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Prince - Priest's Spirit Of Service Embodied In Eleven Recipients Of 2014 Gallitzin Cross Award

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

The evangelizing spirit of service which characterized the life and ministry of the Servant of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin, is embodied in the eleven persons selected to receive the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award.

The honorees will receive the award from Bishop Mark L. Bartchak at a Saturday, June 14 dinner at the Cosgrave Center at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson.

The eleven, who include two married couples, will each receive an enameled cross, based upon an element of the Gallitzin family's coat of arms, suspended from a yellow ribbon. Each is being recognized for outstanding service within the diocesan Church of Altoona - Johnstown.

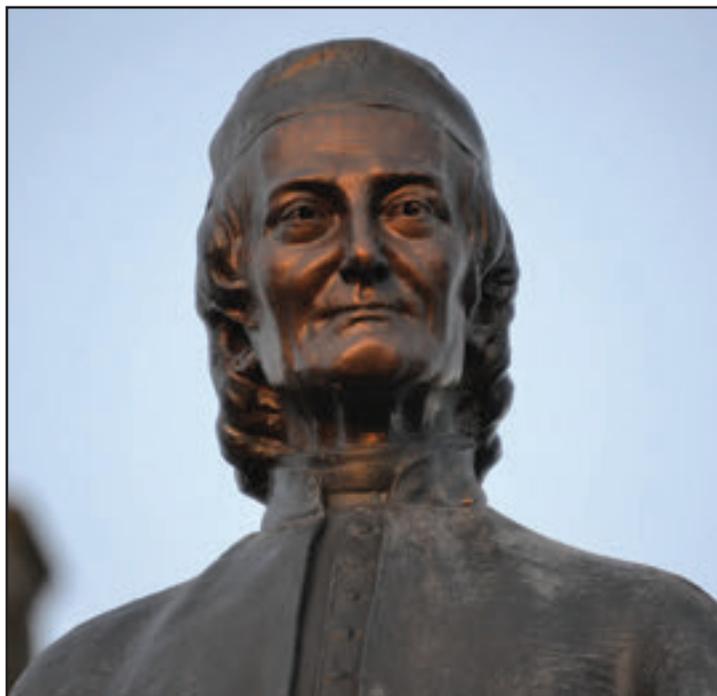
Callista Baer is the director of religious education at Saint Mary Parish in Shade Gap (Orbisonia). A lifelong member of the parish, she is involved in a variety of ministries. "Callista puts her faith first in her life," said Father Joseph C. Nale, pastor.

Dick and Marie Boland are members of Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs, and were

nominated by Father Joseph Fleming, pastor, and Carmelite of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna, pastoral minister. "Their parish membership has always had service to the community close beside it. When help of any kind is needed, they are among the first to come through the church doors, to assist. Humility is one of their many virtues. They are a couple who choose to work behind the scenes, never looking to be noticed or recognized for what they do," Father Fleming and Sister Linda stated.

Barbara Ferazzi belongs to Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson, and was put forward for the award by Father Leo Arnone, pastor, and the parish's conference of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. In recommending her for the honor, they noted that for over 25 years Ferazzi has served as a client case worker for the Society in both Cresson parishes. "In this capacity, Barbara has fulfilled the corporal works of mercy on behalf of the poor, sick, hungry and homeless . . . (and) has also used this role as a means of evangelization, inviting clients to develop a personal relationship with God."

Michael and Debra Kelleher were nominated by their pastor, Monsignor Stanley Carson, and parish council members of Sacred Heart Parish,



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DEMETRIUS AUGUSTINE GALLITZIN

Altoona. The nomination form stated "The motto of Sacred Heart Parish is 'Let the Christ in me reach out to the Christ in others.' In a certain sense, the motto is a summary of the Gospel's commission to love, serve and evangelize. Both individually and as a married couple, Mike and Debbie have joyfully modeled the love of Jesus for His Church," by participating in a number of ministries within the parish.

Angela Lavelle "has touched many lives, young and not so young by her living example of being such an active parishioner," at Saint Joseph Parish, Renovo, according to Father Charles Ugo, pastor. Among her many areas of service are 16 years as a catechist for first grade religious education students.

David Madden of Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg, is being honored for "his fatherly

and spousal leadership in his family, his spirit of service in the community and the Catholic school network, and his remarkable, yet ever so humble witness and brotherhood to his friends and acquaintances." Father Anthony Legarski, pastor and Bob Muldoon, parishioner, endorsed his nomination for the award.

Margaret Moschella, at 89 - years - old, has served in a number of capacities at Saint Mark Parish, Altoona, for over 50 years. "This wonderful lady is the reason so many of us younger women are participants in our church groups," wrote Mary Jane Hildebrand. "She is such a wonderful role model for the mothers and grandmothers of our parish family." Father Ronald Osinski, pastor, and Bonnie Pfeffer, also wrote in favor of Moschella's award.

Mary Clare Piatak is being recognized for "her work as a teacher, counselor, mentor and advisor to thousands of youth" as a faculty member at Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Johnstown.

Leo "Butch" Winkler is director of social events at the Cathedral Parish in Altoona, and "through his spirit of hospitality has given witness to the evangelizing spirit of Demetrius Gallitzin," according to Monsignor Robert Mazur, rector.



SAINT MARK: Saint Mark Parish, Altoona, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4. Taking part were (left to right) First row: Haley Ratchford, Kendra Pfeffer, Marlee Baum, Nichole Whetstine. Second row: Tony Leap, Devyn DeGennaro, Draven Corley, Caleb Sanders, Logan Walter, Connor Sanders, Evan Sanders (server). Third row: Stephen Hunter (Altar Server), Diane Newberry-Mitchell (catechist), Sandy Newberry (catechist), Father Ronald V. Osinski (pastor), Bonnie Pfeffer (catechist), and Valerie Kahley (coordinator).



SAINT KATERI: First Holy Communion was celebrated Sunday, April 27 at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Spring Mills. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Jackson Romig, Annie Racette, Neely Webb. Second row: Kyle Niewinski, Abby Stitzer, Evelyn Powell. Third row: Father George Jakopac (pastor), Kayla Hopkins, Lauren Ott and Kate Ott.

Community

Cereal Collection

Altoona: For many years, Judy Savine, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Altoona, has collected cereal to benefit children through the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Throughout the school year, students from Catholic and non-Catholic schools in Blair County assist greatly in the collection. The donations drop dramatically during the summer months when school is not in session.



SAINT ANNE: Celebrating May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Saint Anne Parish in Johnstown, were (left to right) First row: Devyn Shingler, Aubrie Shingler. Second row: Kendal Shingler, Adalin Matejovich, Emma Matejovich and Franciscan Father Bernard Karmanoky (pastor).



SAINT BARTHOLOMEW: Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, April 24. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Emily Goldyn, Taylor Price. Second row: Michael Beck, Caityn Krevell and Nicholas Goldyn. Father Robert Reese is pastor.

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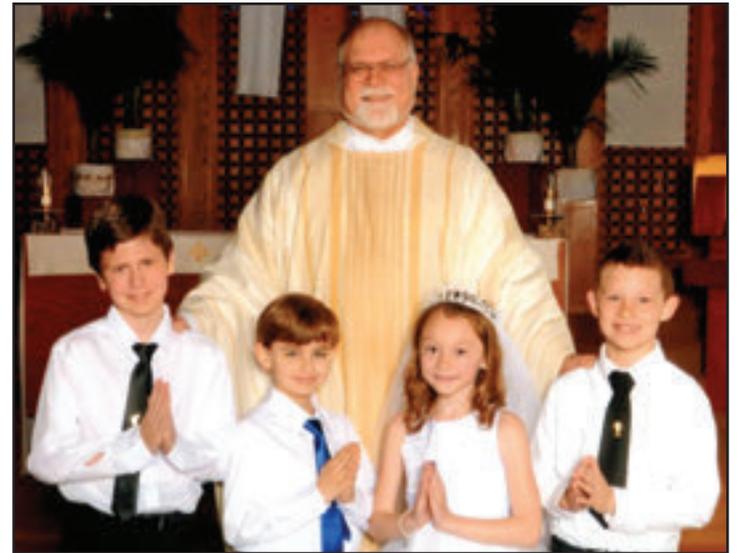
Appeal Update

Hollidaysburg: Twenty-one parishes have already exceeded their Annual Catholic Appeal goals based on amounts pledged by parishioners. The parishes include the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament; Holy Rosary, Altoona; Holy Spirit, Lock Haven; Immaculate Con-

ception, New Germany; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Altoona; Our Lady of Victory, State College; Sacred Heart, Altoona; Saint Aloysius, Cresson; Saint Catherine, Mount Union; Saint Kateri, Spring Mills; Saint John, Summerhill; Saint John, Bellefonte; Saint John, Everett; Saint Joseph, Bellwood; Saint Mary, Altoona.

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In The Alleghenies



SAINT ANTHONY: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Windber, were (left to right) Aidan McMahon, Aidan Shaulis, Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Rod-erick Soha (pastor), Hailey Dzurko, and Andrew Scalia.



OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Johnstown, celebrated First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3 and Confirmation on Thursday, May 8. Pictured in the top photo are (left to right) First row: Katie Hassett, Madeline Roddy, Eva Weir, Grace Messina, Aubrey Rutledge. Second row: David Ray, Elizabeth Buettner, Brady Manges, Sophia Buday, Micah Jones. Third row: Ayda Dorian, Joseph Messina, Nadia Oliveros, Reza Shayesteh, Georgia Shayesteh. Fourth row: Cooper VanScoyoc, Caroline Gardill, Julia Czymik, Gavin Price, Karalyn Bailey; Fifth row: Karen Fink (director of religious education, Father Mark Begly (pastor), Joyce Dailey (teacher), Audrey Schafer (catechist) and Elaine LaRocca (teacher). Absent from photo are Haely Goller, Abigail Smedberg, and Michael Staib. Pictured in the bottom photo are (left to right) First row: Bridget Sheehan, Morgan Phillips, Alexandra Nash, Maggie Clark, Lauren Fregly, Kaitlin Pawcio. Second row: Kate McGrath, Ethan Dumayas, Michael Walther, Quinten Boltz, Ryan Price, Nicholas Mathur, Maura Milligan. Third row: Angela Mosbrucker, Karen Fink, Adam McQuillan, Patrick Unger, Edwin Kesslak, Truman Welsh and Father Begly.

WILMORE MAY CROWNING: Emma Kissell crowned the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary when May Crowning was celebrated at Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore, on Sunday, May 4. Members of her court were Victoria Spaid and Maddie Grassle.

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Also, Saint Michael, Holidaysburg; Saint Michael, Loretto; Saint Rose, Altoona; Saint Peter, Somerset; Saint Therese, Altoona and Saint Thomas, Bedford.

Each Tuesday, the development office posts a parish-by-

parish summary report on the "Diocesan Mailing" web page at www.dioceseaj.org.

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Point Of View

"I can't take it anymore, these are driving me crazy! Hours upon hours and they are still there! I am frustrated and ready to throw in the towel. Just forget about it!" I gasped to myself.

As I am packing up, ready to call it quits, God gently whispers in my ear to stop and listen, for in this too, He has a lesson for me to learn! I must admit I am not much of a gardener, but my heart tells me differently. I love to learn about plants! In fact, most of my winter down time is spent gleefully turning the pages of gardening books trying to learn as much as I can about flowers. When spring comes, I am off to the greenhouse and gaze in amazement at the many varieties of beautiful foliage. As I thoughtfully plan the grand color scheme of my garden my mind wanders. I go to the computer and research the soil conditions, temperatures, planting depth, nutrients and watering requirements all aimed at being totally prepared for the season ahead. I have dreams for my gardens, plenty of dreams, but to be honest I also have weeds, a ton of weeds; in fact, to be exact I have about one thousand wild strawberries weeds that are threatening to drive me over the edge!

But, as I learned a numerous of times throughout my life, God always shows up and this time he arrived in the person of a gentle older woman who has the most beautiful spring gardens I have ever seen! Last week, my husband and I led a retreat at a beautiful spirituality center and



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich

This Is Not My Garden: It Is The Lord's

this is where I met her, the gardener, one of the lovely Sisters of the hosting religious community. There she was kneeling down in her full habit; lovingly caring for her flowers and guess what? - pulling weeds! UGH! But there was something different about her approach to tending her garden that struck me. She was smiling, in fact, singing as she cleared the weeds tenderly tilling the soil. This was a much different demeanor than I possess while tending to my own garden plot. Being inquisitive I asked, "Sister, share with me your secrets to your beautifully kept, stunningly gorgeous, flower garden?"

Without hesitation, she stopped her work and said, "Oh honey, this is not my garden this is the Lord's!" As embarrassment started to fill my heart, I realized no expert gardener needed to instruct me on the real reason her garden was so different than mine. She offered her gardening to God, talking to Him while singing and praying for others. She created the very perfect environment for beauty to grow!

As I continued to speak with Sister she told me how every plant she ever planted was more than putting a flower into

soil, it was a cradle for prayer. Her prayers were for our church, our world, her community and prayers for her own personal attentions. Her prayer flowers grew in the soil of God's garden knowing that being in His very hands they would be cared for and made to blossom and grow. His hands, not hers! Her work was far from meaningless; rather, it was an offering of her love. She did not use books and most of her flowers were either left-overs or ones that would soon be discarded at the greenhouse. She let God's hand guide her as she planted them. Although she works, she never toils in this garden of prayer.

"Okay, now I am really feeling uncomfortable" I thought to myself. Humbled by my encounter, I couldn't leave without one last answer to the question - "So what about the weeds, don't they just drive you nuts?" I hoped for a wise old remedy for my overgrown strawberry garden.

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Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
Faithful, Frustrated, Joyful: Blessed Pope Paul VI

The bulletin board above my computer in my Catholic Register office is an interesting mix of the sublime and the ridiculous, the practical and the superfluous. On the right side are pages of phone numbers, deadline dates, and all of the sorts of things that are needed to keep my work life organized. The center is dominated by a "Nuns Having Fun" calendar (in full color for 2014). The left hand side is an eclectic mix of editorial cartoons, prayer cards and a few favorite photographs. One of those photos in particular, draws my gaze many times, every day.

It's a picture from the late summer of 1978, of Pope Paul VI, at one of his last public appearances - - the funeral Mass of his great, good friend, the murdered Italian politician, Aldo Moro. The Holy Father had gone so far as to offer himself in exchange of prisoners with Moro's kidnappers. He had appealed repeatedly for the life of his beloved friend. The picture I keep on my bulletin board shows Pope Paul being carried on the portable throne once such a feature of papal appearances, and holding his cross - topped pastoral staff. Paul's face is like that of the Pieta - - full of sadness; a strong, stricken face. Within three months of Moro's death, Paul would be dead himself, dying August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration.

I love that photo because I have always loved Pope Paul VI, the Pope of my boyhood, the Pope when the seeds of my vocation were planted, the Pope of my young adulthood. Paul served in the papacy in years of turmoil and change in the life of the Church, years when he was torn by his love of tradition and his clear - sighted vision of the need to move forward into the future. Paul was a man both faithful and frustrated - - faithful to the Church he loved and served so long and so well, and frustrated by the inability of those around him to see that he was neither as liberal nor as conservative as his critics wished to depict him. He was, like most of us, a man caught in the middle between two poles, trying desperately to keep his balance, and to be faithful above all, to his God.

With great joy I welcome the news that this holy, humble, unassuming man will be beatified this year. I doubt that the hoopla surrounding the canonizations of Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II will be much in evidence in the rites marking Paul's beatification. Paul would probably prefer that all be kept quiet, and simple. This is a man who, after all, desired not to be buried in an ornate marble tomb, but asked that he be interred directly in "the good earth," in the crypt beneath the Vatican basilica.

Paul was sometimes called "Hamlet," after that indecisive Prince of Denmark who wrestled with the question "To be, or not to be?" Paul could see the merit in both sides of any question, and sometimes this led many to be frustrated with him. But Pope Paul knew himself well enough to embrace that part of his character, and wrote in the year of his death "What is my state of mind? Am I Hamlet? Or Don Quixote? On the left? On the right? I do not think I have been properly understood. I am filled with 'great joy (Superabundo gaudio)' With all our affliction, I am overjoyed (2.Cor.2.4)."

Faithful, frustrated and ultimately, joyful. Not a bad description for any Christian to aspire to. Blessed Pope Paul VI, pray for us!



Bishop's Announcement

The Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown has received notice from the Order of Friars Minor Conventual that Rev. Michael Lewandowski, OFM Conv., has been suspended from public ministry due to an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that occurred in the 1980s.

Father Lewandowski has served in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown since 1997 as pastor of Saint Anne Parish in Davidsville.

This action taken by the Franciscan Order was made

according to Church policies for the protection of minors. Parishioners were informed at weekend Masses.

Upon receipt of this notice from the Franciscan Order, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has withdrawn Father Lewandowski's faculties to function as a priest in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.

Officials of the Franciscan Order (Our Lady of the Angels Province, Ellicott City, MD) have reported the allegation to civil authorities. The Diocese of Al-

toona - Johnstown and the Franciscan Order are unaware of any other allegations of misconduct against Father Lewandowski.

The Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown and the Franciscan Friars are committed to protecting children and helping to heal victims of abuse.

Anyone who has knowledge of child sexual abuse is urged to report it directly and immediately to the proper state or local authorities. The Diocesan Victim's Advocate may also be contacted at (814) 695-5579.

Priest Named To Religious Freedom Panel

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Jesuit journalist Father Thomas J. Reese is among several new members of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

In a May 14 announcement, President Barack Obama named Father Reese to the organization that serves as a monitoring and advisory panel to the federal government on religious freedom abroad. He joins three fellow Catholics on the commission: chairman Robert P. George, a bioethicist and Princeton University professor; James Zogby, the founder and president of the Arab American Institute; and Mary Ann Glendon, a Harvard University law professor and former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

Commissioners serve two-year terms and may be reappointed. As of May 19, there was one vacancy on the commission, to be filled by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

In naming Father Reese, the White House press release noted his current post as a senior analyst for the **National Catholic Reporter**, his two stints as a senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University and his term as associate editor and then editor-in-chief of the Jesuit magazine **America**. Father Reese has been a Jesuit since 1962, and a priest since 1974.

life of the beauty God intended to plant in it." "Okay, Lord!" I bowed my head, "Thank you for another timely lesson. The flowers are prayers, weeds are sin, and the garden I plant is yours, completely yours."

So out again to my garden with a much different attitude and approach. This year I am planting a garden for God, filled with many beautiful flowers and hopefully stubborn weeds that are somewhat under control! Pray for me. Happy, Holy gardening my friends!

Family Matters

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"Not really," she quietly answered "you just have to tend to them, not letting them get out of control, cutting them off from their source, and if necessary, place a large stone on top of them creating a barrier, so no matter how hard they try to invade and take over they don't get a chance." She added, "Just think of the weeds as sin. You got to take care of it right away, or they will take over and rob your



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will once again sponsor a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4. The theme for this year's Fortnight will focus on the freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Church's teaching.

In observance of the Fortnight for Freedom, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will preside at a Holy Hour on Tuesday, June 24, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The Holy Hour will include Evening Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a homily from the Bishop. All are invited to join Bishop Bartchak and others in prayer for the preservation of our religious liberty.



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SAINT BENEDICT, JOHNSTOWN: Saint Benedict Parish, Johnstown, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4. Taking part were (left to right) First row: Deacon Michael Russo, Ethan Shomo, Dominic Andrews, Ty Salem, Ava Mitchell, Selena Ramires, Angelina Mavridis, Anthony Onguda, Dominica Mondì, Angelina Kutsick, Marissa Davis, Charlize Amper, Lexington Tanaka, Mason Oliver, Pam Drenzo (catechist). Second row: Jennifer Polacek (catechist), Father David Peles (pastor), Meadow Connor, Michael Hull, Idaya Robison-Hinton, Logan Gossard, Kayla Urbanek, Cameron Griffith, Shawna O'Dowd, Dante Henry, Bella, Vranich, Riley Ritko, Emma Newcomer, Michelle Robatin (sacramental preparation director), Father Michael Wolfe (parochial vicar). Third row: Kaden Dudinack, Makenzie Roberts, Tevin Le, Nina Martyak, Benjamin Lesneski, Laura Montag, Dominic Miller, Annarose Alvares, Carson Reckner, Marlina Gawel, Devon Magro and Beth Eckenrod. Absent from the photo was Shakile Ferguson.

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Prayer

Prayers For Vocations

Loretto: An hour of prayers for vocations is held every Thursday evening at the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, 357 St. Mary Street.

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TEA PARTY: Dressed in tuxedos, complete with cummerbunds, the men of Holy Spirit Parish Stewardship Committee in Lock Haven, served traditional English tea to the women of the parish. The afternoon raised over \$300.00 for the parish's Outreach Ministry. Chef Paul Rizzo provided an English menu of homemade scones with clotted cream, and cookies, along with a variety of other food delights. Over 100 ladies, dressed in brightly colored hats and outfits, attended the event.



SAINT ANNE, DAVIDSVILLE: Receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4 at Saint Anne Parish, Davidsville, were (left to right) Derek Pongrace, Margaret Yost and Grant McClemens.

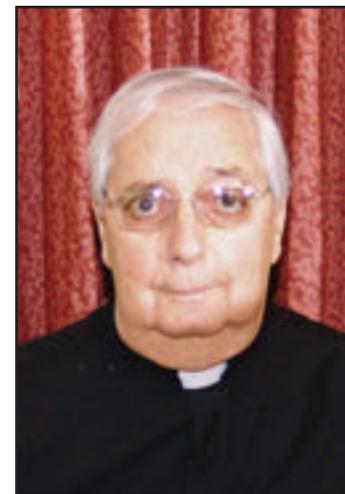
Monsignor Panza Is Diamond Jubilarian

Monsignor Paul D. Panza, ordained a priest May 22, 1954 by the late Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle, has celebrated the diamond jubilee of his sacerdotal ordination.

The son of the late Salvatore and Rose (Lanzino) Panza of Sharpsburg, Diocese of Pittsburgh, Monsignor Panza graduated from the Sharpsburg public school system in 1944, and served in the United States Army for two years, before entering Saint Francis Seminary in Loretto in 1946.

After service as assistant pastor at Saint Rose of Lima Parish and the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, both in Altoona, he was named pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Dudley, in 1962, serving until 1964 when he became pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Philipsburg. In 1987 he became rector of the Altoona Cathedral, a position he held until his retirement from active ministry in 1995.

Monsignor Panza has served as notary of the tribunal and assistant master of ceremonies. In 1964 he became assistant chancellor of the Diocese, being named chancellor in 1972.



**MONSIGNOR PAUL D.
PANZA**

From 1987 until 1990 he served as vicar general for administration. He has also served the Diocese as a consultor.

In 1974 Venerable Pope Paul VI created him a Papal Chamberlain with the title Monsignor. Pope Saint John Paul II created him a Prelate of Honor in 1983, and a Prothonotary Apostolic in 1994.

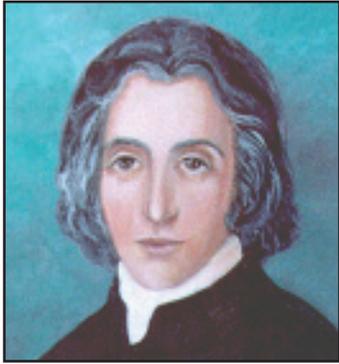
The last surviving member of the class of 1954, Monsignor Panza resides at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Personal Care Residence in Hollidaysburg.



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Pope Paul VI To Be Beatified: Ceremony Set For October 19

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis will beatify Pope Paul VI Oct. 19 during the closing Mass of the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family.

Pope Francis signed a decree May 9 recognizing a mira-

cle attributed to the intercession of Pope Paul, who led the church from 1963 to 1978, and authorized publication of the Oct. 19 beatification date, according to a Vatican statement May 10.

The miracle involved the birth of a baby in California in the 1990s. The family's name and city have not been released, but according to news reports, a pregnant woman whose life was

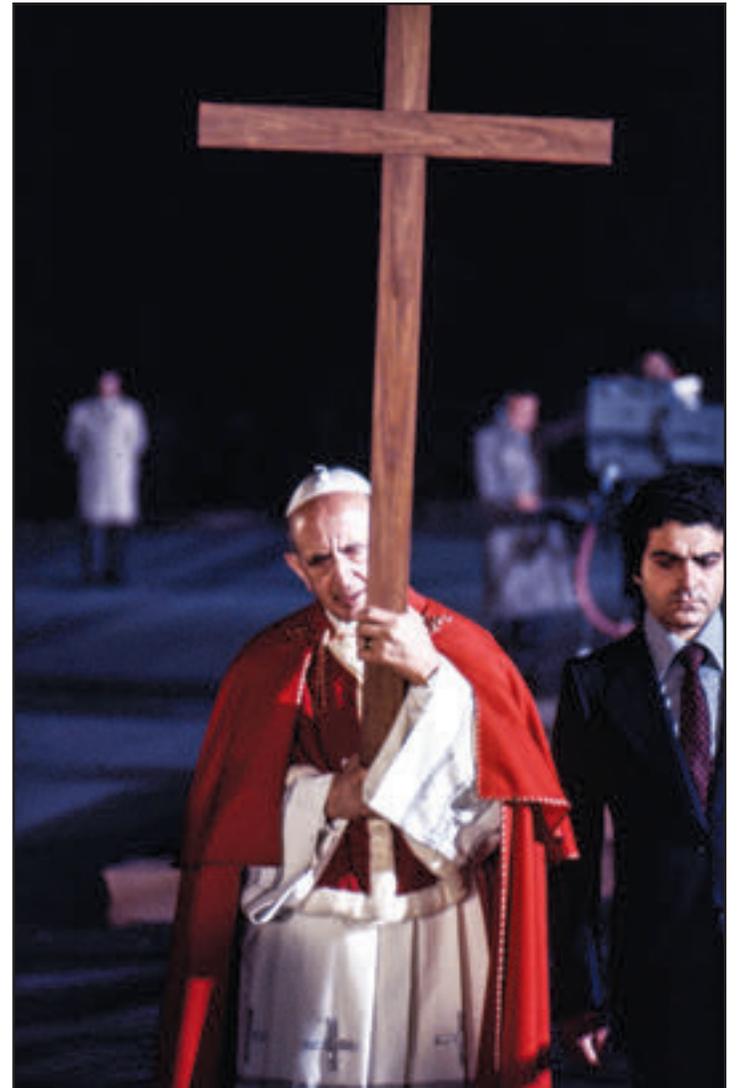
at risk along with the life of her baby was advised by doctors to terminate the pregnancy. Instead she sought prayers from an Italian nun who was a family friend. The nun placed a holy card with Pope Paul's photograph and a piece of his vestment on the woman's belly.

The baby was born healthy. For Pope Paul's sainthood cause, physicians continued monitoring the child's health up to the age of 12 and everything was normal.

Pope Paul's connection with the themes expected to be raised at the synod on the family Oct. 5-19 include the encyclical for which he is most known, "Humanae Vitae." The 1968 encyclical, usually described as a document affirming the church's prohibition against artificial contraception, places that conclusion in the context of Catholic teaching on the beauty and purpose of marriage, married love and procreation.

When St. John XXIII died in 1963, Pope Paul reconvened the Second Vatican Council, presided over the final three of its four sessions and oversaw the promulgation of all of the council's documents. He also led the process of implementing the council's reforms.

Pope Paul VI was the first pope in the modern era to travel abroad, visiting: Jordan and Israel in January 1964; Lebanon and India in December 1964; the United Nations and New York in October 1965; the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal in



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POPE PAUL LEADS WAY OF THE CROSS: Pope Paul VI leads the Way of the Cross at the Colosseum in Rome in 1977. Pope Francis will beatify Pope Paul Oct. 19 during the closing Mass of the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family.

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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The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

Destroying Creation Is Destroying A Gift From God

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Polluting or destroying the environment is like telling God one does not like what he created and proclaimed to be good, Pope Francis said.

The Bible says that after every stage of creation, God was pleased with what he had made, the pope said May 21 at his weekly general audience. "To destroy creation is to say to God, 'I don't like it.'"

On the other hand, he said, safeguarding creation is safeguarding a gift of God. "This must be our attitude toward creation: safeguarding it. If not, if we destroy creation, creation will destroy us. Don't forget that!"

Continuing a series of audience talks about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis said the gift of knowledge helps people see creation with God's eyes, recognizing its beauty and seeing it as a sign of God's love for men and women, who are the crown of his creation.

"Creation is not a property that we can dominate at our pleasure nor does it belong to only a few," he said. "Creation is a gift, a marvelous gift God has given us to care for and use for the benefit of all with great respect and gratitude."

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit -- wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord -- are not simply human virtues or talents, the pope said. And knowledge is not just the human capacity "to understand the reality that surrounds us and discover the laws that regulate nature and the universe."

Rather, he said, the gift of knowledge helps people understand, "through creation, the greatness of the love of God and his profound relationship with every creature."

The gift of knowledge helps people recognize that all things that are beautiful -- both things found in nature and things that are the result of human ingenuity -- speak of God, he said. "The Spirit leads us to praise the Lord from the depths of our heart and to recognize, in all that we have and all that we are, a invaluable gift of God and a sign of his infinite love for us."

At the end of the audience, Pope Francis led the recitation of the Hail Mary as a prayer for the victims of flooding in Bosnia-Herzegovina and in Serbia. He asked the international community to assist the two Balkan nations, where more than three dozen people died and tens of thousands were left homeless in late May.

Pope Francis also told the estimated 50,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square that May 24 is the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, a Marian feast particularly dear to Catholics in mainland China. He asked people to pray that "Catholics in China may continue to believe, to hope and to love and, in every circumstance, to be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among their fellow citizens."



ONE MORE TIME: Monsignor Paul Lenz (left) celebrated the 65th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on April 2. He is pictured on ordination day, April 2, 1949 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle (center) and (left to right) Third Order Regular Franciscan Fathers Joseph Sullivan and Cosmas Workman, and Father Joseph Cummings. Flanking the Bishop are Louis Mangiacarne and Murray Minick (train bearer).

In the midst of Lent, an event occurred that touched me very much, but at the time I wasn't sure exactly why.

A Jesuit priest named Father Frans van der Lugt was shot dead in Homs, Syria. I think it was the picture that accompanied the stories of his murder that initially tugged at me. There he is, looking good in a black leather jacket, fine bone structure on his handsome 75-year-old face, an intelligent, thoughtful face framed by wire-rim spectacles.

He has an arm outstretched and a hand open in front of him, as if in fine Jesuit fashion he is patiently and gently exploring some truth with someone.

He is surrounded by Middle Eastern people. Were they Christians or Muslims? I don't know, and as I learned more about him, I realized it did not matter. Father van der Lugt was a man engaged in interreligious dialogue. He was a man with an open heart, a lover of humanity, and a lover of the Syrian people with whom he had spent his life for nearly 50 years.

Then I began to learn more about him. It seems that a young Syrian Jesuit from the Middle East province, Father Tony Homsy, is studying at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska,



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola

Remembering A Jesuit And His Mission In Syria

where I live. Homsy is 28 and writes for The Jesuit Post, an edgy and youthful website.

Homsy is a graduate of the University of Aleppo in Syria. He loves photography and has posted a tribute, including photos, of Father van der Lugt on The Jesuit Post.

Father van der Lugt was Dutch, and Homsy knew him well. He went on retreats with him where the Jesuit would spend an entire night hearing confessions, then rise early for meditation. Father van der Lugt ran Al-Ard, an oasis for the disabled, a retreat house, a house of peace, with a winery, just outside the city of Homs. He was devoted to the people of Syria, Muslim and Christian. He had a willingness to stay in the dangerous and besieged city of Homs because he wanted to stand with the Syrians and their suffering.

I suppose on some level, Father van der Lugt knew that

he would most likely be killed for his devotion. He reminds me of Jesus, who knew, as he turned toward Jerusalem on that final journey, that death awaited him.

But with a quiet dignity, and without blaming others, Jesus, and Father van der Lugt, met martyrdom with peace. Only a believer can do this. It's a question I ask myself: Could I have stayed? Would I remain faithful to God?

The horrors of Syria are often on our newscasts, but sometimes they don't make it from the head to the heart. The problem is so enormous, so complex, the solutions so hard to decipher. The end is so far out of sight.

The only thing that makes sense makes no sense at all to the pragmatist. Father van der Lugt followed a crucified Christ on the way to Calvary, a Calvary lived out daily in the lives of the Syrian people.



Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Lack Of Canonical Form

Q. I am divorced and, even though both my ex-husband and I are Catholic, we were married not in the Catholic Church but by a justice of the peace. Recently, my ex-husband remarried, and the ceremony was performed by a Catholic priest.

I am wondering whether my ex-husband applied to the Catholic Church for a determination that his earlier marriage (to me) "didn't count" and, if so, how I might find that out. (I am also wondering whether, if he did so, this leaves me free to remarry in the Catholic Church -- or would I, also, have to apply for a similar judgment?)

I have asked several priests these questions and have received several different answers. Can you help me out? (Indianapolis)

A. The most likely scenario is that, sometime following your divorce, your ex-husband petitioned the Catholic Church for a determination of what is called, technically, "lack of ca-

nonical form." (A Catholic must ordinarily be married within a Catholic church and before a priest or deacon. A bishop may dispense from this requirement for a Catholic party entering a mixed marriage.)

For a "lack of form" to be granted, it must be shown, by a recently issued Catholic baptismal certificate, that at least one of the spouses was bound to observe canonical form, and that no dispensation from that form was granted by a bishop prior to the wedding. Also, the petitioner also must show that the original non-Catholic ceremony was not validated ("blessed") later on by a Catholic ceremony.

Provided those requirements can be met, the "lack of form" process is fairly simple and results in a declaration that the marriage, as you put it, "didn't count" in the Catholic Church's eyes.

If your ex-husband did, in fact, obtain such a decree, this would invalidate the marriage for both parties, meaning that,

should you want at some point to remarry in the Catholic Church, you would not need to reapply for that same determination.

As to how you might find this out, the petitioner (in this case, your husband) would have been advised by the diocesan marriage tribunal of a successful outcome to his petition, but you as the former spouse would not automatically have been notified. You do, however, have a right to that information, and you could obtain it simply by contacting the diocese where you think your husband might have brought the case.

Q. Before my father died in a hospice, he had (several times) received the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. I thought that meant that his sins were forgiven and that he would not have to suffer in purgatory. Nevertheless, my siblings insist on having annual Masses offered for him. Why should we pray for his soul if he had the sacrament for the sick? (Jessup, Maryland)

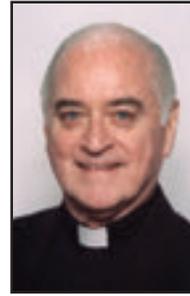
A. The effects of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, as listed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church in No. 1532 are as follows: uniting the sick person to the passion of Jesus; strength, peace and courage to endure the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if that be conducive to the person's salvation; and preparation for passing over to eternal life.

Notice that this list does not include the remission of all punishment due to sin.

My feeling is that I can never be certain that a person has passed on in complete purity of spirit, with every stain of selfishness erased from the soul. For that reason, I view Masses for the deceased as always valuable.

Surely, should the person have already gained eternal joy, the Mass will at least benefit those who attend it and those who requested it.

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



Spirituality For Today

By Father John Catoir
A Great Prophet
And Voice Of The Church

One of the priests I most admired in the years after my ordination was Msgr. John Tracy Ellis. As a longtime professor at The Catholic University of America, he was known to many as the "dean of American Catholic historians." During the early 1960s when I was studying at Catholic University for my doctorate in canon law, I met him and he became my confessor.

Msgr. Ellis was born July 30, 1905 in Seneca, Illinois, and died at the age of 87 on Oct. 16, 1992. He wrote extensively and left behind many books and articles. He wrote an extensive biography of Cardinal James Gibbons, and that was his masterpiece, but he was best known for his controversial book, **American Catholics And The Intellectual Life**. In it, he challenged the laity to take greater intellectual responsibility for public affairs, and the running of our government.

In 1972, he spoke at the convention of the Canon Law Society and touched on the topic of Catholic Church leadership in the United States. His target audience included both priests and bishops.

He reminded them that as they went about their day, people would comment on the kind of car they drove, the brand of clothes they chose to wear, and on the place and form of recreation they took up.

He reminded them that the external signals of daily living would count for or against them, in the eyes of the laity, and the world.

For his words, he received a standing ovation.

During a separate occasion, I had the chance to interview him for a television show. I asked what, in his opinion, had been one of the biggest weaknesses of the Catholic Church.

"The failure of the institution and so many church spokesmen to be open and honest has led to a severe credibility problem even in our own day. Clearly the laity can handle any scandal based on human weakness or illness and still hold onto their faith. They know the distinction between the human element of the church and the divine," he said.

He continued: "What the laity can never accept, however, is the toleration of anything that would involve a cover-up."

Msgr. Ellis reminded me of how the apostles often stunned the faithful with their insights. People always react to the prophets of their day with surprise and gratitude. He was one of the most prophetic voices of the 20th century.

Charles Lwanga
and Companions
c. 1860 - 1886
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Charles and 21 other Ugandan martyrs, ages 14 to 30, were officials and pages in the court of King Mwanga II of Buganda. The king, after first accepting Christianity among his people, began to insist that converts abandon their new faith. He also preyed sexually on the young men at court. As head of the pages and their chief catechist, Charles tried to protect his charges. But, when they would not reject Christianity, they were killed in 1885-86; some were speared to death and others, like Charles, were burned alive. These first martyrs from sub-Saharan Africa were canonized in Uganda in 1964 by Pope Paul VI; they are the patrons of African Catholic Youth Action, converts and torture victims.

Be Faithful To God's Dream For You, Father Begly Says At Vocations Dinner

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

It's been said that a dreamer lives forever.

We dream from the time we're old enough to remember until our days pass.

"That dream," said Father Mark S. Begly, "your dreams, touch the lives of countless people and who knows, maybe people yet to be born! The effect of your dream is cosmic."

Father Begly, pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Johnstown, was guest speaker at the annual Bishop's Night for Vocations held Wednesday, May 7 at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall in Loretto.

The Bishop's Night for Vocations Dinner is sponsored by the Diocesan Vocation Office, and the Serra Clubs of Altoona and Cambria County each Spring.

In an effort to promote vocations in the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese and the world,

students from the Diocesan Catholic Schools and parish - based religious education programs, participate in a poetry, poster, and essay contest.

The winners receive awards at the banquet. The theme of this year's contest was "Family of Faith", said Father Matthew Reese, director of Vocations for the Diocese.

At Baptism, our parents become the first teachers of the faith to their children, Father Reese reminded.

"When carried out well and in a most loving manner, that responsibility can have such a lasting impression on children. They grow up seeing the importance of participating in the life of the Church, as well as opening their hearts to listen more intently to the voice of God speaking to them."

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POSTER WINNERS: Bishop Mark poses with poster contest winners (left to right) First row: Gavin Chalfa, Anna Tyson, Joshua Culley, Giuliana Nussmeier, Christian Tibbot. Second row: Addison King, Christine Troll, Ava Calistri, Gina Gaye, Addison Semelsberger, Erin Himes. Third row: Tyler King, Kattie Wilson, Maggie Harteis and Jordon Thomas.



ESSAY WINNERS: Essay contest winners, shown with Bishop Mark are (left to right) First row: Anna Prostejovsky, Marissa Lewis, Addy Carbaugh, Ayda Dorian, Jennifer, Durica, Zachary Grove, Nathan Farabaugh. Second row: Haley Thomas, John Roy, Zelie Eger, Mary Catherine Prostejovsky, Benjamin Eger, Shawn Beattie, Luke Tercek, Jessica Piergallini and Kira Watson.



POETRY WINNERS: Poetry contest winners pictured with Bishop Mark are (left to right) First row: Anna Stofko, Abbey Miljenovich, Mia Berardinelli, Connor Jacob, Adela Howsare-Polacios, Jenna Stofko. Second row: Lucas Stofko, Abby Majercsik, Bradley Shaffer, Charles Patterson and Hayden Fox.

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self and my dream; and if I find myself I will find God.”

“The most important things in the lives of the saints was their personal mission, their dream,” added Father Begly. “The fact that they are captivated by their mission generates the power which transforms them into saints.

“It awakens all of their strength, and also their talents. It generates a great spirit of sacrifices which rises above their shortcomings, weaknesses and faults, even their failures.

“Tonight is a plea, an invitation, an encouragement to live the dream: the God-given meaning of your life.”

The event also included the presentation of a check for \$10,000.00 from the Knights of Columbus in the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese for the Seminarians Endowment Fund they have established within the Independent Catholic Foundation.



CHECK PRESENTATION: On behalf of the Knights of Columbus in the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese, Joseph J. Kadas (right) presents Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and diocesan vocations director Father Matthew Reese (left) with a \$10,000.00 check for the Knights’ Seminarians Endowment Fund.

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Father Begly opened his presentation with a skit that demonstrated ways in which the devil and others can attempt to steal our dreams. He said those dreams can be stolen by people who tell you that the most important thing in your choice of a career is money; or when they try to tell you how to feel or what you are to think. A dream must be nurtured.

The theme of the dream ap-

pears often in spiritual literature, but it’s often given other names like: your “call” genius, personal vocation, purpose in life, sealed orders, mission consciousness, to will the one things, your true name; just to name, Father Begly explained.

He read from Thomas Merton, who said, “There is only one problem on which all my existence, my peace, and my happiness depends: to discover myself (my dream) in discovering God. If I find Him I find my-



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TWO WALLS: Among the most symbolic gestures of Pope Francis' three-day visit to the Holy Land was when he stopped at the Israeli security wall in Bethlehem, Saturday, May 24, for a moment of spontaneous prayer (right). The next day, the pontiff prayed at the Western Wall of the Temple in Jerusalem (left) standing for a minute and a half in silent prayer, before reciting the Our Father. He placed a note, with the text of the prayer, inside a crack between two blocks of the wall.

Symbolic Gestures Define Holy Land Visit

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In response to a question about the possible beatification of the wartime Pope Pius XII, who many critics argue did not do or say as much as possible against the Nazi genocide of the Jews, Pope Francis did not comment on the controversy but said he could not even consider the possibility of beatification in the absence of at least one miracle recognized as attributable to late pope's intercession.

Asked about his meeting in Jerusalem with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, the pope said they discussed what he called the "ridiculous" problem of Catholic and Orthodox churches celebrating Easter on different dates, and the possibility of common efforts by the churches to protect the natural environment.

The pope's meeting with Patriarch Bartholomew, marking the 50th anniversary of a historic encounter between Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, was the original reason for Pope Francis' densely packed pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The two leaders met a total of four times during the visit, participating in an ecumenical prayer service at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and issuing a common declaration calling for "communion in legitimate diversity" between their churches.

Pope Francis said "most authentic gestures are those you don't think about ... mine were not planned gestures, it just occurs to me to do something spontaneously that way."

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FRATERNAL EMBRACE: Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople share a fraternal embrace during an Ecumenical Prayer Service Sunday, May 25, in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

The meeting between the Pope and the Patriarch marked the fiftieth anniversary of the meeting of their predecessors, Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras, in the Holy Land in 1964. Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew met a total of four times during the pontiff's three - day visit to the Holy Land.

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'Railway Man' Searing Tale Of War's Brutality

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Human cruelty takes its toll in "The Railway Man" (Weinstein), a searing account of a former prisoner of war who is unable to overcome the emotional trauma of his past.

Directed by Jonathan Teplitsky ("Burning Man"), the movie is based on Eric Lomax's 1995 autobiography of the same title. During World War II, Lo-

sits opposite Patti (Nicole Kidman), a retired nurse. Sparks fly (shades of 1945's "Brief Encounter"), and they wed.

But the long shadow of war looms over their marriage. Lomax has terrifying nightmares, and his behavior is erratic, at times violent. Patti can see he is shell-shocked, crippled by post-traumatic stress disorder. But he refuses to discuss what happened in the internment camp.

Desperate to help him, Patti seeks out Lomax's friend and fellow POW Finlay (Stellan Skarsgard) for advice and insight.

"My husband is a mess," she says. "I don't believe in this code of silence you have."

"War leaves a mark," Finlay notes.

As Finlay fills in the details, the story unfolds in flashback. The younger Lomax (Jeremy Irvine) and Finlay (Sam Reid) are radio engineers when the surrender forces them into servitude. Determined to survive, and possibly escape, they secretly construct a radio. Broadcasts reveal that the Allies have turned the tide, which gives the prisoners hope.

Their joy is short-lived, however; their captors discover the device. To spare his comrades, Lomax steps forward to receive the punishment, overseen by Takeshi Nagase (Tanroh

max was one of thousands of British-led Allied troops taken prisoner by Japanese forces following the latter's 1942 capture of Singapore.

The stunning fall of that stronghold -- the "Gibraltar of the East" -- was, in Winston Churchill's words, the "worst disaster" in British military history.

Prisoners of war like Lomax were forced into slave labor to build the notorious Burma Railway, which became known as the "Death Railway" because of the thousands who perished during its construction. This is the same railroad featured in the fictional 1957 film "The Bridge Over the River Kwai."

"The Railway Man" begins three decades after the war. Lomax (Colin Firth) lives an unsettled, absent-minded existence in Scotland. He whiles away the days taking rail journeys around the country. On one such trip, he



CNS Photo/The Weinstein Company

THE RAILWAY MAN: Colin Firth stars in a scene from the movie "The Railway Man." The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Ishida), a Japanese interpreter. Lomax's repeated beatings and torture are staged in graphic but historically accurate detail -- they are certainly not a sight for the squeamish.

At this point the plot takes a remarkable turn: The elder Lomax discovers that Nagase (now played by Hiroyuki Sanada) is alive, and working as a guide at the internment camp, which has been turned into a museum. Longing for revenge, Lomax decides to travel to the Far East to confront his tormentor.

Despite its negative moral trajectory at this stage, in the end, "The Railway Man" offers an unexpected and powerful lesson fully in line with scriptural values.

The film contains graphic scenes of violence, including torture, and a suicide. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

June 8 -- Newly-ordained Deacon Michael Anna of Saint Bernard Parish in Hastings joins Bishop Mark to discuss the path to his vocation and his new ministry.

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May They Rest In Peace



Sister Maureen Walsh C.S.J.

Sister Maureen Walsh, 94, died Sunday, May 11, at Villa Saint Joseph, Baden, in her 75th year as a Sister of Saint Joseph of Baden.

The daughter of the late John Joseph and Margaret (Ryan) Walsh, Sister Maureen entered the Congregation in 1939 from Holy Rosary Parish in Pittsburgh. Sister Maureen min-

istered as a high school teacher in the Dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown and Pittsburgh.

After receiving her doctorate in 1964, Sister Maureen began her ministry as associate professor at Carlow University, Pittsburgh Following a 30 - year tenure as associate professor of English, Sister Maureen was named professor emeritus. Upon her retirement, the college's Humanities Division established the "Sister Maureen Walsh Award for Best Academic Essay." She also served the Congregation as Director of Temporary Professed Sisters from 1963-67.

She retired to the Motherhouse in 2007 and became a

resident of Villa Saint Joseph in 2013.

Sister Maureen is survived by one brother, David of Fayetteville, nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden.

The funeral Mass for Sister Maureen Walsh C.S.J. was celebrated Wednesday, May 14 in the chapel of Saint Joseph Convent, Baden. Committal was in the Sisters' Cemetery on the Motherhouse grounds.

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

In The Alleghenies

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The diocesan director of vocations, Father Matthew Reese, celebrates Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:00 p.m. All are invited.

Healing Mass

Altoona: A Healing Mass will be held Monday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Father Bill Kiel of the Diocese of Greensburg, who has a healing ministry, will be the main celebrant. Following

Mass, a special individual blessing for healing will be offered to all those in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing.

The Healing Mass is a ministry of the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group. Music will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group.

All are welcome. For more information call (814) 941 - 3832.

Chapel House Tours

Loretto: Individuals or groups are invited to tour the Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, home of the Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin.

Tours will be offered by appointment only on the Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. You may schedule an ap-

pointment by calling (814) 472 - 5441 or (814) 472 - 6279.

Schools

Wins Essay Contest

Johnstown: Kasey Meredith, an eighth - grade student from Cathedral Catholic Academy, won third place in the junior high division of the 2014 Pennsylvania Pro - Life Federation Essay Contest. Her essay was titled, "The Miracle of Faith."

She will receive a cash prize and will be recognized in the Federation's **LifeLines** newspaper.

Her essay was chosen from about 300 essays submitted by pro - life students all across Pennsylvania.

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- PA DCED will award tax credits randomly to businesses that file initial applications on Tuesday, July 1.



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HEALING MASS

MONDAY
June 2, 2014

7:00 pm

Fr. Bill Kiel,
Celebrant

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

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"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" John 10:10.

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After Trip Full Of Symbolism, Pope Francis Says ‘Most Authentic Gestures Are Those You Don’t Think About’

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Catholic News Service

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM TEL AVIV (CNS) -- During an inflight news conference May 26 on his return to Rome from the Holy Land, Pope Francis answered several questions about his just-ended three-day visit, giving reporters insights into his thinking and glimpses behind the scenes of the high-profile events.

Regarding his dramatic gestures during the visit, when he prayed at the controversial Israeli-built separation wall in the West Bank and kissed the hands of Holocaust survivors, the pope said the “most authentic gestures are those you don’t think about ... mine were not planned gestures, it just occurs to me to do something spontaneously that way.”

The pope said he had considered inviting Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian

President Mahmoud Abbas to pray with him for peace during the visit, but “there were so many logistical problems, so many, the territory where it should happen, it wasn’t easy.” Instead, he invited the two leaders to join him later at the Vatican for the purpose. Both have accepted, but a date for the event has not been set.

On the status of Jerusalem, which Israel has controversially declared its “complete and united capital,” the pope suggested part of the city might serve as capital for Palestinians under an eventual two-state solution, but that in any case it should be a “city of peace” for Christians, Muslims and Jews.

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POPE VISITS SITE OF JESUS’ BAPTISM: Pope Francis visits Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the traditional site of Jesus’ baptism, southwest of Amman, Jordan, Saturday, May 24.