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Father Gallitzin Called 'Man Of New Evangelization' At Annual Cross Awards Banquet

The faithful of Altoona-Johnstown can see the face of God in the eleven individuals honored with the 2014 Prince Gallitzin Cross.

That was Bishop Mark L. Bartchak's message at the 25th annual Prince Gallitzin Cross Awards Banquet held Saturday, June 14 at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson.

The award is given to priests, religious, or laity who exhibit the "evangelizing spirit" of the Prince - Priest and Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin.

In his remarks, the Bishop - who had just returned from the summer meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in New Orleans - noted that much of the conference focused on the New Evangelization.

The New Evangelization, he stated, calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then to go forth to evangelize.

"Father Demetrius Gallitzin was a man of the New Evangelization of his time," Bishop Mark told the crowd of more than 200 people. "He encountered challenges among people who were physically, intellectually, materially, and spiritually poor. But he consistently did the one thing that is at the heart of the New Evangelization. He always



GALLITZIN CROSS HONOREES: Recipients of the 2014 Prince Gallitzin Cross joined Bishop Mark L. Bartchak at a banquet on Saturday, June 14. Pictured (left to right) are First row: Marie Boland, Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs; Barbara Ferazzi, Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson; Callista Baer, Saint Mary Parish, Orbisonia; Margaret Moschella, Saint Mark Parish, Altoona; Angela Lavelle, Saint Joseph Parish, Renovo; Mary Clare Piatak, Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Johnstown. Second row: Dick Boland, Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs; Leo "Butch" Winkler, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona; Bishop Mark; David Madden, Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg; Debra and Michael Kelleher, Sacred Heart Parish, Altoona.

helped others to have a personal encounter with Christ."

In offering his thanks and congratulations to the eleven honorees, the Bishop said it is clear that each award recipient has a love for Christ and His Church.

It is also obvious, he added, that they realize that people need the person of Jesus Christ, not just the message.

"Because of you, a lot more people know what God looks like and that is good news worth celebrating," concluded Bishop Mark.

The 2014 Prince Gallitzin Cross awardees are:

- Callista Baer - Saint Mary Parish, Orbisonia
- Dick and Marie Boland - Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs

- Barbara Ferazzi - Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson

- Michael and Debra Kelleher - Sacred Heart Parish, Altoona

- Angela Lavelle - Saint Joseph Parish, Renovo

- David Madden - Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg

- Margaret Moschella - Saint Mark Parish, Altoona

- Mary Clare Piatak - Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Johnstown

- Leo "Butch" Winkler - Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

All of the recipients were chosen because of their outstanding service on the parish and/or Diocesan level, said Tony DeGol, Bishop's Secretary for Communications and Master of Ceremonies for the Prince Gallitzin Cross Awards Banquet.

DeGol read a narrative about each honoree highlighting the many ministries in which he or she is engaged.

He then invited each awardee to come forward and receive his or her cross from Bishop Mark, along with a certificate.

Hanging from a bright yellow ribbon, the enameled cross is based upon an element of the Gallitzin family coat of arms.

All recipients of the cross are asked to wear it at any parish or Diocesan function at which the Bishop is present.

In his opening remarks, DeGol acknowledged the presence of Bishop - Emeritus Joseph V. Adamec, who founded the award in 1990.

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Community

Serra Officers Installed

Johnstown: The Serra Club of Cambria County celebrated Charter Night, the 48th anniversary of its inception in this area. The evening began with Mass at Resurrection Church celebrated by Father, Angelo Patti, chaplain. Concelebrating were Father Alan Thomas, pastor of Resurrection Parish; Father Barry Baroni, pastor of Visitation Parish; and Father Matthew Reese, diocesan director of vocations. Altar servers were seminarians Peter Crowe and Michael Pleva.

After Mass, the 2014 - 2015 officers were installed: president - Joanne Johnson, vice - president for programs - Frances Yetsko, vice - president for membership - Patricia Balagusz, vice - president for vocations - Louise Fisher; secretary - Patricia Falcone. Trustees installed were Mary Beyer, Richard Blaschak and Jean Hammer.

The Cambria County Serra Club meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Surf n' Turf Restaurant in Johnstown.

Family Life

Mass For Married Couples

Loretto: An outdoor Mass honoring married couples will be celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak Sunday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies. Participants should bring a lawn chair.

In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

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SAINT ANDREW: Celebrating Confirmation at Saint Andrew Parish, Johnstown, were (left to right) First row: Tracy Yoder (catechist), Mark Smith, Drake Dorian, Maria Rhine, Nicolas Constantino, Alexis Albert, Kathleen O'Reilly, Maureen Clark (director of religious education). Second row: Bill Blum (catechist), Baylee Bortz, Amanda Slezak, Chloe McIntosh, Brandie Hartwiger, Nate Thompson. Third row: Joe Hunt, Noah Gordon, John Williams, Jacob Wassil, and Father Angelo Patti (pastor).



HOLY ROSARY: Holy Rosary Parish in Juniata, Altoona, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4 and Confirmation on Thursday, June 5. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Jason Lord, Blake Nicolini, Alyssa Franks, Bailey Nicolini. Second row: Clarence Bueno, Joshua Bueno, Gracie Gioiosa, Jaidyn Palladini. Third row: Monsignor Michael Servinsky (pastor). Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Cassie Nicolini, Rachael Pleva, Madison Ferguson. Second row: Chad Luensmann, Monsignor Servinsky and Brett Fabbri.



BELLEFONTE GRADUATES: Graduating high school seniors were honored at a Mass for their intention and breakfast following on Sunday, June 1 at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bellefonte. They were presented with certificates and religious medals. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Taylor Sinclair, Aleah Wolfe, Madison Stewart, Haley Sinclair, Paige Pruss, Shelby Watson, Stephen Forstmeier. Second row: Deacon Tom Boldin, Nate Cleaver, Father George Jacopac (pastor), Quin Koleno, Carmen Barkley and Christian Hopple.

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In The Alleghenies



SAINT ROSE OF LIMA: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona (top photo) were (left to right) First row: Susan Pohl (teacher), Madelyn Riley, Lauren Unangst, Maria Stiver, Julia Kline, Finley Steinbugl, Karleigh Mirenda, Emily Berkheimer, Kaylee Ratay, Irelynd Anthony, Corey Crow (teacher). Second row: Mary Eiman (aide), Maren Steinbugl (server), Connor Adams, Joshua Adams, Nicholas Pruznak, Aiden Pazcoquin, Michael Brown, Samuel Kessinger, Ryan Bettwy, Devon Housum, Lucas Steinbugl (server), Bernice Schoenfelt (director of religious education). Third row: Deacon James Wommer, Emma Irwin (server), Father Brian Saylor (pastor), Connor Matosziuk, Alexander Lieb, Chase Kissell, Brianna Dawson, Hannah Patterson, Kaylee Harpster, Isabella Frank, Kylie Pacovsky (server), Father Carl Spishak. Fourth row: Mason Stiver, William Himmelwright, Tyson Rehm, Joshua Corso, Donavin Johnson, Christian Tibbott and Samuel Bettwy. Celebrating Confirmation (bottom photo) were (left to right) First row: Alyssa Trybus, Alexandra Miller, Hannah Hughes, Meghan McCall, Karlee Fink, Julia Paule, Kaitlyn Zelnosky, Amanda Irwin. Second row: Deacon Woomer, Dante DiAndrea, Nicole Donnelly, Nicole Watt, Maya Irwin, Rylee Adams, Joseph Dombrowski, Bernice Schoenfelt. Third row: Father Saylor, Thomas Keating, Cordell Conner, Colin Berkheimer, Michael Fox, Matthew Gormley and Father Spishak.



SAINT THERESE, ALTOONA: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Altoona, on Sunday, May 4 were (left to right) First row: Brennen Freiwald, Cadence Carruthers, Elina Casanave, Emma McCloskey, Owen McCarville. Second row: Mia Noel, Michaela Eppers, Jacob Mercer, Evan Rimbeck, Macyn Behe, Jillian Hrzic. Third row: Mary Beth Schmidhamer (director of religious education), Lily Adams, Father D. Timothy Grimme (pastor) and Sara Adams (catechist).



TRANSFIGURATION: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Transfiguration Parish, Conemaugh, were (left to right) First row: Savannah Stackhouse, Amelia Calpin. Second row: Diane Rosenbaum, Father Robert Hall (pastor) and Louise Brezovic.



SAINT STEPHEN: Saint Stephen Parish, McConnellsburg, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 11. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Charlotte Stoner, Ethan Stoltzfus, Imagine Jansen. Second row: Father Joseph Nale (pastor).



OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Altoona, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, June 5. The Confirmandi were Jonathan Carper (left) and Dominic Scalice (right).

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Point Of View

As I sat in the pew Sunday morning next to my sister waiting for Mass to start, my prayerful and peaceful state of mind suddenly collapsed when I heard an anguish uttering of words coming from her mouth "I am going to kill him!" As my sister's voice penetrated my prayerful state I instantly stared at her. Her eyes darted toward me as she gasped, "Just look at him, he knows better than to wear sneakers to serve. He's dead when we get home....." (Expression of words are not to be taken literally.)

As I set my eyes towards the group of altar servers, I felt a surge of laughter welling up inside. There he was, my teenage nephew, wearing bright neon orange and black athletic shoes, untied, with the tongue inserts flapping onto the floor. Definitely not appropriate church attire I agree, but there was something about my sister and her embarrassed cry of distress which sent me into a quiet, whole pew shaking, laughing fit.

As a mother of six children, I can only imagine what life is like in her house on Sunday morning. I am sure just getting this brood up, fed, dressed and out of the house all in one piece for morning Mass is definitely more than her share fair of penance. I know she is not disorganized nor her children irresponsible. Rather, the truth is sometimes life does get crazy and occasionally wearing bright neon orange and black shoes to church, is an appropriate choice, rather than choosing the other alternative of being late or not



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich

A Lesson Learned From Bright Colored Sneakers

going to church at all.

"So what is the point to this story Amy?" you may ask. "Why were you laughing so hard? Don't you know that wearing inappropriate shoes to serve is no laughing matter?" Yes, I know but let me explain . . .

First, I was laughing so hard because truthfully I was thinking, "I am so glad it is your son wearing the funky shoes and not mine" (a sister thing) and the second reason was because I had a joy filled growth spurt of my faith, right there in the pew, never expecting it to be revealed in the disguise of a pair of size 17, obnoxiously colored sneakers.

All laughing aside, there was a time in my life when those sneakers on a server would absolutely drive me crazy! Inappropriate church attire was my pet peeve. If someone came into church not properly dressed, I would willingly spend my worship time climbing up on my judgment seat, rendering a critical verdict. If my kids slipped out of the house, without "church approved" clothing then my worship time would be spent on obsessing what others may think.

There was a time in my life, when playing the part of a good Christian meant allotting a por-

tion of my worship time to monitoring the dress code at Mass and for me this was no laughing matter. But, now with God's grace and timely sense of humor, I can honestly say what people wear to Mass no longer bothers me, in fact, I barely even notice. It's not that I don't believe we should wear appropriate clothing when attending Mass, I do get that! But, I also get the fact that being fully present, aware of the awesome mystery unfolding before me, is so overwhelmingly beautiful and captivating that nothing, and I mean nothing, can take my heart and mind off of worshipping God. During Mass God's glory overwhelms me, His forgiveness envelopes me and the honor and privilege to sit in His temple humbles me. Instead of being a member of the fashion police, I am finally learning how to be fully present at Mass. Yes, it took some time, but I am slowly growing in my journey of faith, one (funny and not so funny) growth spurt at a time. By the way, my nephew is a wonderful young man, one of the gentlest souls I know and a very reverential altar server. I am very proud of him for his willingness to serve on the altar of God bright colored sneakers and all!!!!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
Thank You, Sisters!
Thank You, Sister Mark!

Fran Logrando, my secretary, has often suggested that our Catholic school teachers should be encouraged to make **The Catholic Register** a regular part of their classroom curriculum. Having heard that idea so often, I was amused to find, in Father James Coveney's book **The Belles Of Saint Mary's**, this quote from the December 11, 1945 issue of **Skoolbuzz**, the newspaper of Saint Mary's School in Altoona:

"In order to arouse additional interest in the **Register**, Sister Miriam conducts a **Register** Quiz in the 8th grade every Tuesday. The result of the first quiz was not too gratifying, but interest and enthusiasm is growing weekly."

Let it be noted that Sister Miriam, the nun who so valued our diocesan newspaper and saw its value as a teaching tool, was a member of the Sisters of Saint Agnes, the order of teaching Sisters who served at Saint Mary's for over 100 years. With their Motherhouse in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, the Sisters of Saint Agnes were primarily located in the Midwest, but had reached as far East as New York state, and maintained two thriving missions in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown; Saint Mary's in Altoona and Saint Mary's in Nanty Glo. It has been over 20 years since the Sisters withdrew from Altoona, and their presence in Nanty Glo was withdrawn last summer. But the memory of these stalwart Sisters lingers in both parishes, and their names are held in grateful and affectionate remembrance.

Today, the educational endeavors of the Sisters of Saint Agnes in our Diocese come to a close as Sister Mark Plescher ends her long years of service in the Education Office, where she has served as assistant director of education with a special responsibility for the elementary schools. Sister Mark has trod nobly in the footsteps of all of the Sisters of Saint Agnes who preceded her, and has herself blazed a worthy trail of accomplishment and dedicated service. She is a dedicated woman religious, and she is a consummate, professional educator. Her contributions to the schools of our Diocese are myriad. Her care and concern for the children under her care have gone well beyond the duties set out in her job description. She has served with distinction, and she will be missed.

At one time, religious Sisters could be found in all the Catholic schools - - elementary and secondary - - of our Diocese. Each parish had a convent, many of them housing more than a dozen nuns. In Altoona alone the Sisters of Charity could be found at Cathedral, Saint Leo and Holy Rosary. The Sisters of Mercy were at Our Lady of Lourdes, Saint Mark and Saint Therese. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were found at Sacred Heart and Saint John the Evangelist. Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters (followed by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception) were at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Sisters of Divine Providence, and then the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, served at Saint Rose of Lima. Bernardine Franciscan Sisters (succeeded in turn by the Sisters of Saint Ann and the Carmelite Community of the Word) were located at Saints Peter and Paul, and the Sisters of Saint Agnes held forth atop Dutch Hill, at Saint Mary's. Most of these communities were represented on the faculty of Altoona Catholic High School (later known as Bishop Guilfoyle). Each made an important contribution to the lives of Catholic children. They built a strong foundation upon which the lay teachers who succeeded them have built.

Today you can count on one hand, and have fingers left over, the number of Sisters present in our Diocese's classrooms. They have our gratitude, as do all those who went before them. Sister Mark, a dear friend, is representative of all those countless Sisters who gave so much to so many. We are richer for her presence; we are poorer as we say goodbye.



Bishop's Appointments

The Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak has made the following appointments, effective Tuesday, July 15:

REV. MSGR. STANLEY B. CARSON, V.F., appointed to Pastor of Saint Michael Parish in Hollidaysburg, as well as Dean of the Juniata Deanery.

REVEREND LUBOMIR J. STRECOK, appointed to Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Altoona.

REVEREND GEORGE M. GULASH, appointed Pastor of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Windber, while remaining Pastor of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish in Windber and Sacramental Minister at the University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown.

REVEREND MARTIN A CINGLE, appointed Pastor of Saint Anne Parish in Davidsville and All Saints Parish in Boswell.

REVEREND ROBERT P. REESE, appointed Pastor of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in Ashville and Saint Joan of Arc Parish in Frugality.

REVEREND SEAN K. CODE, appointed Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish in South Fork and Saint Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore.

VERY REV. MARK S. BEGLY, V.F., appointed Administrator of Saint Michael Parish in Johnstown, while remaining Pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Johnstown and Dean of the Johnstown Deanery.

REVEREND JOSEPH C. NALE, appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Dudley, while remaining Pastor of Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg and Saint Mary Parish in Shade Gap.

REVEREND CHINEMERE R.U. ONYEOCHA, appointed Administrator at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Mount Union.

REVEREND MATTHEW B. BAUM, appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown, under the Pastorate of the Reverend David S. Peles.

REVEREND MICHAEL A. WOLFE, appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College, under the Pastorate of the Very Reverend Neil R. Dadey, V.F.

REVEREND ANTHONY J. PETRACCA, appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Johnstown and Saint Michael Parish in Johnstown, under the Pastorate of the Very Reverend Mark S. Begly, V.F. and Chaplain of Conemaugh Memorial Hospital.

REVEREND DEREK FAIRMAN, appointed Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Everett and Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Beans Cove, where he has been serving as Administrator.

REVEREND BERNARD L. WHITE, retiring from Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish Dudley, granted Senior Priest status.

VERY REVEREND CLEMENT G. GARDNER, V.F., retiring from Pastor of Saint Michael Parish in Hollidaysburg and Dean of the Juniata Deanery, granted Senior Priest status.

VERY REVEREND RONALD V. OSINSKI, V.F., appointed Dean of the Altoona Deanery.



Bishop To Move To Altoona Cathedral Rectory; Hollidaysburg Residence To Be Sold

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has announced that Bishop Mark L. Bartchak plans to reside at the rectory of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The Diocesan finance council and college of consultors have approved the sale of the Bishop's residence in Frankstown Township, Blair County. Proceeds from the sale of the Bishop's residence will be used for pastoral needs in the Diocese, including care for victims in sexual misconduct cases.

Bishop Bartchak's decision to sell the residence and move to the Cathedral rectory has been under consideration for some time. In all of his previous assignments, the Bishop has resided with other priests, and he is looking forward to that arrangement once again. In making this move, Bishop Bartchak is following the example of Pope Francis and other Bishops in Pennsylvania who have chosen to live in community with priests.

It is anticipated that Bishop Bartchak's move will be completed before the end of this summer.

In The Alleghenies



SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS: Mariah Andrew received her First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 18 at Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish, Windber, from Father George Gulash, pastor.

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Singers are needed for the choir for the Mass. A rehearsal will be held at 5:30 p.m., preceding the Mass.

Persons interested in singing are asked to contact Kevin Luke at (814) 944 - 2044 or

kluke@dioceseaj.org, by July 17.

Families coming to the Mass are encouraged to come early and enjoy a picnic together on the extensive grounds surrounding the Basilica and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies.

Prayer

'FIRE' Rally

Altoona: A "FIRE Rally," a "Catholic Summer Revival," will be held the four Mondays in July, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Monday, July 7, Bob and Marci Sutton will be speaking on "Faith". July 14th's talk will be "Intercession" by Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Bob Hilz. July 21 will feature be Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Jonathan St. Andre speaking on "Repentance" and on July 28 Monsignor Robert

Mazur's talk will be on "Evangelization".

Praise and Worship will precede all presentations. Everyone is welcome for all or any of the sessions. No registration is required and all ages are welcome. Fellowship and refreshments will follow each evening of prayer.

The FIRE Rally is being presented by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group.

Merton Retreat, Seminar

Cresson: Mount Aloysius College's Ecumenical Studies Center presents six days of consideration and exploration into the life and work of one of America's most well-known Christian, spiritual teachers - the Trappist Monk, Thomas Merton. Presenter for the event will be Dr. Bonnie Bowman Thurston. The events include two offerings - a three-day retreat (July 13 - 15), and a three day seminar (July 13 - 18) both held on the Mount Aloysius College campus.

The retreat begins with registration on Sunday, July 13 from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and will conclude on Tuesday, July 15. This will be a quiet retreat emphasizing silence and solitude. Morning and evening talks include: "Merton Invites us into Days of Contemplation"; "Merton on Solitude," "Merton on Silence," and "Creative Consent - Say Yes."

The three - day Merton Seminar begins on Wednesday, July 16 and concludes on Friday, July 18.

The opening session will be held at 3:00 p.m. with an Introductory Session entitled, "Merton - Life and Letters." At 7:00 p.m., the film, "Life of Merton" will be shown.

On Thursday Morning, July 17 the day begins with "Merton: Autobiography" at 9:00 a.m. At 3:00 p.m. a session on "Merton: Essays & Epistles" will begin. On Thursday evening a Question and Answer Session will begin at 7:00 p.m.

"The Contemplative Vision of Merton's Poetry," is the final session of the weeklong exploration into the life of Thomas Merton. Both events will include



SEVEN DOLORS: Molly Cessna (left) and Mary Eichelman were honored at a parish celebration at Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Beans Cove on Sunday, May 18. The two were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church at Easter, and led the parish May Crowning celebration on the day of their party.



SAINT KATERI: Rachel Hodgson, Daniel Kozar, David Rodriguez and Allison Schuster of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Spring Mills, were confirmed on Friday, April 25. They are shown with Father George Jakopac (pastor, left) and Father John Gibbons (parochial vicar, right).

daily breakfast served from 8:00 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon and Dinner at 5:30 p.m. The fee for attending both events is \$350.00. The Retreat and Seminar fees are \$200.00 if attended separately.

Anyone wishing to participate, or needing additional information about the Mount Aloysius Ecumenical Studies Seminar on Thomas Merton should contact Sister Helen Marie Burns at (814)886-6510 or email her at hburns@mtaloy.edu. Registration is available on-line at www.mtaloy.edu/mis-sion-heritage.

Saint Ann Novena

Ebensburg: The Sisters of Saint Ann announce their annual novena in honor of their patroness, Saint Ann, beginning Friday, July 18, and concluding Saturday, July 26, the feast of Saints Ann and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass and novena devotions will be celebrated every evening at 7:00 p.m. at the outdoor shrine on the grounds of Mount Saint Ann, 1120 North Center Street.

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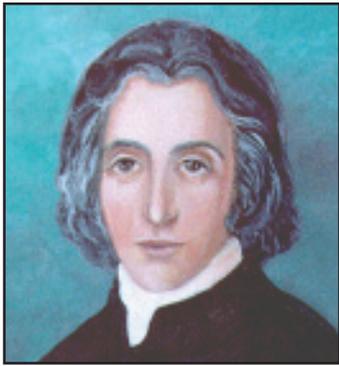
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1770 - 1840

Top Ten Most Interesting Canonized Popes

By Emily Antenucci
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- From St. Peter to Pope Francis, there have been 266 popes; 78 of them are recognized as saints, and that number jumped to 80 after the April 27 canonizations

of Saints John XXIII and John Paul II.

The earliest popes were martyred for their faith, which the Catholic Church takes as a clear sign of holiness. Once the persecution of the church ended, the clusters of pope's names with the title "saint" before them got thinner.

Over the past 701 years, and

as of April 27, only four popes will have been declared saints.

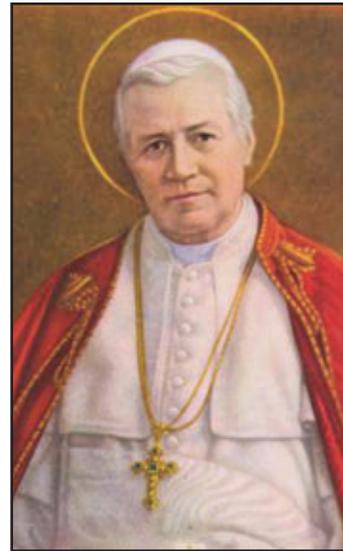
Here's a quick look at some of the top 10 most interesting of the earliest popes who are saints:

1. St. Peter, who was first named Simon, was the first to refer to Jesus as Christ, the Son of the living God. His special stature in the Gospels to "feed the sheep" of Christ helped form his mission to proclaim, protect and nourish the faith. He is also considered the first pope. Early tradition says he was crucified at the foot of Vatican Hill in the mid-60s during the reign of Emperor Nero, martyred because of his Christian faith and preaching. His tomb is believed to have been found under St. Peter's Basilica.

2. St. Soter was Bishop of Rome from around 167 A.D. to his death about seven years later. It's believed St. Soter formally introduced the annual celebration of Easter in Rome.

3. St. Fabian was pope 236-250. He is famous for the miraculous nature of his election, in which a dove is said to have descended on his head to mark him as the Holy Spirit's unexpected choice to become the next pope.

4. St. Damasus was born in Rome and served as pope 366-384. His papacy coincided with the establishment of Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire in 380, and he was a staunch advocate of the primacy of the bishop of Rome as being the direct successor of Peter. He is said to have established Latin as the standard liturgical language in Rome.



POPE
SAINT PIUS X

5. St. Leo the Great was born with the name Leo, which he kept as pope. Serving as pope 440-461, he was the first pope to be called "the great" and is a doctor of the church. He confirmed the church's position on the incarnation of Christ -- that Christ was both divine and human. He is best known for having met Attila the Hun in 452 and persuading him to turn back from his invasion of Italy.

6. St. Gregory the Great was pope 590-604 and was the second pope to be referred to as "the Great," after Leo. He was related to two popes, and his mother and two aunts were also canonized, leading him to be considered "a saint among saints." He had been a monk and did not want to serve as pope upon his election. He often lamented his new duties as pontiff as having to "bear with secular business" and no longer being part of the peaceful and contemplative life of the monastery. Nonetheless, he put great emphasis on simplicity and charity and donated food to Rome's poor as well as invited poor people to eat with him each day.

7. St. Nicholas I the Great was pope 858-867. He was the third and last pope to receive the title of "great." He worked to strengthen papal authority and denied anyone had the right to depose a bishop without papal authority. He staunchly upheld marriage laws and urged bishops of their duty to excommunicate

a royal Catholic who left her spouse for another. He did support freedom to marry and did not endorse some bishops when they excommunicated another royal for marrying without her father's consent.

8. St. Gregory VII was pope 1073-1085. He enacted many reforms such as reversing centuries of civil control over church affairs and giving the pope of Rome full sovereignty over all church affairs in the West. He promoted a more saintly episcopacy and priesthood and fought against simony, the buying and selling of church office. He introduced the legislation that locked in the observance of celibacy, despite frequent debates over the issue. He decreed the Roman rite for all of Europe and established Nov. 1 as All Saints' Day. He lifted the excommunication of Emperor Henry IV in 1077 after the emperor did public penance of walking barefoot in the snow.

9. St. Celestine V was a Benedictine monk and hermit who resigned from the papacy just a few months after his election in 1294 because he wanted to return to his humble monastic life. He issued a papal bull articulating the ability of a pope to resign and establishing rules for an abdication. Pope Benedict XVI, the next pope in history who would voluntarily resign in 2013, placed the pallium he received when he was elected in 2005 on the saint's tomb in L'Aquila, Italy, in 2009 and left it there as a gift.

10. St. Pius X was elected pope in 1903 and served until his death in 1914. He promoted greater piety among the faithful, encouraged the frequent reception of the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist, and insisted on proper decorum during the celebration of the Mass. He highlighted the beauty and appropriateness of Gregorian chant, cautioned against using popular musical styles and encouraged efforts to ensure that the faithful could participate actively in the Mass by singing. He reorganized the Roman Curia and established a congregation of cardinals to codify Canon Law. He embraced scientific inquiry and designed sundials.

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).

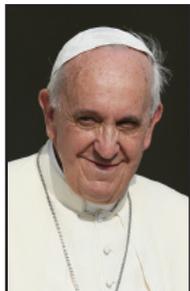
May Christ's saving work continue to the end of the ages, and may we feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature. We pray this, as did your priest Demetrius Gallitzin, through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

Focus On Prayer, The Poor And Peace

ROME (CNS) -- In a historic square in the center of Rome, Pope Francis urged Catholics to gather strength in prayer and then set out for the margins of society, bringing the Gospel and material aid to the poor, the elderly, the young and the excluded.

"Prayer saves the anonymous city dweller from a temptation that we, too, face: activism that believes everything revolves around us, indifference or self-pity," he said June 15 during an evening visit with members of the Rome-based Community of Sant'Egidio.

The community, founded in Rome's Trastevere neighborhood and now active in 73 countries, combines prayer, Bible-reading and service to the poor, including through interreligious dialogue and peacemaking.

In the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, where community members and others gather each night for evening prayer, Pope Francis listened to the stories of a 90-year-old woman who visits the elderly in nursing homes, a Syrian Orthodox bishop pleading for peace in his country, a refugee from Afghanistan, a Gypsy man and others talk about the friendship and assistance they received from community members.

Pope Francis told the community members that their gatherings in the center of Rome are not and cannot be a way to forget the suffering communities on the outskirts of the city. "Listen to and welcome the Gospel of love here in order to go out and meet your brothers and sisters on the margins of the city and the world," he said.

Pope Francis said it is "a horrible sign" of a lack of civility when a society or culture allows the elderly to live in isolation and even die alone, but that is exactly what happens when money is an idol and profits are the only focus of the global economy.

"Anything that does not produce is thrown away," the pope said. Birthrates drop and the aged are ignored to the point that they are subjected to a "hidden euthanasia."

Looking specifically at Europe, Pope Francis said the focus on money alone -- and the declining birthrates it brings -- means not only is the continent aging, but "Europe is tired. We must help it rejuvenate," including through welcoming immigrants and helping them begin new lives.

The pope also praised Sant'Egidio's work in interreligious dialogue and in mediating peace talks in several countries, particularly in Africa.

"In several countries suffering from war, you try to keep alive hopes for peace," he said. "Working for peace doesn't give rapid results, but is an activity for patient craftspeople, who look for what unites."

"More prayer and more dialogue are necessary," the pope said. "The world suffocates without dialogue."

"Follow this path: prayer, the poor and peace," he told community members. "Walking this path you will increase compassion in the heart of society -- that is the real revolution, the revolution of compassion and tenderness -- to make friendship grow in the place of the phantoms of enmity and indifference."



ONE MORE TIME: In the summer of 1966, the new Bishop of Altoona - Johnstown, Bishop James J. Hogan, paid his first visit to Camp Cathedral, and received souvenirs from campers and staff.

A friend of mine is a church secretary. Her duties include greeting those who come to the parish seeking financial assistance. The poor rightly think of a church as a place to find help, and her parish has seen its share of supplicants.

One afternoon, a lady on crutches appeared. I don't remember the exact nature of her plea, but everything, she said, was exacerbated by the unwieldy crutches she'd been forced to use for a seemingly painful leg problem.

The church doesn't usually hand out money, the secretary explained, but in coordination with other churches and agencies, they could refer her to food pantries, help with groceries or contribute directly to a utility company or a landlord. Not pleased with this response, the lady on crutches took a form to fill out and hobbled laboriously out the door.

I'm not sure what made my friend stand up from her desk that day and stretch to peer out the high window that looked out on the parking lot. But there, she saw the woman swing the crutches energetically over her shoulder and saunter quickly to her car.

Funny? Yes, but disconcerting as well, because one person's attempt to scam the system



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola

It's Hard To Give, Without Expecting A Reward

threatens to color our view of charity. We want our money to go to the deserving.

With that in mind, I read St. Ignatius of Loyola's famous prayer on generosity. One translation of the prayer reads, "To labor and not to seek reward." I think this is a challenging prayer for all of us who try to do good.

Are there any guarantees that the gifts I offer will change the world? Forget it. That's not why we give. We give because everything we have has been given to us by a gracious God, and we want to share it.

We can't always ensure that our money or time will accomplish our purpose, but we give freely anyway. We don't give to "seek reward," whether that reward is self-satisfaction or a big "thank you."

I recently reread a book by Jesuit Father Gary Smith called **Street Journal: Finding God In The Homeless**. Although slightly dated, the book is timeless. Father Smith was the di-

rector of a street drop-in center in Tacoma, Washington, for six years. The hopelessness, substance abuse and suffering he recounts cut through the book like a jagged sore.

The violence, mental illness and despair of the streets made their way into his center. How could he do it for all those years? Where were the "rewards"?

No doubt he helped many but not always with the standard success stories. Often, he simply stood with the dying, the desperate, the addicted, and let them know that they were loved despite their failures.

Undoubtedly, he ran into many people carrying crutches that they didn't need and many who carried crosses they couldn't bear. But he was there for all of them, modeling how to labor without seeking reward.

It's the challenge of our Christian calling, not to see the results that reward us but to give freely and let God take over.



Question Corner

**By Father Kenneth Doyle
Finding A Priest
For A Wedding**

Q. My fiance and I are planning to get married just three months from now. We were thrilled when our venue recommended a priest as our officiant, as it was very important to my fiance's mother that our marriage be recognized by the church.

But a few days ago, his mother Googled that priest's name and found articles reporting that he had been removed from ministry by the church because he is gay. The faith community where he currently ministers welcomes people of many Christian religions, but the Catholic Church would not consider his marriage ceremony a valid one.

To make things worse, my fiance's mother has told us that she will not acknowledge our marriage or attend the ceremony unless it is a sacrament.

I am devastated by her lack of support. Our intention was certainly to have our marriage be valid in the church's eyes. Do you have any suggestions or can you recommend any priests who

would be able to officiate? (Central Pennsylvania)

A. Your letter prompts several thoughts on my part, widely scattered. First, I am continually surprised by the growing number of couples for whom the "venue" (i.e. the place of the reception) is the primary focus -- and sometimes the exclusive concern -- when planning their wedding.

My view is that a wedding ceremony is above all else a spiritual event: You believe that God had a hand in bringing you together, you want to tell the Lord that you are grateful and ask him to bless your marriage, and you are inviting your friends to pray with you and for you.

So it disappoints me when -- over and over, lately -- I find couples selecting the reception hall first and then "backing into" a church that might be nearby and a priest who might happen to be available.

Next, I'm not sure that I agree with your future mother-

in-law's stance in not attending the wedding. Having made clear her preference and her principles, perhaps the better course in a situation like this might be to attend the wedding. It would keep the lines of communication open, with the hope that her son might decide to have the marriage blessed by the church at some future date.

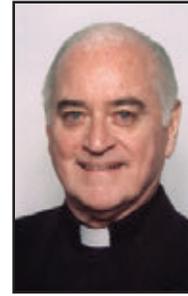
Finally, having felt compelled to unload all of that on you, let me see what can I do to help. I appreciate and admire the fact that you and your fiance want to "rescue" the situation and have your marriage recognized by the church, not simply because you want to keep peace in the family, but because you would like to remain eligible to receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

I suggest that you call the Catholic diocese in which the wedding will take place and ask whether they have any suggestions, perhaps the name of a retired priest who might be available for the wedding. One possible complication, I need to point out, is that many dioceses do not normally give permission for a marriage ceremony outside of a church setting.

There are exceptions: I have done several weddings, for example, in "neutral" settings when a Catholic was marrying a Jew and the Jewish family would have felt uncomfortable in the presence of Christian symbols.

Perhaps there is a nearby Catholic church where, in advance of the date you have chosen, you and your fiance could be married by a priest by a quiet and simple exchange of vows; then you could do the "party part" at your chosen destination, and the priest might be willing to say a prayer of blessing as the meal begins.

Or, if you explain honestly to your diocese that the wedding has long been planned and that you hadn't realized the complexities of having the church recognize the marriage but want very much to be married in the eyes of the church, the diocese might decide to give permission for a priest to do the wedding ceremony at the site you already have selected.



Spirituality For Today

**By Stephen Kent
An Exercise In God's Love
That Can Help Many**

In my 54 years as a priest, I have been privileged to give hundreds of retreats. My favorite groups were recovering alcoholics and drug addicts.

I was once the director of a drug and alcoholic rehabilitation facility, Eva's Village, in Paterson, New Jersey. It was there that I taught the theory behind the 12-step program.

Many of those in recovery had multiple addictions. Nearly all had great difficulty forgiving themselves.

At the opening of each retreat, I would have the group sit in a big circle as I asked each of them the question, "What do you hope to get out of this retreat?"

Their answers ranged from "I hope to be more comfortable with myself" or "I want to learn how to recharge my batteries and get my confidence back." I also heard, "I need to be more hopeful and less negative" and "I want to find a more positive spirituality ... I want to find God's will for me."

I announced the theme of one particular weekend, "The Joy of Being Alive," adding the subtitle, "It isn't enough to be clean and sober. God is calling you to a higher level of sobriety. He wants you to be happy."

In other words, the reason you are working so hard to be clean and sober is precisely that you may have a more joy-filled life. To attain this goal, I explained the importance of forgiving yourself. That cannot be overstated. The joy of being alive requires humility, forgiveness and great trust in the power of God.

I always told people at these retreats to concentrate on the third step: "Turn your life and your will over to the God of your understanding." This implies that you admit you are powerless and that you believe the God of your understanding will begin to do for you what you have not been able to do for yourself. Let go, and let God.

Miracles happen, and millions have been healed by faith. Some alcoholics think that sobriety is the only goal, and heroically, they manage to stay clean. However, there are many in recovery who remain "dry drunks," as some call them. They may be technically sober, but their joylessness makes the lives of everyone around them miserable.

I reminded the group our goal is even higher than sobriety, and to think about the following quote, "The greatest honor you can give to almighty God is to live joyfully because of the knowledge of his love." The ultimate goal is to honor God by showing him your gratitude and joy. St. Paul said, "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thes 5:16).

I closed the first evening with an exercise to help them experience God's healing love. It's one that can help anyone and it goes like this: Sit still, relax, and make yourself comfortable. Close your eyes, and listen to your breathing. Now imagine that you are in the presence of a beautiful tabernacle containing the real presence of God.

Imagine a cloud of light that glows around the tabernacle like a mist. Imagine the cloud expanding and coming closer to you. Soon it permeates and pervades your whole being. In the Lord, you live and breathe. A healing is taking place deeply within. You are being forgiven from all of your sins. Sit quietly. His infinite love is now enfolding you. Be grateful. Enjoy the bliss of God's healing love.

Anthony Mary
Zaccaria
1502 - 1539
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Trained as a medical doctor in northern Italy, Anthony also was drawn to teaching religion to the poor. He decided to switch vocations and was ordained a priest in 1528. In 1530 he and two Milanese noblemen founded an order of reforming priests, the Clerics Regular of St. Paul, more commonly known as Barnabites, after their first headquarters at the Church of St. Barnabas in Milan. Despite church opposition, the order won praise for its care of plague victims, and was formally approved by the pope in 1533. Anthony was elected the first provost general but resigned to open a second house in Vicenza. He fell gravely ill while giving a parish mission and died at his mother's home. He was canonized in 1897.

Outdoor Masses At Shrine

**Photo And Text
By Tony DeGol**

Outdoor Masses are once again being celebrated at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto.

Father Matthew Reese, Diocesan Director of Vocations, celebrates a Liturgy every Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine next to the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

The faithful are asked to bring their own lawn chair, and in the event of inclement weather,

Mass is celebrated inside the Basilica.

The Liturgy is sponsored by the Office of Vocations, with the prayer intention being for an increase in vocations – especially vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

“It is important for us to pray for these vocations because it is Diocesan priests who mainly staff the parishes, who are our pastors, parochial vicars, and who work in our schools,” Father Reese said.

“Right now in our Diocese, we only have three seminarians preparing for Priesthood, and we

definitely need more help as the coming years will show us that as more priests age and retire, we have less and less to help fill their shoes and be our pastors and staff our parishes.”

About 300-400 individuals usually attend the outdoor Mass each week.

Although Father Reese is the regular celebrant, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will celebrate three upcoming outdoor Sunday Masses: a July 13 Mass as part of a Day of Discernment (see story on page 11); a Liturgy on July 27 honoring married couples; and a Mass for students entering or returning to college on August 10.



OUTDOOR MASS: Father Matthew Reese, diocesan director of vocations, celebrates Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, June 15. Outdoor Masses are celebrated at the Shrine every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. The Mass intention is for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.



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QUEEN OF ARCHANGELS: Queen Of Archangels Parish in Clarence and Dudley, celebrated Confirmation on Friday, April 25. Confirmed were Mackenzie Basalla, Sarah Blaylock, Madeline Cingle, Abigail Gunsallus, Emily Koleno and Marissa Tobias. Father Mark Reid is pastor.

Gallitzin Cross

(Continued From Page 1.)

“This awards banquet is just one of the shining examples of Bishop Joseph’s legacy,” DeGol said. “As we mark the 25th anniversary of the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award, it is appropriate for us to once again salute Bishop Joseph and thank him for his visionary leadership.”

It was Bishop Joseph who initiated the Cause for Canonization for Father Gallitzin many

years ago - - a Cause which Bishop Mark has embraced.

Last fall, the Diocesan phase of the Cause concluded with a Mass at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto.

After the Mass, boxes containing thousands of pages of documents were sent to the Vatican for the Roman phase of the Cause, which began in late January.

It is a process that will continue to take time, Bishop Mark mentioned at the banquet.

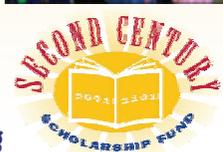
“I’m optimistic that Father Gallitzin will be officially recognized as a saint,” he added.

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Men Considering Priesthood Invited To Day Of Discernment

By Tony DeGol



MOST HOLY TRINITY, HUNTINGDON: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Most Holy Trinity Parish, Huntingdon, were (left to right) First row: Olivia Weidel, Tyler Long, Vivyan Gemlinski, Madelyn Hopsicker, Patrick Cunningham, Mary Kate Sellers, Alissa Sentman, Nathan McAleer, Rachel Goodman. Second row: Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Katherine O'Neil, Father David Arseneault (pastor), Denise Gushall and Elaine Porter.



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI: First Holy Communion was celebrated by Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown, on Sunday, May 4. Taking part were (left to right) First row: Brandon Fisher, Vincent Devico, Jonah Weaver, Piera Britt, Alex Deskevich, Gabriel Lambert, Charles Smith, Charles Glacken, Vanessa Migut. Second row: Cecilia Neiderer (catechist), Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka (pastor) and Alice Havers (catechist).



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson, on Sunday, May 4 were (left to right) First row: Lily Maxwell, Alexander Cherico, Braiden Novak, Emilee Storm, Ethan Amsdell, Matthew Adams, Leonard Spahr, Isabelle Anderson. Second row: Father Leo Arnone (pastor), Tracey Ingold (director of religious education), Ashlyn Sumner, Mackenzie Scott, Luke Repko, Luke Mullen, Lydia Riggelman, Rocco Dzurko, Jan Rickens (catechist) and Emily Jaap (teacher's aide).



Photo By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein

SACRED HEART: A stained glass window depicting the Sacred Heart of Jesus will provide an appropriate background for prayer for men attending a Day of Discernment for those considering a vocation to the priesthood on Sunday, July 13, at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto.

Sometimes in life, one must take a leap of faith.

For men who may be considering God's call to the priesthood, that first small leap could be on Sunday, July 13.

On that afternoon, the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown Office of Vocations will host a Day of Discernment for men who want to explore a life of priestly service.

The gathering will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto.

Guests will have the opportunity to meet Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, vocations director Father Matthew Reese, and the diocesan seminarians.

"The men will have a chance to talk with the Bishop and pray before the Blessed Sacrament," Father Reese said. "A seminarian will also share a little about his calling and how he came to discern that Priesthood may be what God is calling him to do."

Father Reese said hearing a seminarian talk about his journey may be helpful to others because they may find similarities in their stories.

It is also good for men considering a vocation to know they are not alone and meet other men pondering the same path.

"All of them together will be trying to figure out how to hear the voice of God and what to do when they hear God calling," Father Reese added.

Seminarian Michael Pleva, who just completed his first year of formation at Saint Mark Seminary in Erie, hopes that men thinking about the Priesthood will take advantage of this opportunity.

"I always say 'don't be afraid' because you have peo-

ple to encourage you no matter what," said Pleva, a member of Holy Rosary Parish in Altoona. "It's a leap of faith like anything we do. If you're willing to take that step, then God will provide and nothing can trump that."

A meal will also be provided for all attendees.

Men interested in joining the Day of Discernment are asked to contact Father Reese at (814) 472-5441 or vocations@dioceseaj.org.

The gathering will conclude with the celebration of the weekly outdoor Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies, next to the Basilica.

The Mass intention will be for an increase in Priestly vocations in our Diocese.

Priests are invited to celebrate, and the faithful are encouraged to attend the Liturgy.

Pope Says Support Missions And Enter 'Flood Of Joy' Of Sharing God's Love

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Engaging in or supporting missionary activity allows Christians to enter the "flood of joy" that comes from experiencing God's love and sharing it with others, Pope Francis said.

"The Lord's disciples persevere in joy when they sense his presence, do his will and share with others their faith, hope and evangelical charity," the pope said in his message for World Mission Sunday, which will be celebrated Oct. 19.

In the message, released at

the Vatican June 14, Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel story of Jesus sending out 72 disciples, two by two, to proclaim the kingdom of God was near.

"The disciples returned full of joy," the pope said, pointing to Luke 10:17.

The disciples, he said, were "excited about their power to set people free from demons. But Jesus cautioned them to rejoice not so much for the power they had received, but for the love they had received."

"The disciples were given an experience of God's love, but also the possibility of sharing that love," Pope Francis said.

In Jesus' day, as in our own, he said, some people cannot accept that love or experience the joy of sharing it with others because they are "too full of themselves" or "claim to know everything already."

The "little ones" of the Gospel, the people who recognize the gift of God's love and share it with others, the pope said, are "the humble, the simple, the poor, the marginalized, those without voice, those weary and burdened, whom Jesus pronounced 'blessed.'"

God's love and promise of salvation in Jesus Christ is the key to eternal happiness, but also the answer to the emptiness and fear that come from a life focused on attaining power and material wealth, Pope Francis wrote.

Christ's disciples are "those who allow themselves to be seized ever more by the love of Jesus" and are "marked by the fire of passion for the kingdom of God and the proclamation of the joy of the Gospel," he said.

Pope Francis said the lack of vocations to the priesthood,



MISSION VISITOR: Brother Francklin Armand (second from right) founder of the Little Brothers of the Incarnation of Pnissou Haiti, recently visited Bishop Mark L. Bartchak along with Little Sister Caroline of the Little Sisters of Jesus, and Monsignor Arnold Gaus (right), senior priest of the Diocese and founder of Kindred Journey, a missionary effort that supports Brother Francklin's community and other projects in Haiti. In a message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis said we enter "the flood of joy" of sharing God's love, when we support the missions.

religious life or to lay missionary activity in many parts of the world often can be traced to "the absence of apostolic fervor in communities, which lack enthusiasm and thus fail to attract."

"The joy of the Gospel is born of the encounter with Christ and from sharing with the poor," he said. "Wherever there is joy, enthusiasm and a desire to

bring Christ to others, genuine vocations arise."

Supporting the church's missionary activity with one's prayers and with financial offerings, the pope said, are a "sign of a self-offering, first to the Lord and then to others; in this way a material offering can become a means for the evangelization of humanity built on love."

Pope Francis Will Beatify Korean Martyrs

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Korean martyrs who gave their lives for the faith, the young people who will be the leaders of the church across Asia and people with disabilities are the key features of the schedule prepared for Pope Francis when he visits South Korea in mid-August.

Pope Francis had said he would travel to the Asian nation to beatify 124 Korean martyrs and to participate in the sixth Asian Youth Day, a gathering of

about 2,000 delegates from 30 countries.

The martyrs were among an estimated 10,000 Catholics in Korea killed for their faith between 1785 and 1888. Pope Francis will preside over a Mass and their beatification Aug. 16 in Seoul.

The pope will have lunch with young people Aug. 15 and meet a group of Asian youth at the Solmoe shrine built in honor of Korea's first Catholic priest, St. Andrew Kim Taegon, who was martyred in 1946 at the age of 25. He will close the Aug. 13-17 Asian Youth Day with a Mass at Haemi Castle, background of the 1864 Donghak Rebellion.



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OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES: Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, Lilly, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4 and Confirmation on Thursday, May 29. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Justin Offman, Hadden Fleegle, Mason Fleegle, Sean Tomlinson, David Swinger. Second row: Zachary Martynuska, Josie Sawinski, Jessie Skura, Andyn Tremel, Shelley McIntosh (catechist). Third row: Monsignor John Sasway (pastor), Monica Behe, Eli Summerville, Teddi Beck, Chris Wheeler, Lily Poborsky and Sister of the Sacred Heart Theresa Marie Kukla (director of religious education). Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Monsignor Sasway, Deacon Sam Albarano, Jacob Stevens, Samantha Stevens, Devon Selip, Sister Theresa Marie. Second row: Willard Wilkinson and Jacob Hurley.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona, celebrated Confirmation on Wednesday, April 23 and First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4. Pictured at left are (left to right) Father David Rizzo (pastor), Clarisse Spencer, Carly Rickens, James Sposato, Ian Luther and Thomas Bettwy. Pictured at right are (left to right) Father Rizzo, Brodie Dodson, Shannon Hicks, Carmella Figurelle, Alexis Fraundorfer and Cindy Shuma (catechist). Kim DeVecchis is director of religious education.



SAINT MARY, HOLLIDAYSBURG: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg, were (at left, left to right) First row: Ava Taddei, Isabella Pietrolungo, Caleigh McCosar, Ryan Hagg. Second row: Samantha Shoemaker, Conner Owen, Joseph Vu, Jacob Hileman, Macy Link. Third row: Deacon Chuck Ahern, Father Anthony Legarski (pastor) and Cindy Shope (catechist). Not pictured is catechist Monique Williams. Celebrating Confirmation (at right, left to right) were: First row: Jordan Long, Emma Long, Victoria Galanti, Elyse Smilnak. Second row: Olivia Drake, Hannah Nelson, Connie Curfman (director of religious education), Lauren Lehew, Shannon Felix. Third row: Andrew Gotshall, Nathaniel Luther, Justin Harpster, Collin Terchanik, Colton Ruggery, Geoffrey Sosnowski. Fourth row: Jared Barber, John Ciprich, Andrew Rubritz, Colin Schultz, Mark McGarvey. Fifth row: Deacon Chuck Ahern, Terry Curfman (Confirmation team), Father Legarski and Sharon King (Confirmation team.)

Now Showing

Cancer - Themed 'Fault In Our Stars' Suited To Mature Teens

By Kurt Jensen
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Only the cynical would refer to the cancer-themed teen drama "The Fault in Our Stars" (Fox) as a five-hankie romance.

But even that wouldn't be a bad thing in itself. Good cries are cathartic. And true love in the face of untimely death never fails to inspire.

Though sexuality and language put this screen version of John Green's 2012 novel on the adult side of the ledger, it may be acceptable for the most mature adolescents.

Director Josh Boone's lush adaptation -- scripted by Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber -- keeps all the beloved aphorisms found in its source mate-

rial. Yet its overall effect is more clouded and ambiguous.

Still, in Shailene Woodley's performance of heroine Hazel Grace Lancaster, we're presented with one of the most appealingly literate and sensible teen girls to appear on the screen in some time.

Hazel and Augustus "Gus" Waters (Ansel Elgort) meet at a cancer support group in Indianapolis. She has thyroid cancer that's spread to her lungs, making her dependent on a portable oxygen tank. He's in remission from bone cancer, to which he's lost a leg.

Hazel and Augustus quickly bond over her favorite novel, "An Imperial Affliction," the fictionalized story of a cancer patient named Anna.

This being a romance, Gus tracks down the book's author, Amsterdam resident Peter Van



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THE FAULT IN OUR STARS: Ansel Elgort and Shailene Woodley star in a scene from the movie "The Fault in Our Stars." The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Houten (Willem Dafoe), so Hazel can write to him and inquire about Anna's literary fate.

Gus also arranges for a charitable foundation to fly Hazel, her mother, Frannie (Laura Dern), and himself to the Dutch capital to meet Van Houten. The author turns out to be an abusive drunk who refuses to answer Hazel's questions.

At one point, he hisses, "You are a failed experiment in mutation!"

From then on, the film is a rumination on the harsh reality of dying. Religious faith gets only oblique mentions. Gus believes in an afterlife; Hazel is unsure.

Their first kiss, shared in -- of all places -- the attic of the Anne Frank House would seem, on the face of it, like the worst possible example of inappropriate behavior. But here, the two have learned what real misery is. The verbal abuse of a bitter author sinks into insignificance by comparison.

As portrayed by Elgort, Gus comes off as an amiable narcissist. "I intend to live an extraordinary life. To be remembered," he tells Hazel. She replies, "Oblivion's inevitable. If that

scares you, I suggest you ignore it. Because that's what everyone else does."

This plot line reaches its apogee in the "pre-funeral" Gus stages in which Hazel and friend Isaac (Nat Wolff) read eulogies they've composed. The scene also serves as the audience's dividing line.

Those who love the novel will gush appreciatively. Others may be tempted to bellow,

"Life-threatening illness or not, get over yourself!"

The film contains implied premarital sexual activity and fleeting crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

July 6 -- Ronald and Mary Ann Weakland, members of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College and recipients of the 2014 Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award, will discuss their service in prison ministry.

July 13 -- "20 Under 20" honorees Carley Ingold of Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Cresson and Jamey Brumbaugh of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Altoona will share their success stories as young adults in the Diocese.

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May They Rest In Peace



Sister M. Fabiola Bilik C.S.S.F.

Sister Mary Fabiola Bilik, a member of the Felician Sisters in Moon Township for 71 years, died Monday, June 10. She was 91.

A native of Mount Pleasant, Sister Fabiola served as a teacher and principal in the schools of the Dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

She served the Felician Sisters as directress of postulants, director of the second novitiate, facilities manager for the order's Moon Township complex, and as a member of the provincial council for six years.

She served the Diocese of Pittsburgh as a member of the diocesan Commission on Cultural Diversity.

Surviving is a brother, Edward, of Norvelt, and nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass for Sister Mary Fabiola Bilik was celebrated Saturday, June 14, in the chapel of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Convent, Moon Township.

In The Alleghenies

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Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the principal celebrant at the closing Mass of the novena.

Retreat For Ladies

Ebensburg: A retreat for ladies will be conducted at Mount Saint Ann, 1120 North Center Street, August 8 - 10.

Third Order Regular Franciscan Father James Morman, local minister at Saint Francis Friary, Mount Assisi, Loretto, will be the retreat master.

To register, contact the Sisters of Saint Ann at (814) 472 - 9354.



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bedford, were (left to right) First row: Adamyah Gregor, Tristen Ruffley, Cora Siers, Lily Arnold. Second row: Chris Kline (catechist) and Father Donald Dusza (pastor).



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Johnstown, celebrated First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Father Matthew Misurda (pastor), Cameron Beppler, Nancy Sottile (catechist). Second row: Tracy Murin (server), Joan Cammarata (director of religious education) and Melissa Murin (server).



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Immaculate Conception Parish, New Germany, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, April 24. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Melissa Long (Confirmation director), Christine Yakicic, Emma Smith, Rosanne Krug (catechist). Second row: Benedictine Father Myron Kirsch, Travis Templeton, Thomas Smith and David Templeton (Confirmation director).



SAINT DEMETRIUS: First Holy Communion was celebrated Sunday, April 27 by Saint Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin. Taking part were (left to right) First row: Lilly Berardinelli, Lucas McCloskey, Logan Cuomo, John Hughes. Second row: Richard Scholzen, Jelana Bodizar, Patricia Wagner, Blaise Hutsky. Second row: Father Albert Ledoux (pastor) and Michelle Mentzer (catechist).

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Long - Range Plan For Diocese's New Model For Catholic Education Being Readied For Presentation To Bishop

Goal Is To Keep Catholic Education Available, Accessible And Affordable In Four Quadrants Of Diocese

By Tony DeGol

A long - range plan for each of the four new Catholic education quadrants in the Diocese will likely be on the Bishop's desk by October.

Earlier this year, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak announced a new model for Catholic education in the Diocese that involved organizing the 20 elementary schools within four geographic quadrants - - Altoona, Johnstown, Mainline, and State College.

The recommendation came from a committee appointed by the Bishop to study the schools.

The Bishop's overall goal is for Catholic education in Altoona - Johnstown to remain available, accessible, and affordable for families for years to come.

Since the announcement of the new model, committees in each quadrant have met at least once and are working toward

an October goal of presenting a plan to Bishop Mark, said Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, Diocesan Director of Education.

Each quadrant has a facilitator and between one and two dozen committee members, she added, noting that each committee includes at least one pastor, principal, teacher and parent, as well as business/finance professionals.

Joe Merrill, a local business owner, is the overall consultant for the implementation of the new model and the facilitator for the Altoona quadrant.

Businessman Tom Newcomer is the facilitator for the Johnstown quadrant; Renee Phfister, a teacher at Saint Michael School in Loretto, serves as the Mainline quadrant facilitator; and Thomas Mallison, a Director of Product Management, is facilitator for the State College quadrant.

Sister Donna Marie serves as a resource person for all of the quadrants.

"The members of the com-

mittees are so enthusiastic," she said. "I'm amazed at the interest in working with these ideas for their areas. I think they appreciate being involved and are willing to spend their time and talent."

All quadrants have established the following mission statement:

To ensure the sustainability of quality Catholic elementary (and secondary) education in a safe, efficient, professionally-sound learning environment guided by prudent financial principles.

Each quadrant is focusing on areas such as faith development, curriculum coordination among the elementary schools in the quadrant and the high school in the quadrant, technology, and finances.

The curriculum coordination is a major area of concentration.

"What we want is a seamless transfer of students from the grade schools to the high school," Sister Donna said. "We're looking at the quality of education in each school."

Also under consideration is a standardized system of accounting and standardized tuition for all elementary schools in each quadrant, added Sister Donna.



SCHOOL VISIT: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak enjoys interacting with students at Saint Thomas the Apostle School, Bedford, during a visit in his first year of ministry in the Diocese, coinciding with the 2011 - 2012 academic year.

The 20 elementary schools in the Diocese will be organized within four geographic quadrants - - Altoona, Johnstown, Mainline, and State College.

Additionally, the committees are studying pre-school availability at every school.

Among the factors driving the overall process are the population in each area; the conditions of school facilities; the occupancy usage of each school building; and the financial sup-

port of parishes and the Diocese.

Merilli believes the committees in each quadrant face different issues, but the goal for all quadrants is the same.

"We want our schools to be the schools of choice when families are deciding where to send their children," Merilli said.

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