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Innocence Can Be Recaptured, Bishop Tells Catechumens, Candidates At Rite

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

As we grow up and grow older, we can grow out of that childlike innocence “that leaves us free to enjoy the present moment, as very few adults can do.

“It has been said that the moment we begin worrying

about the future or feeling regret for the past is the moment when we leave childhood behind,” said Bishop Mark L. Bartchak.

Bishop Mark made that observation Sunday, March 9, when he presided at the Rite of Election and Enrollment of Names of Catechumens and Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates. The Rite was

celebrated in the afternoon at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown, and that same evening at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

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BOOK OF THE ELECT: Catechumen Vicki Lawson signs the Book of the Elect at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, on Sunday, March 9. She is a member of the Cathedral Parish. At the end of the celebration, flanked by pots of incense, the Book was put in a place of prominence in the Cathedral sanctuary. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak presided at the Rite of Election and Enrollment of Names of Catechumens and Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates at the Altoona Cathedral, and at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown.

Higher Education

Spring Break Projects

Loretto: Many students at Saint Francis University are forgoing the routine relaxation of spring break to serve their brothers and sisters around the globe. Other students are partaking in trips to expand their knowledge, conduct research, and discover world culture. Students will be guided on these worthwhile excursions by volunteer Saint Francis faculty, administrators, and alumni.

Domestically, students will travel to North Carolina and Massachusetts. Internationally, they will fly to the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and London. Even the students at Saint Francis' study abroad site in Ambialet, France, will use their free time to partake in spring break travels.

Saint Francis' Habitat for Humanity Group is sending 12 students and two administrators to Greensboro, North Carolina. The group is participating in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge Week to help on two new building sites and dedicate two completed houses.

Four economics majors are traveling to Boston, Massachusetts, for the "Issues in Political Economy conference." The conference is for students



BISHOP JOSEPH VISITS LITERATURE CLASS: Bishop - Emeritus Joseph V. Adamec visited an advanced placement English Literature class at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School in Altoona on Monday, March 3. Bishop Joseph discussed the writing process with the students, and presented them with a copy of his mystery novel, **The Flight Of The Beetle**. Receiving the book from Bishop Joseph is Kaylor Kiesewetter.

who are conducting research in economics and finance. The annual conference is specifically dedicated to undergraduate student research. The students will give a presentation and will also serve as a discussant of another student's paper. The conference is intended to mimic professional economic conferences and to encourage students to conduct research in economics and finance.

Twenty - five students from "The Role of Great Britain in the European Union" business course will tour London Bloomberg Business, the London Fi-

ancial District, the Bank of England, Windsor Castle and the Fulham Futbol Club. They will also attend lectures about the European Union at the University of London and about the British Economy at the Bank of England.

The largest group of Saint Francis students, faculty, and administration will be traveling as part of the HUGS United service group. One team of 60 will be serving others in Monte Christi, Dominican Republic. The other team of 20 will be volunteering in Maggoty, Jamaica.

Headed to Jamaica is a

group who will be holding a vacation bible school for the first time. The group's theme is peacemakers and they will be working with 50-70 children ages 3-18 each day after school.

Also traveling to Jamaica is the director of the Small Business Development Center and four business students who will continue the microlending initiative started last year. The group will work with two parishes in Jamaica this year for microlending efforts.

A group of occupational therapy students will also be volunteering in Jamaica. This will be the first year occupational therapy services will be offered there. Occupational therapy services through HUGS started in the Dominican Republic in 2011.

Another occupational therapy team will volunteer in the Dominican Republic. This team of students will be supervised by Saint Francis occupational therapy alumni.

One of the other teams serving in the Dominican Republic is an Education Team. These volunteers will teach English to students in public schools.

A medical team is also headed to the Dominican Republic. This team is a mixture of physician assistant and nursing students. Two alumni and two professors from the Saint Francis physician assistant program will help instruct students. This

group is excited to be able to offer medical care to those who may not otherwise have it.

In addition to the students traveling during break, those who have been studying abroad in France since January will use their free time to explore France and Europe.

In the spirit of the university's patron, Saint Francis, students are using these educational and service opportunities to develop themselves and better the world by sharing their talents and skills. Adventures that will last a lifetime are about to begin.

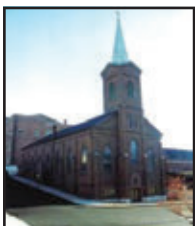
Grad School Information

Cresson: Mount Aloysius College will host a popular Graduate School Open House on Wednesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshment will be available. The MAC Graduate School informational session will take place in the Wolf-Kuhn Gallery on the first floor of the iconic Main Building on the Cresson campus.

Mount Aloysius College offers four popular master's degree programs. These include Business Administration (MBA), Community Counseling, a new autism-focused master's degree in Behavioral Specialist Consulting and Psychology.

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In The Alleghenies



COLUMBIAN SQUIRES: On Saturday, February 22, Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, Boalsburg, became home to the only Columbian Squires Circle in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. The Investiture Ceremony was led by Squires from Trinity High School in Camp Hill and 10 young men from SJCA, Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College and Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bellefonte, were inducted into the Circle. The Circle has been preparing for the Investiture since the fall under the leadership of Don Nagle, who serves as Chief Counselor and is a current SJCA parent. Knights of Columbus' Father O'Hanlon Council #4678 of State College has sponsored and supported the group.



AWARD WINNERS: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court #2625 sponsored an Education Contest for students in the Altoona area. The Awards Ceremony was held on Saturday, February 8, at Saint. Rose of Lima Social Hall. Winners are pictured (left to right) First row: Joey Stevens, Dominic Pulcinello, Sam Fiore, Lucas Steinbugl and Ava Adams. Second row: Karen Watt (Vice Regent), Ben Adams, Caleb Crawford, Ethan Wesner, Ryley Lewis, Madisyn Stockle and Luke Yanoshak. Third row: Father D. Timothy Grimme, (Court Chaplain), and Jennifer Crum - Waite (Youth and Education Chairman).

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Frank Crouse, vice president of enrollment management at Mount Aloysius College noted that representatives of the Mount Aloysius College Financial Aid staff will be on hand to answer questions about finding financial help to complete a graduate degree as well as program coordinators for each of the four degree areas to answer

specific program questions.

According to Crouse, graduate programs at Mount Aloysius College are specifically designed for the working professional. "There are evening classes held year-round." He said, "And students have the flexibility to complete the program at their own pace. Several courses are even offered in an eight week format, and finally," Crouse added, "Mount

Aloysius grad school faculty are working practitioners who bring their real-world experiences to the classroom."

Reservations for the MAC Grad School information session can be made by calling the Office of Graduate and Continuing Education at (814) 886-6406 or gce@mtaloy.edu.

Job/Internship Fair

Loretto: The Saint Francis University Career Services office will host the 2014 Job/Internship Fair (JIFE) to be held on Thursday, April 3, from 11 am- 3 pm on the Loretto campus in the Stokes Athletics Center's auxiliary gym. The event is open to the public and is free of charge. Pre-registration is not required.

The event provides companies with a great opportunity to recruit students and potential candidates in a variety of fields - health care, business, social services, information technology, and sciences- from Saint Francis University, Mount Aloysius College, and the region. It also provides community members with prospects for full-time jobs, part-time jobs, internships and summer jobs.

JIFE is co-sponsored by Saint Francis University, Mount Aloysius College, and South-central PA AHEC (Area Health

Education Center). Visit francis.edu/jife for online employer registration and a list of registered employers.

Parishes

Scholarship Fund

Mount Union: Saint Catherine of Siena Parish announces that the late John G. Kurey donated \$175,219.69 to establish a scholarship fund for post high school education for the students of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish.

The donation was received February 19, and deposited as principal with the Independent Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown in Kurey's memory.

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Point Of View

My husband always asks this question, "Okay, where did you find that one?" I remark back with a quirky smile, stating "It's good isn't it?" He smiles. This playful conversation always takes place after I have stumbled upon an insightful, meaningful quote, which I am anxious to share with someone.

My dear sweet husband always graciously listens to my latest word filled treasure. My husband listens patiently, humoring me, as I repeat the quote incessantly over the next couple days. Thank God, for the selective hearing that my husband says he has, truly a gift from God.

So what is it about quotes which captives my attention? I have quotes posted all over my desk, some hanging on walls, and some written on sticky notes hanging from the bathroom mirror.

Why do I love quotes so much? Because for me, the simple, rich and meaningful words, found in these sayings speak volumes in my life. Some quotes are lifesavers in times of need, others for encouragement and still some for the gentle reminder of why I do what I do. Some are funny, some are straight-forward, and others are ones that cause me to really just stop and think.

Here are just a few of the numerous quotes which fill me with great joy, quotes right now hanging somewhere and some place in my simple life! Again, these quotes are my favorites. They may not be for you, but for



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich
You Can Quote Me, On That

me and my walk with God, they are just what I need!

- Live your life that those who do not know God, come to know God because they know you! Author Unknown. (This quote reminds me that people are watching me everyday of my life. Am I attracting people to God, or do they turn their heads and wander what god, I really do serve?)

- I prefer a Church who is bruised, hurting and dirty, because it has been out in the world, then one that is unhealthy from being confined to itself! Pope Francis

(How I love our humble, genuine and truly authentic Pope! – I may not be perfect and I may make a lot of mistakes, but I am out in the world trying to be the hands and feet of God, and somehow I think this in and of itself makes God smile!)

- Going to church for an hour on Sunday does not make you a Christian, just like sitting in your garage for an hour, does not make you a car! Author Unknown (OUCH! - When I find my self, getting too comfortable with my Faith, this quote always

stirs my heart and being into action!)

- Preach the gospel by all means possible and if necessary use words! Saint Francis (Again, my life and actions speak louder than my words! Am I preaching the Gospel with my life, or am I simply talking too much?)

- God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called! Author Unknown (The essence of my very being – The question I ask everyday of God, is "Who am I?")

And one of my absolute favorites.....

- Be the kind of woman who when you awake in the morning and put your two feet on the floor, the devil shouts, "Oh Crap! She's Up!" Author Unknown (No other commentary needed, except an apology for the less than grace filled word!)

Thank you for graciously allowing me to share some of the sources of wisdom that help me to get through my days. If you have any quotes to share, send them my way, I have some extra space on my office wall!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
Twenty - Five Years

Had it not been my day off, Thursday, March 20 would have been a day at the office, much like any other day.

Well, then again, maybe not.

Thursday, March 20 was the 25th anniversary of my appointment as editor of The Catholic Register.

It's hard for me to believe that for 25 years I've been sitting at the same desk, in the same office, doing the very same tasks that I was doing on March 20, 1989. It's even harder for me to fathom that in May I will be celebrating 30 years as a priest, and in June will mark 28 years since I began working at the Register.

Throw into the mix that I've just celebrated my 56th birthday, and you'll appreciate how astounded I am at the passing of so much time. I was 28 – years – old when I began my ministry here at the paper, when Bishop Hogan named me assistant editor. Math has never been my strong suit (which is one of the reasons why I became a journalism major in college), but even I can figure out that 28 is half of 56; in other words, I've spent half of my life associated with The Catholic Register. Wow!

I know for a fact that I've grown older in this job. I have less hair today than I did back then, and from time to time there are flecks of gray among the few hairs that are left. My waistline has expanded and contracted (it's, thankfully, smaller now than it was when I started this job) and my health has had some ups and downs (and, thankfully again, I'm feeling fine now). Yes, I've aged - - hopefully like a fine wine, but more probably like a stinky old cheese.

What I hope is that I've grown up in this job - - in the 28 years since I began working here, and in the 25 years of my ministry as editor. I certainly hope and pray that I have. I think I am less impulsive than I used to be, that I consider more carefully the words I put to paper, and that I think more of the feelings of those I am addressing when I write. I pray that as I've aged I've also matured. Maybe I've just grown moldy.

Above all else, this anniversary fills me with thoughts of gratitude: gratitude to God who gave me a gift for stringing words together and an eye for layout and design; thankfulness to my dear departed parents who insisted that I achieve a degree in a marketable field, like journalism; gratitude to three Bishops in succession - - Bishop James J. Hogan, Bishop Joseph V. Adamec and Bishop Mark L. Bartchak for appointing me to this ministry and allowing me to continue in it; thanks too, to my predecessor, Monsignor Philip P. Saylor who asked that I join his staff, and a large measure of thanks to Frances Logrando and Bruce Tomaselli who are more than co-workers, but above all else, my cherished friends.

And thanks to you too, dear readers, for enduring me and my pontificating on various topics throughout the 25 years I've been writing this column. You've made it all worthwhile. Thank you for your kind indulgence. I try always to keep you in mind when I write.

For however many more years this ministry is mine, know that I will continue to do my best to be of service to you all.

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LENTSANITY APP: A reminder about no meat on Fridays during Lent comes through the Lentsanity app produced by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. By the third day of Lent, the app, which also offers plenty of Lenten resources, had more than 10,000 downloads. Screen grab taken from www.focus.org. (CNS)

Social Media, Smartphones Give Young People A New Look At Lenten Observances

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- This is not your parents' Lent.

That's pretty clear when smartphone alarms -- sounding like police whistles -- ring at mealtimes on Fridays along with text messages from the "meat police" offering reminders such as: "Hey, it's Friday, drop the cheeseburger!"

The Friday no-meat reminder comes through the Lentsanity app produced by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. By the third day of Lent, the app -- which also offers plenty of Lenten resources - already had more than 10,000 downloads.

Jonathan Teixeira and Kevin Cotter, the brains behind the program, work at the group's headquarters just outside Denver. They told Catholic News Service March 7 that they began working on the project a few months ago.

"Lent is a great opportunity for people to get into their faith, to try something for 40 days, and we wanted to provide something

for people and how to do it," said Teixeira.

He said the app has "taken on life of its own from (promotion) online and word of mouth."

Cotter likened the app's appeal to the popularity of the pope alarm app they developed last year that sent more than 135,000 notifications after the Sistine Chapel released white smoke indicating that the cardinals had elected a new pope.

"People are proud to be Catholic," Cotter said, and if technology can bring people together around their faith, "it's even better" because people love to show their friends what's on their phones, he added.

He said the app shows how the church is relevant in the modern world and has something to say, especially during Lent. As he points out, the whole idea of giving something up for Lent is hard in a culture that binge watches television shows and where people eat whatever they want.

"Part of our culture realizes we do too much," he said, adding that "a physical fast helps people reflect on their spiritual interior. We can empty ourselves

physically to spiritually prepare the way for Christ."

Teixeira said even a simple reminder not to eat meat on Fridays is helpful. "We've all been there, where we're half-way through a cheeseburger and think, 'Oh no, it's a Friday in Lent!'"

The idea of online spiritual support is something Christina Mead, web content editor with LifeTeen, also has witnessed.

Mead posted a list of creative things to give up during Lent on the LifeTeen blog -- which was liked more than 50,000 times on Facebook a week after Lent began. The list includes suggestions such as cutting out screen time, baby-sitting for free on weekends, wearing the same four outfits during Lent and doing ab crunches while praying the Hail Mary.

Mead, who spoke to CNS March 12 from LifeTeen offices in Mesa, Ariz., said the whole concept of working together on Lenten sacrifice resonates with teens.

She said the modern world "celebrates mediocrity and self-centeredness" so to ask teenagers

to step outside that and do something in bold ways -- such as giving something up for 40 days -- is very counter cultural yet also appealing. "They just really come alive with that idea and latch onto it."

And for teens who don't have a strong parish group they can turn to, she said they can get spiritual support through the online community formed by LifeTeen's social media outreach.

Only one week into the 40 days, Mead said it's been an exciting time. "I get to see the young church really come alive," she said.

Young adult Catholics also are in the Lent-social media mix. The Paulists' Busted Halo website features a fast, pray, give daily Lenten calendar. The calendar's introduction urges those following it -- about 30,000 according to Facebook likes March 12 -- to think about Lenten practices in a broader context.

It suggests fasting from dependence on electronic devices,

praying for the 1.6 billion people in the world who have no access to electricity and spending the extra time saved in giving some time to others.

But really you don't have to be young to have fun with Lent or to use one's phone or computer for spiritual help or direction in the 40 days. Online Lenten tools include virtual Stations of the Cross, apps that track spiritual activities, and tools to help one prepare for confession, pray the rosary or read the Bible.

The tools are really just that, though, as the long-standing practice of Lenten fasts is so that we can "hunger for God without being overstuffed with food and drink," according to Msgr. Kevin Irwin, a professor of liturgical studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington,

In an email to CNS, he said "sobriety and eating less are meant to make us realize in our physical bodies that we are always meant to be empty and poor to allow Christ to fill us with his riches."

In The Alleghenies

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The entire interest from that endowment will be distributed as directed by Kurey, "for use in funding a scholarship for post high school education of worthy individuals, with priority to be given to students who are members of Saint Catherine of Siena Church, and with secondary priority given to members of other Catholic parishes within Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania."

John G. Kurey died on February 12, 2011 at the age of 84. Born March 31, 1926, in Kistler, Mifflin County, he was a son of the late Michael S. and Anna Mary (Sepela) Kurey.

Kurey was a member of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Le-

gion Post 107 and Blue Juniata VFW Post 5754, all of Mount Union.

He attended Mount Union High School and then entered the United States Air Force during World War II. He served as a gunner on a B - 29 in the European Theater. Kurey retired as a cartographer from the Office of Naval Hydrographics in Washington DC, after many years of dedicated service.

Faith and opportunity for education were for Kurey key priorities in contemplating the establishment of this scholarship. Thanks to his generosity, the scholarship awards will be made annually beginning with the 2015 - 2016 academic year. Scholarship application forms will be available through Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Office, 203 W. Market Street, Mount Union, PA 17066.

The mission of this new scholarship foundation is to provide area Catholics with an accessible and affordable post high school quality education. Anyone wishing to contribute to the John G. Kurey Scholarship Fund, please contact Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Office.



JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE: Students from Saint Benedict School, Johnstown, participated in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Regional meet Saturday, March 8, at Penn State - Altoona. (Left to right) Rachel Nagy, Erika Seitz, Clara Wilson, and Jeanna Harclerode presented a power point explanation of the experiments they each conducted. Each student received a First Award and will advance to the State Meeting in May. They were accompanied to Penn State by Marion Cyburt, faculty advisor.

Schools

Dinner/Raffle

Johnstown: A spaghetti dinner and basket raffle will be held Sunday March 30 from 11:30 until 3:00 p.m. at the Saint Clement Church Social Hall, 110 Lindberg Avenue. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5 - 10 and may be purchased at the door. Children under 5 eat free.

This event benefits the Cathedral Catholic Academy drama program and the upcoming musical production of Disney's Beauty & the Beast, Jr.



Bishop's Appointments

The Most Reverend Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has made the following appointments:

REVEREND JOHN J. GIBBONS has been appointed Parochial Vicar at Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Bellefonte and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Penns Valley, as well as Sacramental Minister at the State Correctional Institution at Rockview with back up responsibilities at the State Correctional Institution at Benner. This appointment is effective March 25, 2014.

REVEREND DENNIS M. KURDZIEL has been appointed Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Altoona. This appointment is effective March 25, 2014.

REVEREND ANTHONY J. PETRACCA has been appointed Temporary Administrator at Immaculate Conception Parish in Dudley. This appointment is effective March 12, 2014.

DEACON SAMUEL M. CAMMARATA has been appointed to diaconal service at Resurrection Parish in Johnstown. This appointment is effective March 25, 2014.

The family - friendly dinner and basket raffle promises to be a fun, lively event with occasional cast performances of previews from the show. Take-out meals will be available. For more information, please call CCA at (814) 255-1964.

Spaghetti Dinner

Cresson: All Saints Catholic School is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner to raise money as a Lenten service project of our student council.

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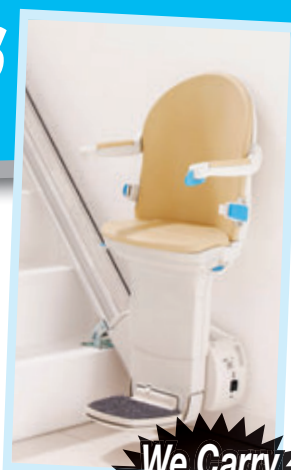
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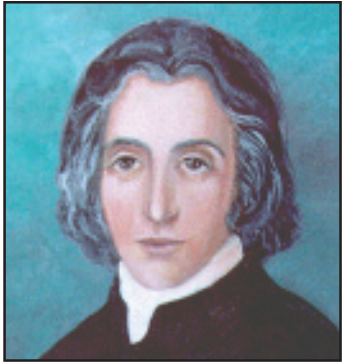
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Nominations Sought For Prince Gallitzin Cross Award

Nominations are now being sought for the 2014 presentation of the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award.

Initiated by Bishop Joseph V. Adamec in 1990 to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of the Servant of God Father Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin, the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award honors members of the Diocesan family who have imitated

the Prince Priest's evangelizing spirit, or who have sought to honor or preserve his memory.

Nominees for the award may be ordained, religious and laity. Clergy, religious and laity may also submit the names of nominees.

Typically, nominations are submitted by parish pastoral councils; persons nominated in the past must be resubmitted for

consideration this year's award presentation.

Nominees are to be fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic tradition. They are to be members of a particular parish faith community within the eight counties of the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese.

Nominees are to be eligible to receive, and avail themselves of, the Sacraments of the Church.

They are to be presently, or to have been previously, active through some form of ministry or service to God's people either on a parish or diocesan level.

Their ministry or service is to have contributed to the growth of the Diocesan Church of Altoona - Johnstown, as judged on the basis of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the evangelizing spirit of the Servant of God Gallitzin, the teachings of the Church, and the guidance of the Holy See and of this local Church through various decrees and letters. Special consideration is given to those who have kept alive the memory of Father Gallitzin.

Additional awardees may be designated by the Bishop.

The insignia of the award is an enameled white cross bearing a yellow shield on which is displayed a double-headed eagle, as depicted on the coat of arms of the Gallitzin family. The cross hangs from a yellow ribbon and is to be worn at various diocesan and parish functions. It is accompanied by a certificate signed by the Bishop.

Nominations are to be submitted by Friday, April 21, to Teresa Stayer, chancellor of the



THE PRINCE GALLITZIN CROSS AWARD

Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, 927 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg PA 16648. All nominations are to be signed by the pastor and the dean, or by an appropriate diocesan director.

The award dinner will be

held Saturday, June 14 at the Cosgrave Center Dining Hall at Mount Aloysius College, Crescon. A 5:00 p.m. social will precede the 6:00 p.m. dinner. The deadline for obtaining tickets will be Friday, May 30.

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

Get A Pocket Bible, Read It During Your Commute

ROME (CNS) -- If you get a seat on a crowded bus, you should use your travel time to read a few lines from the Bible, Pope Francis told members of a suburban parish filled with people who commute to Rome for work.

"A Christian's first task is to listen to the word of God, to listen to Jesus, because he speaks to us and saves us with his word," the pope said March 16 during a homily at the parish of Santa Maria dell'Orazione on the northeast outskirts of Rome.

Everyone should carry a small Bible or pocket edition of the Gospels and should find at least a few minutes every day to read the word of God, Pope Francis said.

The pope suggested a bus-ride reading of the Gospels, when possible, "because many times on the bus we're packed in and have to maintain our balance and defend our pockets" from pickpockets, he said. "But when you have a seat" on the bus or a minute or so free somewhere else, "pick up the Gospel and read a few words."

Preaching on the Gospel story of Jesus' transfiguration, Pope Francis focused on the words the disciples heard when they were on Mount Tabor with Jesus: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

God tells the disciples and all followers of Jesus to listen to his son "to nourish our faith," the pope said. "He makes our faith more robust and stronger with his word."

People listen to the radio, to television and to gossip throughout the day, but "do we take a bit of time each day to listen to Jesus?" Pope Francis asked.

The Church of Santa Maria dell'Orazione, inaugurated in 2002, was packed for the pope's Mass. Hundreds of people lined the streets leading to the church to watch the pope pass by, and many residents went on the roofs of neighboring apartment buildings to get a glimpse of him.

Pope Francis began his evening visit to the parish with the younger generation. Father Francesco Bagala, pastor, told the Vatican newspaper the parish has more than 100 infant baptisms each year, and 450 young people are in classes preparing for first Communion or confirmation. The pope also met with the sick and people with disabilities and heard confessions before Mass.

After the Mass, he went on to the rooftop terrace of the church to greet the hundreds of people gathered outside. He asked them to pray for him that he would be a good bishop and not make too many mistakes.

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ONE MORE TIME: Honored in 1980 as the oldest members of Immaculate Conception Parish, New Germany, were (left to right) Margaret Wirfel, 89 - years - old; 81 - year - old Rupert Shrift, and 84 - year - old Rose Bopp.

For many parts of the Northern Hemisphere, this has been the winter of our discontent. Snowstorm upon snowstorm blanketed great swaths of the United States. Ice brought cities in the Southern U.S. to a virtual standstill, while Canada and Alaska experienced disconcerting periods of warmth. The British Isles were hit by massive flooding.

During one particular harsh week of subzero wind chills, I realized why they call it "the dead of winter." I must admit my spirits lagged and I dreaded getting out to the grocery store.

Some people suffer from what's called seasonal affective disorder and struggle to maintain their good humor in the long winter months. When the Christmas lights all dimmed, I experienced a bit of that struggle.

I think we all yearn for change this year. And so here we are, with the season of change upon us, into the heart of Lent. It's no wonder we look ahead to Lent with something resembling giddiness. Spring and resurrection cannot be far behind.

We sense there is change in the air, there's an indication of this ancient earth rotating on its axis, and there is a feeling that newness is upon us. As I write this, another round of below normal temperatures is hitting my city. Yet, to my unbelieving eyes, I spotted a robin in the



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola

Joy, Even In Darkness: The Hallmark Of A Christian

backyard yesterday. I took hope from his courage.

All of this readiness for spring coincides with Lent. We know what one misguided robin knows in his heart, that the season of change is here. It is exactly the way the Christian should approach this solemn penitential season: with joy and expectation.

Sometimes we don't think of joy and Lent at the same time. It is a period of sacrifice, of meditating on the great sacrifice and suffering of Christ, done for our benefit.

We know how the story ends. This hope is the foundation of our faith. St. Paul wrote that "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain."

Even when our spirits lag, and darkness is all around us, we remember the joy of the saving presence of Christ, the God of rebirth, the God of second chances, the God of forgiveness, the God who brings early morning light back into the winters of our lives.

Lent presents us with the

gifts of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. They help us focus on needed change in our lives, and on the change for which we yearn. They help us focus on the neediness, the sinfulness, the emptiness in us, but they do so always in the spirit of joy.

When Pope Francis was asked by an interviewer to express who Pope Francis was, he replied, "I am a sinner." But Pope Francis said this with a smile, because he believes that, like us, he is a beloved sinner.

It's no accident that Pope Francis named his first letter to us, "The Joy of the Gospel."

A newly ordained priest told my husband that when he met Pope Francis in Rome, the pope told him that in his vocation, he must "always be joyful."

Joy is the hallmark of the Christian. Even in a time of penitence, the Christian lives with a sense of joy. Even in the darkness of winter, the Christian has faith in the rebirth of spring. Focus on change this Lent, but experience change through the lens of joy.



Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
The Cost Of Annulments

Q. I have two daughters with two children each. Sadly, the older daughter has been divorced now for about a year and a half. She has come back to the church and is receiving the sacraments and has not remarried.

The younger one is separated and is heading for divorce. She would like to come back to the church but is not quite ready yet. I've been telling them that without annulments to their first marriages, they cannot continue to receive the sacraments. I haven't discussed with my daughters how money enters into the annulment process.

Please set me straight so that I can advise them correctly. (Virginia Beach, Va.)

A. I want to focus first on your statement that "without annulments to their first marriages, they cannot continue to receive the sacraments." That is untrue -- although, sadly, many people believe it. Divorce, by itself, does not render a Catholic ineligible for the Eucharist. Only

a second marriage -- without church approval -- does that, and neither of your daughters has at this point entered into a second marriage.

Another point of clarification: You speak of your daughters "coming back to the church," which makes me wonder whether they may have drifted away from regular practice because their first marriages took place without church approval.

If so, those marriages can be rendered null very simply, with a minimum of paperwork. If, instead, those earlier marriages were "done right" in the church's eyes, they could still be annulled if there were circumstances from the start which precluded a true sacramental union -- which requires testimony from the petitioner and (if willing) from the former spouse, as well as from witnesses who knew the couple at the time of the marriage.

Finally, regarding your concern about the cost of the annul-

ment process, because annulments require significant staff time, sometimes follow-up interviews or evaluation of testimony by psychologists, petitioners are generally asked to help defray the cost. In our diocese, they are asked to contribute \$350.

Here is what our annulment brochure tells the applicant: "If anyone requires a reduction or total waiver of the fee, the tribunal will arrange to honor such a request."

And then (all in upper-case letters): "Under no circumstances will a person's petition be rejected because that person is unable or unwilling to meet the expense incurred by the tribunal in a given case."

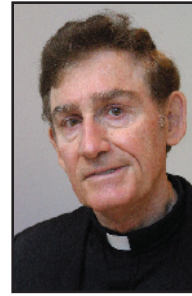
That statement is typical of all dioceses and should lay to rest the widely circulated myth that money has any bearing on an annulment.

Q. I have read a statement by a religion writer that Jesus spoke more about hell than about heaven. Is this a fact, and are you aware of any research that supports such a statement? (Although I know that Jesus definitely did speak of hell, I have always felt that this was balanced by the times he referred to people being in union with God in the next world.) (Lancaster, Ohio)

A. The difficulty of doing a "word search" is that Jesus uses several different expressions for heaven and for hell, and each must be interpreted according to the context.

One commentator on religion, a man named John Wallace who writes a blog called "John's Ramblings," attempted the comparison you asked about. He looked at the times the Bible referenced Christ talking about "paradise" and "kingdom of heaven" and matched them against quotes including expressions such as "Gehenna," a Hebrew word also referencing hell, and "darkness."

His conclusion was that heaven was spoken of by Jesus in the Gospels 123 times and hell used 27 times. No tally will be universally accepted. But the important thing is that Jesus talked about heaven and hell.



The Human Side

By Father Eugene Hemrick
The Mind Of God Behind
The Beauty Of Nature

The gray winter weather threatened outside my window, but a voice within me whispered, "Get thee to the botanical garden!"

In Washington, D.C., where I live, the United States Botanical Garden is hosting an "Orchid Symphony." Music plays and spurts of water shoot from fountains dancing up and down to rhythms in the indoor plant museum. You can see floral arrangements, made of orchids and other plants, in the shape of a bass, fiddle, violin and harp.

Drinking in one gorgeous orchid after another, in an atmosphere of tall palm trees, ferns and charming music, was heavenly. Everywhere I looked, it was as if each orchid was competing for first prize for being the most exotic and stunning flower.

The first orchid I studied sported crimson tips peeking out of cream-colored petals, while another was a powdered violet color whose transparent petals reminded me of delicate lace.

When I think about the Garden of Eden, I often wonder what it looked like. Was it like the garden I was looking at? Was it a garden of awesome flowers, lush vegetation, dazzling colors and birds singing heavenly music in the background? Did God create it as a means of endowing us with the wonderment of his creation?

As I marveled at the various shapes, forms and colors of each orchid, how they meshed together perfectly, I remembered God's mind behind the harmonious laws of nature.

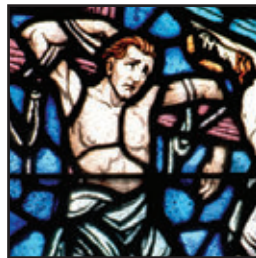
The scientist Albert Einstein also was dumbfounded by the harmonious laws of nature. In "Einstein: His Life and Universe," author Walter Isaacson writes, "For some people, miracles serve as evidence of God's existence. For Einstein it was the absence of miracles that reflected divine providence. The fact that the cosmos is comprehensible, that it follows laws, is worthy of awe. This is the defining quality of a 'God who reveals himself in the harmony of all that exists.'"

Isaacson wrote that Einstein "considered this feeling of reverence, this cosmic religion, to be the wellspring of all true art and science. It was what guided him. 'When I am judging a theory,' he said, 'I ask myself whether, if I were God, I would have arranged the world in such a way.' It is also what graced him with his beautiful mix of confidence and awe."

In English, we have the word "breathtaking," meaning something is so astonishing that for a moment, our life-giving breath stops in awe and respect of a marvel beyond our comprehension.

God's harmony, found in music and flowers, the way I experienced it that day, is one of those precious breathtaking moments capable of dispelling the world's grayness.

Dismas First century March 25



Two thieves were crucified with Christ; Dismas is the "good thief" who rebuked the other thief for reviling Jesus. In Luke's Gospel, he accepts his guilt and proclaims Christ's innocence. He asks Jesus to remember him, and Jesus promises, "Today you will be with me in paradise." This feast date was assigned because by tradition Jesus died on March 25. But how an unnamed thief came to be called Dismas is less clear. One explanation is that early Syrian representations of the Crucifixion showed a sun and moon over the thieves' heads; Syrian coins also showed a sun and moon with the words "east" and "west." And "dismas" is similar to the Greek word for east. Dismas is a patron of funeral directors, prisoners and repentant thieves.

Recapturing Innocence Part Of Our Faith Journey

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The Bishop said he was moved to speak about innocence to the catechumens and candidates “because so many of you, in your letters to me, spoke of how the innocence of your own children impacted your decision” to seek to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church.

Held annually on the First Sunday of Lent, the Rite brings together catechumens (unbaptized individuals) and candidates (baptized Christians from other traditions) who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Each was asked to write to the Bishop about their desire to become a full member of the Church.

“In your letters you explained to me that it’s been some time since you’ve had the innocence of such young children,” Bishop Mark said, “but you see in this journey of faith a chance to recapture that innocence.” The Bishop reminded them that Jesus invited us all “to become like little children.”

Although “you’ve shared



WELCOME GREETING: Catechumen Timothy Hornberger of Saint Mary (Immaculate Conception) Parish, Altoona is greeted by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Rite of Election Sunday, March 9 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona. Assisting the Bishop at the Rite were Deacons James Woomer (left) and John Rys (right).

your fears for the future and your regrets for the past, you’ve also shared with me your conviction that there is something

more,” the Bishop stated. “The loving, redeeming grace of God is the answer to our worries and regrets,” he added.

Said the Bishop “A good part of our faith journey is recapturing the innocence we lost along the way.”

Bishop Mark told the catechumens and candidates that during the same Easter Vigil liturgy that will mark their full incorporation into the Church, the “Exsultet,” the Church’s Easter song of praise, will be sung. The lyrics of that hymn make explicit mention that Christ “restores innocence to the fallen.” Through the Paschal Mystery of His passion, death and resurrection, Bishop Mark explained, “Christ restores our lost innocence.”

But, he reminded them “Your election and your call to continuing conversion” is not the end of a process. Innocence regained must be continually renewed by “a lifelong process in

which you enter more fully into Christ’s lifegiving Paschal Mystery.”

According to Jeanne Thompson, diocesan director of Christian Initiation, 19 faith communities took part in the Johnstown celebration, with 13 catechumens and 31 candidates participating.

The Altoona celebration gathered 26 faith communities, with 38 catechumens and 64 candidates present.

Not present at either celebration were nine catechumens and five candidates from Penn State Catholic Campus Ministry, and two State Correctional Institutions: one catechumen and six candidates from Our Lady of the Mount Parish at SCI Rockview, and six catechumens and eight candidates from SCI Benner Township.

Thompson related an amusing incident at the Altoona Cathedral, that put a new perspec-

tive on the significance of the Rite.

“As we were preparing to process up the aisle, singing ‘Gather your people, O Lord,’ Monsignor (Robert) Mazur (Cathedral rector) turned to me and said ‘Jeanne, where’s the people?’ They hadn’t yet taken their place for the procession!”

But, Thompson said “That got me thinking. Where’s the people? Well, they came from all over the Diocese - - from Lock Haven to Bean’s Cove, from Boswell to Mount Union. They were men, women and children, from 11 - years - old to 80 - years - old. They truly were a representative showing of the face of the universal Church, which the catechumens and the candidates are so eager to become a part of.”

“Where’s the people, indeed! They are here, in our midst,” Thompson said, “just as Jesus is.”



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POPE FRANCIS ON RETREAT: Pope Francis, in white, attends a weeklong Lenten retreat with senior members of the Roman Curia in Ariccia, Italy, Sunday, March 9.

His First Anniversary

For Francis, A Year Of Reform And Evangelization

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- As leader of the universal church, a pope must direct his ministry in both of the ways traditionally described by the Latin terms "ad intra" and "ad extra": inwardly to the church itself, and outwardly to the rest of the world.

Pope Francis has accordingly spent the first year of his pontificate pursuing two ambitious projects: revitalizing the church's efforts at evangeliza-

tion and reforming the church's central administration.

As he wrote in his first apostolic exhortation in November, "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel"), Catholics must go out into the world to share their faith with "enthusiasm and vitality" -- not "like someone who has just come back from a funeral."

He wrote that the church's message "has to concentrate on the essentials, on what is most beautiful, most grand, most appealing and at the same time most necessary," namely, the "saving love of God made mani-

fest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead."

With his affable, informal manner and simple language, Pope Francis has focused on a message of mercy, forgiveness and concern for the poor. He has taken largely for granted those elements of church teaching, including sexual and medical ethics, that contemporary culture tends to reject as censorious and intolerant. He has thus elicited extraordinary levels of curiosity and good will far beyond the ranks of practicing Catholics around the world.

At the same time, the pope has carried out an all-but-explicit electoral mandate to reform the Vatican bureaucracy. A major topic of discussion at the cardinals' meetings before the March 2013 papal conclave was the previous year's controversy over published revelations of corruption and incompetence in the Roman Curia and Vatican City State.

Pope Francis has moved swiftly in this area, launching investigations of the Vatican's accounting practices and the Vatican bank, expanding the reach of

Vatican City laws against money laundering and the financing of terrorism, establishing a new office to supervise Vatican finances under an oversight board that includes laypeople and setting in motion a constitutional overhaul of the entire curia.

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A Year Of Reform And Evangelization

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One might have predicted some tension, if not conflict, between these two goals: preaching the Gospel with renewed zeal and energy to the world's 1.2 billion Catholics (and 5.9 billion others), while transforming the highly traditional bureaucratic culture of an enclave with fewer than 3,000 employees in Rome.

The demands of governing the Vatican have presumably played a role in Pope Francis' choice to spend little time away. For a pope who stresses the need to evangelize and serve those on society's "peripheries," he has spent far more time than either of his predecessors within the Vatican's walls.

Blessed John Paul visited 129 countries outside of Italy during his 26-year papacy, pioneering the role of the pope as globetrotting evangelist. Even the less peripatetic Pope Benedict XVI took as many as five international trips in a single year.

Pope Francis has taken one international trip so far -- to Brazil in July -- and his planned pastoral trips for 2014 -- to the Holy Land and South Korea -- will be relatively short, only three and five days long, respectively.

Yet, he has hardly cut himself off from his global flock. With the highly quotable expressions and spontaneous gestures that have made him an instant television and social media star, Pope Francis has proved he can grab the world's attention without leaving St. Peter's Square.

St. Andrew School Basket Party, Johnstown Sunday, April 27

Only 400 tickets available! No tickets will be sold at the door. Donation is \$8, which includes a boxed lunch, drinks and 25 tickets. Doors open at Noon, drawings begin at 2 PM. Tickets sold at School Office & Rectory Monday - Friday.



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POPE ARRIVES AT RETREAT HOUSE: Pope Francis arrives for a weeklong Lenten retreat with senior members of the Roman Curia in Ariccia, near Rome, Sunday, March 9.

The pope's ad intra and ad extra commitments are not merely compatible; they actively reinforce each other.

It is not hard to see how reforming the Vatican's handling of money should bolster the cause of evangelization, especially the ministry to the poor on which the pope has placed such emphasis.

By the same token, much of Pope Francis' preaching -- particularly his warnings against clericalism, careerism and materialism among priests -- obviously applies all the more urgently to his closest collaborators in the Vatican.

Most effectively, with his simplicity of life and extraordinary accessibility, the pope himself serves as the foremost model of both the evangelical poverty and the ecclesiastical service he preaches. In the process he is leading Catholics to a conclusion many will find remarkable: that even the church's most exalted institutions should be open to them.

Pope Has Brought New Life To Office Say U.S. Bishops

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- In his first year as the 265th successor of Peter, Pope Francis "has brought to light new dimensions of the Petrine ministry and added new life to the office he holds," the U.S. bishops' Administrative Committee said March 11.

He has done this in many ways, the committee said, including by consistently calling on Catholics "to look again at the fundamental values of the Gospel" and encouraging "us to be a church of the poor and for the poor, reaching out to the marginalized and being present to those on the periphery of society."

The Administrative Committee is the highest ranking body of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops when the bishops are not in their plenary session. During a March 11-12 meeting in Washington, the committee issued the statement to congratulate the pope on his first anniversary.

Pope Francis "has set an example by choosing a personal simplicity of life, by washing the feet of prisoners, and by taking into his hands and kissing the badly disfigured," the committee said. "His Holiness has also set in motion a process that will lead to the reshaping of the Roman Curia in a way that will enhance the effectiveness of his ministry and better serve the needs of the church in our present day."

The Administrative Committee also noted the impact that Pope Francis' leadership and simple lifestyle have had on the world.

"His constant outreach to the alienated, his emphasis on mercy and his sheer humanity have served as an inspiration not only to Catholics but also to other Christians and people of good will around the globe," the statement said.

"On this first anniversary of his election, the Administrative Committee invites the prayers of all the faithful that Christ our Lord will bless Pope Francis and grant him many years of fruitful ministry as bishop of Rome, as the servant of the servants of God," it added.



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Pope To Be Invited To Philadelphia

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The following day, the delegation will have an audience with Pope Francis, who was clearly on the members' minds at the Philadelphia news conference.

Corbett invited people to pray that the pope would visit Philadelphia, while Nutter addressed the logistical and secu-

rity challenges of handling the expected 1 million visitors or more.

"There's not a doubt we can do this," Nutter said. "We do big events in the city of Philadelphia."

Whether 1 million or 2 million people attend, "we want people to come. We will do whatever we have to do to make this a very successful and great

event here in Philadelphia. You can take that to the bank," he said.

As excited as the interested Catholics in the audience were about the prospect of the pope attending the event next year, Archbishop Chaput kept the focus on family life.

The World Meeting of Families "has the power to transform in deeply positive ways not just the spirit of Catholic life in our region but our entire community," he said.

The meeting will run Sept. 22-27, 2015, and include three days of family gatherings, speeches and break-out sessions in a yet-to-be-announced space that would accommodate 20,000 people, the archbishop said.

Programs would include discussion of economic, psychological and spiritual issues facing families, among others, he said, though he added it was too early yet for specifics.

"We will talk about problems families have today, but we want to be very positive about



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POPE AND CHILDREN: Pope Francis reacts to children as he addresses pilgrims in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican October 26, 2013, during a Year Of Faith celebration of families.

the family," Archbishop Chaput said. "We hope to have all kinds of ways of helping families avail themselves of grace and holiness."

He said that the World Meeting of Families will need to raise significantly more than the \$5 million already raised,

but anything left over from the conclusion of the meeting will be given to the poor.

"I hope we can give make a gift to Pope Francis (for the poor)," the archbishop said. "That's a great focus of his and I think he'd be very pleased with that."

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Boomers Will Relate To 'Mr. Peabody & Sherman'

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Baby boomers old enough to recall an animated moose named Bullwinkle and his flying-squirrel sidekick, Rocky, will also likely remember the titular characters of "Mr. Peabody & Sherman" (Fox).

That's because, in their original incarnation, the latter duo figured in a series of short cartoons that were shown as part

of the TV show "Rocky and His Friends," which premiered in 1959, and its re-titled successor, "The Bullwinkle Show," which ran until 1964.

For those outside the hippie-turned-yuppie demographic, introductions may be in order. Mr. Peabody (voice of Ty Burrell) is a hyper-intellectual dog whose many accomplishments include his invention of a time-traveling device called the WABAC machine. Sherman (voice of Max Charles) is the perky human son Mr. Peabody adopted as an infant, after finding him abandoned in an alley.

The opening of director Rob Minkoff's big-screen, 3-D updating finds this unusual pair at an emotional crossroads: Sherman is about to start school for the first time, an event that will remove him from the vigilant supervision Mr. Peabody has always exercised over him.

Sherman's academic career gets off to a bumpy start when



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MR. PEABODY & SHERMAN: Mr. Peabody, voiced by Ty Burrell, Penny, voiced by Ariel Winter, and Sherman, voiced by Max Charles, appear in a scene from the animated movie "Mr. Peabody & Sherman."

he runs afoul of classmate Penny Peterson (voice of Ariel Winter). Jealous of Sherman's superior knowledge of history -- gained, of course, via the WABAC -- Penny taunts him by saying that, since his father is a dog, Sherman must be one as well.

As though to vindicate the charge, Sherman unwisely brings their quarrel to a climax by biting Penny. This transgression not only lands Sherman in the principal's office, but -- thanks to the scowling intervention of know-it-all social worker Miss Grunion (voice of Allison Janney) -- places Mr. Peabody's continued custody of him under threat as well.

During a get-together designed to smooth things over with Penny's parents (voices

of Leslie Mann and Stephen Colbert), Sherman, whose antipathy toward Penny masks an unacknowledged attraction, tries to impress her by taking her for an unauthorized spin in the WABAC -- with the upshot that she winds up stranded in ancient Egypt.

The path to Penny's rescue ziggags chronologically from the court of King Tut to Renaissance Florence and back to the city of Troy on the eve of its destruction by the Greeks. Familiar figures putting in appearances along the way include Leonardo da Vinci, who's here endowed with the accent and manner of an old-time organ grinder, as well as a knuckleheaded version of a Greek warrior-king.

Craig Wright's screenplay adds a tiresome amount of

potty humor to the elaborate, sometimes groan-inducing puns characteristic of the original material. And a lone adult-themed play on words, though it will certainly fly over youngsters' heads, still seems jarringly out of place.

But basic history lessons for the youngest moviegoers, together with a worthy message about respecting people of different backgrounds -- even if they do happen to be canines -- endow this more than usually literate children's adventure with some countervailing virtues.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

March 30 -- Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Malachi Van Tassell, president-elect of Saint Francis University, Loretto, joins the Bishop to discuss his new position.

April 6 -- New Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Johnstown, principal Tom Fleming joins Bishop Mark to talk about his new role.

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In The Alleghenies

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All proceeds from this fundraiser will be sent through the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown to Catholic Relief Services in the Philippines to aid the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

The dinner will be held Sunday, March 30, at Saint Aloysius Church Hall from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7:00 for adults and \$4:00 for children and may be purchased at the school office or at the door.

Vocations

Bishop's Night

Loretto: The annual Bishop's Night for Vocations dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall.

Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with a mixer at 5:30 p.m.

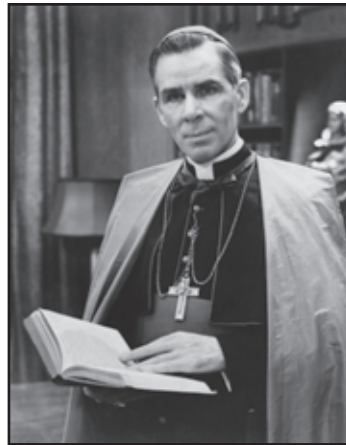
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County and Altoona are sponsoring the event in cooperation with the Diocesan Vocation Office.

The host for the evening will be the Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak. The keynote speaker is Father Mark S. Begley, V.F., Pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows in Westmont, Johnstown.

The theme for this year's event is "Family of Faith". Anyone who is considering a potential vocation to the priesthood or religious life or who might have an interest in serving the Church is welcome to attend. The candidates can be either young or not so young. Parents and guardians are invited to attend.

The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, April 8. Contact the Vocation Office secretary, Melanie O'Farrell, at (814) 472 - 5441 or e-mail her at mo Farrell@dioceseaj.org.



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**VENERABLE
ARCHBISHOP FULTON J.
SHEEN**

Vatican Experts Approve Sheen Miracle

By Catholic News Service

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) -- A seven-member team of medical experts convoked by the Vati-

can reported there is no natural explanation for the survival of a child delivered stillborn and whose heart did not start beating until 61 minutes after his birth.

The survival of the child, James Fulton Engstrom, now 3 years old and developing normally, was credited by his parents to a miracle attributable to the intercession of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Baby James was stillborn at home. Transported to a hospital, the child showed no signs of life.

His mother, Bonnie Engstrom remembered that a doctor in the emergency room said, "We'll try for five more minutes, then call it," meaning recording the time of death. "If he had known about the previous 40 minutes" of efforts to revive him before arriving at the hospital, she said, "he would have just called it."

She added, "They were just about to call it when his heart started beating -- 148 beats per minute, which is healthy for a newborn. And it never faltered."

The medical experts' report was announced March 6 in

Peoria by the Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation, which is headed by Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria.

"Today is a significant step in the cause for the beatification and canonization of our beloved Fulton Sheen," Bishop Jenky said in a statement. "There are many more steps ahead and more prayers are needed. But today is a good reason to rejoice."

The case will next be reviewed by a board of theologians. With their approval, the case could move on to the cardinals and bishops who advise the pope on these matters. Finally, the miracle would be presented to Pope Francis, who would then officially affirm that God performed a miracle through the intercession of Archbishop Sheen. There is no timeline as to when these next steps might take place.

If the Engstrom case is authenticated as a miracle, Archbishop Sheen would be beatified, elevating his from "venerable" to "blessed." A beatification ceremony could conceivably take place in Peoria.



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Pennsylvania Delegation Inviting Pope Francis To 2015 World Meeting Of Families In Philadelphia

By Matthew Gambino
Catholic News Service

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)

-- A powerhouse team of religious, civic and business leaders will travel to Rome to plan for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia next year.

Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput led a news conference with Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter on March 7 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center to announce they will lead a delegation March 24-26 to meet with Vatican officials to plan the international event. They also will have an audience with Pope Francis.

Throughout the news conference, speakers told of their confidence that the pope will visit Philadelphia in September 2015 and vowed to personally convince him to make his first pastoral visit in North America to the city for the conclusion of the eighth World Meeting of Families.

"I plan to extend to the holy father a warm, vigorous and hopefully very persuasive invitation to visit our state next year," said Corbett, who added Nutter and other members of the delegation also would "sell" the pope and Vatican officials on making a papal visit.

"It's only in Philadelphia that folks talk about trying to 'seal the deal' with the pope," Nutter quipped.

Pope Francis has not confirmed he will attend the last day of the meeting, which past popes have done.

Archbishop Chaput announced members of the leadership team planning the World Meeting of Families event, and they include some of the heaviest hitters in Philadelphia's civic and business spheres.

Robert J. Ciaruffoli, president of the big Philadelphia accounting firm Parente Beard, was named president of the 2015 World Meeting of Families organization, which is a separate group and not a Philadelphia archdiocesan office.

Named as co-chairs of the group were Brian L. Roberts, CEO of cable TV giant Comcast Corp.; David L. Cohen, a top executive with Comcast; Joseph Neubauer, chairman of food services firm Aramark; Daniel J. Hilferty, CEO of Independence Blue Cross; and James Maguire of the Maguire Foundation and leading philanthropist for Catholic causes in the region.

Corbett said he expected perhaps 1 million visitors if Pope Francis celebrates the public Mass on Sept. 27, 2015, the concluding day of the event. The most recent such meeting in Mi-



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DELEGATION TO VISIT VATICAN: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter look on as Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett address the media during a Friday, March 7 news conference in Philadelphia. Nutter was announcing that they are leading a delegation to the Vatican later in the month to meet with officials about plans for the World Meeting of Families in 2015, taking place in Philadelphia.

lan, Italy, in 2012 drew 1 million to that city.

Corbett also estimated the economic impact of the visit is "in the range of \$100 million."

Although Comcast's Roberts and Cohen will not attend the meeting at the Vatican later in March, the other members and Archbishop Chaput, Corbett and Nutter will begin meetings

March 25 with Vatican officials to plan logistics for the Philadelphia event.

Representatives of the Pontifical Council for the Family, which sponsors the World Meeting of Families every three years in a different city and of which Archbishop Chaput is a recently named member, will meet with the delegation March 25. Later

in the day a news conference in Rome will include the archbishop and Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the council.

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