's déjà vu all over again!"

Certainly it might seem that way. It is just 20 years ago that the Diocese, under the leadership of Bishop Joseph V. Adamec undertook a self study process that resulted in the reconfiguration of many of our parish faith communities. That effort was launched in the autumn of 1993, continued throughout the winter, spring and summer of 1994, with the results being announced to the people of the Diocese in November. Throughout that process, The Catholic Register played an important role in keeping the faithful educated and informed about what was going to happen, and how to be involved in what was going on.

Déjà vu all over again? You might think so, because in a matter of weeks the Register will again take up an educative/informative role in our current planning process. There will indeed be some similarities between what we did then and what we will be doing now.

Twenty years ago our process was guided by the theme "Reverence - - Respect - - Renew." Catholics were urged to reverence the past, show respect for one another in the present, and work together to renew the life of our diocesan Church as we moved into the future. This time, drawing from a speech by Pope Francis, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has chosen another three - word theme to inspire us: "Journey - - Build - - Profess." Those words will be explained in some depth as we go on in this process.

The last time around, the logo illustrating our theme was a line drawing of a familiar, well - beloved diocesan landmark: the statue of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. No logo has yet been selected for the upcoming planning process. Do you have any ideas of what sort of symbol might best illustrate the "Journey - - Build - - Profess" theme? If so, send them to me; your suggestions would be most welcome, and may be sent to the address that appears on this page, or by e - mail to tstein@dioceseaj.org.

When we last undertook a diocesan planning process, we all knew, going into it, that changes in the makeup of our parish communities would most likely be the result. We had to face honestly the challenges of an aging clergy, a declining population, and a plethora of underused buildings. We learned to downsize so as to maximize our strengths. Now, Bishop Mark is challenging us to go forward and build on those strengths. There is no preferred outcome, already carved in stone, to this process. We are not yet sure where the journey will take us; we know only that together we are to build the Kingdom of God as together we profess our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yogi Berra also said "The future ain't what it used to be." There is some wisdom in that statement as we look back to what we did two decades ago, and as we look forward to a new planning process. The book lies open, the page is blank; let's go forward and write it together.



Photo By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein

Christianity Is A Movement, Not A Monument

By **Father William J. Byron, SJ**
Catholic News Service

The overwhelmingly positive worldwide response to the person, example and message of Pope Francis serves as a reminder that Christianity is a movement, not a monument.

It all began when a charismatic young man left his home town of Nazareth and started to walk country roads and shorelines inviting others to follow him. He asked fishermen to drop their nets and respond to his invitation to become fishers of men and women. He preached good news of salvation and established his credentials by miraculous actions and compassionate care for those in need.

At the beginning of his public ministry, as Luke's Gospel relates it, Jesus returned "to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah."

Jesus then unrolled the scroll and read these famous words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

And after reading those words, he said to all present, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

And thus the movement began. Eventually, however, over the centuries, the movement hardened into a monument of hierarchical structure, ecclesiastical rules and regulations, and architectural rigidities.

Not to say that structure isn't necessary. If anyone reading this did not have a bone structure, he or she would be a puddle of flesh plopped on the floor. Nor can a worldwide community of 1.2 billion believers live without some rules and regulations. And, of course, if believers are expected to remember their Lord in the breaking of the bread, they have to have a place, some sacred space, where they can assemble and worship.

But rigidities of rank, rule and building construction can cripple the movement and replace it with monumental cathedrals, chancery offices, rectories, a promotion culture and brick-and-mortar barriers to the flow of loving people and liberating ideas that Jesus launched.

By taking the name Francis, our present Holy Father signaled his desire to see the values of Francis of Assisi, the "poverello," surface as defining characteristics of this movement called Christianity.

By paying his own hotel bill at the end of the conclave that elected him to the chair of Peter and by choosing to live in simple quarters rather than a papal palace, Pope Francis said "no" to privilege and "yes" to the lifestyle adopted by the Son of Man who came, not "to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45).

His words and actions have caught the attention of a world in need of the simplicity he witnesses to consistently and cheerfully. And the world appears to be saying "amen" to what he has to offer.

In The Alleghenies



CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS: The Saint Vincent DePaul Society Conference at Most Holy Trinity parish in Huntingdon, with pastor, Father David Arseneault, packed and distributed 181 food baskets for needy families in their area. Christmas gifts for children were included in the distribution.

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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.

Retreats To Be Offered

Portage: The Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus announce the upcoming retreats:

-- **Whoever Does The Will Of God Is My Brother and Sister and Mother:** A retreat for girls 7th grade through high school; January 24 (5:30 p.m.) - January 26 (noon).

A weekend of prayer, conferences, group discussions, games, crafts, quiet reflection, Holy Mass, Confessions, individual conferences (as requested).

This weekend retreat is for girls to strengthen them in their relationship with Our Lord and to provide an opportunity to pray and grow spiritually with Mary as a role model. Talks will shed light on the gift of the commandments, the example of Mary and the saints in obeying

God's will and the practice of various virtues.

Register by January 20. Call Mother Jacinta Miryam, at (814) 505 - 2290, or email her at sisterjacinta@gmail.com.

Retreat location: Sacred Heart Novitiate, 1872 Munster Road, Portage, PA 15946.

A suggested donation is \$35.00, but this is not required.

-- **Renewing The Covenant:** A retreat for married couples; Saturday, February 1 beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Saint Francis Xavier Church, Cresson.

Adults will meet in Centennial (Church) Hall and the children will meet at All Saints School Hall.

This retreat is for married couples looking for a chance to renew themselves spiritually and to embrace their married state with greater energy and joy. To allow for couples with young children to be able to take advantage of this opportunity, child care will be provided.

Please register by Jan 27 by contacting: sisterjacinta@gmail.com or call (814) 505 - 2290.

Suggested donation: \$15.00 per couple, but not required.

Schedule:

1:30 p.m. Meet and Greet

2:00 p.m. Conference

2:45 p.m. Break/Activity
3:30 p.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Mass
5:10 p.m. Conference
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Movie
7:50 p.m. Exposition/Confessions

8:30 p.m. Closing Prayer
-- **Living The Beatitudes:** A retreat for women;

February 28 (5:30 p.m.) - March 2 (12 noon); A weekend of prayer, conferences, quiet reflection, Holy Mass, Confessions, group and individual conferences (as requested).

This weekend retreat is offered to women who are looking for an opportunity to recharge. There will be opportunities provided for quiet and communal prayer, a chance to go to Confession and attend Holy Mass. Talks will be based on the beatitudes to renew and challenge each of us to grow in the likeness of Jesus, Who invites us to address God as Our Father.

Register by Feb 24. Call Mother Jacinta Miryam at (814) 505-2290 or email her at sisterjacinta@gmail.com.

Retreat location: Sacred Heart Novitiate, 1872 Munster Road, Portage, PA 15946.

A suggested donation is \$50.00, but this is not required.



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FATHER JAN MICHAEL JONCAS

Priest - Composer Reflects On 'Eagle's Wings'

By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz
Catholic News Service

HONOLULU (CNS) -- Father Jan Michael Joncas has composed more than 300 liturgical songs, but his name is widely known for the one that tops a list of favorites: "On Eagle's Wings."

The hymn by Father Joncas, 62, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, was named by hundreds of voters as their No. 1 liturgical hymn in a 2006 poll sponsored by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

Since "On Eagle's Wings" was written in 1979, it has become a staple at Sunday Masses, funerals and memorial events as a reminder of God's uplifting presence in times of sorrow.

"Most people associate me with this single piece," Father Joncas told the **Hawaii Catholic Herald** via email.

Father Joncas said the song came about when he was visiting a friend at the major seminary in Washington. One evening, Father Joncas' friend got word that his father had suffered

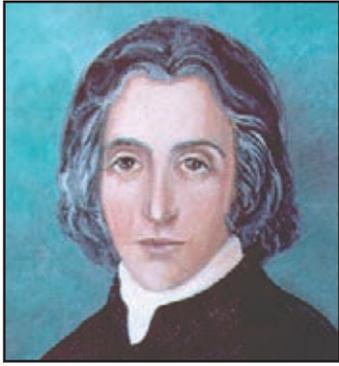
a fatal heart attack. Father Joncas wrote "On Eagle's Wings" in the days that followed and it was sung for the first time publicly at the friend's father's wake service.

The song is based on Psalm 91, its lyrics drawing from the Scripture's descriptions of God's protection and providence. Lyrics include the lines "You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day," and "For to his angels he has given a command to guard you in all of your ways."

Although there are no mentions of eagles in Psalm 91, the song's chorus uses the metaphor to depict God's high, secure places the verse describes. "And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand."

"I have been humbled by the number of times people have spoken or written to me about how God has used the song to bring them comfort and peace," Father Joncas said.

The priest has been composing new material recently, after his recovery from Guillain-Barre syndrome.



A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

The Servant Of God
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin
1770 - 1840

Istanbul Residents Recall Former Neighbor, Future Saint

By James Martone
Catholic News Service

ISTANBUL (CNS) -- A large, beige-colored building sits on a corner of a semi-quiet street in Istanbul's Sisli district.

The stone structure once housed Archbishop Angelo Roncalli, who lived in Istanbul from

1935 to 1944 as the Vatican's apostolic delegate to Turkey and Greece.

In 1958, Archbishop Roncalli became Pope John XXIII; he will be canonized April 27 along with Blessed John Paul II.

"Many foreign tourists come from all over to look and they take photos," said Neriman Reyhan, a Muslim, who lives across from the future saint's



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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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sons living" who had met Archbishop Roncalli in Turkey more than 70 years ago.

"There is hardly anyone left now though, most have departed or are on their way," the priest said during an interview at his home, a former school, next door to Archbishop Roncalli's residence. He said this residence has been mostly vacant since 1960, the year the Vatican and Turkey established official ties and papal ambassadors were moved permanently to the Turkish capital, Ankara.

"It's now the pontifical nuncio's residence when he visits from Ankara, but he doesn't come much, and it remains mostly closed. Sometimes people come asking for the key and we tell them to call Ankara," Bishop Pelatre said.

As apostolic delegate to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli had helped the Jewish underground to save thousands of refugees in Europe, Bishop Pelatre said, adding that the former pope was renowned among Catholics and non-Catholics alike for convening the Second Vatican Council, which led to reforms that included stronger emphasis on ecumenism and a new worldly approach.

"I think for the Muslims here -- as well as for many Christians -- that when (Blessed John XXIII) was beatified, it was as if he had already become a saint,"

Bishop Pelatre said. He said the street-naming event to mark the beatification had been organized by local government officials, and that many of the city's Muslims, Christians and "especially Jews" had been present.

"For me it is something wonderful, because all levels of society rendered him homage. He had friends everywhere," he said.

Jean Andriotti, 90, is one of the rare Istanbul natives who remembers meeting and greeting Archbishop Roncalli.

He said he grew up attending French Mass and praying to saints at Istanbul's Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, where Archbishop Roncalli routinely celebrated Mass.

"(He) had a very strong Italian accent and sounded very funny when he spoke to us in French, and it made all of us boys laugh very hard. But, of course, we were only teenagers," said Andriotti, who now lives with his Italian wife, Amelia, in a Catholic retirement home near the cathedral.

Andriotti said it was too early to decide whether he would be adding Blessed John XXIII to the list of saints he now prays to on Sundays in the chapel on retirement home grounds.

"He is not a saint yet," he said. "Let's wait until that happens and talk then."



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The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis
Begin Making Peace
At Home

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Welcoming in a new year, Pope Francis said it was time to stop provoking and ignoring violence, tragedy and conflict in the world, and begin building peace at home.

"Justice and peace at home, among us -- you begin at home and then you move on to all of humanity. But we have to start at home," he said Jan. 1, which the church marks as the feast of Mary, Mother of God and as World Peace Day.

Speaking to tens of thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for the first noon Angelus of 2014, the pope referred to his peace day message, which he said called for building a world where everyone "respects each other, accepts others in their diversity and takes care of each and every one."

People must not remain "indifferent and immobile" in the face of violence and injustice, but commit themselves to "build a truly more just and caring society," he said.

The pope referred to a letter he had received the day before from a man struggling to understand why there were still so many tragedies and wars.

The pope said he wanted to ask the same question: "What is happening in people's hearts? What is going on in the heart of humanity" that leads to violence?

"It's time to stop," Pope Francis said. "It will do us good to stop taking this path of violence."

May God "help all of us walk the path of justice and peace with greater determination," he said, and the Holy Spirit break down the obstinacy and barriers people construct between each other.

The pope also prayed to Mary that the "Gospel of fraternity" might "speak to every conscience and knock down the walls that hinder enemies from recognizing each other as brothers and sisters."

Earlier in the day, the pope celebrated Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, which was decorated with white flowers, evergreens, gold trim and poinsettias. Two girls and one boy, wearing long capes and shiny gold paper crowns in memory of the magi who traveled to Bethlehem, brought the offertory gifts to the pope.

In his homily, the pope said Mary, the Mother of God, became the mother of all humanity when Jesus, dying on the cross, gave her to the world.

When she lost her divine son, "her sorrowing heart was enlarged to make room for all men and women, whether good or bad, and she loves them as she loved Jesus," he said.

Even before the church officially defined Mary as God's mother in the fifth century, the faithful had already acknowledged her divine maternity and called for its recognition, the pope said, noting the case as an example of the "sensus fidei" (sense of the faith) of holy people, the faithful of God, who, in their unity, are never ever wrong."



ONE MORE TIME: In January 1989, construction was proceeding on Dmitri Manor, a residence for retired priests located on the campus of the Diocesan Administration Center in Hollidaysburg.

Sometimes it seems as if we live in a world awash in misery, but then you encounter someone who's cheerfully making a difference.

I recently interviewed a woman who volunteers and works with refugees. Despite the hurdles a refugee must overcome, she continually used the word "hope" in describing her work.

As a mentor, one of her duties involves showing her refugee family how to ride the bus in the northern U.S. city where they have been resettled.

Even if you live in a city with a great public transportation system, you know it's daunting the first time you travel from point A to point D. Where do I transfer? Which line do I want? Then imagine that you don't speak the language, public transportation is new to you, you're in a cold environment where the darkness intrudes in the afternoon and the bus system is skimpy and poorly explained.

The woman I interviewed said riding the bus (and trying to teach others how to navigate the system) was one of the hardest things she has done. A trip that would have taken 15 minutes in her car ended up taking her and her refugee family a couple of hours by the time they made the necessary transfers.

"It's an inhumane system in a city with unforgiving weath-



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
Finding Hope By Helping
Those Who Need Us

er," was her conclusion. But the buses are a necessity for the family.

Still, she said, "the key word is hope."

The refugees themselves, the woman told me, come filled with hope, despite discouragement and struggle. The prospect of having a home, away from the terrors of war and persecution, holds promise. They may never have seen a flush toilet, but they're willing to do what it takes to make it.

A refugee is not the same thing as an immigrant. Most of us are the descendants of immigrants -- people who chose a new country over an old one.

A refugee has traveled a different journey. They've fled their homeland because of war or persecution, be it religious, social, political, or racial and simply escaped the borders. Imagine, for instance, the millions who have fled Syria and now reside in camps in Lebanon, Jordan or neighboring states.

The U.N. estimates there are more than 15 million refugees worldwide, basically people without a country. Some hope to return home, a few will become citizens of the country to which they've fled. A tiny group -- less than 1 percent -- will be resettled in countries that will accept them. The U.S. has helped resettled more than 3 million refugees since 1975.

If selected for resettlement, a refugee does not choose the nation that will accept him. He could end up in Sweden or in Montana.

The woman I interviewed works with people from Darfur, Sudan, Somalia. She sees in their plight a brokenness that helps her grow closer to Jesus. After all, she said, when you walk into a Catholic Church, you see a bleeding, crucified man.

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Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
So Many Rules
For Catholics!

Q. I follow your column weekly and am fascinated by how often you quote a rule from our catechism, numbered into the thousands. Is everything Catholics do covered by a rule, and how is the ordinary person supposed to know every rule? Didn't Jesus say there are two commandments: love God above all things and love your neighbor as yourself? (Bradenton, Fla.)

A. The Catechism of the Catholic Church serves as a handy summary of the church's basic teachings. True, there are 2865 "sections" (each of them

normally a single paragraph).

The vast majority, though, are not "rules" but explanations of Scriptural passages and of church teaching over the centuries. (Most religions, by the way, have multiple "rules" as a helpful guide to life's varied situations. The Jewish Talmudic law had 613 precepts.)

I do, as you state, frequently quote the catechism as a handy way of responding to readers' queries. I have referenced the catechism in response to questions as diverse as the morality of artificial insemination and whether blessed articles can be resold.

As to whether everything Catholics do is "covered by a rule," the answer is absolutely not. It would be far easier if that were so, if we could simply turn to a page in a book for clear-cut answers to every challenge of daily living.

Marguerite
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Growing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada, when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters unclioistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada's first woman saint.

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To answer your question as to how ordinary Catholics can know "every rule" of the church, the answer is that they can't, which is the reason for a column like this. (Even easier than reading a column, though, is simply to ask a local priest or religious educator.)

Your appeal to Jesus' quote on loving God and neighbor is important. To be fair, Christ did not say that these two were the only commandments. His answer (in Matthew 22:34-40) came in response to a lawyer's question as to which was "the greatest" of the commandments. Jesus said, "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

He did not say that this was all you needed to know.

Finally, as to whether everything Catholics do is "covered by a rule," the answer is absolutely not. It would be far easier if that were so, if we could simply turn to a page in a book for clear-cut answers to every challenge of daily living.

Most of our moral issues are complex: how to be a good parent, how to get along with people at work, how to use to the fullest the talents God has given us. On these things, a manual of behavior doesn't always help, only daily reflection, guided by prayer.

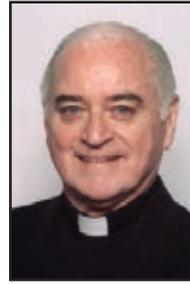
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"Jesus is all about being broken and growing from brokenness. God comes to us in our vulnerability, and the refugees are by their very nature vulnerable."

It's not just the refugee who is struggling in the U.S. right now, she pointed out. People are having a tough time all over. She feels it's important to reach out because there is "a danger in being protected by my advantage."

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and many dioceses work directly with refugees. It would make a great New Year's resolution to see how we might help them.



Spirituality For Today

By Father John Catoir
Skeptics And Believers

God has the power to do anything he wants. He can even become a man if he wants to. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. This reality staggers the imagination, but it is true nevertheless. Imagination uses pictures to think, while the intellect operates on reason alone. When a widow says, "I can't believe he's dead," she means, "I know he's dead, but I can't picture life going on without him."

I know a skeptic who denies the afterlife because he can't picture it and can't imagine where God is going to put all the billions who have died and will die. A believer says, "So what? It's a big universe. God can do anything."

Supernatural faith is the act of believing, of giving assent to revealed mystery. It is something that goes back to the beginnings of the human race. The Neanderthal man buried his dead with tools to help them on their journey to the next world. He had a natural faith.

Skeptics express their doubts when you tell them that something doesn't come from nothing. They shrug it off with a question. They ask, "Why does there have to be a creator?" That's like saying why does a home run require a batter?

Even holy men expressed some doubt. St. Thomas the Apostle said he wouldn't believe that Jesus came back from the dead until he could put his finger into his side. Jesus rebuked him later, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

That's exactly where a true believer stands today, accepting mysteries and assenting to them as true because Jesus Christ has revealed them to us.

In a letter I sent to the late astronomer, Carl Sagan, I asked, "Since you know you cannot prove that God does not exist, can you at least admit that he might indeed be alive, looking down on you?"

Sagan replied to my letter and said, "Of course I cannot prove that God doesn't exist. If there is a God who wishes to hide himself, he cannot justly reproach me for not believing in him." I wonder about that.

People of faith accept that we were all created for an eternity of happiness in heaven. The Lord wants your joy to be full. True believers accept this truth with love. But they worry about their worthiness.

They worry about their sins keeping them from God but keep this in mind: Your sins all will be purged before you enter the pearly gates.

Eternal happiness is closer than you think. Live joyfully now because of the knowledge of God's love.

Jerusalem's Latin Patriarch Hopes Pope's May Visit Is A 'Cry For Peace' In Holy Land

By Dale Gavlak
Catholic News Service

AMMAN, Jordan (CNS) -- Latin Patriarch Fouad Twal of Jerusalem welcomed the announcement of Pope Francis' May visit to the Holy Land and said he hopes the pilgrimage will be a "cry for peace," particularly for Palestinians, Israelis, Syrians and others beset by conflict.

Pope Francis announced his first trip as pontiff to the Holy Land, May 24-26, during his weekly blessing in Vatican City

Jan. 5. His visit to Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian territories is planned to mark the 50th anniversary of the historic visit by Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land in 1964.

Pope Francis is expected to celebrate Masses in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Jordanian capital, Amman, where he will begin his trip.

Speaking to reporters in Amman Jan. 5, Patriarch Twal underscored that Arab Christians are badly in need of the pope's encouragement as their



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LATIN - RITE PATRIARCH FAOUD TWAL: Latin-rite Patriarch Faoud Twal of Jerusalem carries a figurine of the Christ Child as he celebrates Christmas Mass at Saint Catherine Church in Bethlehem, West Bank, Wednesday, December 25, 2013. Saint Catherine's is adjacent to the Church of the Nativity, the traditional site of Christ's birth.

numbers continue to decrease due to violence and economic hardship.

"How great is his concern for us. And our presence, I think

is one of the aspects he will mention in his speech to ask us to be courageous and to stay," the Jordanian-born patriarch said.

"To stay in this land, to live in this land, to die in this land: the Holy Land is worthy to stay, to suffer and to die for," he said.

Christians throughout the Middle East represent the oldest such community in the world. But in their ancient homelands of Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and the Palestinian territories, they have increasingly become targets of intimidation and killing in the midst of civil unrest and war.

"The visit is intended to consolidate the good relations that bind the Muslims and Christians of these Arab countries since ancient times, as well as contribute to intensifying calls for mutual respect and redoubling efforts to respect for religious pluralism in an atmosphere of love and cooperation," the patriarch said.

"We need the pope to bring peace to Jerusalem," Mary Yadi, a Jerusalem native and parish-

ioner at St. Joseph's Church in Amman, expressed as her hope for the visit.

"Our world is engulfed in war and it desperately needs peace. More prayers must be offered to see something positive happen," she said.

Fellow parishioner, Sameh Girguis, an Egyptian Orthodox, said he wants the pope to "bring God's love and stability to Arab countries," writhing in the aftermath of the Arab Spring upheavals that saw long-time rulers toppled.

Another aspect of the papal pilgrimage aims to strengthen efforts initiated by Pope Paul VI to encourage greater unity between the Western and Eastern churches. Pope Francis will meet Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, considered first among equals by Orthodox bishops, and the three Catholic patriarchs of Jerusalem.

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POPE FRANCIS GREETES FAMILY: Pope Francis greets a family as they present the offertory gifts during Mass on the feast of the Epiphany in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Monday, January 6.

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He is expected as well to build on reconciliation efforts by moderate Muslims, such as Jordan's King Abdullah II, to foster better relations between Muslims and Christians. Immediately after his arrival in Jordan May 24, Pope Francis will meet privately with the king, who visited the pontiff with his wife, Queen Rania, in August at the Vatican.

Pope Francis also will hold talks with Jordanian religious and political leaders and celebrate an open-air Mass in an Amman stadium.

Later that evening, the pontiff will travel to the site where it is believed that Jesus was

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baptized and the "place chosen by Jesus to begin his mission," Archbishop Giorgio Lingua, apostolic nuncio to Jordan and Iraq, told the news conference.

The place has been "significantly chosen for the pope to share dinner with the 'least,' that is, with those living in peculiar conditions of suffering and uncertainty," he said.

Pope Francis, who is well-known for his simplicity and humility in the vein of his namesake, St. Francis, will dine with Syrian refugees, the handicapped and the impoverished at the sacred site along the banks

of the Jordan River.

Archbishop Lingua said the pontiff, much like Pope Paul, wanted to visit Damascus, Syria, to walk in the footsteps of St. Paul, but he, too, will be able "only in spirit, by heart and mind, to share the suffering of that country."

Father Rifat Bader of the Catholic Media Center in Amman said Pope Francis will travel to Bethlehem by helicopter from Amman May 25. He will celebrate Mass in Bethlehem's Manger Square and will meet Israeli President Shimon Peres.

Patriarch Twal expressed

hope that Christians from Gaza and Galilee will also be allowed to participate in the Manger Square Mass.

Samir Karadsheh, an aviation consultant visiting Amman from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., said he intends to return to Jordan for the pope's May visit just as he did for that of Pope Benedict XVI in 2009.

"I won't ask anything of the pope," he said. "Instead, I want to say, 'Thank you for bringing faith back to everyone.'"

American Jesuit Father Al-

fred J. Hicks, who has served in the Middle East for decades, initially in Iraq and now Jordan, expressed a similar sentiment.

"He's been sent by the Spirit to reform the church. We're very proud of what the pope is trying to do, whether in Rome or here," he said.

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His efforts appear to be gaining momentum.

The Bishop often points out that when he came to the Diocese, there was only one seminarian and very few candidates. Today, there are four men in seminary formation for the Diocese, and – if the December 20 dinner is any indication – many more young men at least considering a vocation.

“I was impressed with the overall turnout and the general excitement among the potential seminarians,” said Jonathan Dickson, a diocesan seminarian in formation at Saint Mary Seminary in Baltimore. “Each prospective seminarian that I spoke to seemed to be truly discerning the call to seminary and the priesthood.”

Priests who attended the dinner welcomed the chance answer questions from the young men and offer them encouragement for their journey.

Father John Byrnes, Pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson and Judicial Vicar for the Diocese, joined a young man from his parish who is considering the priesthood.

“It is important for young men who are prayerfully considering a vocation to know that the Bishop and their pastors support them,” said Father Byrnes, a former Vocations Director for the Diocese. “This dinner gives them a chance to more firmly understand if God is calling them to a life of service, and meeting our seminarians helps them to see men close to their own age who have already begun to respond to this call.”

For any man who is considering a priestly vocation, Father Reese extends an invitation to contact him. They can reach him at the Office of Vocations in the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, 357 St. Mary Street, P.O. Box 99, Loretto, PA 15940; (814) 472-5441; vocations@diocesaeaj.org.



PASTOR AND PARISHIONER: Father John Byrnes, pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson, shares a laugh with his parishioner, Justin Treon, at Bishop Mark L. Barchak's annual Christmas vocations dinner. Treon was one of more than a dozen young men considering a vocation to the Priesthood to attend the dinner.

Health Of Priests, Seminarians Of Concern To Church

By Chaz Muth
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Catholic priests are not immune to the more sedentary lifestyle affecting much of society today, brought about by technological advances over the past century.

Several priests Catholic News Service interviewed talked about the need to stay physically fit to ward off illnesses and avoid being overweight.

To many of them, physical health is as important as spirituality, and if they take care of themselves they can better serve the church.

Msgr. Rick Hilgartner, executive director of the Secretariat of Divine Worship for the

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called it being “a good steward of the gift God has given me -- the gift of myself, my body, who I am as an instrument for the Lord.”

In general, officials in the Catholic Church are concerned about the physical health of seminarians and priests, according to Father John G. Guthrie, associate director of the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

There appears to be a reason for this concern.

A United Nations report released in July 2013 put the U.S. obesity rate at 31.8 percent, making it second only to Mexico in the Western Hemisphere, excluding Belize and some small Caribbean Islands.

A 2009 study of the psychological and spiritual health of priests -- conducted by Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, a clinical associate professor of pastoral studies at The Catholic University

of America -- found that 46 percent of the nearly 2,500 priests surveyed identified themselves as overweight. That same study found that 26.3 percent of the priests surveyed listed themselves as obese, and 3.4 percent reported having a body mass index indicating they were morbidly obese.

These statistics show that U.S. priests are among those affected by the obesity epidemic in the country and church leaders are searching for ways to encourage priests and seminarians to live healthier lifestyles.

It's one of the reasons that rectors of U.S. seminaries are stressing the importance of physical health to all seminarians, Father Guthrie said.

“The program for priestly formation asks seminarians applying for seminary to have a full physical to make sure they are in physical good health, because physical health is important, right from the get go,” he told CNS.

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POPE FRANCIS AND COUNCIL OF CARDINALS: Pope Francis poses with Cardinal advisers during a meeting at the Vatican October 1, 2013. Eight Cardinals began closed - door meetings with the Pope October 1 to help him reform the Roman Curia and study possible changes in the worldwide Church. Pictured from left are: Chilean Cardinal Francisco Javier Errazuriz Ossa, Italian Bishop Marcello Semeraro, secretary to the Council of Cardinals, Indian Cardinal Oswald Gracias, German Cardinal Reinhard Marx, Pope Francis, Honduran Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, Italian Cardinal Giuseppe Bertello, U.S. Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, Australian Cardinal George Pell and Congolese Cardinal Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya.

What To Look For In This Year's Vatican News

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-- Canonization of two popes: The double canonization ceremony of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II, scheduled for April 27, is almost certain to draw crowds larger than the more than 1 million who attended the latter's beatification in May 2011.

By choosing to declare the sanctity of both men on the same day, Pope Francis may be trying to emphasize fundamental continuities between two popes widely seen as respectively lib-

eral and conservative, especially with regard to reforms ushered in by the Second Vatican Council. Blessed John opened the council in 1962, and Blessed John Paul attended all four sessions as a bishop. The ceremony could thus serve as an occasion for Pope Francis to expound on his own understanding of Vatican II and its legacy for the church.

-- Papal trip to the Holy Land: The Vatican has yet to announce dates or an itinerary for an expected papal visit to the Holy Land but has not de-

nied recent reports that it will take place in late May and last three days, with stops in Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian territories. Pope Francis has said a Holy Land visit would include a meeting with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, considered first among equals by Orthodox bishops.

The trip would be Pope Francis' second outside of Italy, following his visit to Brazil in July 2013, and the first planned during his pontificate. The destination would be fitting for a pope whose relations with Jews

have been exceptionally warm and who has made peace in the Middle East a priority of his geopolitical agenda.

-- Divorced and remarried Catholics: An extraordinary session of the Synod of Bishops will meet at the Vatican for two weeks in October to discuss the "pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization."

Pope Francis has indicated topics of discussion at the synod will include church law governing marriage annulments and

the eligibility of divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion -- problems he has said exemplify a general need for mercy in the church today.

In addition to speculation about possible changes in church practice in those areas, the synod has drawn attention with a preparatory questionnaire sent to the world's bishops, which asks about the promotion and acceptance of Catholic teachings on such controversial topics as premarital cohabitation, same-sex unions and contraception.

Now Showing

Man's Boyhood Idol Lives Again In Movie About Roberto Clemente

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- When he was a young boy, Richard Rossi insisted that his dad get general-admission tickets behind right field at old Forbes Field in Pittsburgh so he could be as close as possible to his boyhood idol, Roberto Clemente.

The Hall of Fame outfielder's passion for baseball, and Rossi's passion for Clemente, continued as the Pirates moved to Three Rivers Stadium, where Pittsburgh won the World Series in 1971.

But on Dec. 31, 1972, fans everywhere were thunderstruck to learn that Clemente, who was collecting relief supplies for Nicaraguan earthquake victims, was killed when the overloaded plane carrying the supplies

plunged into the Atlantic Ocean.

Rossi was no different.

"I just cried for days and days and days. I was devastated," he told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview.

Clemente, even in death, remained young Rossi's hero.

"At St. Athanasius Grade School in Pittsburgh, the nuns would give us writing assignments, and every story I wrote was on Roberto Clemente," he said.

Rossi's admiration of Clemente never diminished, and he spent time over the last five years making a movie about his life, "Baseball's Last Hero: 21 Clemente Stories." Numerologists will appreciate the fact that there are 21 letters in the Baseball Hall of Famer's full name -- Roberto Clemente Walker -- and that 21 was the jersey number he wore during his career with the Pirates.

That Clemente's Pirates had a winning season and went to the playoffs in 2013 after 20 losing seasons in a row is not lost on Rossi. The prevailing attitude among diehard Pirates fans, he said, was, "Clemente's not going to let us have 21 bad years."

Hispanics have long pushed for Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig to retire the number 21 from use by all teams, just as he had in 1997 for the numeral 42 worn by Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who was the first African-American in 60 years to play in the majors.

Rossi is a bit ambivalent about retiring the number: yes, because it would honor Clemente. But perhaps no, because "he gave an example of living out his faith and living out the Gospel," he said.

The film examines 21 episodes that took place in Clemente's life during his big-league career.

The most difficult part might have been in casting Clemente. Rossi needed someone who could not only act, but resembled the Puerto Rican superstar and have athletic ability on top of that.

His choice: Olympic high jumper Jamie Nieto, 37, a native of California who is of Mexican heritage.

"He was in the last Olympics while he was shooting this film," Rossi said. "He finished fourth in the high jump the first time (the 2008 Summer Olympics). He didn't medal this time. He was the oldest guy at the Olympics in his sport."

Rossi said the dramatic fulcrum of "Baseball's Last Hero" is a conversation Clemente has with a nun.

"She talks to him about the cross. 'Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends,' is what the nun quotes to him from Scripture, talking about 'sacrificial love and Christ's sacrificial love,'" he said. "This is the theme I wanted to point out -- an allegory of Christ on the cross."

Rossi said he had gotten pressure to delete the scene from the movie for being "too preachy and too Catholic." As it turns out, he added, it's "one



CNS Photo/Courtesy Richard Rossi

BASEBALL'S LAST HERO: 21 CLEMENTE STORIES: This is a poster from the movie "Baseball's Last Hero: 21 Clemente Stories." The admiration of director Richard Rossi's boyhood idol, Roberto Clemente, has never diminished, and he has spent time over the last five years making a movie about the legendary baseball player's life.

of the most popular things in the film."

The movie has had screenings in Pittsburgh, where Clemente played for 18 years, as well as Chicago and New York. Rossi is working on staging screenings in San Francisco and Hollywood

as well as a big rollout to coincide with the availability of the movie on Amazon.com. The retail price? \$21.21.

Rossi, now 50, added, "I think the little boy in me wanted to make this film."

Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

January 19 - - Father Michael Wolfe, parochial vicar at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown, talks about the contingent of youth that will accompany him to the upcoming March for Life in Washington, D.C.

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May They Rest In Peace



Margaret Dugan

Margaret (Broad) Dugan, 79, Mundys Corner, died peacefully Friday, December 27, 2013, at home.

She was born October 11, 1934, in Mundys Corner, daughter of the late William and Margaret (Seth) Broad, and was preceded in death by husband, Lawrence Dugan; sisters, Theresa Witt and Mary Ellen Broad; and brothers, Joseph and Bernie Broad.

Surviving are her children: Lawrence Dugan, Newport News VA; Gregory Dugan (Kelly Weaver), Lakeland FL; Ceceilia (Raymond) Seese, Mundys Corner; Ann (Richard) Coffman, Florence KY.; and Father James Dugan, pastor of Saints Philip and James Parish, Meyersdale and Saint Gregory Parish, MacDonalton.

Also surviving are grandchildren: Peter (Sarah) Saltarelli, Kimberly (Tyler) Stone, Michael (Karl) Dugan, Bradley Dugan, Raymond and Emily Seese and Gretchen and Elizabeth Coffman; great-grandchildren, Cori, Jackson and Logan Saltarelli; sisters, Rita (Ron) Fye, Rosie Szwest, Robert (Geraldine) Broad, Thomas (Rainie) Broad and James (Peg) Broad; daughters - in - law, Kimberly Dugan, Newport News VA.; and Cindy Dugan, Mundys Corner; as well as extended family member, Beth Koehler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Dugan was a lifetime member of Saint John Vianney Parish, Mundys Corner, where she was a religious education teacher and event coordinator for the church hall for many years.

The funeral Mass for Margaret Dugan was celebrated Tuesday, December 31 at Saint John Vianney Church, Mundys Corner, Father James M. Dugan, celebrant. Committal was at Holy Name Cemetery, Ebensburg.



**Sister Mary Kay Easley
O.S.B.**

Benedictine Sister Mary Kay (Kathryn) Easley, formerly known as Sister Mary James died on Friday, December 27, 2013, at Saint Benedict Monastery, Bakerstown. She was 85.

Born in Spangler on March 5, 1928, she was the first child of the late John R. and Kathryn (Burns) Easley who named her Mary Kathryn. In 1949 she entered the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh and made her First Vows in 1951.

Sister worked in various community ministries: she assisted as a teacher aide, did internal ministry within the monastery, including assisting in the kitchen, worked in the cafeteria of Saint Benedict Academy, was cook at parish convents, became the assistant to the archivist, and later became an aide in the Adult Day Care of the Benedictine Senior.

Sister Mary Kay is survived by sisters Janet McGinn of Princeton Junction NJ, Jane Sullivan of Patton, Mary Shelinski of Picture Rocks and Ann Zurella of Johnstown.

The funeral Mass for Sister Mary Kay Easley O.S.B. was celebrated Monday, December 30, in the chapel of Saint Benedict Monastery, Bakerstown. Committal was in Saint Mary Cemetery, Ross township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh, Saint Benedict Monastery, 3526 Bakerstown Road, Bakerstown PA 15007.

**Sister Patricia Woll
I.H.M.**

Sister Patricia Woll, formerly known as Sister Mary Anice-

ta, of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, died Saturday, December 28, 2013, at Our Lady of Peace Residence, Scranton. She was 82.

She was born November 26, 1931 in Danville, the daughter of the late William and Theresa (Kremer) Woll. She entered the IHM congregation on September 8, 1950, made her temporary profession of vows on August 2, 1953, and her final profession on August 2, 1956.

Sister Patricia served locally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Altoona, 1957 - 1960.

The funeral Mass for Sister Patricia Woll I.H.M. was celebrated Friday, January 3, 2014 in the chapel of Our Lady of Peace Residence, Scranton. Committal was at Saint Catherine Cemetery, Moscow.

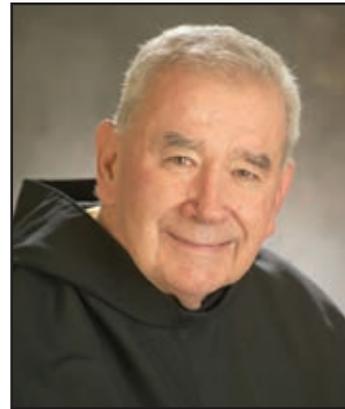
Memorial contributions may be made to support the retired IHM Sisters in care of IHM Sisters Retirement Fund, IHM Center, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton PA 18509.

**Father Roland Faley
T.O.R.**

Most Reverend Father Roland J. Faley, a noted Scripture scholar and author of the Third Order Regular Franciscans of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Loretto, died Saturday, January 4, at Christ the King Manor, DuBois. He was 83.

He was born April 12, 1930 in Pittsburgh, and given the name James. He was the son of the late Gerald J. Faley and Ann (McCann) Faley Rees. He was a graduate of Saint Bernard Grade School, Mt. Lebanon. He attended Saint Francis Preparatory School, Spring Grove, and graduated in 1946.

Father Roland entered the Third Order Regular Franciscans in Loretto, PA on June 30, 1948. He professed his temporary vows on July 1, 1949, and his solemn vows on July 1, 1952. Father Roland was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop John M. McNamara, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on June 9, 1956.



He received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy degree from Saint Francis College, Loretto, in 1952 and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from The Catholic University of America in Washington DC in 1957. He received a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from The Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, Italy in 1959. He received a Doctorate in Sacred Theology with a Sacred Scripture concentration from the Pontifical Angelicum, Rome, Italy in 1960.

Father Roland served as follows: 1960-1970 on the faculty of Saint Francis Seminary, Loretto; 1966-1969 Rector of St. Francis Seminary; 1971-1977 Vicar General of the Franciscans Third Order Regular, Rome, Italy; 1977-1983 Minister General of the Franciscans Third Order Regular, Rome, Italy; during this time the Third Order Regular Rule for the Brothers and Sisters was revised and promulgated by Blessed Pope John Paul II; 1983-1985 he served as parochial vicar at St. Michael Church, Bedford, TX; 1985-1990 he was executive director of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Cameron MD; 1991 he spent 9 months in study and writing; 1991-1994 he was on staff in the Diocese of Austin TX working in Clergy Life; 1994-1999 he served on the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington NY; 1999-2000 he worked in the foreign missions in Durban, South Africa doing formation work and as pastor; 2000-2009 he was in residence at Saint Edward the Confessor Church, Syosset NY while continuing his writing; 2009-2013 he was a resident of Vincentian Regency, Pittsburgh, where he wrote and was in the ministry

of prayer; February of 2013 he went to Christ the King Manor, DuBois, where he continued in the ministry of prayer.

Father Roland was a Scripture scholar and prolific writer not only of Scripture but Franciscan as well. He is popular for his "Book of Leviticus" in **The New Jerome Biblical Commentary**, 1989; **Footprints on the Mountain: Preaching and Teaching the Sunday Readings**, 1994; **Reflections on Weekday Lectio-nary Readings**, 2010; **Between Book Ends: A Reflection of 50 Years of Ministry**, 2012; **To Come and See: Thoughts of Contemporary Religious Life**, 1985.

During his lifetime, Father Roland received several awards: Portiuncula Citation given by The Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, 1982; Doctor of Humane Letters given by St. Francis University, Loretto, PA in 1985; The Msgr. George Denzer Memorial given by the Seminary of Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY, in 1997; Master of Sacred Theology STM Degree, given by the Franciscans Third Order Regular, in 1999.

Father Roland was preceded in death by a nephew Gerald Patrick Buchanan. He is survived by a sister Sally Lou Buchanan, Nashville TN; a nephew James L. Buchanan Jr. of Old Hill VA; nieces Sally Ann Buchanan of Nashville TN; and Mari Beth Meals of Pittsburgh; and several grand nieces and grand nephews, and his Franciscan brothers.

The funeral Mass for Father Roland Faley T.O.R. was celebrated Thursday, January 9 at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of Saint Francis University with the Very Reverend Richard L. Davis, T.O.R., Minister Provincial as principal celebrant. Committal was in the Franciscan Friars' Cemetery on the campus of Saint Francis University, Loretto.

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

2014 Could Be Another Eventful Year At Vatican

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- After a year that included the historic resignation of Pope Benedict XVI and a series of celebrated innovations by Pope Francis, it is hard to imagine 2014 at the Vatican could be nearly as eventful. Of course, the biggest stories are likely to be those that come by surprise, but in the meantime, here are developments bound to loom large in Vatican news over the coming year:

-- New Cardinals: Pope Francis is scheduled to create new cardinals Feb. 22. By that time, no more than 106 members of the College of Cardinals will be under the age of 80 and thus eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope. Under rules established by Pope Paul VI, the college should not have more than 120 such members, though subsequent popes have occasionally exceeded that number. So Pope Francis can be expected to name at least 14 new cardinal electors.

The election of the first Latin American pope has raised expectations of greater geographi-

cal diversity among cardinal electors, so the new slate might prove relatively heavy on names from statistically underrepresented regions, especially Latin America and Africa.

-- Vatican reform: The eight-member Council of Cardinals that Pope Francis formed to advise him on governance of the universal church and reform of the Vatican bureaucracy has already joined him for two rounds of meetings at the Vatican and will do so again in February. The body is working on the first major overhaul of the Roman Curia, the church's central administration at the Vatican, since 1988.

Although the council has not announced a timeline for its work, Pope Francis has established a record of acting fast; in December, he approved an idea for an international commission on the sexual abuse of children just one day after the council proposed it. So few will be surprised if the council gives him a draft of an apostolic constitution reorganizing the curia before the end of 2014.

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POPE FRANCIS CELEBRATES MASS: Pope Francis celebrates Mass with 300 of his Jesuit confreres at the Church of the Gesu in Rome Friday, January 3. The Mass was celebrated on the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus in thanksgiving for the recent canonization of Jesuit Saint Peter Faber.



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