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## Matthew Kelly Inspires Record - Breaking Audience To Live Every Day With Passion And Purpose

### Over 1,500 People Gather In Loretto To Hear Acclaimed Speaker, Author

Photos And Text  
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

In record numbers they came from every corner of the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese, eager to hear the Christian musings of Matthew Kelly.

The internationally acclaimed speaker and author presented: "Living Every Day With Passion And Purpose" to his largest audience ever.

"Something he said that really struck a chord with me was "You never get enough of what you don't need, and it's the drive to get it that causes you problems," said Whitey McCabe of Portage, who attended the event along with his wife, Annette. "I can really appreciate that statement," he laughed. They were enjoying the day, and McCabe said he felt Kelly was a dynamic speaker.

Kelly addressed over 1,500 people on Saturday, September 27 at the Maurice Stokes Physical Education Building on the campus of Saint Francis University, Loretto. The event

was sponsored by the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese. There were 1,503 tickets sold for the event, a record for "Living Every Day With Passion And Purpose.

"His invitation is to become a dynamic Catholic," said Carmelite of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna, chairperson for the event. "If you are going to be a good Catholic, be a bold and dynamic Catholic.

"The majority of the people that came on Saturday were people from within our Diocese. So, to me, it says that Catholics are hungry for more. It's a good and healthy space for Catholics to be in," said Sister Linda. "I believe the day was a perfect experience."

Kelly was very animated in his presentation His Australian accent added to his charm and presentation and held the attention of his audience.

He has dedicated his life to helping people become, what he calls, the - best - version - of - themselves. A native of Sydney, Australia, he began speaking and writing in his late teens while attending school. Since then, over four million people



have participated in his seminars and presentations in 50 countries.

Also, a writer, his books have been published in 25 languages, and have appeared on the **New York Times**, **Wall Street Journal**, and **USA Today** best - sellers lists, and have sold more than 10 million copies.

Following the first session Natalie Bukowski of Hastings was excited and motivated. "I think he's awesome. He's really interesting and speaks to all generations of people," she said. "His thought that we have to determine our basic needs before we can truly help others, resonated with me. Sometimes, we're so busy helping others that we lose that connection to ourselves."

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak was pleased with the large turnout of Catholics. "I'd like to thank Sister Linda and her committee for all of the hard work they've done to prepare this day. And, I'd like to thank all of you for giving witness to your Catholic faith."

**DYNAMIC SPEAKER:** Internationally known Catholic speaker and author Matthew Kelly gave a dynamic presentation to over 1,500 people at Saint Francis University, Loretto, on Saturday, September 27. Kelly's presentation, "Living Every day With Passion And Purpose" was sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. The audience broke records for the number of people to attend a Kelly presentation.

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## Community

### Catholic Daughters

**Altoona:** Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court #2625 will meet on Monday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. for a social, followed by a 7:00 p.m. meeting in the Saint Rose of Lima Parish social hall.

New members are welcome.



## High Schools

### Presidential Award

**Altoona:** Eleven Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School students were selected President's Education Award recipients.

The criteria for the award is the student ranks in the Top 15 percent of their class at the end of the junior year based on cumulative grade point average, exhibits discipline and drive to excel academically, demonstrates the characteristics that positively reflect Bishop Guilfoyle, and receives recommendation by 75 percent of the recommending faculty.

The award winners include Rylee Adams, Hannah Carey, Ryan Evanko, Michael Fox, Maya Irwin, Taylor Johnsonbaugh, Natasha Rasmussen,

**CARMELITE LEADERSHIP ELECTED:** The Congregation of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged And Infirm have met in General Chapter and elected Sisters to leadership. On Monday, September 15, Mother M. Mark Louis Anne Randall, was re-elected as the Superior General of the Congregation, and on the following day votes were cast for the new General Council. Pictured are (left to right) Sister M. Richard Carmel Brusca (secretary general), Sister. M. Cyril Methodius Kasper (third councilor), Sister M. Jeanne Francis Haley (second councilor), Mother M. Mark Louis Anne Randall (superior general), Sister Mary Rose Heery (first councilor), Sister Patricia Margaret Rawdon (fourth councilor) and Sister M. Veronica Robert Bien (treasurer general). The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm are a Religious Congregation of Pontifical Rite. The Sisters care for the aged and infirm in nursing homes and assisted living facilities which they staff in various locations in the United States, including Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence in Hollidaysburg, which they co-sponsor with the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. They have one home in Dublin, Ireland.

Shaelyn Rickens, Maria Ruggery, Ashton Truby and Nicole Watt.

### Student Newspaper

**Johnstown:** For the first time since 2008, the **McCort Mirror**, the Bishop McCort Catholic High School student-run newspaper, is back in publication with a brand new website for the 2014 - 15 school year.

Bishop McCort has introduced two new classes to the curriculum for upperclassman,



**HELPING KIDS IN HAITI:** The incoming class at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson, is likely the largest ever. These students, hailing from 18 states, five foreign countries and three continents, also arrived with big hearts ready to help those in need. Prior to arriving on campus, the incoming students collected an array of items destined to help needy Haitian children. The students gathered needed items like underwear and socks for both boys and girls, hair ties and other toiletries for young girls, and lots of toys like balls, kites, and other small fun gifts for the children. As the students arrived for Move-In Day their collected gifts were stacked at a receiving station in Cosgrave Hall. The first shipment was loaded and sent to Sister Martha Burbulla of the Carmelite Community of the Word in Gallitzin. Sister Martha is assembling a tractor-trailer filled with items bound for Haiti later this fall. During Orientation, MAC students attended "Leadership Through Service." Pictured are (left to right) Elaine Grant (director of student activities at Mount Aloysius College), Caitlyn Spetzer (nursing student from State College), Claire Kirsch (psychology major from Clymer), Chelsea Snelick (nursing student from Brockway), Chandler Rhoades (events and marketing specialist at Mount Aloysius) and Harold Ingram (business major from Philadelphia).



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Journalism taught by Mr. Varga and Digital Communications taught by teacher and Director of Athletics Mr. Schultz. The two classes are collaborating to post well-written articles with picture and video components to be published on the **McCort Mirror** website.

"We're very excited about this new opportunity," said Mr. Varga. "This will give us a chance to promote our students

as well as allow our students to get real Web publishing and editing experience."

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# In The Alleghenies



**ACOLYTE AND LECTOR:** Kevin Nester was installed in the ministry of acolyte by Bishop Mark L. Barchak during Mass on Saturday, September 6, at Most Holy Trinity Parish, Huntingdon. During the same liturgy, Donald Gibboney was installed in the ministry of lector. Both men are members of Most Holy Trinity Parish. Pictured are (left to right): Deacon Gene Neral (director of diaconal formation), Donald Gibboney, Kevin Nester, Bishop Mark, Deacon Michael Russo (assistant director of diaconal formation) and Father David Arseneault (pastor of Most Holy Trinity parish).

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The **McCort Mirror** will only be available online where students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and Crusher supporters everywhere can follow all of the schools news and events. The website will feature various clubs, events, and subjects going on at Bishop McCort.

On the home page one can find information on news, sports, student life, community service, and guidance.

On top of this, the website will have many pictures, videos, and tweets to show what is happening at the school.

The students are working hard to make sure that the website will be updated weekly to

keep everyone informed of the most recent news. All **McCort Mirror** staff members have a web profile page where their stories will be kept as part of an online portfolio that could also be useful to the students when they apply to colleges and jobs in the future.

## Higher Education

### Ecumenical Lecture

**Cresson:** The Mount Aloysius College Office of Mission Integration announces the Ecumenical Luncheon and Lecture for Fall, 2014. Scheduled for Thursday, October 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the Cosgrave Center Meeting Rooms, the Mount Aloysius College Fall Ecumenical Luncheon event is available to clergy, ministers and congregational leaders. Featured lecturer for the Ecumenical Lecture is Steven R. Harmon, Ph.D. Dr. Steven Harmon will also present a public lecture at 3:30 p.m. that same afternoon in historic Alumni Hall. This lecture, "What Do Catholics Have

in Common with Baptists?" is open to the public free of charge.

Mercy Sister Helen Marie Burns, vice president of mission integration at Mount Aloysius College noted that Dr. Steven Harmon's writing and research on ecumenism positions him as an ideal lecturer on the commonalities and differences between Baptists and Catholics. "Dr. Harmon credentials are extensive," she said. "He is currently teaching at Gardner - Webb University, Boiling Springs NC in their School of Divinity.

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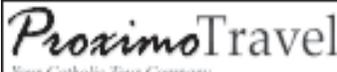


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## Point Of View

The silence was awkward. The pauses excruciating. The valiant attempts at conversing futile. Despite the look in each other's concerning eyes, the eventual laughter from both was more than a welcome relief. Two people, who knew each other more than anyone in the world, suddenly felt like they were more strangers than they wanted to admit. But, it was the laughter that broke the ice. The instantaneous moment of joy, in which they knew they were never really strangers, just victims of not enough dedicated time. A couple who vowed to become familiar with each other again.

Yes, my husband and I finally went out on a date. To you, it may not seem so exciting or newsworthy but for my husband and I it was exactly what we needed.

Our plans consisted of sharing a meal at a quaint restaurant where we would have uninterrupted time and conversations followed by a leisurely long walk around a lake. Nothing too fancy or expensive, just time to be frittered away with each other. No deadlines to meet, no cell phone calls, no teenage angst and no diaper changes. Time to enjoy each other without any expectations other than a few set rules of conversation.

We decided ahead of time we would not talk about the kids, no talk about the endless house chores and definitely no talk allowed about our jobs. Our conversation was to be centered on the two of us as a married couple, our life as a husband and wife.



## Family Matters

By Amy Kanich  
Date Night

So how did it go? The meal was tasty, walk refreshing but the conversation was awkward, in fact, embarrassingly quiet. For a couple who have known each other for 25 years, we admitted, we had very little to talk about.

Why was the conversation slow, not robust? Did we not have much to talk about? Yes, we could have filled our conversation with the kids, our jobs, the deadlines, homework and our overflowing calendar but we set the rules of the game ahead of time and this is where the ball was called dead on the spot.

Why the silence? Having four children ages 17- 2, we are a very blessed and busy family. With both parents working full time, graduate school, extra-curricular activities, science projects, endless homework and the promise to have at least one parent present at all of our boy's sports events our schedule is definitely jammed pack. Not to mention our family's promise to eat together at least 5 times a week, volunteer at church, clean our house, wash 26 loads of laundry, iron 30 school uniforms, everything needed to provide for our children, all to be accomplished within a week's time frame. Our nights are full

of work but we also make sure it includes bedtime stories, good conversation, bubble baths and nightly prayer. Our family is crazy blessed but also exhaustingly busy.

Married couples find themselves often time laying their lives down for their families putting their family's needs and wants before their own. Isn't this what God calls us to do? Yes, God does want us to be good and Godly parents, but He also does not require us to sacrifice our own very special vocation of marriage at the expense of our vocation as a parent. Both vocations need their own special attention, a dedication unique to the calling itself, with the hard reality one can not be substituted for the other.

I often hear parents say, they want the best for their kids thus they dedicate their entire being to giving their children the world. At the same time they forget the best gift parents can give their kids is a healthy marriage.

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## Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein  
We Are A Family

The photo of Pope Francis embracing Pope – Emeritus Benedict featured on page 12 of this issue seems a bit incongruous. Never in living memory has the Church had both an active Pope and a retired Pope appearing together before a throng in Saint Peter's Square. It seems incongruous too, to read that the present Holy Father addressed his predecessor as "Your Holiness" during an event for the elderly they attended together. The resignation of Pope Benedict XVI which cleared the way for the election of Pope Francis has meant the breaking of new ground in the life of the Church for the past year – and – a – half. We are not used to seeing two men in white, each calling the other "Holiness" and together receiving the ovation of the faithful.

Maybe it's high time that we were!

Since the time of the Second Vatican Council (1962 – 1965) the Church has sought to present itself less as a hierarchical or monarchical structure, and more as the pilgrim people of God, an assembly -- or better yet a family -- of believers. Pope Francis has several times, most recently at the September 28 celebration of the elderly, referred to Pope Benedict as a "grandfather." The careful use of that title most certainly underscores the reality of the Church as a family -- men, women and children of all ages, representing all facets of the human condition, joined together to give praise and worship to Almighty God, and loving, wholehearted service to all their brothers and sisters.

The universal Church -- a Church that is truly "catholic" -- is a worldwide phenomenon. The big picture might be almost too big for us to take in at a glance. The scope of that big picture is so wide that we might not recognize that it is truly a family portrait that we are looking at. But when we see a father and a grandfather together, it becomes a bit easier to comprehend. Our Pope and the Pope – Emeritus are modeling a very special relationship for us all. They are showing us how much we need one another.

It's a bit easier to think of Church as a family on the Diocesan or parish level. This smaller picture allows the familial relationship to stand out in sharper relief. This is especially so in our parish communities. Many parishioners have roots going back several generations in that one parish community. They can point to parents and grandparents and great – grandparents who built the church buildings, the rectories, the convents and the schools. They are the living repository of parish memories. When parishes come together for Mass and the other sacraments, for social events or for service projects, there are always a wide variety of ages represented, and a host of family ties in attendance. Our rootedness in our own community can help us better understand our connection to the wider family community of the Diocese and the Church Universal. What we see lived and modeled at home becomes the template for all of our other Church relationships.

One of my favorite songs says "We are a family, like a giant tree, reaching out to the sky. We are family, we are so much more than just you and I. We are family, like a giant tree growing stronger, growing wiser. We need you. We are a family." I believe this is the message Pope Francis conveys every time he invites our "grandfather," Pope – Emeritus Benedict, to join him. It's a message well worth heeding.

# Stories Of Albanian Persecution Move Pope To Tears



CNS Photo/Paul Haring

**ALBANIAN MARTYRS:** Banners depict Albanian martyrs, most of whom died under communism, as Pope Francis arrives to celebrate Mass in Mother Teresa Square in Tirana, Albania, Sunday, September 21.

**By Carol Glatz**  
Catholic News Service

**TIRANA, Albania (CNS)** -- Two survivors of Albania's communist crackdown against the church brought Pope Francis to tears with their stories during a vespers service in Tirana's cathedral Sept. 21.

"To hear a martyr talk about his own martyrdom is intense," the pope told journalists on the papal plane back to Rome the same evening. "I think all of us there were moved, all of us."

Franciscan Father Ernest Troshani, 84, talked about his

life as a priest under a regime that targeted people of every faith -- Christian and Muslim -- between 1944 and 1991. Despite the risks of torture, imprisonment and execution, people held onto their beliefs as best they could, praying and passing on their traditions underground.

Father Troshani said his religious superiors were shot dead and the military drafted him in an effort to "make me disappear. I spent two years there, years that were worse than any prison."

He managed to be ordained a priest in 1956, on the feast of Divine Mercy. But the worse

was yet to come when the regime, which was set to become the first atheist nation in the world, intensified its war against religion in the 1960s.

On Christmas Eve 1963, the priest was arrested while celebrating Mass and was sentenced to death by firing squad. He was beaten, placed for three months in solitary confinement under "inhumane" conditions, then tortured because he refused to denounce the church.

He was eventually freed, but later arrested again and sent to a prison camp, where he was forced to work in a mine for 18 years and then 10 more years in sewage canals.

All the time he was imprisoned, he said, he celebrated Mass from memory in Latin, heard confessions and distributed Communion to other prisoners -- all clandestinely. When the regime collapsed in 1991, he returned to ministry by serving isolated mountain villages, urging Christians caught up in a cycle of revenge to let go of their hatred and embrace God's love.

When the priest finished his testimony, he approached the

pope, who extended his arms to embrace him. But the priest dropped to his knees to kiss the pope's ring. Standing together, the two men embraced warmly. Moved to tears, the pope removed his glasses and the men briefly rested their foreheads against each other.

Stigmatine Sister Marije Kaleta, 85, spoke next about being a novice during the regime and secretly baptizing "everyone who came to my door," but only after making sure they weren't spies who wanted to turn her in to authorities.

One day, while walking along a road, a mother carrying her child ran up to her, asking her to baptize the infant.

Sister Kaleta was hesitant because the woman's husband was a communist and she worried it might be a trap. So she told the mother it wasn't possible because she didn't have the things necessary for baptism.

The mother appeared desperate, and even though they were in the middle of a road, she pointed to a nearby ditch saying that's where they could get the water.

Still unsure, the sister said she had nothing with which to pour the water over the child's head.

"But she insisted that I baptize her child. So, seeing her faith, I took off my shoe, since it was made of plastic, and I took the water from the canal with that and baptized the child," she said.

Thanks to a number of priests who also worked clandestinely, "I had the good fortune of having the Blessed Sacrament," which she kept hidden in bed sheets to secretly administer to people who were ill or dying.

The pope said he had had no idea how much the people of Albania had suffered for their faith, until two months earlier when he started preparing for his trip.

He said he was moved to see Tirana's main boulevard lined with banners bearing black-and-white photographs of dozens of Catholics killed by the regime.

Pope Francis called Albania a land of heroes and martyrs and said that, by embracing the priest and sister, he had "touched two of them."

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“He is the author of several books and journal articles and will address our topic with a significant background of writing and scholarship. We are looking forward to his lecture and to a lively discussion during his visit to Mount Aloysius College.”

Dr. Steven Harmon began teaching in the Gardner - Webb University School of Divinity in 2010. He is the author of **Every Knee Should Bow: Biblical Rationales For Universal Salvation In Early Christian Thought, Towards Baptist Catholicity: Essays On Tradition And The Baptist Vision- and Ecumenism Means You, Too: Ordinary Christians And The Quest For Christian Unity.** His forthcoming book is titled **The Baptist Vision And The**

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Dr. Harmon has also published numerous journal articles, chapters in multi - authored books, and general readership publications. He serves as book review editor for **Perspectives In Religious Studies**, contributing editor of **Pacific Journal Of Baptist Research**, and former associate editor of **Review And Expositor**.

Dr. Harmon’s ministry includes his pastoring at three churches in Texas, interim pastor of churches in North Carolina, and guest preacher and teacher in numerous congregations in Texas, North Carolina, Alabama, Maryland, and Virginia. He is a member of St. John’s Baptist Church in Charlotte NC, where he is one of the teachers of an adult Sunday school class and serves as a liaison between the congregation and the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Dr. Harmon hails from



**DAY OF PEACE:** Lock Haven Catholic School celebrated International Day of Peace on Monday, September 22. The day began with a Prayer Service. The fifth grade students took part as speakers, and the seventh grade performed sign language to the song “Don’t Laugh At Me”. Father Joseph Orr, pastor, talked to the students about ways they could promote peace in their everyday lives. The students also each made a handprint they decorated and hung on the wall in the school, making a large peace sign.

Texas. He is married to Kheresa Wedding Harmon. They are parents of an elementary school-age son, Timothy.

### Professor Selected To Post

**Cresson:** Margaret Boyce, MSN, RN, MBA assistant professor of Nursing at Mount

Aloysius College was selected as a volunteer author of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), Licensure Examination (NCLEX). NCSBN, headquartered in Chicago, is responsible for developing and administering the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN licensing exams.

Boyce was approved by the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing and selected by NCSBN to participate on the NCLEX RN Item Development Panel of subject matter experts held in Chicago, IL from August 11 - 14.

A registered nurse for 33 years, Boyce practiced critical care nursing early in her career. She recently shifted her professional focus to management and

education.

Boyce was nominated for the NCLEX assignment on the basis of clinical specialty and nursing expertise. All nurses in the United States and its four U.S. territories must take the NCLEX. The licensing exam identifies those candidates who demonstrate minimal competence to practice nursing at the entry level. Passing the NCLEX exam is one of the requirements necessary for obtaining a nursing license.

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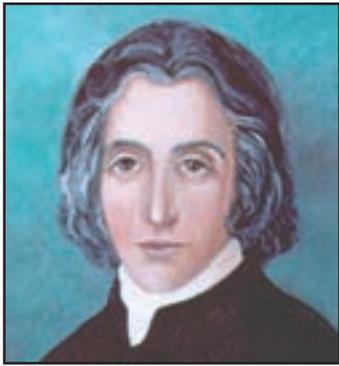
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# New Jersey Charity Sister Is Beatified October 4

By Al Frank  
Catholic News Service

**NEWARK, N.J. (CNS)** -- Although Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich was personally unassuming, the spiritual impact she had on other Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth was so unmistakable that they began

## Prayer For Father Gallitzin's Intercession

O God, light of the faithful and shepherd of souls, who sent Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin to serve God's people in the Allegheny Mountains, feeding your sheep by his words and forming them by his example, pour out your Spirit to sow seeds of truth in people's hearts and to awaken in them obedience to the faith.

May the Gospel continue to be preached and the Sacraments bring power and grace to the faithful. By the example of this man of faith, Demetrius Gallitzin, may your people advance in the path of salvation and love.

Confident of your faithfulness to us, we humbly ask you, our God, to grant us the favor of (name your intention).

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

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the effort to have her canonized soon after her May 8, 1927, death in Paterson.

Her cause advanced Saturday, Oct. 4, when she was declared Blessed Miriam Teresa at a beatification Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. She was the first American to be beatified in the United States.

Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, celebrated the Mass, joined by Newark Archbishop John J. Myers, Paterson Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli and Bishop Kurt Burnette, head of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic.

The church leaders represent local churches that all claim the daughter of Slovakian immigrants -- she was born in Bayonne, baptized in the Eastern Catholic Church and educated at St. Elizabeth College in Morris Township, where her remains are entombed in the chapel of her congregation's motherhouse.

Cardinal Amato read the declaration of beatification near the beginning of Mass after a short biography was read and a portrait of her was unveiled.

Many Sisters of Charity attended the liturgy, which included a procession with a reliquary containing locks of Sister Miriam's reddish brown hair, cut after her death of appendicitis at age 26.

Sister Miriam was known for her bad eyesight, and her intercession was invoked for Michael Mencer, a New Jersey boy who was going blind. His complete cure in 1964 was authenticated by the Vatican as having no medical explanation and was endorsed by Pope Francis in December.

In general, one confirmed miracle is needed for beatification and a second such miracle for canonization.

The youngest of seven, Sister Miriam delayed college to care for her invalid mother, who



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## BLESSED SISTER MIRIAM TERESA

died when "Treat" -- as Sister Miriam was called -- was 18. Because of her poor eyesight, she was rejected by the convent of contemplatives she wanted to enter before she joined a teaching community.

"Miriam's life of aligning her life to the will of God is a model for all of us," said Sister Mary Canavan, a former general superior of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth who is the fourth sister to serve as vice postulator of Sister Miriam's cause.

"I don't know if we need another saint in the church per se, except that her message that we all are called to holiness is significant to everyone in this troubled world, because it will take all of us to help bring about the reign of God," Sister Mary told the New Jersey Catholic, Newark's archdiocesan magazine.

Sister Mary also noted that Sister Miriam embraced selflessness and had an acute awareness of God's presence in her life.

Because she was baptized in the Eastern Catholic Church, her cause also is championed by the Eparchy of Passaic, which has jurisdiction over the Byzantine churches from Maine to Florida. Also endorsing the cause is the Archdiocese of Newark, where Bayonne is located, and the Diocese of Paterson, whose territory includes the Chapel of the Holy Family in the Convent Station section of Morris Township, where Sister Miriam's body is entombed.

Sister Miriam was said to be aware of a special call at age 3. "Even before she entered the

Sisters of Charity, she was living a saintly life," Sister Mary said.

After graduating second in her class from Bayonne High School in 1917, she cared for her mother and her family for two years before enrolling at the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station.

She majored in literature and graduated in 1923 with highest honors "but was in a state of perplexity as to the future," according to a biography by Sister Mary Zita Geis, a Sister of Charity.

Sister Miriam was drawn to a contemplative Carmelite community in New York but was rejected because her poor eyesight would have prevented her from helping with the sewing of the liturgical vestments the nuns made to support themselves.

The Sisters of Charity hired her to teach Latin and English at the Academy of St. Aloysius in Jersey City, which closed in 2006. She left teaching to care for her ill father, who operated a shoe repair business and after he died, she entered the Sisters of Charity novitiate in 1925.

In the winter of 1927, she was hospitalized several times and so, when she complained of pain just a few months later, her superiors suspected hypochondria. When she was again hospitalized, it was for acute appendicitis. She died just after taking her vows as a fully professed sister.

Only after her death did confidantes reveal she had described having a vision of Mary in her sophomore year and of walking with St. Therese, which she occurred during her novitiate.

On her body's return to Convent Station from the hospital, one of the sisters cut locks of her hair.

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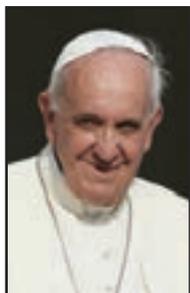
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# Word of Life



## The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

### A Call For 'Globalization Of Charity' To Protect Migrants

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- Pope Francis called for the "globalization of charity" through an international network to fight human trafficking and ensure the rights of migrants and refugees.

The pope's words appeared in his annual message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which in 2015 will be observed Jan. 18. The Vatican released the pope's message, "Church Without Frontiers, Mother to All," Sept. 23.

"Large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with a suitcase full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more humane living conditions," the pope wrote. "Such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility, even in ecclesial communities, prior to any knowledge of the migrants' lives or their stories of persecution and destitution."

Pope Francis called on all to honor the "biblical commandment of welcoming with respect and solidarity the stranger in need."

"Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognized in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches," he wrote.

But individual and even national efforts to help migrants are insufficient, the pope wrote.

"Migration movements, however, are on such a scale that only a systematic and active cooperation between states and international organizations can be capable of regulating and managing such movements effectively," he wrote.

According to the United Nations, there were 232 million international migrants in 2013, representing a rise of 50 percent since 1990.

At a news conference to present the pope's message, Bishop Joseph Kalathiparambil, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers, said that in 2013 the number of refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons exceeded 50 million for the first time since World War II.

"A more decisive and constructive action is required, one which relies on a universal network of cooperation, based on safeguarding the dignity and centrality of every human person," Pope Francis wrote. "This will lead to greater effectiveness in the fight against the shameful and criminal trafficking of human beings, the violation of fundamental rights, and all forms of violence, oppression and enslavement."

"It is necessary to respond to the globalization of migration with the globalization of charity and cooperation," he wrote.

Pope Francis has made migration a signature issue of his pontificate. In July 2013, less than four months after his election as pope, he traveled to the southern Mediterranean island of Lampedusa, a major entry point for undocumented immigrants to Europe, to commemorate those who had died attempting to cross the sea from North Africa.

The pope has met with international refugees in Rome and, during a May visit to the Holy Land, in Jordan. He has also frequently denounced human trafficking, calling it a "crime against humanity."



**ONE MORE TIME:** The Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in Old Main at Saint Francis College, Loretto, is shown prior to renovation in the summer of 1942. On October 30, 1942, Old Main and the Chapel were destroyed in a devastating fire.

The National Football League is shocked, just shocked, about the off-the-field violence perpetrated by some of its players.

Give me a break. The NFL is an industry of violence. It hires violent people for vast sums of money. It markets violence. What did its officials expect?

Case in point: Ray Rice, then of the Baltimore Ravens, was seen on a videotape dragging his then-fiancee by her hair from an elevator.

That gained the attention of the NFL, which suspended him for two games. That in turn gained the attention of organizations and thousands of people who felt that was mild punishment for someone looking like a caveman dragging his mate by her hair into the cave.

Then, an earlier portion of the video of the incident surfaced. In this one, Rice is shown throwing a punch to the face of his lady, knocking her into the elevator rail and apparently rendering her unconscious.

This murky video became the tipping point in case there are some people who might not have believed dragging a woman is not really domestic violence.

The NFL thereupon suspended Rice indefinitely. Take that to mean forever.

This is not the only incident. Another player, Minnesota's Adrian Peterson, was suspended by his team for using an old-fashioned switch on his 4-year-old son.



## Consider This

By Stephen Kent

### What Do You Expect?

And in the 2012 season, New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton was suspended for allowing bounties to be offered to his players for injuring opposing players.

These assaults follow closely the news media attention given to the large number of players suffering the consequences of multiple concussions during their playing careers.

People who say they go to games not for the violence but to appreciate the sport are like the young men who used to say they subscribed to **Playboy** magazine for its fine articles.

So what is the problem if thousands fueled up with a few six-packs paint their bodies with the colors of the local 11 and scream their heads off? Isn't Sunday afternoon meant for sitting in front of the big-screen TV and clapping when one of these behemoths is felled like a large redwood? If the camera shows a player immobile on his back, that's a good time to run to the kitchen for more chips and dip.

What is wrong is that anything that anesthetizes us to violence makes it commonplace and acceptable.

Professional football players are highly paid to forgo any restraint, coached to hurl their bodies in front of an oncoming player, to throw an opponent to ground.

It is easy to understand why those trained in violence and lack of restraint can resort to it off the field.

NFL players have been arrested for domestic violence 83 times since 2000, **Time** magazine reported.

Football is another example of a sport moving to excess. The sport of boxing transformed into cage fighting, the sport of wrestling became "rasslin" to appeal to TV audiences. Professional hockey relies more on brawls on the ice than the athleticism of the skaters.

So let the dark-visored players continue their brutality, but let's not be hypocritical and appear shocked when some of these men cross the line to domestic abuse or worse.

Advertisers that spend multimillions on televised NFL games seem to be getting the message that it's time to end the mayhem.



## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Disrespect In Church

Thank you for addressing this total lack of reverence. (Houma, Louisiana)

**Q.** Within the past year, I have seen a tremendous amount of talking and socializing while people are seated in church awaiting the priest's arrival for Mass. Parents are even conversing with their children during the priest's homily.

In the Communion line, individuals stop to shake the hand of someone they know and chat while the Eucharist is being distributed. One man, arriving in church and walking up the aisle to find a pew, was talking on his cell phone as if he were out on the street. What kind of example does this set for the young people in attendance?

Some devout parishioners arrive before Mass to pray, but with all the distractions I would think prayer to be almost impossible. Maybe if the priest made an appeal to those attending to respect the house of God, it might sink in. So far, the only thing that has ever been said from the altar (by the commentator) is, "We ask you to silence your cellphones."

**A.** The real "villain" in your story is the man on the cell phone: That is not only irreverent, it is downright rude. Nearly three years ago in this column, I addressed the importance of quiet before Mass in answer to a similar question from a different reader, but perhaps we all need a reminder.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal in No. 45 express it this way: "Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner."

Certainly the goal of a parish is to create a community of faith, so it is natural and good for people to greet each other and "catch up a bit" when they meet at church. For that reason, newer churches are often constructed with a larger "lobby" so that folks can chat when they first ar-

rive and then be quiet once they enter the church proper.

In the parish where I serve, our church was built in the late 1990s, at a time when we were being encouraged to create a separate chapel for the Blessed Sacrament (as a sign of special reverence and as a more intimate space where parishioners could stop for daily visits).

The downside, though, when the Eucharist is not reserved in the church proper, parishioners may regard the larger space as an "auditorium" and converse at sidewalk decibels.

So just before Mass is to begin, I announce something like this: "We are gathered this morning to share our faith in the risen Lord and to thank God for the blessings in our lives. Let's take a moment now to quiet our hearts and to place ourselves consciously in the presence of God."

Then we have 20 or 30 seconds of complete silence before the procession to the altar begins.

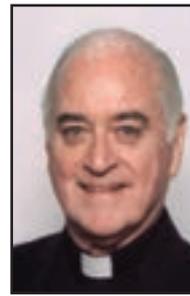
**Q.** Why are people allowed to dress scantily for church? It seems so disrespectful. Isn't there a dress code? (Schenectady, New York)

**Q.** I would like you to address the way some women dress coming to Mass, revealing more than needs to be seen. Please help. (Bedford, Virginia)

**A.** The two pleas above are but a slice of similar ones that arrive regularly at this desk, especially during the summer months. There is a fair amount of subjectivity as to exactly what clothing is appropriate, and no universal church rule exists.

But I would be guided by the observation in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1387), which says, "Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest."

Specific guidelines are best left to individual parishes since cultures and climates vary, but occasional statements in bulletins or on websites can serve as helpful reminders that decency is always the standard.



## Spirituality For Today

By Father John Catoir  
Looking For God Within

"Abide in me, as I also abide in you. A branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine. Neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4).

This quote launched me on my journey toward the priesthood. I wanted my life to honor God and bear rich and abundant good fruit.

After 53 years as a priest, I know the Lord was with me every step of the way. However, on the emotional level, I never had the consolation of feeling his presence, the way you would if someone was holding your hand.

I trusted his promise; namely that, that together we would bear good fruit, but I never understood what bearing good fruit actually meant. Having used the media as best I could, I knew I was bringing God's word to a vast audience, but I never really understood whether it was really spiritually fruitful. I could only hope that with God's help, it was.

Why am I telling you this? Because this is the fifth draft of a difficult article, which began as an attempt to explain how God abides in us. I was writing a lot of theory but not owning up to how confusing it is on the personal level.

When all is said and done, I have to admit that over the years I longed to have a feeling of intimacy with God, but it never happened, except once perhaps when I was in the Army. One evening at prayer, I felt lifted out of my body. It moved me deeply, but it never happened again.

Otherwise, I've spent countless hours talking to God as though we were on opposite sides of a gigantic wall. I knew he was there but only by faith. Often the Holy Spirit would give me an idea for an entire column, but an idea is not God himself. I had to depend on faith-knowledge to know that God is love, but that was never enough.

I wanted to write this article to help you understand that once you invite God into your heart, he will always be there, abiding within you, but alas, it will not be as comforting as you might like.

I had to fight my doubts by falling back on the mental health principle: "Feelings are not facts." Even if you feel alone, you are never alone. Even if you feel unworthy, God's forgiveness makes you eminently worthy.

I would take Scripture quotes and repeat them over and over to reassure myself that my spiritual calling was true -- an objective fact -- and not merely a fantasy of my imagination.

I always knew what I wanted -- to be close to God -- which was a grace in itself, but I needed Scripture quotes to help me stay on track: "For where your treasure is there your heart will be also" (Mt 6:21). I knew my treasure was God himself. I knew I wasn't a self-absorbed egotist, blind to God's invitation. I accepted his invitation to abide in him as best I could. This empowered me to move away from self-absorption to a life of loving service.

Sept. 8, 2014, was my 83rd birthday, and looking back, I am happy to say that I know I made the right choice. Why is God silent? He has his reasons; he knows exactly what he is doing.

Albert Einstein put it this way, "God doesn't play dice." Woody Allen smirked in reply, "Yes, but he does play hide and seek."

So be it.

Mother Theodore  
Guerin  
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A Breton by birth, Anne - Therese Guerin was 25 when she entered the Sisters of Providence of Ruille - sur - Loir, France. As Sister Theodore, she directed schools in Rennes and Soullaines, where she also studied pharmacy and medicine. Despite poor health, she led five other nuns across the Atlantic to a new mission on the American Frontier. Saint Mary - of - the - Woods Academy, which they began in Indiana, is now the oldest U.S. Catholic college for women. Mother Theodore survived a harsh climate, a major fire and the hostility of the local Bishop, also from France, to found the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary - of - the - Woods. Canonized in 2006, she often advised others, "Put yourself gently into the hands of Providence."

# Dynamic Speaker Wows Record - Breaking Crowd

(Continued From Page 1.)

Hap Durbin of Altoona got a lot out of the first session. "He concentrates on core subjects that relate to the human being," he said. "So far I think he's been very good."

"His focus is on you as an individual who has talents, legitimate needs, and responsibilities, as it relates to God and His inspiration."

Kelly said that we must live with personal clarity in our lives. "Most of us can't even say no, and we say yes for the wrong reasons. When we say yes when we mean no we may miss out on an opportunity for something God created just for us."

He offered that personal clarity emerges with silence. C. S. Lewis wrote that the job of the devil is to make so much noise in the world that man cannot hear the Word of God. "Our culture does not want us to be a child of God. Our culture wants you to be a consumer," Kelly continued.

"To have clarity and vision we need silence and solitude. In our silence we begin to hear the Word of God in hundreds of ways."

We all have wants and legitimate needs such as eating and breathing, Kelly reminded. But, we also have the emotional need to love and be loved. We have the spiritual need for silence, solitude and scripture.

Said Kelly, "We are our most alive when our needs are met. But, we are obsessed with wants in our society. Our culture teaches us to get what we want. It seems we can never really get enough of what we don't really need. Our needs are primary, and our wants are secondary."

Jean Koury of Altoona was impressed. She felt he was very interesting and found him to be a great motivational speaker. Her friend, Kathy Grove, said, "we are letting the world take our religion away from us. We're into too many things of this world."

"We are starving for meaning in our lives," stated Kelly. "Being a great athlete or a famous actor does not bring meaning to our lives. Faith is what gives context to our lives. It's like being a teenager. Teenagers have a knack for making the trivial seem important and the important trivial," which caused



**WELCOMING KELLY:** Matthew Kelly (center) was welcomed to the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and Carmelite of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna, chairperson for coordinating Kelly's Saturday, September 27 presentation.



**RECORD CROWD:** Over 1,500 people attended Matthew Kelly's Saturday, September 27 presentation in Loretto, breaking all previous records for attendance at a Kelly presentation. The Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown sponsored Kelly's local visit.

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laughter to wash through the audience.

James Itle of Munster enjoyed Kelly's speaking style and was glad he attended. He especially liked his analogy using teenagers.

"Great! And all of it was on point," said Elsie MacCullough

of Altoona. She, too, found Kelly's teenager analogy made a good point.

"God wants you to be a great decision maker," Kelly said. "That is why he gave us the Holy Spirit: to help us be good decision makers. Our culture doesn't believe in great

decisions. It feels all decisions are equal, therefore, there is no truth. Without truth, there is no such thing as wisdom."

Kelly said that God wants us to explore our deepest desires. "He speaks to you through the deepest desires in your heart."



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**GREETS SEMINARIANS:** Mexican Archbishop Jorge Patron Wong, secretary for seminaries at the Vatican's Congregation for Clergy, greets seminarians Alessandro Da Luz, right, and Jiha Lim after Mass at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY, Tuesday, September 23. The archbishop was attending the 51st annual convention of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors.

## Vocation Directors Work Vital To Church's Future

By Gregory A. Shemitz  
Catholic News Service

**HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (CNS)** -- Archbishop Jorge Patron Wong, secretary for seminaries at the Vatican's Congregation for Clergy, understands the need to affirm, assist and support priests involved in vocation ministry.

During his weeklong participation at the 51st annual convention of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors, held Sept. 19-26 in Long Island, the archbishop made sure he connected with as many priests as he could, to encourage their efforts in helping men to respond to God's call to the priesthood.

Their work is vital to the future of the church, Archbishop Patron told Catholic News Service.

"Pope Francis says if the younger generation answers God's call, Christ's call, they're going to renew the church," the archbishop said. "Our hope is that the new generation -- guided by good priests, good staff at the seminaries, good formators, good spiritual directors and good vocation directors -- will

renew the church with their energy, with their enthusiasm and the ideas the Holy Spirit is placing in their hearts."

The convention drew 280 participants, including 16 bishops and 230 vocation directors from the U.S., Australia, Canada, England, Italy, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Scotland. Each day featured opportunities for prayer, education and fellowship.

Archbishop Patron's attendance was a welcome sign of papal support for priests who face a variety of challenges as they look to generate priestly vocations for their respective dioceses and eparchies.

One of the biggest challenges is making prayer a priority in their ministry, according to Father Paul Hoelsing, who is president of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors and vocation director for the Archdiocese of Omaha, Nebraska.

"We have to learn how to be disciples ourselves and then learn how to disciple others," the priest said.

"Are we learning how to pray, and then teaching others how to pray? Are they being invited to pray? Are they learning

to pray in the parish? Is the parish a school of prayer?"

Prayer should be the go-to tool in the toolbox of every vocation director, said Father Hoelsing.

"I look at St. Francis of Assisi," he said. "People thought he must have been a great leader because he started a great movement. No, he just asked God for things. He prayed and asked."

Father Jorge Torres, vocation director for the Diocese of Orlando, Florida, cited helping young people develop a life of prayer as another great challenge for vocation directors.

"We have to teach young men and women how to pray in a way, as Pope Francis says, for most to have that daily encounter with Jesus," said Father Torres. "If they have that encounter, any fears, any concerns, the resistance from the world will be loved away, will be melted."

To help address this concern, the national organization plans to release a book geared to helping young adults improve their prayer lives, Father Torres said. The book, "Have I Been With You? Personal Prayer for Young Disciples," will be available through its website, [www.ncdvd.org](http://www.ncdvd.org), in late October.

Father Shawn McKnight, executive director of the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said a difficulty for vocation directors is the "negative stance" many parents harbor when a child is interested in discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life.

"This is especially the case among Hispanic families," Father McKnight said. "They're not always positive about their son or daughter becoming a priest or religious sister, although they are very happy to encourage their extended family members to become priests and sisters."

Convincing a parent to trust in the discernment process is a challenge all vocation directors face, regardless of the family's cultural background, Father McKnight said.

Communication and open dialogue between parent and child is essential, the priest said.

"The best way is to talk openly about it," Father McKnight said. "A parent is going to be fearful for their son or daughter, no matter what they do, even if it's the choice of a spouse, for example. That's normal. You have to talk about it. You have to have some way to deal with it."

Vocation directors also can connect parents of those considering a vocation with parents of seminarians and newly ordained priests, so "those who have gone through the process can speak of their wisdom in dealing with those fears and concerns," Father McKnight said.

The vocation ministry is clearly not for the meek of heart. Effort and hard work don't guarantee success and, in some cases, can lead to burnout or a transfer to another diocesan department or parish.

According to the NCDVD, which provides year-round support and outreach to those in the ministry, an average of 45 new vocation directors are appointed each year in U.S. dioceses. The average tenure for a vocation director is five to six years.

"The work is rather stressful," admitted Father Jim Crisman, the organization's vice president and vocation director for the Archdiocese of Denver. "Oftentimes we feel pressure to produce 'numbers.'"

Despite this, Father Crisman remains enthusiastic.

"I love the ministry," he said. "I find it a blessed opportunity to enter with these young men into a process of looking at the priesthood which I love so much. It's a great chance for me to say this is what the Lord might be calling you to, come a little bit closer."

The zeal for the ministry expressed by Father Crisman and other priests at the convention left an impression on Archbishop Patron.

"The Holy Father always stresses joy, the joy of the Gospel," the archbishop said. "I'm very glad to see how the vocation directors in the United States are joyful in living their own priestly vocation. They have listened to and answered God's call."

## Patriotic Rosary Set For Altoona Cathedral



Photo By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein

The Third Annual Patriotic Rosary Celebration will be held Sunday, October 25 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

Sponsored by the Courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, the 2:00 p.m. event will be presided over by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak.

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# Pope Warns Against Abandonment Of The Elderly

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- Pope Francis warned against the abandonment and neglect of the elderly, calling it a "hidden euthanasia" rooted in today's "poisonous" culture of disposal and an economic system of greed.

In the presence of his predecessor, Pope Francis also thanked retired Pope Benedict XVI for staying to live at the Vatican and being like "a wise grandfather at home."

"A people who don't take care of their grandparents and don't treat them well is a people with no future. Why no future? Because they lose the memory (of the past) and they sever their own roots," he said.

The pope's comments came during a special encounter and Mass for older people in St. Peter's Square Sept. 28. Some 40,000 grandparents, retired men and women, and their families attended "The Blessing for a Long Life" event, organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family.

Pope Francis specifically

invited Pope Benedict to attend the event, making it the third time since his retirement in 2013 that the German pontiff has made a rare appearance in public with his successor.

Carrying a cane and looking strong, the 87-year-old pope arrived about one hour into the event, which featured music and testimonies from families. About 10 minutes later, while the famed Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli sang "Con te partiro" ("I'll Go With You"), Pope Francis made his entrance with a small group of families. He immediately went to greet and embrace Pope Benedict, who only stayed for the next hour, leaving before the start of Mass.

Addressing him as "Your Holiness," Pope Francis thanked the retired pontiff for his presence, telling the crowd, "I really like having him living here in the Vatican, because it's like having a wise grandfather at home."

The wisdom and love of older people are instrumental for building the future, and they can even cheer up grumpy teenagers, the pope said.

"It's very good for you to go visit an older person. Look at our kids. Sometimes we see

them being listless and sad; (if) they go visit an older person, they become happy," he said.

"Older people, grandparents have an ability to understand very difficult situations, a great talent. And when they pray about these situations, their prayers are strong and powerful."

But there are many who instead prey on their fragilities, and the pope warned against the "inhuman" violence being waged against the elderly and children in areas of conflict.

Harm can also be waged quietly, he said, through many forms of neglect and abandonment, which "are a real and true hidden euthanasia."

People need to fight against "this poisonous throwaway culture," which targets children, young people and the elderly, on "the pretext of keeping the economic system 'balanced,' where the focus is not on the human being but on the god of money."

While residential care facilities are important for those who don't have a family who can care for them, it's important these institutes be "truly like homes, not



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**POPE GREETES POPE - EMERITUS:** Pope Francis greets emeritus Pope Benedict XVI during an encounter for the elderly in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sunday, September 28.

prisons," the pope said, and that their placement there is in the best interest of the older person, "not someone else."

These retirement homes should be like "sanctuaries" that breathe life into a community whose members are drawn to visit and look after the residents like they would an older sibling, he said.

The pope also thanked an

older couple from Qaraqosh, near Mosul, Iraq, for their presence and urged people to continue to pray and offer concrete aid to those forced to flee from such "violent persecution."

Married for 51 years with 10 children and 12 grandchildren, Mubarak and Aneesa Hano said they were chased out of their Iraqi town by Islamic State militants.



**MASTER CATECHIST CERTIFICATION:** Receiving Master Catechist Certificates are (left to right) First row: Cathy Damiano, Michelle Davis, Carlye Grosholz, and Diane Himes. Second row: Jo - Ann Semko, Robin McClure, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Jeffrey Maucieri, and Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden.



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# Now Showing

## Confusing, Pointless, Relentless, 'Maze Runner' Too Quizzical

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** -- Cross "The Hunger Games" with "Divergent" and you'll get "The Maze Runner" (Fox), the latest angst-ridden drama about teenagers fighting to survive in a post-apocalyptic world.

This go-round, there's a boys-only twist, based on the 2009 novel by James Dashner (and borrowing heavily from William Golding's 1954 classic, "Lord of the Flies"). The inhab-

itants of "The Glade," a walled-in expanse of grass and trees, are all teenage boys, wiped of their memories. They must work together and build a community from scratch, all the while looking for a means to escape.

Think bonfires, cliques and macho displays of wrestling, and you won't be far off.

How the boys got there is unknown. Every 30 days, a new recruit arrives via a mysterious underground elevator.

Enter Thomas (Dylan O'Brien). There's something different about him, and his cu-



CNS Photo/Fox

**THE MAZE RUNNER:** Dylan O'Brien stars in a scene from the movie "The Maze Runner." The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

riosity and daring threaten to upset the fragile world order built by the boys' leader, Gally (Will Poulter).

The only way out is through the Maze, an ever-changing labyrinth that surrounds The Glade. Once a day, the entrance opens, and chosen boys called Runners enter, combing every nook and cranny for an exit.

Runners who don't return in time before the doors close face certain death from the Griever, spiderlike monsters that roam the Maze at night.

If this all sounds confusing, even a tad pointless, it is. And when the elevator deposits

the first-ever girl, Teresa (Kaya Scodelario) -- to the amazement of all those boys -- things really get complicated.

Teresa and Thomas seem to know each other. They forge an alliance and convince the community to wage a new assault on the Maze and gain their freedom.

Naturally, someone is watching: the so-called Creators, led by Ava Paige (Patricia Clarkson). The Glade and Maze are the grown-ups' doing, for reasons that are unclear.

Teenagers rule in this genre, and the (regrettable) impression endures that anyone over 18 is

not to be trusted -- or needed, for that matter.

Wes Ball directs "The Maze Runner" at a relentless pace, and some of the action sequences may be too intense for young viewers. It all builds up to a quizzical climax that screams the word Hollywood longs to hear: sequel.

The film contains occasional intense violence, including gory images, and some crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned.

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## Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

**October 12** - - The new president of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona, Franciscan Father Jack McDowell, talks about his vision and goals for the school.

**October 19** - - Rita Sangiorgi, a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Altoona, discusses how she shares her time and talent in her parish and community.

## In The Alleghenies

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### Prayer

#### Public Square Rosary

**Altoona:** A Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Heritage Plaza, 11th Avenue and 14th Street, Saturday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Contact Bob Frederick at (814) 937 - 6370 or visit [anf.org](http://anf.org) for more Rosary Rally information.

## Family Matters

### Date Night

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If our children are the best athletes, achieve highest academic honors and fluent in three languages, what does it matter, if the very thing holding their life together namely, their parent's married love, is risked, if not forfeited, for the sake of them having it all? Losing our marital relationships, to the busyness of the world is not something we as married couples can just write off as something we will eventually get to. Parents have to take care of the very footing, the foundation which stabilizes and holds up their family. As parents, caring for our marital relationships is the very thing that literally secures the beams and rafters of our homes.

If there are married couples, out there who are long overdue for a date, the Family Life Office is offering a very special Italian Dinner Party, with a presentation of "Laugh your Way to a Better Marriage" on October 19. The cost is only \$15.00 per person. Interested couples are asked to RSVP @ (814) 886 - 5551 by October 6th. Don't worry if you as a couple haven't talked in a while, we will provide the food, fun and even the conversation. All you have to do is decide your marriage is more than worth it! Blessings!



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**RESPECT LIFE POSTER:** This poster is included in the materials for the U.S. bishops' 2014 - 15 Respect Life Program, which is distributed by the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities. The yearlong program begins October 5, Respect Life Sunday. The U.S. Catholic Church designates October as Respect Life Month.

## Respect Life Sunday Launches Yearlong Pro - Life Program

By Sarah McCarthy  
Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** -- Each year October is designated as Respect Life Month by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and this year's theme is "Each of Us Is a Masterpiece of God's Creation," inspired by words in a statement Pope Francis issued for the 2013 Day for Life.

The Day for Life is an annual observance celebrated by the Catholic Church in England and Wales and the pope's message that year came as Great Britain and Ireland prepared to debate right-to-life issues in health care policies and legislation.

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect," the pope said.

The first Sunday of October, Oct. 5 this year, is Respect Life Sunday, and kicks off the U.S. Catholic Church's yearlong pro-life program.

The USCCB's Secretariat for Pro Life Activities has prepared a packet for the 2014-2015 program containing materials and resources.

The packet includes several pamphlets, each one addressing a different human life issue. This year, the six topics covered are: adoption; the sorrow of miscar-

riage; healing after an abortion; advance medical directives; various issues raised by technology that treats children "as commodities"; and the connection between poverty and abortion. The pamphlets offer stories of people who have lived through these circumstances along with advice on how to handle such situations.

The materials are available online at [www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife).

Launched in 1972, the Respect Life Program was created to celebrate the value and dignity of human life in Catholic dioceses across the U.S. Each year, as a part of the program, Respect Life Month is observed with liturgies and marked by special events that take place during the month of October and throughout the year.

In a letter contained within this year's packet, Tom Grenchik, executive director of the pro-life secretariat, expressed gratitude to priests, parish groups and other organizations participating in the yearlong program for helping to "build a culture of life."

In his statement as chairman of the USCCB pro-life committee, Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley heralded "community and solidarity" as ways to counter threats against life.

"We want to be part of a society that makes affirmation and protection of human rights its primary objective and its boast," he said. "Yet to women faced with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion is often presented as their only 'choice.'"

Cardinal O'Malley referenced women facing an unexpected pregnancy, babies pre-di-

agnosed with mental disabilities, and the elderly, saying they and many others are "our brothers and sisters pushed to the periphery" by life-threatening decisions.

"Are we moved by the suffering of those without shelter? Do we seek to alleviate the fear, confusion and panic that women facing unexpected pregnancies may be experiencing? Do our hearts ache for elderly patients in nursing homes who feel abandoned and unwanted, having no one to visit them? Our mission is to show each person the love of Christ," he said.

"These tragedies go directly against respect for life, and they represent a direct threat to the entire culture of human rights," he said. "Rather than societies of 'people living together,' our cities risk becoming societies of people who are marginalized, uprooted and oppressed."

Cardinal O'Malley also urged people to "draw close to Jesus in prayer and in the sacraments" and reiterated Pope Francis' call to see others as masterpieces of God's creation.

"When God created each of us, he did so with precision and purpose, and he looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness," the cardinal said. "We must look at ourselves and at others in light of this truth and treat all people with the reverence and respect which is due.

"As uniquely created individuals, we each have unique gifts which we are called to use to share Christ's love," he added. "We may never know how much a simple gesture of compassion may affect someone's life."

## Respect Life Prayer Breakfast

9:00 AM Saturday, October 18

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# Know, Live And Share The Faith; Draw Students To What Is Good, Beautiful And True, Bishop Tells Catholic School Teachers At In - Service

Photos And Text  
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

“We must know the Catholic Faith; We must live the Catholic Faith; and we must share the Catholic Faith,” said Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, to diocesan teachers gathered for their annual in - service day.

Bishop Mark was the keynote speaker at the annual Diocesan Education In - Service held Friday, September 23 at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School in Altoona.

The theme for his address was: “Catholic School Teachers and the New Evangelization.” He expressed his gratitude to the teachers for their dedication. “And, in the words of Pope Francis,” said Bishop Mark, “Thank you to all teachers: educating is an important mission which draws young people to what is good, beautiful, and true.”

In his presentation, Bishop Mark reminded that young people are to be drawn to what is good, beautiful, and true about God.

“They also need to be drawn to what is good, beautiful and true about themselves. Every human person is made in the image and likeness of God. What is good, beautiful, and true about



**40 YEARS OF SERVICE:** Honored for 40 years of service are (left to right) Jo - Ann Semko, assistant director of education; Gary Evangelisto, Joseph Dumm, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak; Bridget Sarosi, Joseph Maschue, and Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, director of education.

each person comes from God. It cannot be taken away from anyone, not even oneself, in spite of sinfulness or lack of faith.”

Said Bishop Mark, “Catholic School Teachers are good, beautiful, and true. You are unique images and likeness of God in the eyes of the students. Remember to give witness to what is good, beautiful, and true.”

The day is highlighted by the presentation of the Years of Service Awards. Teachers with from five to 40 years of service are presented with longevity certificates. Those who have at-

tained Master Catechist Status are also honored.

Those teachers who have reached 40 years of service are awarded a statue; those teaching for 30 years a glass crystal; and teachers with 25 years of service are presented clocks.

A list of Years of Service Award winners follows:

**Master Catechists Status:** Cathy Damiano, Saint Rose of Lima School, Altoona; Michelle Davis, Saint John The Evangelist School, Bellefonte; Carlye Grosholz, Saint Peter School, Bellefonte; Diane Himes, Hollidaysburg Catholic; Jef-

frey Maucieri, Saint Benedict School, Carrolltown; and Robin McClure, Hollidaysburg Catholic.

**40 Years:** Joseph Dumm, Saint Patrick School, Newry; Gary Evangelisto, Saint John The Evangelist School, Altoona; Joseph Maschue, Saint Rose of Lima School, Altoona; and Bridget Sarosi, Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Johnstown.

**35 Years:** Janice Burley, Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg; Gerald Cooper, Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona, Bonnie

Nagle, Northern Cambria Catholic School, Nicktown; Donna Shank, Lock Haven Catholic School; and Margaret Sindleri, Cathedral Catholic Academy, Johnstown.

**30 Years:** Stephanie Bischof and Gloria Chalich of Cathedral Catholic Academy, Johnstown.

**25 Years:** Beth Damiano, Altoona Central Catholic School, Maria Cordek, All Saints Catholic School, Crescon; Angela Gardner, Hollidaysburg Catholic School; Marie Jorkasky, Saint Thomas School, Bedford; Susan Langerholc, Saint Benedict School, Johnstown; Suzanne Thoma, Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona; Sheila Ulerich, Saint Peter School, Somerset; and JoAnne Venturino, Our Lady of Victory School, State College.

**20 Years:** Robert Lanier, Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona; Mary Solnosky, Saint Benedict School, Carrolltown; and Kimberly Zedack, Saint Rose of Lima School, Altoona.

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