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THE CANONIZATION OF SAINT JOHN XXIII AND SAINT JOHN PAUL II: Pope Francis celebrates the canonization Mass for Saints John XXIII and John Paul II in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican Sunday, April 27, the Second Sunday of Easter, which is observed as Divine Mercy Sunday. Editorial comment on the canonization of the new Saints can be found on pages 4 and 5. News reports may be found on pages 7, 10 - 12 and 16.

High Schools

Virtual Education Days

Altoona: Starting with the 2014-15 school year, Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School will introduce “virtual education days.”

Virtual education days will be implemented when school is called off due to inclement weather.

Bishop Guilfoyle is able to offer virtual education days because each student is equipped with a school Apple iPad. Along with the iPad, their iPads are configured with BG’s defined standard Apps that they can use in and out of school. They will be using software application like E-backpack, Google Docs, and many other programs that fit their lessons.

These educational tools inspire creativity in learning along with being an unlimited

resource. The iPad enables BG students to receive lesson plans, instruction, interaction with teachers, and yes, even homework.

For virtual education days, students will attend class from home on snow days. Attendance will be taken for each class, each teacher will post their class assignments and work will be collected and graded. Examples of posted lessons include operate a discussion board for interaction with students, video tutorials, textbook lessons, website links and teachers’ files, class handouts. On virtual school days, teachers will maintain “office hours” during which they will be available to assist students and field questions.

The benefits of the virtual education days are snow days won’t cause a distraction to the learning process, the school calendar will not be interrupted, and the end of the school year



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona, celebrated Confirmation on Wednesday, April 23. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Derek Cursio, Tyler Lepore, Kurstin Farabaugh, Alison Caracciolo, Nia Romanowicz, Russel Strawmire. Second row: Byron Lovell, Anna Baughman, Carmen Dunn, Alexa Wharton, Aliza Sundberg, Nicole Kiser. Third Row: Dona Baughman (director of religious education), Nicholas DeLuca, Bailey Smith, Garrett Madigan, Adam Villano, James Metzgar, Jr., Selena Damiano. Fourth row: Anthony Livoti, Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Terrence Smith (parochial vicar), Nicholas Miller, Andrew Berger, Eric Jones, Daniel Kirwin, Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Frank Scornaienchi (pastor), Anthony Shank and Michelle Johnston (catechist).

will not be extending until mid-June. Principal Joan Donnelly said, “Virtual school days will provide instructional, student-engaged lessons that result in a continuous flow of instruction.”

Technology is rapidly changing and Bishop Guilfoyle is at the forefront of education with its implementation of iPads this year. The alumni, board of trustees and community supporters are committed to providing BG students with the best technology available.

Bishop Guilfoyle president Thomas Kristofco said the school “wanted to revolutionize the classroom” and providing virtual education days is another example of the benefits of the iPad initiative.

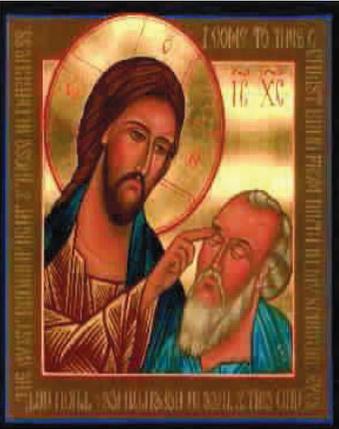
BG science teacher, Rob Lanier, believes iPads have enhanced traditional teaching methods and he sees students becoming empowered to grow beyond lessons. “iPads offer educators more diverse methods for delivering instruction as well as being a powerful, versatile tool that is virtually changing the face of education,” he said. “Traditional teaching methods are still valuable and effective, but a paradigm shift is occurring with how students learn in the 21st century classroom. Teachers are no longer required to be the sole source of presenting content, and with the various array of educational apps

available with the iPad, a new learning revolution is underway in transforming the classroom. Students become actively engaged in their own learning in challenging and creative ways.”

Prior to the decision to implement “virtual education days,” the school administration determined via a school-wide survey that approximately 99% of the Bishop Guilfoyle students have Internet access in available at home. Accommodations are being considered to handle the very few students without home Internet service.

Principal Donnelly believes, “Blending online learning with traditional face to face learning is a valuable experience for our students given the growing use of online tools used at the college level and in the business world. At Bishop Guilfoyle we are excited that we are affording students the opportunity to be comfortable and knowledgeable using technology in all academic areas.”

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EASTER EGG HUNT: The children of Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore, took part in an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 13, on the parish grounds. As part of their religious education program, that same day, they learned how to make pretzels, which are a traditional sign of arms folded in prayer.



PALM WEAVING: On Thursday, April 10, a palm weaving class was held in the Church of the Transfiguration's hall in East Conemaugh. The students created various shapes such as crosses, roses, and grape clusters, under the guidance of their teacher Elaine Sojak. Palm weaving is considered a folk art in which palms are woven or folded to create different designs. This is an old tradition brought to the United States by Polish and Slovak immigrants. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Irene Cristoff, Patty Kassick, Elaine Sojak (instructor), Jordan Heinlein. Second row: Janice Naugle, Peggy Flanagan, Francis Naugle and Louise Brezovic.

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Potentially, cyber days can also benefit students who are out of school for reasons other than weather. Completing work online is a concept that Bishop Guilfoyle students are already exposed to since the high school is a one-to-one school, which means the students take an iPad home with them to compete

schoolwork, access digital textbooks, and communicate with their teachers. It's a real benefit to have education continue on days that would have been otherwise caused a lapse in instruction due to lost days.

"The learning landscape is changing rapidly, and we are keeping up with digital tools and enriching instruction in and out of the classroom," said Bishop

Guilfoyle IT coordinator Cathy Schimminger.

Street Smart Program

Altoona: Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School students participated in a Street Smart presentation at an all-school assembly. The Street Smart program is a detailed educational program to make participants



WIN BUSINESS BOWL: Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona, won the Business Bowl at the 13th annual Saint Francis University Business Day at the John F. Kennedy Student Center Auditorium, Loretto. The seven students of the Bishop Guilfoyle's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America included (left to right) Ryan Evanko, Taylor Johnsonbaugh, Austin Schlechter, Jordan Rhone, Nate Luther, Nikki Watt and Michael Fox. The annual event provides high school students across the area the opportunity to explore branches of the business world and related professions.

aware of the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, not wearing seat belts, and the trauma associated with these dangers.

The Street Smart program, presented by two firefighters/paramedics, walked the Bishop Guilfoyle students through a step-by-step trauma experience using a BG student in the simulated trauma case. The leading cause of death and injury involving young adults in the United States is from trauma caused by accidents.

The Street Smart program, which is presented by SAFE (Stay Alive From Education), included powerful messages including real-life graphic crash scene photos and video clips and stories detailing bad choices.

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Point Of View

With the song "Alleluia" still resounding in my heart I walked into the large retail store Easter Monday with a skip in my step and a smile on my face only to be stopped dead in my tracks! The sign in front of me blazed out - Easter 50% off. Ugh!

It was not only the sign I felt cheapened the meaning of Easter, but it was the beautiful Easter lilies appearing to be already dead. They were no longer tenderly cared for, left to wilt and die, because they probably will no longer be sold but discarded. In the eyes of the consumer world, what no longer is needed is marked down so it can be sold quickly and hurried off of the shelves. For in the eyes of a consumption driven society Easter is over and since no more money can be made remnants of the season is gone from sight.

I admit while writing this column I felt a sense of disharmony inside as I reflected on my trip to the store. I remembered wanting to scream in the middle of the aisle, "Easter is not over, it has just begun!" but I did not. "What is wrong with our world?" my heart ached. I know the hard reality is, for most of the world, Easter is over, the bunny has hopped away, the candy is getting stale. Retailers move on to wait until another holiday arrives for advertising time is short and money is to be made.

My heart feels saddened over how our culture and world has exploited our most precious Christian Seasons for their own advantage. I know the truth, as a Catholic Christian, the Easter



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich
Easter: 50% Off



CNS Photo/Reuters

season has just began and it is my responsibility to take Easter off of the shelf and bring it back into everyday life. Christ is risen! Alleluia! God is not dead, no matter how much the world would like to believe He never even existed.

So, how can we Catholics bring the Joy of Easter Sunday into our everyday life and into the lives of others? It is surely a good thing to keep our Easter decorations displayed prominently and our Easter Lilies

watered but the best way to celebrate Easter is by consistently and deliberately choosing to live a joy-filled life.

So, why Joy?

Joy seems to be a commodity many in this world seek but find ever increasingly hard to come by. Joy is rare especially in the world we find ourselves living in today. Impostered joy is what throngs of customers clammer after as they fill their carts with meaningless items, hoping that if their carts are full, this in some way means they are too. The world may try very hard to create joy in a bottle displaying it proudly on retail shelves but authentic Christians realizes true joy comes from knowing the Resurrected Christ. True joy is knowing we can leave everything the world has to offer behind, and still be very joy-filled. So a simple question I pose to you my friend, is the joy of Easter still radiant on your face? Is your joy overflowing onto others? Do people stop and wander what is it that makes you so joyful? Do people want what you have?

The Resurrected Christ has to make a difference in our lives as Catholic Christians! No discounts allowed!

Blessings!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
The Proudest Day
Of My Life

Six photos on the wall of my office at **The Catholic Register** illustrate the events of Tuesday, March 16, 1993, the proudest day of my life: the day my parents and I met the Pope, the man now known as Saint John Paul II.

Mother, Dad and I had traveled to Italy with a group from Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown. The parish choir, under the direction of Joseph Gaunt, my brother-in-law's cousin, was to present a concert in Rome, and to sing for the Holy Father during his general audience on the 17th. Bishop Joseph very kindly arranged for the late Monsignor Joseph Kiniry and me to concelebrate the Pope's private, early morning Mass on the 16th. My parents, Joe Gaunt and his parents, and Father Leo Arnone, then a seminarian, were invited to be in the congregation.

Never will I forget the early morning taxi ride from our hotel to the Vatican, nor the wait in the cold, dark shadows of Bernini's colonnade, waiting for the Swiss Guard to open the Bronze Doors leading into the Apostolic Palace. Once inside we waited with others invited to the Mass, before the priests were lead, at a slow pace, up a broad marble staircase to the floor where the chapel was located. Much to my surprise, my parents and Mr. and Mrs. Gaunt were already there when we arrived. Mom had experienced some difficulty in mounting the stairs, and with exquisite courtesy, one of the Vatican priests had offered the four parents a ride to the upper floor in the papal elevator.

The experience of concelebrating Mass with the Vicar of Christ was overwhelming. I never thought I would find myself in such close proximity to the Pope - - literally sitting at John Paul's feet. During the first reading, I dropped all pretense at good manners, and stared at the great man, who was sitting with his eyes closed, listening intently to the scriptures. But I hastily dropped my eyes to the floor when he opened his, and I saw him staring back at me! The Pope's gaze was piercing, and for a moment I felt chagrined - - like an intruder upon a mystery that I had no right to have invaded.

Following the Eucharist, all of us were ushered into a large reception room, and lined up around the walls, in a large circle. Without fanfare or fuss, Pope John Paul came in, followed by an attendant who was bearing a tray of rosaries. We were given no instructions on how to behave or whether or not we could address the Pope. One by one he came to each of us, handed each guest a rosary, and passed on.

I watched as my Mom and Dad received their gift from the Pope, and then there he was, standing in front of me. Pope John Paul seemed much cheerier, much brighter than he had at Mass. The time for being solemn had passed. As he pressed the rosary into my hand I felt emboldened, and gesturing to my left I said "Holy Father, these are my parents." Smiling, the Pope turned back to Mom and Dad, raised his hand, and gave them his blessing. Then turning back to me, with a grin, he laid his hand upon my arm, patted it, and continued on his way.

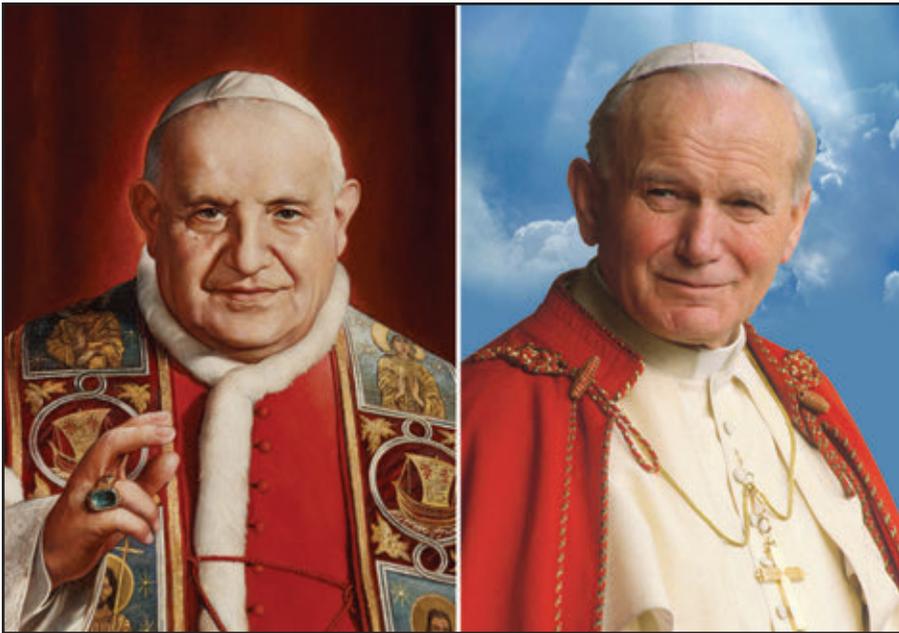
For just a moment, Pope John Paul - - Saint John Paul - - and I had been complicit in bringing my Mom and Dad a moment of great happiness. All I could think was "My sister gave them grandchildren; I gave them the Pope." I was never prouder.

Twenty - one years later, I still am.

Saint John XXIII, Pray For Us Saint John Paul II, Pray For Us

Some Reflections On The Canonization Of Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II

By Bishop Mark L. Bartchak



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SAINT JOHN XXIII AND SAINT JOHN PAUL II

In 2004, I had the privilege of meeting Pope John Paul II in the Vatican. I was there as President of the Canon Law Society of America for meetings with various Congregations of the Holy See.

During our brief meeting, Pope John Paul II could barely speak. He gave me a rosary and his blessing. Before parting, he also gave me a handshake that had the strength of an athlete. It was an unforgettable experience.

Even before meeting with him, I had the opportunity to visit the home where he grew-up in Wadowice, Poland. I blessed myself with holy water from the font where he was baptized. I prayed in the Cathedral church in Krakow where he was archbishop. I walked and prayed the Stations of the Cross at Kalwaria Zebrzydowska which was a place of pilgrimage for John Paul II before and after he became Pope.

I have visited three sites (Poland, Slovakia, and Canada) where he came on some of his extraordinary missionary journeys. I concelebrated Mass with him at World Youth Day in 2002 at Toronto.

Just prior to my ordination as Bishop, I was inspired to take as my episcopal motto, Christ our hope of glory, while reading again his 2003 Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on the Bishop, Servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the Hope of the World. And I have read and re-read many of his encyclicals, exhortations, and other writings.

Like many Catholics, I often watched the television when Pope John Paul II made historic visits to places all over the world. And I watched the television as did millions of people when his death was announced and the tears and prayers quickly became a cry for his immediate canonization. People all over the world said we had not only lost a Pope, but we had lost a saint.

During a visit to Rome not long after his body was relocated to a place on the main floor of St. Peter's Basilica, I stopped to pray in front of the earthly remains of Pope John XXIII. I was momentarily distracted when I heard some visitors asking "Who is that under the altar?"

Father Thomas Rosica of Salt and Light Television in Toronto recently observed that when most people hear the name John XXIII, they usually think of the Pope who decided to convene the Second Vatican Council.

Father Rosica added that many people were aware of his good humor and simplicity, but they did not know that Pope John XXIII was engaged in ecumenical

conversations with Orthodox, Jewish, and Muslim leaders long before ecumenism became a major concern of Vatican II. He had a gift for holding conversations with and among persons who would otherwise be at odds, or at least unwilling to converse because of their differences.

I was aware of Pope John XXIII in 1963. I was eight years old. He died on June 3rd, about a month after my First Holy Communion. On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. And within a few months, Nikita Khrushchev was no longer Premier of the Soviet Union or leader of the Communist Party.

American journalist Norman Cousins knew all three of those world leaders. He met privately with each of them and he served as an unofficial ambassador or at least a messenger in the 1960's, including 1963 when the world seemed to be at the brink of nuclear war. I remember the Cuban missile crisis.

Around that time Pope John XXIII had been seeking the release of Archbishop Slipyi who was the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church in the Ukraine. He had been imprisoned in Siberia. Cousins met with Khrushchev just a few days after Archbishop Slipyi was freed and allowed to go directly to Rome.

It is reported that Khrushchev said to Cousins: "I like John XXIII and I freed Archbishop Slipyi to please him. This has procured me many enemies, but I already have lots... I would like the Pope to know that I made this gesture, and I would like to know if it pleased him. That Pope is a saint. I know these things."

Imagine that! Khrushchev declared John XXIII a saint! As I reflect on that story, I cannot help but think of the current unrest in the Ukraine. I cannot help but think how Pope John XXIII sought dialogue among disparate parties in order to avoid deadly conflict. And I cannot help but think that Pope John Paul II was nearly assassinated during a time when efforts were being made to end the Cold War.

With their unique talents and dedication to Christ and his Holy Gospel, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II sought to bring hope to our world. It's not surprising to me that during their lifetime people already saw future saints. It's not surprising that Pope Francis decided that now is a good time for them to be canonized officially. Our Church and our world need more saints; good and holy men and women.

Saint John XXIII, pray for us.
Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

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“Our Street Smart program reached more than 100,000 students in high school over the past seven years,” said Greg McCarty of Florida SAFE, one of the presenters. “We are hoping that with the information we give them, they think about it and make good choices. If they make the mistake of having alcoholic beverages under age that they aren’t going to get behind the wheel of a car.

“We hope they understand what can happen to them if they make poor choices. And the fact that this just doesn’t affect them, but it affects their families, their friends at school, their loved ones ... People don’t think about anybody else other than themselves, but it’s not just you when you make a poor choice.”

Don Belsey started the assembly with a powerful message of sharing the horrors of losing a loved one to a drunk driver. Belsey’s daughter, Lisa (Belsey) Pufka, was killed by a drunk driver on her birthday. Lisa Belsey was the BGHS Class of 1984 valedictorian.

Volunteer Service Award

Altoona: Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School junior Jordan Rhone was recently honored with the 2013 President’s Volunteer Service Award. The award is in recognition and appreciation of Rhone’s commitment to strengthening our nation and for making a difference through volunteer service.

Rhone was also among a select group of dedicated volunteers to be considered for state-level recognition in the 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program.

Higher Education

Commencement Speakers

Cresson: Mount Aloysius College President Tom Foley announced that a husband and wife



GOOD FRIDAY: Pictured above are the actors that participated in the Good Friday “Reflections on the Way of the Cross” at Saint Michael Parish in Saint Michael. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Abbey Richards (Mary, Mother of Jesus), Carrington Koeck, Ashley Jamieson, Allie Mauer, Shannon Kudlaweic (Women of Jerusalem); Lysie Deibert (Mary Magdalene), Julia Gully (Salome). Second row: Jayme Naugle (Pilate), Tony Hribar (Joseph of Arimathea), Jesse Naugle (Wealthy Man), Eric Kudlaweic (Jesus), Joel Barton (Barabbas), Garrett Bunn (Simon of Cyrene), Dominic Panick (The Good Thief), Nathan Yoder (John), Kristen Kundrod (Veronica); Andy Pinkas (Nicodemus); Ian Wiczorek (Soldier Who Nailed Jesus to the Cross), and Mark Bambino (Soldier who stripped Jesus). These actors reenacted these reflections at the parish on Saturday, March 15 for a Lenten Eucharistic Day of Adoration for teens throughout the Diocese celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and again on Good Friday, April 18 for the parishioners. Pictured below are the readers of the “actor’s thoughts” who took part in the same reflections. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Cari Kestermont, Kathryn Jordan, Isabella Yakicic, Danielle Mickus, Sarah Blanchetti, Elyssa Nagy. Second row: Nicholas Lineman, Max Varljen, Robert Bambino, Garrett Varner, Devon Michaels, Tyler McCall, Nathan Kundrod and Garrett Kundrod. Father Charles Bodziak is pastor, and Laurie Sloan is director of religious education.



team will deliver the college’s Seventy Fourth Commencement Address on Saturday, May 10 in the college’s new Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center. Pulitzer prize winning author and executive editor of **The Pittsburgh - Post Gazette**, David Shribman and his wife, GlobalPost correspondent and award-winning senior lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh, Cindy Skrzycki, will jointly deliver the Mount Aloysius College Commencement Address. They will speak on the College’s yearlong theme, “Citizens in the 21st Century: The Common Good.” The Mount Aloysius

College academic community, including 400 graduates with their families and friends, will hear their address. The couple will receive the honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

In addition to Mr. Shribman and Ms. Skrzycki, Honorary Degree recipients include: Ireland’s Ambassador Plenipotentiary James A. Sharkey, former Ambassador to the Council of Europe, and to Russia, Japan and Australia, will receive the honorary doctor of social justice degree; Mount Aloysius College alumna, Michelle M. McGowan, regionally renowned actress and director, will receive

the honorary doctor of humane letters.

The events of the day will begin with a musical procession performed by A Touch of Brass followed by bagpipes which will lead the procession into the main arena of the Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center. Associate dean Dr. Paul Farcus will lead the faculty and staff in the procession as he completes his 42nd (and last) year of service to the College.

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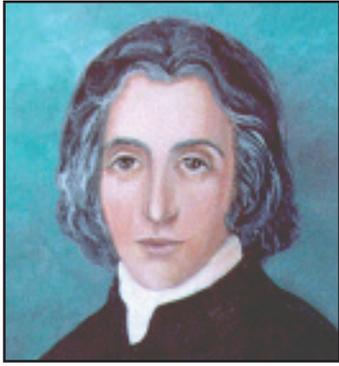
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Is Being Pope A Shortcut To Sainthood?

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- "They call me Holy Father and that is what I must be," the future Saint John XXIII wrote in his diary.

A nun who worked in the papal apartments with the future

Saint John Paul II saw him tired one day and said, "I'm worried about Your Holiness." And he responded, "I, too, am worried about my holiness."

Most Catholics would agree the church needs holy and saintly popes, but as the April 27 Mass for the canonization of Saints John and John Paul approached, some questioned the need to canonize them.

The debate is not new. Shortly after Blessed John Paul died in 2005 and Pope Benedict XVI waived the five-year-waiting period before his sainthood process could open, a respected Italian journalist wrote that canonizing popes was a way for "the Roman hierarchy to canonize itself."

But one of the most authoritative and productive experts in the church's saint-proclaiming process, Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari, said in 2008 that "recent popes have not been proposed for sainthood just because they were popes, but because people recognized in them an excellent way of living as Christians."

Another criticism revolves around the quick pace of the sainthood process for popes, especially for Saint John Paul. Questions have been raised about how it is possible in such a short time to thoroughly investigate a candidate's life and writings, not to mention the enduring devotion of the faithful.

Msgr. Slawomir Oder, postulator or promoter of Saint John Paul's sainthood cause, was asked by media April 22 about reports that the pope had ignored evidence that Father Marcial Maciel Degollado, the late founder of the Legionaries of Christ, had been sexually abusing minor seminarians and leading a double life.

The postulator said the Vatican, as part of the canonization process, insisted those reports be investigated. He said investigators determined "there exists no sign of the personal involvement of John Paul II."

In Saint John Paul's sainthood cause, he added, the dispensation of the five-year waiting period "was the only exception" made from the normal procedure called for in church law.

Saint John Paul, who beatified and canonized a record number of Catholics, often explained that the church solemnly recognized certain holy men and women so the Catholic faithful would have models to imitate. On a practical level, he urged the Congregation for Saints' Causes to devote more time and energy to identifying, studying and speeding up the sainthood processes for laypeople, especially married couples, because modern Catholics needed those models.

The saints may be models, but they are not angels, and the priests formally promoting the causes of the two popes acknowledged that fact.

"John XXIII was aware of his defects ... and his own limits," including his "good appetite" and struggle losing weight, said Franciscan Father Giovanguiseppe Califano. He said Saint John had a self-deprecating sense of humor, which made him "more endearing."

"John Paul II had defects like every man," Msgr. Oder said. "True holiness lies in a person, responding to God's grace, correcting his defects," which in the case of Saint John Paul included sometimes being mercurial or brusque. "He reacted," sometimes too quickly, the monsignor said. As archbishop of Krakow he once got so angry at one of his priests that he demanded the man's driver's license and forced him to walk back to his parish. "He later asked forgiveness."

At a Vatican briefing for the media, Msgr. Oder said, "It's true there are currents opposed to the canonization of popes," but he argued that all canonizations are good for the church because they demonstrate that individuals really can fulfill the call to holiness and are "a tangible sign of the church's spiritual fruitfulness."

"It would be absurd to have a pope who evangelizes and doesn't arrive at holiness himself," Msgr. Oder said.

In addition, Saint John Paul will remain "a point of reference for his successors, but not only for them," he said. Karol Wojtyla, the future pope and saint, pursued holiness as a student, an actor, a quarry worker, a poet, priest and bishop -- and many people can find inspiration in his life.

Father Califano, postulator of the cause of Saint John, said it is obvious the vast majority of Catholics never will be called to imitate his holiness in being pope, but they can imitate his "desire to belong to the Lord."

The Franciscan works mostly on the causes of other Franciscans, but occasionally promotes other causes as well, including the recently beatified 19th-century Queen Maria Christina of Savoy.

"Recently I've had the joy of proposing for the veneration of the church both a queen and a pope. Obviously, they led totally different lives, but in fulfilling the call of every baptized Christian, the call to holiness, they are similar," he said.

Popes are not canonized because they are popes, but because they lived exemplary Christian lives, Father Califano said. "Pope John was holy even as a child and as a young adult, in his desire to know himself and follow God's will."

"Obviously, his papacy was the apex of his holiness, because then he had enormous weight on his shoulders, a great responsibility, and still knew how to pursue God's will," the postulator said.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said thinking of new saints only as models to imitate narrows their importance and misses one of the riches of Catholic teaching.

"Canonized saints are also intercessors," he said. "They are recognized by the people of God as friends, intercessors and guides to an encounter with God. And, obviously, that is what these popes are."

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).

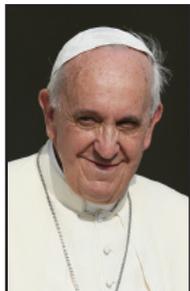
May Christ's saving work continue to the end of the ages, and may we feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature. We pray this, as did your priest Demetrius Gallitzin, through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,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

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Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

The Risen Jesus Is The Source Of Life

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Too often people are fixated on material things, money, power or status -- none of which can give life and joy, Pope Francis said.

Christians need to examine their lives with the question the angel asked the women who went to the tomb to anoint the body of the buried Jesus: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" the pope said.

At his weekly general audience April 23, Pope Francis had the tens of thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square repeat the angel's Easter question three times.

Sometimes, the pope said, people act as if "a dead Jesus would be less of a bother than a living Jesus," yet his victory over death is the source of Christian hope and the assurance that we, too, will live with him.

When "we close ourselves up in any kind of selfishness or self-satisfaction, when we let ourselves be seduced by earthly power and the things of this world, forgetting God and our neighbor; when we put our hopes in worldly vanity, money and success," he said, that is the time people must ask themselves the angel's question.

Although it did not rain during the pope's audience, the sky was gray, and raindrops were falling earlier in the morning. To keep the sick and people with disabilities warm and dry, the Vatican had them wait in the Paul VI audience hall. Pope Francis went to the hall before the audience and spent more than half an hour greeting the people gathered there.

Talking to people in St. Peter's Square about Easter and the joy that should mark the lives of all Christians, the pope said, "too often we seek the living among things that are dead, among things that cannot give life, among things that exist today and are gone tomorrow."

Christians are called to fight "the temptation to keep looking back," the pope said, and instead move toward the future. "Yesterday is the tomb of Jesus and the tomb of the church," but Jesus is alive and so is his body, the church. He keeps it alive and moving forward.

When people feel like hiding after some kind of failure, when they feel unable to pray or feel alone or abandoned, even by God, when they feel "imprisoned by sin," Pope Francis said, they need to ask themselves again why they are focused on the tomb of a dead man rather than on the life-giving victory of the Risen Lord.

"Look, brothers and sisters," he said, "he is alive and is with us! Don't go to those tombs that promise something, but in the end give nothing."



ONE MORE TIME: Jean Marie Ryan (center) was the Queen when May Crowning was celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish, Altoona, in 1949. This photo appeared in a 1950 booklet commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the parish.

Author Annie Dillard has a popular quote: "We catch grace like a person filling a tin cup at a waterfall." That quote intrigued and troubled me. I stuck it on my bulletin board, next to pictures of my kids, prayers for the canonization of Boys' Town founder Father Edward Flanagan, and a picture of me with Sister Helen Prejean. My bulletin board, in other words, holds for me a variety of reminders of grace.

As Catholics, we're very big into the idea of water standing for grace. The first lines of Genesis establish our symbolic love affair with water: God's spirit hovers over the water, representing the Lord moving to control the chaos.

Scripture abounds with water, and its ubiquitous presence should be our first hint that grace is everywhere. Jesus changes large vats of it into the finest wine, and seeks out John at the Jordan River to be baptized in it. He offers the Samaritan woman living water, which only he can give. Water, like fire and wind, is grace's gushing metaphor.

The best baptisms are those done by immersion, rather than in dribbles. During the Easter season, the pastor at my parish literally soaks people with branches full of water as he makes his way through the church.

So here I am, tin cup in hand. I've been carrying it around with me, in my imagination, wondering how stingy I am about asking for grace and how observant



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola

A Tin Cup Full Of Grace

I am in recognizing grace when it's pouring down on me.

In my job working for an anti-death penalty organization, I have been blessed to meet people who present me with grace if I'm willing to see it. One of them is a man named Curtis McCarty, who was held for nearly 20 years on death row in Oklahoma for a crime he did not commit.

Our criminal justice system is incredibly flawed, from top to bottom, with punishment and retribution taking the place of rehabilitation and reconciliation. To make things worse, in many cases the verdict is just flat out wrong, or even the product of corruption, and Curtis was a victim of that.

Yet Curtis has overcome bitterness to emerge as a compelling speaker who tells audiences worldwide about his experiences. There's grace in that.

Grace abounds, as well, in the women I've met who are faithful to husbands who have

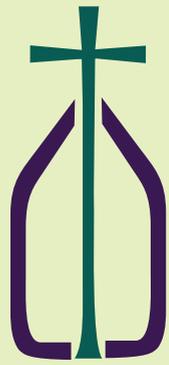
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been imprisoned for decades, or mothers whose children, as juveniles, were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. That kind of mandatory sentence for juveniles has been declared unconstitutional in my state now, but that doesn't mean it isn't still a long struggle. How does one remain strong, loyal, faithful through that kind of trial? Grace, amazing grace.

In a document written for the Society of Jesus in 2008, the Jesuits express their way of seeing God in all things: "Our way of proceeding is to trace the footprints of God everywhere ..."

I guess my dinky little tin cup just won't cut it in a world where God's grace is overflowing like a waterfall. If I can see the footprints of God in the robins flocking to my backyard these days, then I can say yes to grace everywhere.

Grace isn't just in the time I set aside for formal prayer. It comes to me in the sacraments, but it gushes forth from there, demanding I flow with it. It calls to me. It asks me to throw away my tin cup and immerse myself in the water.



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Hiding in Plain Sight:

Those in Need Are Friends and Neighbors

During the first three months of 2014, Catholic Charities fulfilled emergency requests for heating assistance totaling more than \$150,000. This level of assistance is unprecedented and reveals a deeper, growing need right here in our local communities.

Individuals and families in need are often hidden in plain sight. Many are in between jobs, underemployed, or caring for their aging parents.

Others are facing cuts in their work hours or emergency health issues. They often find themselves struggling to make ends meet due to sudden and unexpected circumstances.

Our long, cold winter and slow economic recovery have resulted in many more people seeking our help.

For some people, reaching out for help is difficult. Being able to turn to Catholic Charities is both a relief and comfort, as one client said, "...when the need hit home it

was surely nice to have the compassionate, non-judgmental face of Catholic Charities there to help."

Because of your support, Catholic Charities offers temporary financial assistance to help friends and neighbors in our communities through difficult times. We take the necessary steps to help families stay in their homes, keep their utilities on, and afford other basic necessities.

In addition to providing compassionate emergency assistance, the caring staff at Catholic Charities works with individuals and families to help improve their lives moving forward. This help can include finding ways to lower utility bills or counseling to regain confidence after a job loss.

People who seek assistance from Catholic Charities are living with feelings of fear and uncertainty. We strive to make them feel safe and secure, and give them hope for a better future. Catholic Charities serves all people in need in our local communities.

"... When the need hit home; it was surely nice to have the compassionate, non-judgmental face of Catholic Services there to help."

Services . . .

How your donations impact local communities:



Counseling

Professional, caring individual, family and group counseling.



Emergency Financial Assistance

Alleviating immediate financial crisis to ensure that basic human needs are met.



Foster Care and Adoption

Professional and confidential services to support birth mothers and create loving families.



Homeless Shelter Program

Catholic Charities' newest program in Cambria County, providing emergency housing for the homeless.



Faith in Action: Lives Are Touched Every Day

At Catholic Charities our caring and dedicated staff are committed to serving the people of central Pennsylvania without regard

for race, ethnic origin, religious belief, or financial means. Through the generosity of donors we are able to act as the voice of those living in poverty, calling for more effective solutions to poverty and

convening leaders from across the public, private and nonprofit sectors to identify pathways out of poverty.

Donations come from caring parishioners and clergy in the Altoona-

Johnstown Catholic Diocese, from the communities we serve, and from the United Ways in Cambria-Somerset Counties, Clinton, Centre County and Blair County.

Did You Know?

In addition to Emergency Financial Assistance Catholic Charities offers...

- A place to turn for a family dealing with the loss of a loved one
- The chance at having a family to a couple who can't conceive naturally
- Safe, emergency shelter when a family has no where to sleep at night.
- Help for a student experiencing difficulty at school.
- Help for a woman dealing with the overwhelming experience of an unplanned pregnancy.

These are just a few examples of the benefits that people receive through the services provided by Catholic Charities.

In Their Own Words

Getting to know Catholic Charities

No one can better express what we do than those who work with us and those we serve. Here are just a few of their comments.

“Catholic Charities has had a great impact on our family. They were a lending hand when our electricity was turned off. We were very thankful to have someone to reach out to when we were facing hard times.”

“Through counseling at Catholic Charities I now have more confidence and security in my professional life. I am much more effective at my

job and I am a happier and more stable person.”

“Catholic Charities helped my family afford heating oil. Being a single parent of three it was a relief not to worry about my kids being cold through the winter.”

“It is so nice to know that there is an advocate to help families through tough situations. Thank you for the caring services you provided to us. May God Bless you and help keep your services available to those who truly need your help.”

Centre County Catholic School Students Benefit from Catholic Charities Partnership

Some of the youngest members of our parish families in Centre County are impacted by Catholic Charities through the "PASS" Program.

PASS stands for Parent Assistance/Student Support. This unique program is a partnership with Catholic schools, specifically designed to address at-risk student behaviors before problems arise.

A Catholic Charities counselor works one-on-one or in group settings with students to help them identify their feelings and express them in positive, effective ways. Students who are struggling are

able to talk through their challenges with a trained, qualified counselor who can help them achieve a positive outcome.

Unlike counseling that is offered to Catholic schools through the intermediate units, counseling for students through Catholic Charities can be faith-based. A counselor is able to discuss prayer and one's relationship with God. The program is also available to parents and teachers.

Services available for the PASS program include counseling, consultation and referrals to other programs if needed.

Reinforcing the Lifelong Journey of Marriage in the Teachings of Our Faith



The sacred commitment to share a life together requires ongoing nurturing and attention. Throughout their journey most if not all couples face challenges and obstacles to living out the true joy God has intended for them.

The counseling staff at Catholic Charities values marriage as a sacramental union and can offer services that are faithful to the teachings of the Catholic

Church. This unique perspective has helped countless couples throughout all stages of their journey, from marriage preparation to problem-solving to working together as partners toward a happier marriage.

Thank You to Our Diocesan Community

Last fall Catholic Charities conducted a large-scale survey to find out how much people know about the work that we do to serve communities within the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.

The responses we received have been invaluable to helping us learn how to better communicate with the many audiences who can help us successfully fulfill our mission to serve our neighbors in need in the eight-county area we serve. Thank you to everyone within the Dio-

cese who participated in this important project:

- Parishioners and clergy from our 88 parishes
- Diocesan staff, council members and volunteers
- Leaders at our local Catholic schools

Support from our Diocesan community is a driving force behind Catholic Charities ability to put faith into action for the benefit of our local communities.

Thank you!



Bishop Mark L. Bartchak

Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

The mission of Catholic Charities is carried out under the direction of the Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

From the Executive Director:

Thank You, Faithful Supporters, Your Donations Make a Difference



Your gift to Catholic Charities is truly a blessing to families and individuals who turn to us when they are most vulnerable. We rely on your donations to respond to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit all year long.

From providing emergency heating, to restoring water and electricity service to a family, to responding to family in crisis, Catholic Charities provides hope for individuals and families in some of their darkest hours regardless of race, color, ancestry, age, sex, disability, or religious creed.

We believe in providing a hand-up rather than a hand-out.

Your support makes this possible.

Catholic Charities receives generous support through a portion of gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal as well as through direct contributions from individual donors within our Diocese and from donors of other faiths who value our impact in the community.

Your gift will be used with great stewardship as we serve individuals and families in your community with care and compassion.

In Sincere Gratitude,

Jean D. Johnstone, Executive Director

By The Numbers...

\$35 provides life-changing medication for someone managing an illness or disease, allowing them to continue to work

\$50 will provide an emergency gasoline voucher to help a family get to/from the hospital so their child can have chemotherapy for cancer.

\$100 keeps utilities like water or electricity turned on for a family or individual

\$250 is just a few dollars more than the average request we receive from neighbors who are seeking help—that's all it takes to help a local family or individual through a time of economic transition

\$500 can help two families meet their monthly rent or mortgage to stay in their homes

Yes, I want to make a donation that will make a difference.

I want to make a difference to people in our community who need it most. Please accept my contribution of:

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A Step Closer To Home

Johnstown Shelter Promises A Better Tomorrow



Right now, right here in our community, individuals and families are facing homelessness: sleeping outside or in their cars, telling their children they have no home to go to after school, struggling each day with this heartbreaking reality. Last September when the only homeless shelter serving Cambria County closed its doors, Catholic Charities began offering emergency shelter services. Now, with your help, we are able to offer a more permanent solution.

Along with the Cambria County Redevelopment Authority we identified a vacant residential building as the site for our future homeless shelter at 899 Bedford Street in Johnstown. Major renovations will be completed by late fall 2014.

The new homeless shelter will offer 8 to 12 beds to temporarily house men, women and families for up to 30 days and extensive case management services will continue to be provided. In the words of one of our clients *"I feel safe, helped and like I'm getting somewhere in life."* This is our goal with every client.

Personal accountability is our program's focus. We do this by:

- Having individuals meet daily with a case manager to develop a plan for permanent housing, income, and work
- Trouble-shoot obstacles they face along the way
- Assure their safety and offer much-needed hope for a better tomorrow

We believe in helping others help themselves by providing a hand-up, not a hand-out. Our goal for the shelter is to help individuals and families provide for their future in a permanent home.

Serving Your Neighbors

Catholic Charities serves individuals and families in the eight-county region of the Altoona-Johnstown Catholic Diocese with three office locations (Altoona, Johnstown and Bellefonte) and three additional intake sites.

Your Gifts Stay in Your Community

Contributions you make to Catholic Charities help individuals and families in the same county in which you live.

Help is Here

If you or someone you know is in need, Catholic Charities is here to help through the location nearest to you.

Main Office Locations

Altoona Office:

Blair, Bedford & Huntingdon Counties
1300 Twelfth Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601
Phone: (814) 944-9388

Bellefonte Office:

Centre and Clinton Counties
213 East Bishop Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
Phone: (814) 353-0502

Johnstown Office:

Cambria & Somerset Counties
321 Main Street, Suite 5G
Johnstown, PA 15901
Phone: (814) 535-6538

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Fulton Cty Catholic Mission

110 South Third Street
McConnellsburg, PA 17233
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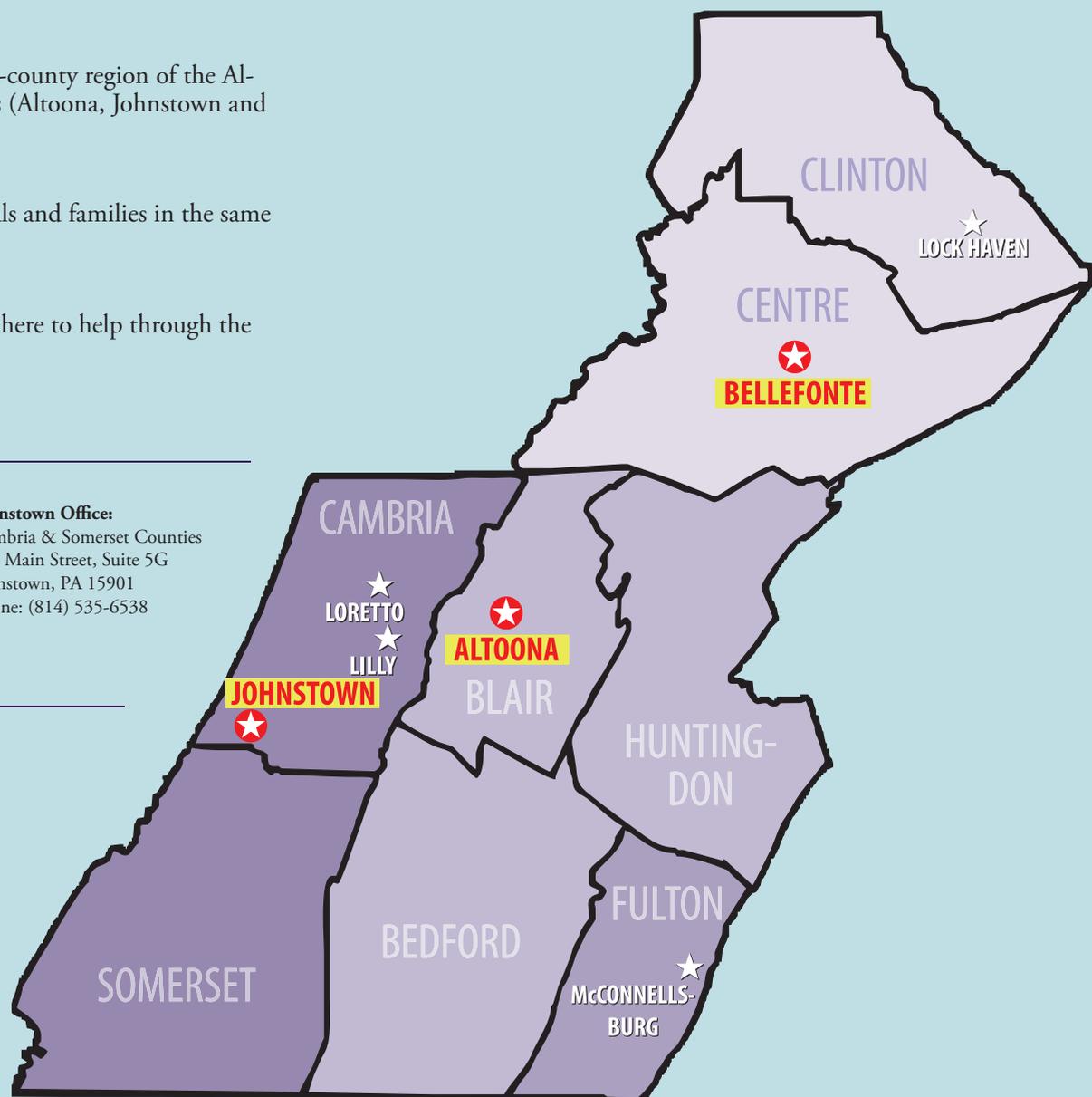
3 East Walnut Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745
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Saint Francis University
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Loretto, PA 15940
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Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
**Will I Be Happy In Heaven
 Without My Children?**

Q. Is the happiness of heaven dependent on human factors? Specifically, when I die and -- hopefully -- get to heaven, how could I be eternally happy if my children were not to make it with me? (The way things are right now, that is a distinct possibility.) How could I ever be at peace knowing that they are being punished forever? (Aiken, S.C.)

A. In the kingdom of heaven, according to the promise of the Book of Revelation (21:4), God "will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away."

How exactly that is going to happen is hidden from us while we are on this side of heaven. To be honest, I have no direct answer to your question, which is a perennial one, except to say that I choose to put my trust in the revealed word of God.

Some theologians have explained it this way: In heaven,

we will better understand how the Lord is just, that those who reject him by the way they live have chosen their fate. God will not override that choice -- and we will be comforted by this fuller knowledge.

Truthfully, that explanation doesn't help me much, but this one does: I believe that the mercy of God is expansive and that many more people are in heaven than we imagine. Only the Lord knows the true state of our souls, and I am encouraged by Matthew's Gospel, which says in Chapter 25 that we will ultimately be judged by how we responded to people who needed our help.

I love the story of Monica, who prayed -- over many years, with many tears -- for her son Augustine when he was living far from the Christian life, and how St. Ambrose told her that it was impossible that a "child of such tears" would perish.

So, take heart, continue to give witness to the faith we hold dear. Entrust your children

to the care of God (who loves them even more than you do) and keep praying for them, as I will, too.

Q. In our parish, we have been studying the Eucharist, and that has resulted in some wonderful and fresh insights, but it has also prompted a question in my mind. It seems that we have all been taught different ways of receiving Communion. At our church, some take the host on their tongue, some in their palm. Some kneel to receive or genuflect first, some bow and others make the sign of the cross. Is there a best way to receive Jesus, or does it matter? (Willard, Utah)

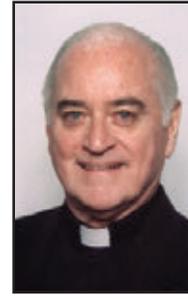
A. The guidelines for the reception of holy Communion are expressed most clearly in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

It says that the host may be received either on the tongue or the hand, and the choice belongs entirely to the communicant. If Communion is taken in the hand, it is done in the following way: If the person is right-handed, let's say, he or she should open the left hand fully and place it over the right hand, creating, as the theologian Tertullian said, a "throne for the Lord."

The priest places the host in the left palm and then, using the fingers of the right hand, the communicant puts the host into his or her mouth. (Never should a communicant reach out to the priest and grab the host.)

The U.S. bishops have determined that Communion is to be received while standing, following a simple bow of the head (such as one uses when pronouncing the name of Jesus).

However, the general instruction clearly states in No. 160 that an individual communicant may opt instead to receive while kneeling. There is no need to genuflect before receiving or to make the sign of the cross before or after. (I have witnessed several near-accidents when a communicant in line suddenly decided to genuflect in front of an elderly person who was taken by surprise.)



Spirituality For Today

By Father John Catoir
Fear Is The Enemy Of Joy

Spiritual joy is a gift from God. Its enemy is fear. Jesus warned against fear over and over. Jesus came to earth so that our joy may be full. In the Bible, he repeatedly tells others to let go of fear. Controlling our fears is a spiritual duty, just as it was for his first disciples.

Granted, some fears are unavoidable, such as a person's reaction to an armed robber, but most of our fears are merely nervous symptoms. They are distressing but not dangerous.

Learning how to reduce needless fear to an acceptable level takes time and training of one's will, but it is possible.

First, you need to understand the distinction between happiness and spiritual joy. Remember that your goal is to reduce fear to attain spiritual joy. You certainly have the right to pursue happiness, but most people think of happiness as pleasure instead of it as peace of soul.

We appreciate good food, and feel comforted by warm blankets on a cold night. The smell of fresh air and the sight of a beautiful sunset may delight our senses, and yet, even though these pleasures are noble, they cannot bring us spiritual happiness, which is a state of peace and serenity based on the knowledge of God's love.

Therefore, with God's help, living a more joyful life is not only possible, but necessary for true spiritual joy. Some call it happiness of the soul.

To get there, we have much preliminary work to do. We have to say "no" to fear. We need to pray that God will create in us a strong and grateful heart. In addition, we need to be contrite for our sin and develop self-discipline.

To do it correctly, you have to clear your mind of all kinds of toxic thinking. Fear, resentment, hatred, vindictiveness, etc., will drain your strength. It's a big order, but you can do it.

Never be discouraged because you are overly fearful. Your joy will grow as you become more and more aware of God's protection and love. The virtue of hope comes into play here. We hope for better days.

Hope is expectation with certainty. Know that you will not be disappointed. Turn your fears over to the Lord and know that better days are coming.

Joy is described as the simplest form of gratitude. The duty of delight is fulfilled by living joyfully because of the knowledge of God's love. This is the greatest honor we can give to almighty God.

Laugh at your fears and they will lose their power. Repeat: "I am not in danger, the Lord is with me." Nervous fears dissolve when they are not accepted as true.

Remove toxic thoughts from your mind, and you will be better able to feel God's joy pulsing through your soul. May the Lord be your strength and your joy.

Our Lady of Fatima 20th Century Feast - May 13



Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican last October 13, Pope Francis stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.



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DECREE OF CANONIZATION: Pope Francis reads the decree of canonization by which two of his twentieth century predecessors, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II were officially proclaimed Saints. The pontiff celebrated the canonization in the presence of his immediate predecessor, Pope - Emeritus Benedict XVI on Sunday, April 27 in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican.

Pope Francis, In The Presence Of His Predecessor, Canonizes Saint John XXIII And Saint John Paul II

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Canonizing two recent popes in the presence of his immediate predecessor, Pope Francis praised the new Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II as men of courage and mercy, who responded to challenges of their time by modernizing the Catholic Church in fidelity to its ancient traditions.

"They were priests, bishops and popes of the 20th century," the pope said April 27, in his homily during Mass in St. Peter's Square. "They lived through the tragic events of that century, but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them, God was more powerful."

"John XXIII and John Paul cooperated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the church in keeping with her original features, those features which the saints have given her

throughout the centuries," he said.

Speaking before a crowd of half a million that included retired Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis praised St. John for his best-known accomplishment, calling the Second Vatican Council, which he said "showed an exquisite openness to the Holy Spirit."

"He let himself be led, and he was for the church a pastor, a servant-leader," the pope said of St. John. "This was his great ser-

vice to the church. I like to think of him as the pope of openness to the Spirit."

Pope Francis characterized St. John Paul as the "pope of the family," a title he said the late pope himself had hoped to be remembered by. Pope Francis said he was sure St. John Paul was guiding the church on its path to two upcoming synods of bishops on the family, to be held at the Vatican this October and in October 2015.

The pope invoked the help of the two new papal saints for the synods' success, and he prayed, "May both of them teach us not to be scandalized by the wounds of Christ and to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of divine mercy, which always hopes and always forgives, because it always loves."

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POPE - EMERITUS ARRIVES: Pope - Emeritus Benedict XVI arrives in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, April 27, for the canonization of Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II. This was the retired Pope's third public appearance since resigning the papacy last year, and the first time in the history of the Church that the current Pope and a retired Pope have concelebrated Mass, together.

“John XXIII and John Paul cooperated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the church in keeping with her original features, those features which the saints have given her throughout the centuries,” said Pope Francis at the canonization Mass.



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BANNERS DEPICT NEW SAINTS: Banners depicting the two new Saints, Saint John XXIII (top) and Saint John Paul II (bottom), were displayed on the facade of Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican during their canonization Mass.

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Pope Francis has said the agenda for the family synods will include church teaching and practice on marriage, areas he has said exemplify a particular need for mercy in the church today.

The pope repeatedly mentioned mercy in his homily, which he delivered on Divine Mercy Sunday, an observance St. John Paul put on the church's universal calendar in 2000. The Polish pope died on the vigil of the feast in 2005 and was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2011.

In addition to Pope Benedict, making only his third public appearance since he resigned in February 2013, Pope Francis' concelebrants included some 150 cardinals and 700 bishops.

Pope Benedict did not join the procession of bishops at the start of Mass, but arrived half an hour earlier, wearing white vestments and a bishop's mitre

and walking with a cane; he sat in a section of the square designated for cardinals. Pope Francis greeted his predecessor with an embrace at the start of the Mass, drawing applause from the crowd, and approached him again at the end.

During the canonization ceremony, which took place at the beginning of the Mass, devotees carried up relics of the new saints in matching silver reliquaries, which Pope Francis kissed before they were placed on a small table for veneration by the congregation.

St. John's relic was a piece of the late pope's skin, removed when his body was transferred to its present tomb in the main sanctuary of St. Peter's Basilica.

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Saint John XXIII And Saint John Paul II Canonized

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Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican woman whose recovery from a brain aneurysm was recognized by the church as a miracle attributable to the intercession of St. John Paul, brought up a silver reliquary containing some of the saint's blood, taken from him for medical testing shortly before his death in 2005.

The Mass took place under cloudy skies with temperatures in the low 60s, and only a sprinkle of rain fell just before the 10 a.m. start of the liturgy. Huge

tapestries bearing portraits of the two saints hung from the facade of the basilica, and the square was decorated with 30,000 roses and other flowers donated by the nation of Ecuador.

The square and the broad Via della Conciliazione leading up to it were tightly packed with approximately half a million pilgrims, many of whom had been standing for hours before the start of Mass. Among the many national flags on display, the majority were from Poland, the native land of St. John Paul.

The Vatican estimated that

800,000 attended the ceremony in Rome, with overflow crowds watching on giant-screen TVs set up at various locations around the city. The 2011 beatification of Pope John Paul drew more than 1 million people, according to Italian police estimates at the time.

The Vatican said 93 countries sent official delegations to the Mass, and more than 30 of the delegations were led by a president or prime minister. The King and Queen of Spain and the former King and Queen of Belgium were in attendance.

The canonizations of both popes came after extraordinary measures by their successors to expedite the process. Pope Benedict waived the usual five-year waiting period before the start of a sainthood cause for Pope John Paul shortly after his death, when he was mourned by crowds shouting "Santo subito!" ("A saint at once!"). In the case of St. John, Pope Francis waived the usual requirement of a second miracle before a blessed can be added to the church's canon of saints.

(Contributing to this story was Cindy Wooden at the Vatican.)

Thousands Wait

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About a dozen churches were open all night for eucharistic adoration, confessions and prayer services in seven different languages.

Starting at about 7 p.m. April 26, security officials closed off St. Peter's Square, gently ushering people outside the metal barricades and directing them toward the main boulevard of Via della Conciliazione, which was completely sealed off to incoming car and pedestrian traffic.

The several thousand people who refused to vacate the boulevard were allowed to spend



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PILGRIMS SLEEP: People assisting with the canonization of Saints John XXIII and John Paul II sleep outside the colonnade in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican in the early morning of Sunday, April 27.

the night. People unrolled sleeping bags, unpacked blankets and mylar wraps, and set up folding chairs or lay down cardboard for beds.

Several engineering students from Milan could not believe their good luck in being on the boulevard just several hundred yards from the square.

"We're here to give thanks and ask for prayers for our studies, our families and our future -- to understand who we are," said Matteo Braida, 24, who came with his friends Marco Camilini, 21, and Luca Costantini, 22. When asked, "Where is John?" seeing the three friends had the Italian versions of the names Matthew, Mark and Luke, Luca replied, "John's not here, but we have Letizia," his girlfriend.

The three friends had been to Rome for the 2011 beatification of St. John Paul, but only Braida had managed to get into the square.

He said it was worth the sacrifice and trouble because "you feel it more, the experience is better. If you make the effort to come to Rome, that's a lot, but if you have to watch from a big screen, you might as well be at home."

Two women from Ireland's County Mayo, Eileen O'Grady of Louisburgh and Teresa Lawless of Westport, managed to claim a travertine marble bench along the boulevard.

They had been to Rome for at least five other beatification

and canonization ceremonies, and they were prepared for any kind of weather, wearing pastel rain ponchos, gloves and straw sunhats in the dark, damp night.

Lawless said they planned to do what they usually did on large pilgrimages: stay up all night reciting the rosary.

"When you pray, time just goes like that," she said with a finger snap.

Leading a group of 30 American pilgrims was Lino Rulli, "The Catholic Guy" talk-show host whose show airs on the satellite radio Catholic Channel.

Rulli, who has brought several pilgrimage groups to Rome over the years, said he gave the people on his tour advice for how to get as close as possible to the square.

"Try to get behind the Germans. They have a history of sacking Rome and invading" the square, he said, referring to the several first-century invasions and the infamous Sack of Rome in 1527.

On a more serious note, he said the huge turnout was a great sign that "so many people want to go to church, that people are willing to wait 12 hours to go to Mass."

It's almost like "the harder you make things for people, the more they are drawn to religion," he said.

(Contributing to this story was Cindy Wooden at the Vatican.)

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Father Barry Baroni and the faith community at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Invite you to send your prayer intentions to the new Shrine of Saint Peregrine at their parish church. The suggested donation for a candle to burn at the Shrine is \$3.00; a novena booklet may be obtained for \$1.00. All intentions will be remembered at every Mass celebrated at the parish for a period of 30 days.

Please remember my intentions at the Shrine:

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SACRED HEART: Sacred Heart Parish, Altoona, Monsignor Stanley B. Carson, pastor, celebrated Confirmation Wednesday, April 23. Pictured are (left to right) First row: John McGinley, Rachel Dibert, Hannah Baker, Tessa Taylor, Alexis Plowman, Alexander Martynuska. Second row: Jacob Prendergast, Eric Price, Elijah DeHaven, Lucas Adams, Jacob Barton and Anthony Roefaro.



CCW ADMINISTRATION: The Carmelite Community of the Word elected a new administration team, Friday, March 14, to head the community for the next four years. The new team consists of Sister Nancy Spence, Administrator General; Sister Marjorie McGuire, Vicar General; and General Councilors: Sister Maryann Palko, Sister Linda LaMagna, and Sister Cindy Burns. The members of the new council were installed by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak on Saturday, March 15 at a Mass celebrated at the Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center in Gallitzin. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Sister Nancy, Sister Marjorie. Second row: Bishop Mark, Sister Linda, Sister Cindy and Sister Maryann.

In The Alleghenies

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Bradley M. Mikitko, Class of 2014, from Hastings, will deliver the Invocation for the event. Mikitko will graduate summa cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Imaging. Following his Invocation the Mount Aloysius Chorale Vox Nova will sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Rachel E. Wagner, Class of 2014, will deliver the Salutatory Address and welcome her classmates and families to the assembly. Wagner, of Cresson, will graduate, summa cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in English.

Chairman of the Mount Aloysius College Board of Trustees, Daniel W. Rullo, Esq. will offer Greetings to the Class of 2014 from the College's Board of Trustees. Mount Aloysius College president, Thomas P. Foley, J.D. will introduce Commencement Speakers David Shribman and Cindy Skrzycki.

Following the Commencement Address, Board of Trustees Member Ann M. Benzel; Mount Aloysius College Vice President for Mission Integration, Sister of Mercy Helen Marie Burns; President Foley and Mr. Rullo

will assemble to confer honorary degrees upon Mr. Shribman and Ms. Skrzycki, Ambassador Sharkey, and Ms. McGowan.

President Foley will then formally grant degrees to the Mount Aloysius College 2014 graduating class. Graduates will then be introduced by dean of faculty Dr. Timothy Fulop and associate academic dean, Paul S. Farcus, Ph.D.

The Student Commencement Address will be delivered by Altoona native, John T. Moist. Moist will graduate, magna cum laude, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Following the Student Commencement Address, Vox Nova will perform the Mount Aloysius College Alma Mater. Sr. Helen Marie Burns will then offer Benediction. A Recessional, performed by A Touch of Brass will accompany the Mount Aloysius College Class of 2014, their guests, Commencement principals, faculty and staff from the Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center. The Color Guard for the day will be provided by the Naval Operations Support Center in Ebensburg.

Prayer

Outdoor Masses Offered

Loretto: Summer Masses

at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Outdoor Shrine in Loretto will begin on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. The last Mass for the summer will be on the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. All Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your own lawn chair. In case of inclement weather the Mass will be inside the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

The Mass is not a Basilica parish Mass. It is a Diocesan Mass specifically sponsored and organized by the Diocesan Vocation Office, with the exception of any special intention Masses offered by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak during the summer. Because the Vocation Office sponsors this Mass, each week's intention is offered for "The Increase of Diocesan priests within our Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown."

Rosary Rally

Loretto: The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul will hold an outdoor Rosary Rally on the campus of Saint Francis University Sunday May 18.

The Rally will be held outside the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on campus following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend to honor our Blessed Moth-

er. Please bring lawn chairs.

Faith Nursing

Loretto: Saint Francis University's Nursing Department will present "Foundations of Faith Community Nursing" on June 8 - 10 and June 29 - July 1. The course will be held

at the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness, located on Saint Francis University's campus. Registration will be accepted through May 23.

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Carmelite Community of the Word 10th Annual Golf Tournament

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Now Showing

Faith - Affirming 'Heaven Is For Real' Is Really Good

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength." Those familiar words, addressed to God in Psalm 8 of the King James Bible, might serve as the tagline for the fact-based drama "Heaven Is for Real" (TriStar).

Audiences of almost any age will benefit from this intriguing, child-guided glimpse into the afterlife.

As readers of Todd Burpo's best-selling book (written with Lynn Vincent) will know, this is the story of his young son, Colton. After coming close to death during an operation, the 4-year-old (Connor Corum) startled his Wesleyan minister father (Greg Kinnear) and choir-

director mother, Sonja (Kelly Reilly), by announcing that he had visited heaven and met Jesus.

His subsequent description of two deceased relatives, the existence of one of whom was previously unknown to him, lent remarkable credibility to the lad's claim.

Perhaps because they seemed too literal to be readily accepted, however, Colton's matter-of-fact statements about paradise stirred controversy in his family's small-town community of Imperial, Neb. Ironically, they also provoked a crisis of faith for Todd, who was forced to ask himself how genuinely he believed what he had long been preaching.

Director and co-writer (with Christopher Parker) Randall Wallace's adaptation of Burpo's account is substantial and moving, thanks in large part to the



CNS Photo./Sony

HEAVEN IS FOR REAL: Kelly Reilly, Greg Kinnear and Connor Corum star in a scene from the movie "Heaven Is For Real." 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.

mature way in which it grapples with fundamental issues of religious belief -- and doubt. What could have been a hokey, feel-good exercise in Christian cheer-leading instead comes across as a sober, though far from humorless, meditation on the reality of death and the virtue of hope.

Those themes are ably personified by Margo Martindale in the role of Burpo family friend Nancy Rawling. A stalwart member of Todd's congregation, Nancy nonetheless suffers deep, ongoing grief over the loss in combat of her Marine son.

Along with its faith-affirming revelations about the beyond, "Heaven Is for Real" also showcases a tenacious marital bond. Beset by money troubles, illnesses and other worries, Todd and Sonja occasionally quarrel. Yet their underlying commitment to each other is unwavering.

Scenes portraying the medical difficulties the Burpos endure -- including a painful baseball injury for Todd -- might not be suitable for the littlest moviegoers. An unspoken innuendo between Todd and Sonja, how-

ever, will sail well over youngsters' heads.

Viewers will particularly appreciate Colton's takeaway from his celestial journey, a message so simple and liberating that those around him, including believers, were hesitant to accept it: Thanks to the existence of heaven he says, "We don't ever have to be afraid."

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

May 11 - - On this Mother's Day, Mary Ann Pleva, mother of Diocesan seminarian Michael Pleva, joins Bishop Mark to discuss how she supports her son's priestly formation.

May 18 - - Graduating seniors from Catholic high schools in the Diocese look back at their years of Catholic education and look ahead to the future.

May They Rest In Peace



**Sister M. Franceline
Krug I.H.M.**

Sister Mary Franceline Krug, of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary died on Friday, April 25 at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton. She was 96.

She was born on April 4, 1918 in Ashville, PA, and given the name Bernadine. She was the daughter of the late Herman E. and Matilda (Douglass) Krug. She entered the I.H.M. Congregation on September 8, 1940, and made her temporary profession of vows on May 8, 1943, and her final profession of vows on August 2, 1946.

Sister Franceline served at Saint Joseph High School, Renovo, from 1963 to 1965.

From 1988 to 2007, Sister Franceline served at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School in Altoona teaching business classes for several years and then serving on the staff as an administrative assistant and also secretary in the Guidance Office.

From 2007 to 2012, Sister Franceline was on family ministry.

From 2012 until the time of her death, Sister Franceline was a prayer minister at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton.

She received a bachelor of science degree and a master of science degree in business education from Marywood College, Scranton.

She is preceded in death by four brothers, Herman, Leo, Robert, and Douglas; and six sisters, Jane, Marian, Helen, Mary K. Bender, Dorothy K. Conlon, and Sister Hermine I.H.M.

She is survived by two brothers, Francis of Ashville and Edgar of Pittsburgh, and two sisters, Theresa Cole of Indiana and Sister Romaine I.H.M, of Scranton; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass for Sister Mary Franceline Krug was celebrated Wednesday, April 30 in the chapel of Our Lady of Peace Residence, Scranton. Committal was at Saint Catherine Cemetery in Moscow.

Memorial contributions may be made to support the retired I.H.M. Sisters c/o the I.H.M. Sisters Retirement Fund, I.H.M. Center, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509.

Sister M. Avila Long R.S.M.

Sister Mary Avila Long, a member of the Mid - Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy, died Friday, April 25, at Mercy Center, Dallas. She was 97.

Baptized Magdalene, Sister was born March 31, 1917, in Croyle Township, the daughter of the late Joseph and Clara (Smith) Long.

She graduated from Summerhill Township High School and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Misericordia University, Dallas.

Sister entered the Sisters of Mercy in Dallas, March 2, 1939, and professed her vows Aug. 16, 1941. During her years in the ministry of education, Sister Avila taught in elementary schools in the Dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown, Pittsburgh and Scranton.

For 32 years, Sister Avila taught and ministered to the parishioners of Saint Paul Parish in Butler. Completing her time there, Sister became an active member of the prayer ministry at McAuley Hall, Cresson, and then at Mercy Center, Dallas.

Surviving are her sisters, Stella Strittmatter, Patton; Hil-da Karl, Fairmont WV.; Mary

Chirdon, Canonsburg; Jane Moore, Ebensburg; and Irma Senner, Portage; her brother, Norman, Sidman; and the Sisters of Mercy.

Sister was preceded in death by her parents; her twin sister, Catherine; sisters, Alma and Clara; and her brothers, Lawrence, Joseph, Regis and Cletus.

The funeral Mass for Sister Mary Avila Long R.S.M. was celebrated Monday, April 28 in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament at Mercy Center, Dallas. Committal was in the Sisters of Mercy Cemetery, on the campus of Mount Aloysius College, Cresson.

Memorial contributions in the name of Sister Avila may be made to Mercy Center, P.O. Box 370, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

In The Alleghenies

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Faith Community Nursing will educate professionals and students alike on ways to combine health practice with spiritual growth to promote overall well-being in patients. The conference will focus on core concepts of spiritual formation, professionalism, and health and wholeness. Participants will learn about leadership roles in collaborative health ministries as well as how to sustain a faith community nursing practice.

Instructors will include both Saint Francis and Duquesne University faculty in addition to professionals in the field. Cindy Drenning, vice - chair and clinical associate professor of nursing at Saint Francis University, will be joined by Duquesne's Carolyn Nickerson, retired associate professor. Amy Armanious and Dorothy Mayernick, both of Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, will share their experiences in faith - healing communities and provide additional insight to the coursework. All presenters have extensive experience and degrees in faith community nursing.

The cost of the conference is \$350.00, which includes

meals, all conference materials, and continuing education credits. Only checks will be accepted as forms of payments. Optional fees include additional breakfasts and lodging at Saint Francis University.

The application form is online at <http://francis.edu/foundations-of-faith-community-nursing/>, along additional information on faith community nursing in general.

Please refer all questions to Cindy Drenning, Saint Francis University Department of Nursing, at (814) 472 - 3027 or cdrenning@francis.edu. Additional information is also available at the Department of Nursing's website at <http://francis.edu/nursing/>.

Schools

Musical

Johnstown: Cathedral Catholic Academy Drama Club

will present the musical, "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 9 and 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at Bishop McCort Catholic High School.

Adult admission is \$6.00 and students grades 1-12: \$4.00. Children kindergarten and under are free. Tickets are available at the door.

Youth

Basketball Camps

Cresson: Mount Aloysius College will be holding two basketball camps this summer.

The Skills Camp for boys and girls ages 8-15 will be June 23-27, 2014 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The Junior Camp for boys and girls ages 5-8 will be June 30-July 3, 2014 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. For more information or to register online go to www.coachloya.com or call (814) 659-9605.

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Roughing It For The Saints: Thousands Wait Through The Night For Canonization Mass

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Volunteers wearing neon yellow vests interlocked their arms and led the crowds, several hundred at a time, slowly toward St. Peter's Square.

The "one-block-at-a-time" strategy was to help avoid a chaotic rush and crush of tens of thousands of people when the square opened at 5:30 a.m.

An estimated 800,000 people were on the streets of Rome April 27 to see two popes, Pope Francis and retired Pope Benedict XVI, concelebrate the Mass honoring the canonization of two of their predecessors, Sts. John Paul II and John XXIII.

The square was packed to capacity as more than 500,000 people filled the surrounding area; those unable to cross the bridges to the Vatican watched from large screens in several areas throughout the city, including the Roman Forum and Piazza Navona.

The red and white flags of Poland dominated the square and streets leading to the basilica while the gray, overcast sky saw splashes of color with enormous yellow and white balloons held aloft.

"Slowly! Slowly!" volunteers and police shouted at people who starting running for any



CNS Photo/Paul Haring

PILGRIMS WAIT: Poland's flag is seen as pilgrims wait on Via della Conciliazione outside Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican Saturday, April 26, the eve of the canonization of Saints John XXIII and John Paul II.

kind of opening ahead of them that might get them closer to the square and the chance to catch a glimpse of the ceremony.

Almost 3,000 journalists were officially accredited for the event to provide coverage around the world.

Julia Desilets was one of the people carrying a candle alongside the relic of St. John Paul. Desilets, from western Massachusetts, had been working as a translator in the office promoting his sainthood cause.

She told Catholic News

Service she was "amazed and extremely honored" to participate in the canonization Mass. "It was an appropriate ending, I believe, to my long sojourn here in the Eternal City."

About 150 cardinals and 700 bishops concelebrated the Mass. About 6,000 priests attended, as well as deacons, to help distribute Communion to as many people as possible.

U.S. Deacon William Ditewig of the Diocese of Monterey, Calif., specifically asked Vatican organizers to place him as far

away from the main square as possible.

Deacon Ditewig told CNS he was inspired by Pope Francis' call to minister to the "peripheries," and "I wanted to minister literally to the fringes."

"These people went to all this trouble to be here, I wanted to distribute Communion as far away as possible" and help everyone feel a part of the ceremony.

He said he hoped to inspire those who might be disappointed with being so far away from

the main event "with my demeanor of joy. This is a pilgrimage, not a tour, so I hope through demeanor and action," he could uphold the ideals of celebration, sacrifice and humility.

In order to get into the square on Divine Mercy Sunday, many people stayed up all night or attempted sleep on makeshift beds of flattened cardboard boxes or sleeping mats.

Many found shelter in churches and squares or along the roads leading to the main boulevard that leads to St. Peter's Square. A large group of French Scouts set up camp outside the French Embassy in Piazza Farnese and were trying to get some sleep around midnight.

In the center of Rome, pilgrims began an all-night vigil April 26. Large pockets of reverence existed side-by-side the wild revelry of a Saturday night in Rome. As Roman restaurants and bars were filled with winners and diners, the city's squares and streets were flowing with large groups of pilgrims carrying rosaries, backpacks and flags.

All of Piazza Navona was turned into an open-air church for Polish pilgrims. An altar was brought outside to the front steps of the church of St. Agnese in Agone to allow hundreds of people the opportunity to kneel and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

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