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With Firm Roots In The Past, Sure Vision Of Present, Carmelite Sisters Remain Committed To Future Of Ministry At Garvey Manor

Hollidaysburg Home To Mark Fiftieth Anniversary

As the Church celebrates the Year of Consecrated Life, The Catholic Register will be featuring the life and ministries of religious communities of men and women serving in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.



GARVEY MANOR AND OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES RESIDENCE

By Bruce A. Tomaselli

There have been many changes and no changes in the last half century at Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence.

The one thing that hasn't changed since it opened its doors to the elderly in 1965, is Christ-centered care of the highest excellence that can be offered by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm and their staff.

In 1961, Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, Bishop of the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese, developed plans for the building of a facility to aid the elderly. Statistics at the time revealed a rapidly growing population, and the Bishop realized there would

be a great need for helping the aged. "We strive to remain faithful to that past, and faithful to the future," said Carmelite Sister for the Aged and Infirm Joachim Anne Ferenchak. Sister Joachim is the sixth administrator and has held the position for 18 years, the longest tenure of any of the facility's administrators.

Sister Joachim is always quick to point out that the Sisters and staff are the backbone of the care ministry. "We couldn't do this without them. The staff is committed, and without their dedication, we would not be able to make this work." Sister says proudly that there are some staff members that have been on the payroll for over 40 years. Garvey Manor employs nearly 290 people. Over 3,000 people have received its care.

"I think we've done a great job. We've gone beyond the needs of 1965, to address the needs of the present and those into the future. It has been 50 years of caring."

Garvey Manor will observe its 50th anniversary on Friday, June 26 with a Mass in the home's Saint Joseph Chapel, and dinner at the Casino at Lakemont.

Sister Joachim's biggest achievement by far was the construction of the new Garvey Manor, which opened its doors in 2003. Ground was broken in 2001 to begin work on the \$19 Million state-of-the-art project.

The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm are women religious who truly live their title; their ministry is one of care and concern for the aged, and for the infirm, who can find a home in the facilities that the Sisters sponsor.

The religious community was founded in 1929 by Venerable Mother Angeline Teresa McCrory (1893 - 1984).

Aware of the special charism of the Carmelite Sisters, Bishop McCormick made a special request of them to staff the care home in 1965, and they remain today. They helped hire the staff, and establish the principles, policies, and procedures

that would operate Garvey Manor. They remain true to those principles.

Even as early as the 1960s Bishop McCormick was aware of mounting number of elderly persons, and how they related to Catholicism.

"Old age is not a calamity," he said. "The value of every human person, whether young or old, healthy or sick, is a basic claim in Catholic teaching. Since each day of life comes from God, old age must be a sign of God's blessing."

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HOLY FAMILY, COLVER: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Holy Family Parish, Colver on Sunday, May 3 were (left to right) First row: Kasen Smiley, Jonny Shaffer, Keyan Smiley, Troy Sherry. Second row: Sister of Saint Ann Anna Maria Lorenzon (director of religious education), Peggy Nelen (helper), Father Bernard F. Grega (pastor) and Christine Janosko (catechist).



SAINT MARK: Saint Mark Parish, Altoona, celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3, and Confirmation on Thursday, May 7. Pictured in the top photo are (left to right) First row: Sandy Newberry (catechist), Joshua Campbell, Alexandra Dickson, Hailey Walters, Lia Sankey, Shannon Hollern, Theryn DeGennaro. Second row: Diane Newberry - Mitchell (catechist), Devyn DeGennaro and Nicholas Dickson (servers), Father Reverend Ronald V. Osinski (pastor), Max and Gabe Sankey (Altar Servers) and Valerie Kahley (director of religious education). Pictured in the bottom photo are (left to right) First row: Stephen Hunter, Rachel Pearlman, Trey Barefoot, Valerie Kahley. Second row: Father Osinski, Andrew Gressler, Dylan Kahley, Christian Wesner, and Jim Kulik (catechist).



HOLY FAMILY, HOOVERSVILLE: Holy Family Parish, Hooversville, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, April 9 and First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 17. Pictured in the top photo are (left to right) Conventual Franciscan Father Karl Kolodziejcki (pastor), Dmitry Zubek, John Eger (sponsor) and Dora Duncan (director of religious education). Pictured in the bottom photo are First Communicants Kendall Kramer and Kaylee Rosenbaum, pictured with Father Karl and catechist Carol Berkey; altar servers Emily and Jonathan Daniels and Evan Barron; and ministers of the Mass Rick Grandas, George Lasure and Norbert Rosenbaum.



TRANSFIGURATION: Celebrating Confirmation at Transfiguration Parish, Conemaugh, were (left to right) First row: Jordan Heinlein, Bridget Zada, Michael Rok, Louise Bresovic (director of religious education and Confirmation teacher). Second row: Erick Stazisar, William Hajduk and Nick Cekada.

In The Alleghenies



PROFESSION: Brother Zach Burns made profession of vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a Third Order Regular Franciscan Friar, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of Saint Francis University, Loretto. Brother Zach is a Saint Francis graduate. Pictured are (left to right) Father Jonathan St. Andre, Brother Zach, Father Richard Davis (minister provincial) and Father Malachi VanTassell (homilist and president of Saint Francis University.)



CHECK PRESENTATION: Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish and Youth Group in Ashville, held a Lenten collection for the Society of Saint Vincent DePaul. Pictured making the check presentation in the amount of \$301.10 are (left to right) parishioners Donna Stoy and Ian PeHenati, Father Robert Reese (pastor) and the Society's Executive Director Sonny Consiglio.

High Schools

Kickball Tournament

Altoona: The Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School student council organized their 1st Annual Kick It for a Cause Kickball Tournament on Saturday, May 9, benefiting The

Greg & Cathy Griffith Family Foundation. The inaugural tournament featured students from Bishop Guilfoyle as well as surrounding schools.

"The Kick It for a Cause Kickball Tournament is committed to aiding in the awareness and funding of both regional and international adversities. We

couldn't think of a better organization to benefit from our event than The Greg & Cathy Griffith Family Foundation. Their roots are local, yet their mission is spread throughout the world," said Jordan Rhone, event coordinator and Student Council President.

Cathy Griffith spoke on behalf of her organization and thanked the students for their participation in the event. She noted that the Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School student body has raised over \$4,000 throughout the 2014-2015 school year for The Greg & Cathy Griffith Family Foundation.

Sponsors of the tournament were the Altoona Curve, Budget Beverage, McCloskey Builders, Craig Fencing, Green Home Goods, and Reilly, Creppage & Co., Inc.

Parishes

Self - Directed Retreat

Cresson: During the month of May, 91 participants at Saint Francis Xavier Parish, completed a self-guided retreat using the book **33 Days To Morning Glory** by Father Michael Gaitley, of



SCOUTING RETREAT: A Catholic Scouting Retreat was held at Saint Francis University, Loretto, May 29 - 31. In honor of the Pope's upcoming visit to the United States, specifically Philadelphia, in September, the theme of the retreat was "Pope Francis: Spirit of Brotherly Love." The scouts spent time in prayer and at Mass with diocesan scouting chaplain Father Joseph T. Orr, and enjoyed the challenges of many outdoor activities including basketball, a ropes course hosted by the university, and completing a landscaping service project at the Dorothy Day Center. The Boy and Girl Scouts enjoyed the fellowship they shared at Torvian Dining Hall and a taste of campus life by sleeping in the dorms.

the Marians of the Immaculate Conception.

The month of prayer and reflection, sponsored by the parish's Saints Martha and Mary Circle, included weekly group sessions led by Father Leo Arnone (pastor), Father Paul Robine, Servant of the Sacred Heart Sister Mary Joseph and Bob Sutton concluding with a Marian Consecration ceremony on Sunday, May 31.

The majority of participants were from Saint Francis Xavier Parish, but there were also parishioners from Saint Aloysius Parish, Cresson, as well as from Altoona, Ashville, Gallitzin, Lilly, and Johnstown.

Cereal Collection

Altoona: For the third consecutive year, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has requested that parishes in Altoona and surrounding communities sponsor a cereal collection at all Masses on Father's Day weekend - June 20 and 21 - to benefit the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Altoona.

For many years, Judy Sav-

ine, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Altoona, has collected cereal to benefit children through the pantry. Throughout the school year, students from Catholic and non-Catholic schools in Blair County assist greatly in the collection.

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Point Of View

Seeing my children run out of school on the last day is a moment I will never miss or ever forget. For it is the priceless smiles and look of great anticipation, for the summer ahead, that keeps them running full speed towards the chariot in waiting (our duck taped van,) the very thing that will whisk them off to the wonderful days of summertime bliss.

I love the last day for school for many reasons but one of the main reasons is that this very special day signals a very important time in my children's life. For it is a time of almost three months for a kid to be just that - A kid. No alarm clocks, no homework and no school uniforms! Yeah! Not only a break for the kids but also a moment for parents to relax.

Although, I know my children's summers will be filled with swimming, camping, beach hopping, tree climbing and a million and one popsicles, I also know in my heart many kids will not be afforded the same summer experience as mine. My heart goes out to the children whose summers are not filled with childhood bliss but perhaps filled with less than happy memories.

As my heart reflects on the childhood joys of summer, it also goes out to the children whose summers will not be the ones they will remember or perhaps ones they would rather forget.

I share with you a prayer, one of my very favorites, one that always reminds me that the children of the world, are our



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich
We Pray For The Children . . .

children too, kids that need our prayers desperately, children who we should never forget!

Dear Lord

We pray for children who sneak popsicles before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks and who can never find their shoes.

And we pray, for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire fences, who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers, who never played flash light tag, who are born in places where we wouldn't be caught dead, who never go to the circus, and who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who sleep with the cat and bury goldfish, who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money, who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, and who slurp their soup a bit too often.

And we pray for those who never get dessert, who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, who watch their parents watch them die, who can't find any bread to steal, who don't have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures aren't on any-

body's dresser and whose monsters are very real.

We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday, who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food, who like ghost stories, who shove dirty clothes under the bed, who never rinse out the tub, who get visits from the tooth fairy, who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool, who squirm in church and scream in the phone, whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime, who will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist, who aren't spoiled by anybody, who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep, who live and move but have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must, for those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance. For those we smother...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it. We pray for all children. Blessings! (Prayer Adapted and used with permission from Ap-pleseeds.org)



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
True Courage

Caitlyn Jenner may be many things, but courageous is not one of them.

Caitlyn Jenner is a celebrity, nothing more and nothing less. And though celebrity and courage may not be contradictory, it seems clear to me that in Ms. Jenner's case, one has nothing to do with the other.

Since becoming an iconic figure as Bruce Jenner, a 1976 Olympic Gold Medalist, Jenner has been on an endless round of self - promotion, starting with "his" image on a Wheaties box, and ending with "her" appearance on the cover of Vanity Fair. For Bruce, or for Caitlyn, it's always been about "me, me, me" and how to translate celebrity into dollars. For almost 40 years, Jenner has been famous for being famous. In recent years that fame was played out on the television series "Keeping Up With The Kardashians," and will now be parlayed into a new series about Caitlyn's transition from male to female.

Courageous? Hardly. Just another calculated move to stay in the limelight and to milk as much cash from the situation as he/she can get. A more courageous move would have been for Bruce/Caitlyn to have stepped back from the limelight, quietly and privately confronted his/her demons, and then perhaps in a year or two come forward to tell his/her tale. It would have been more courageous still for Caitlyn's first photo to have been a snapshot from a relative or friend, showing her on an average day, not a glamour shot by an internationally renowned photographer, aided by a team of professional makeup artists and fashion experts.

It would have been even more courageous for Bruce to have stayed Bruce, admitting that his life, as it was, was not perfect, but that it was the life he had and a life worth living, if he could have found some meaning or purpose for that life. It seems that that option was not in the cards. By Caitlyn's own admission, Bruce was not a particularly nice person. Maybe if he had tried harder to be the son, the husband and the father that he was and had concentrated more on bringing happiness to others, Bruce would not have felt the need to put his own happiness first by becoming Caitlyn.

A much better model of what constitutes true courage was in the news the same week that Caitlyn Jenner made her debut. Sadly, that other person's life was cut tragically short. Beau Biden, former Attorney General of Delaware and son of Vice - President Joe Biden, was much more worthy of the designation "courageous" and in the end will be the person more people remember.

Beau Biden's life was touched by tragedy from a very early age. When he was three - years - old his mother and his baby sister were killed in a car crash just one week before Christmas day. Beau and his younger brother, Hunter, were seriously injured in that crash. Their father, just newly - elected to the U.S. Senate, was sworn into office in their hospital room.

In his eulogy at Beau's funeral Mass, President Obama spoke of him as a little boy who made a very adult decision: the decision to move beyond his personal tragedy to make the world a better place for other people. Hunter told the story of how when they were in the hospital, he would often wake up to find his big brother standing by his bed, holding his hand and repeating "I love you, I love you, I love you." That, my friends, is real courage - - the courage to look beyond your own pain and to recognize the pain of someone else, and resolving to do something about it. Beau Biden was a man who embraced life as it was, not as he would have had it be, and lived from that truth. He knew that all of us must face heartbreak and pain. All of our lives will be touched by tragedy. And all of us can be better people, building a better world, if we look beyond ourselves to see what we can do to lift the burden that someone else is carrying.

Caitlyn Jenner is being touted as a model for other "confused" young people, who might find the courage to follow in her footsteps because she has come out in so public a fashion. I hate to disappoint them, but lacking Jenner's financial resources, they will never look as good as she does, nor find their way into society as applauded as hers.

But if like Beau Biden they embrace the pain and move beyond it, looking to the good of others first, they will find a peace that Caitlyn will never know.



Pope Francis And Religious Freedom: Selected Quotes From The Holy Father



FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak is shown presiding over the 2014 Fortnight For Freedom Holy Hour at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. This year's Fortnight Holy Hour will be held at the Altoona Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25.

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FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM **FREEDOM TO BEAR WITNESS**

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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will once again sponsor a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4. The theme is "Freedom to Bear Witness." In observance of the Fortnight, Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at a Holy Hour on Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The Holy Hour will include Evening Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a homily from the Bishop. All are invited to join Bishop Mark and others in prayer for the preservation of our religious liberty.

* "[A] healthy pluralism...does not entail privatizing religions in an attempt to reduce them to the quiet obscurity of the individual's conscience or to relegate them to the enclosed precincts of churches, synagogues or mosques." - Evangelii Gaudium ("The Joy of the Gospel"), no. 255

* "Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly, according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth." - June 20, 2014

* "We must promote religious liberty for all people. Every man and woman must be free to profess his or her faith, whatever it may be. Why? Because that man and that woman are children of God." - May 20, 2013

* "I cannot fail to recall the many instances of injustice and persecution which daily afflict religious minorities, and Christians in particular, in various parts of our world. Communities and individuals today find themselves subjected to barbaric acts of violence: they are evicted from their homes and native lands, sold as slaves, killed, beheaded, crucified or burned alive, under the shameful and complicit silence of so many." - Nov. 25, 2014

* "Dear brothers and sisters who courageously bear witness to Jesus in the land blessed by the Lord, our consolation and our hope is Christ himself. I encourage you, then, to remain close to him, like branches on the vine, in the certainty that no tribulation, distress or persecution can separate us from him (cf. Rom 8:35). May the trials which you are presently enduring strengthen the faith and the fidelity of each and all of you!" - Dec. 21, 2014

* "When, in the name of an ideology, there is an attempt to remove God from society, it ends up adoring idols, and very soon men and women lose their way, their dignity is trampled and their rights violated." - Sept. 23, 2014

* "We cannot deny that intolerance towards those with different religious convictions is a particularly insidious enemy, one which today is being witnessed in various areas around the world. All believers must be particularly vigilant so that, in living out with conviction our religious and ethical code, we may always express the mystery we intend to honour." - Sept. 23, 2014

* "Authentic religion is a source of peace and not of violence! No one must use the name of God to commit violence! To kill in the name of God is a grave sacrilege. To discriminate in the name of God is inhuman." - Sept. 23, 2014

* "Whenever adherence to a specific religious tradition gives birth to service that shows conviction, generosity and concern for the whole of society without making distinctions, then there too exists an authentic and mature living out of religious freedom... The more men and women are at the service of others, the greater their freedom!" - Sept. 23, 2014

* "We must not be afraid of being Christian and living as Christians! We must have this courage to go and proclaim the Risen Christ, for he is our peace; he made peace with his love, with his forgiveness, with his blood and with his mercy." - Apr. 7, 2013

* "What does freedom mean? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashions of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything that you don't like out the window... Let us not be afraid of life commitments, commitments that take up and concern our entire life! In this way our life will be fruitful! And this is freedom: to have the courage to make these decisions with generosity." - May 4, 2013

* "In today's world, religious freedom is more often affirmed than put into practice." Defending religious liberty "guarantees the growth and development of the entire community." - June 8, 2013

* "Marriage and the family are in crisis today. We now live in a culture of the temporary, in which more and more people reject marriage as a public obligation. This revolution of customs and morals has often waved 'the flag of freedom', but it has, in reality, brought spiritual and material devastation to countless human beings, especially the poorest and most vulnerable." - Nov. 17, 2014

* "In the end, what kind of dignity is there without the possibility of freely expressing one's thought or professing one's religious faith? What dignity can there be without a clear juridical framework which limits the rule of force and enables the rule of law to prevail over the power of tyranny? What dignity can men and women ever enjoy if they are subjected to all types of discrimination?" - Nov. 25, 2014

* "Nor, in writing to you, can I remain silent about the members of other religious and ethnic groups who are also experiencing persecution and the effects of these conflicts. Every day I follow the new reports of the enormous suffering endured by many people in the Middle East. I think in particular of the children, the young mothers, the elderly, the homeless and all refugees, the starving and those facing the prospect of a hard winter without an adequate shelter. This suffering cries out to God and it calls for our commitment to prayer and concrete efforts to help in any way possible. I want to express to all of you my personal closeness and solidarity, as well as that of the whole Church, and to offer you a word of consolation and hope." - Dec. 21, 2014

* "The tragic situation faced by our Christian brothers and sisters in Iraq, as well as by the Yazidi and members of other religious and ethnic communities, demands that all religious leaders clearly speak out to condemn these crimes unanimously and unambiguously, and to denounce the practice of invoking religion in order to justify them." - Dec. 21, 2014

* "Today the Churches and ecclesial communities in Europe find themselves facing new and decisive challenges, which can only be answered effectively by speaking with one voice. I am thinking, for example, of the challenge posed by legislators who, in the name of some badly interpreted principle of tolerance, end up preventing citizens from freely expressing and practicing their own religious convictions in a peaceful and legitimate way." - May 7, 2015



SAINT ROSE OF LIMA: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, were (left to right) First row: Stephanie Bohn, Madeline Kling, Brenna Tupone, Alexander Dixon. Second row: Ellen Yarnell (server), Isabella Bush, Allison Fiore, Nancy Gunnett, Ayden Moyer, Kalea Evans, Trent Adams, Hunter Zemrose, Aleksandra Knott (server), Madeline Foor (server). Third row: Alina Foor (server), Keira McCulley, Lily Weber, Carlee McConnell, Corinne Wesner, Rylee Swander, Avery Reimer, Madison Breton, Deacon James Woomer, Corey Craw (catechist), Bernice Shoefelt (director of religious education). Fourth row: Father Brian Saylor (pastor), Lori Stephens (catechist), Isaac Yarnell, Nicholas Foor, Hamilton Gates, Trevor Rehn, Haley Tonzi, Allisandra McMaster, David Wolfinger and Braden Reilly.

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The donations drop dramatically during the summer months when school is not in session. The Father's Day weekend cereal collection at the parishes helps to fill that void.

Prayer

Carmelite Novena

Loretto: The monthly Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese, the Little Flower, offered by the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, will open Monday, June 22 and close Tuesday, June 30.

While renovations and repairs continue to the public chapel at Carmel, the Novena will be offered in Our Lady's Chapel, a temporary site within the monastic enclosure where daily Mass is celebrated.



SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS: Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish, Windber, celebrated the Confirmation of (left to right) Dallas McClintock and Hattie Charney, pictured with catechist Brett Yonish.

All intentions will be remembered in the prayers of the nuns, and in the special Novena prayer recited after daily Mass.

Those desiring to share in the graces and blessings of these nine days of prayer, and in the private prayers of the Carmelite Nuns during the Novena, are requested to send their petitions to Mother Prioress, Discalced Carmelite Monastery, P.O. Box 57, Loretto PA 15940.

During the renovations at Carmel, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church, Patton.



JUBILARIAN HONORED: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak hosted a dinner in honor of religious in the Diocese who are celebrating jubilee anniversaries this year on Thursday, June 4. Pictured (left to right): Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Daniel Sinisi, celebrating 55 years; Bishop Mark; and Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka, Bishop's Vicar for Religious. Not present were Third Order Regular Franciscans Father Michael Gerald Francis Gordon and Brother Edward Bennett, both celebrating 50 years.

Eucharistic Festival

Altoona: A Eucharistic Festival of Praise will be held Monday, June 22, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

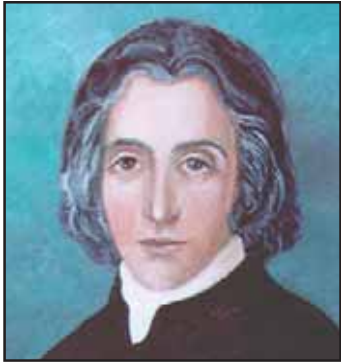
The evening of prayer will include Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship music

provided by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Bob Hilz, will be the homilist. Individual prayer for healing will follow as well as refreshments and fellowship.

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Winning Altar Designs Picked For Serra Canonization Mass

By Zoey Di Mauro
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The crowd of people who will gather at Pope Francis's open air Mass in Washington in September won't be able to experience the interior beauty of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the

Immaculate Conception during the Mass.

So the winning students of an altar design contest decided to bring the architecture of the grand church out to the people.

A jury consisting of representatives from the Archdiocese of Washington, the national shrine and The Catholic University of America picked the design of the winning team,

featuring Catholic University architecture students Ariadne Cerritelli, from Bethesda, Maryland; Matthew Hoffman, from Pittsburgh; and Joseph Taylor, from Eldersburg, Maryland.

Their design for the altar, ambo, and other pieces of liturgical furniture, which was unveiled at Catholic University June 2, features arches in the Romanesque-Byzantine style of the national shrine and consists of two types of marble that match the church's interior pillars.

A symbol featured in the center of the altar will pay homage to Mary, for whom the shrine is dedicated. The papal Mass will be celebrated Sept. 23 on the east steps of the shrine, overlooking the Catholic University Mall. The students' designs were based on the assumption that the papal Mass furnishings could find continued use after Sept. 23 as permanent fixtures inside the shrine.

The winning design team noted the front of the altar will have four columns to represent the four vows that Jesuits, like Pope Francis, take to join the Society of Jesus. The three arches symbolize the Trinity. The banner that will hang from the shrine will feature a background of yellow and white, the colors of the Vatican, and a blue Calatrava cross, which appears in the coat of arms of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The pope is the former archbishop of Buenos Aires.

It is an emblem that would have been familiar to Blessed Junipero Serra, whom the pope will canonize during the Mass.

Eighteen teams of at least two students each participated in the design competition at Catholic University's School of Architecture and Planning, which was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and the national shrine. The teams had to build a scale model of at least one of the furnishings and make presentations of their designs to the jury on May 15.

Pope Francis will be the third pope to visit the national shrine and Catholic University, following Pope John Paul II in 1979 and Pope Benedict XVI in 2008. The papal visit to the United States will be the first by Pope Francis, and Blessed Serra's canonization will be the first such ceremony held in the United States.

An 18th-century Spanish Franciscan missionary, Blessed Serra served in what is now California, then a part of New Spain -- from 1768 through his death in Carmel in 1784. He is credited

with directly founding nine missions in the present-day state of California, and one in Baja California in Mexico, and with reinvigorating established missions in central Mexico. Friars under his tutelage founded many other missions across California.

After arriving in Washington Sept. 22, Pope Francis will be welcomed to the White House by President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama Sept. 23. He is scheduled to address a joint meeting of Congress Sept. 24, making him the first pope to do so.

His U.S. trip includes a Sept. 25 address to the U.N. General Assembly. He will be in Philadelphia Sept. 26 and 27 for the World Meeting of Families.

The altar design competition marks the second time that Catholic University students have designed furnishings for a papal visit to Washington -- they also did so for Pope Benedict XVI's visit.

Prayer For Father Gallitzin's Intercession

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

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

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

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

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The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis
Threats To Families

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Families are weakened and destroyed by war, "the mother of all forms of poverty," as well as by economies and policies that worship money and power, Pope Francis said.

"It's almost a miracle" that, even in poverty and crisis, the family can keep on going, safeguarding its bonds and staying intact, he said at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square June 3.

Leaders who consider family ties and affection as something peripheral to the quality of life "don't understand a thing," he said. "Instead, we should kneel before these families, who are a true school of humanity, who are saving society from barbarity."

The pope began by focusing on the hardship of poverty, which is further aggravated by war.

"War is always something terrible," he said, as it is "a great predator of lives, of souls and the most sacred and dearest of attachments."

But despite such difficulties, there still are many poor families who are able to live "with dignity, seeking to live their daily life" and placing their trust in God, the pope said.

The ability of some poor families to persevere, "however, must not justify our indifference, but, if anything, increase our shame that there is so much poverty," he said.

"What are we left with, in fact, if we give in to the extortion of Caesar and Mammon, of violence and money, and we also reject familial attachments?" he asked.

Healthy families are the "mainstay" of healthy individuals and communities, he said, so if that cornerstone is removed, "everything collapses."

"Today's economy often specializes in the enjoyment of individual well-being, but widely practices the exploitation of family relationships. This is a serious contradiction," he said, criticizing economic and political experts as being "stingy" in not recognizing or including the "enormous work of the family" in their analyses and balance sheets.

"A new civil ethics will come about only when those responsible for public life reorganize social bonds starting with the fight against the perverse spiral" of poverty, he said.

Fighting poverty is not just a matter of families getting "bread" on the table, the pope said; it is about having jobs, stable employment, education, health care, housing and transportation.

The conditions found in poor neighborhoods and "the reduction of social services -- health care and schooling -- cause further difficulties" for families, he said.

Spread by the mass media, "fake models" of the family based on "consumerism and the cult of appearance" also harm families, he said, and have a greater impact on poorer families and increase the breakdown of family ties.

The church and its members are called to heal families and fight poverty, he said.

By becoming "poor" and practicing simplicity, the pope said, the church can break down "every wall of separation, especially from the poor" and become more effective in responding to poverty.

Pope Francis called on Christian families to pray and act on behalf of those in need, and join "this revolution" of drawing near to families, "which is so needed now."



ONE MORE TIME: When Sacred Heart Parish, Altoona, celebrated its 60th anniversary in 1950, this photo appeared in a parish history book, illustrating the buildings on the parish property, and the vacant lot where the new (present) parish church would be built. The buildings from left to right included the rectory, school annex, church/school building. Next month the parish will celebrate its 125th anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a banquet.

"What time is it really?"

That's what our son, Thomas, wanted to know on a road trip across the United States back in 1989.

We crossed an invisible line, and suddenly we were in a different time zone, asking "but what time is it really?"

I remember when the kids were even younger and a snippet from Carly Simon's song "Anticipation" popped into my head one day, and I realized it applied to me, to us: "These are the good old days."

I had my doubts.

The children were running us ragged. We worried about the tight household budget, worried about work, an infinite to-do list and on and on. Even so, I thought, at some point down the road will I consider that moment "the good old days"?

But now I do, because they were.

In the blink of an eye, the children are grown. The house is quiet. My schedule is casual. My expenses minimal. My darling Monica is gone, taken by cancer.

I don't kid myself that those



Your Family

By Bill Dodds
Living In The Present

days were perfect. There are no perfect times on earth, although, thanks be to God, there can be near-perfect moments. Seen in the rearview mirror of life, they sparkle and shine. They bring comfort and joy even as they stand in stark contrast to change and loss.

I see the children often. The grandkids are a hoot. My parents have passed away, but all my siblings are alive and well, and we laugh a lot when we get together.

I have good friends. Good health. I have work and want to continue doing it as long as I can and have a good life. But it is not a perfect life. There are good days but not perfect days. But I have now. Right now. I have

here. Right here. I have life on earth.

In modern language, I'm called to be present, to be mindful. I can't let myself become so obsessed thinking about a future without Monica that I fail to appreciate and use the blessings I have right here, right now. And I can't allow myself to become lost in, obsessed with the past.

The truth is that at every age and every stage of a person's life, there are blessings and challenges. And with the passing of time and the grace of God, sometimes it's possible to see the deepest blessings have their roots in the harshest challenges.

Sometimes it's possible to notice one constant through it all: Emmanuel, God with us.



Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Qualifications For
Eucharistic Ministers

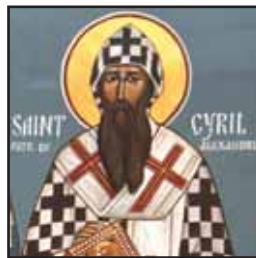
Q. My husband and I have been members of our parish for 20 years, and for the last six of those years I have been a eucharistic minister. Recently, there was an announcement in our parish newsletter that, in order to be a eucharistic minister, you needed to have been baptized, received first Communion, been confirmed and married in the Catholic Church. We have done them all, with the exception of being married in the Catholic Church. (When I volunteered to become a minister of the Eucharist six years ago, that requirement was never mentioned.)

So I let the parish know that, because of this requirement, I now needed to remove my name from the schedule. I was then told that, in addition to not being ministers, my husband and I could no longer receive Communion. Please tell me whether there are any exceptions to this rule and also what can be done so that we could once again receive Communion. (Grand Island, Nebraska)

A. It is, in fact, a standard requirement for extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist that they be Catholics in full communion with the church -- including, if married, having been married in a ceremony recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese of Hartford, for example, publishes on its website the necessary qualifications for eucharistic ministers -- including, among others, "be practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith and morals," having "received the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist," and "if married, the marriage must be a valid Catholic marriage."

That final qualification, being in a valid Catholic marriage, is also required for reception of the Eucharist, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says in No. 1650. (There has been abundant speculation as to whether the Synod of Bishops in the fall of 2015 might change that long-standing requirement, but this seems unlikely.)

Cyril of Alexandria
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Cyril was born in Alexandria, Egypt, and was the nephew of its patriarch, Theophilus. Classically educated, he was ordained by his uncle, whom he succeeded as patriarch in 412. He had helped Theophilus discredit and depose Saint John Chrysostom from Constantinople, in what may have been a rivalry between the two ancient sees. As patriarch, he exercised his authority hastily and violently, drawing severe criticism, and was embroiled in heretical controversies, chiefly against Nestorius of Constantinople, who taught that Mary was not the mother of God. Cyril's orthodoxy eventually was upheld by Pope and Emperor. This most brilliant theologian of the Alexandrian tradition was declared a doctor of the church in 1882; he is the patron of Alexandria.

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You are to be credited for your honesty in bringing the situation to the attention of your parish. I admire also your evident desire to be able to receive the Eucharist once again. The path to that may be an easy one, and much depends on the reason why you were not married in a Catholic-approved ceremony.

If neither you nor your husband was ever married previously, the solution is simple: You need only present yourselves to a priest, do a simple bit of paperwork, receive the sacrament of reconciliation and arrange to have your marriage blessed by the church ("convalidated" is the canonical term) by repeating your vows in front of a priest.

If there were previous marriages on either side, again you should see a priest to discuss whether there might be grounds for declaring such marriages null and void. Whatever effort you make in this regard is surely worth it if it permits you once more to receive Christ in holy Communion.

Q. My father is in the process of getting a civil separation from my mother. To say the least, the relationship is anything but civil. I will spare you the details, but it's as though I am trapped in the middle of a storm with no safe shelter. The separation process is now almost finished, so it's too late to reverse course. But seeing the family crumble around me is beyond painful. Is there anything I can do to change the negativity of this situation? (Norfolk, Virginia)

A. Your question highlights what parents sometimes underestimate with separation and divorce -- namely, the pain that can burden the children, whatever their age. You can probably best help by staying close to both of your parents and by not taking sides.

You might also consider seeking professional counseling to help you sort out your feelings, and perhaps suggest that your parents do the same. Most of all, you should pray (and I will, too) for God to be close to your family during these difficult days.



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
Daily Gratitude

On a cloudy Saturday morning, I sit in my usual prayer spot by the patio door and watch the birds in the yard. I find them endlessly fascinating.

The little sparrows who process almost solemnly by my small statue of Saint Francis; the tiny, brilliant yellow birds who make a quick appearance and then flit away; the occasional bright red cardinal; the bevy of robins; the shiny, noisy blackbirds; the pairs of turtledoves who stay so lovingly close together -- they all intrigue me.

No ornithologist, I promise to look up the names of the birds I don't know but never get around to it. Instead, I just watch, gladdened by the graceful display.

But there's a flip side to this entertainment: bird droppings on the patio.

Recently, neighbors on both sides of us installed bird feeders. Not just one each, but two each, both bordering our property. So on either side of our small yard, a bird buffet, a literal smorgasbord, attracts an army of happy eaters. My yard represents a flight path between two feeding frenzies. Little birds loiter happily under the rosebush in my yard, sated and ready to poop.

Fortunately, our patio isn't directly under this flight path. From a potty angle, it could be much worse. So, I choose to see the birds as my personal aviary and I'm thankful for them.

But it was my husband, not me, who cleaned one of the patio chairs that had received a generous dollop that morning. As he brings out the hose and the spray disinfectant, I begin to see our bird situation as a metaphor for life in an imperfect world and the importance of gratitude.

Every Christian steward knows that at the very heart of stewardship lies a need and an obligation for thankfulness. It's the beginning of spirituality. It's why the medieval theologian Meister Eckhart said, "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'thank you,' it's enough."

Lack of gratefulness is a major impediment to spiritual growth.

It's a timeworn aphorism, but spirituality lies at its heart: "You can complain that rose bushes have thorns or rejoice that thorn bushes have roses."

Everything emanates from our Creator. Think of the very spark of life that created you. Think of every gift you've been given since. All of it, gift.

Happiness stems from thankfulness, unhappiness from complaints and self-pity. Gratitude reminds me that none of this stuff is really mine. It's God's, a generous giver who has loaned it to me. I should enjoy it, use it in love and service, and leave the rest behind. Don't cling to stuff.

Gratitude can be a great way to start a morning prayer. I think of the things I take for granted as "mine," and I give thanks for being gifted with them. Gratitude for hot, strong coffee. Gratitude for the flowers in the yard. Gratitude for good neighbors who are thoughtful enough to provide birds with lunch. Gratitude that in the midst of pollution and pesticides, little birds still prosper.

If we focus on daily gratitude, thankfulness for the small stuff, it helps us appreciate the bigger stuff. It gets us in practice for finding a way to say thanks when times are tough, when we have to search for the silver lining in a hard situation.

Gratitude turns our complaints into smiles. It gives us the truth of each precious day.

It's gratitude that reminds me, when it's my turn to wash the patio chair, to be grateful for the birds and the patio and the patio chairs.

Charism Of Sainly Foundress Lives On At Garvey Manor

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“He does not intend the aged should be neglected, and our new nursing home will show the aged we do not intend to neglect them.”

But, that was past, and the present and future provide new hurdles. Sister Joachim says that Garvey Manor has maintained the founding vision of spiritually based care.

In 1965, when Medicare was first introduced, hospital models were used to care for the elderly. The new Garvey Manor is a more home-like atmosphere with space for personal privacy. It employs a neighborhood concept of communal living. It is a Catholic institution, but is home

to all persons regardless of their religious beliefs.

Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence consists of three interconnected buildings.

One building is known as Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence. It contains studio and one - bedroom apartments for those that don't need skilled care, but with staff assistance available.

The second building is a two - story Common Building, and provides the main entrance to Garvey Manor. Its main focus is Saint Joseph Chapel, which is centrally located near the front of the building. Also included are offices and dining rooms, a large lobby, cafe, and a gift shop. The third building provides a skilled nursing home.

“Bishop Mark L. Barchak, Bishop Joseph V. Adamec and the late Bishop James J. Hogan, have been very supportive of the work we do here,” Sister Joachim said.

Garvey stands on its own, but is jointly sponsored by the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese, which has allowed it to flourish, according to Sister Joachim.

“Meeting the needs of the elderly in 1965 was much different than the way they are met today, and will be met in the future,” Sister Joachim explained. “We plan for the future each day. The baby boomers will generate the biggest generation of elderly ever, and we must be prepared.”

In the future, Sister Joachim hopes to provide independent apartment living for the well elderly, with all of the services and support of Garvey Manor.

Garvey Manor has a long history of providing quality care. Said Sister Joachim, “We strive to achieve a warm, caring, holistic environment. We address the needs of the entire family of each resident, and we strive to blend our family (staff) with theirs and make this their home. We are honored to care for them.”

She said it has been a wonderful experience for her serving as administrator. She reiterated, “The local community has been wonderful and the staff is committed. The dedication of the staff is what brings this ministry to fruition.”



CARMELITE FOUNDRESS: Venerable Mother Angeline Teresa McCrory was the foundress, in 1929, of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. She was present when the original Garvey Manor (pictured below) was dedicated in Hollidaysburg on June 24, 1965.



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MATTHEW 25 HONOREES: Pictured (left to right) are: Father John Gibbon, who accepted the award on behalf of Olivia McCafferty; Jean Johnstone, executive director of Catholic Charities; Nik Suckinos; Ashton Truby; and Bishop Mark L. Bartchak.

Catholic Charities Presents Annual Awards

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Janet Criste was nominated by Carl Shultz. Said Shultz, "Among the people who have devoted significant time and effort to serving the welfare of the poor, sick, and disadvantaged, Janet stands in a special category of devotion."

After a nursing career, Criste was selected as director of the Johnstown office of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society, in addition to her involvement at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish.

She spearheaded an effort to open a homeless shelter in Johnstown, and served as Executive Director of the Easter Seals Society for eight years,

among many other activities.

Prior to the award ceremony, Master of Ceremonies Father Sean Code, chairman of the Advisory Board of Catholic Charities, said, "Tonight we take time to acknowledge the exemplary efforts of volunteers young and old to help anyone throughout the eight counties of our Diocese.

Father Code is pastor of Saint Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore and Most Holy Trinity Parish in South Fork.

He said, "There are uncounted others who have also responded to the words of Jesus- 'what you do for the least of these, you do for me.' On

behalf of those who are touched by your unconditional love, I am privileged to say, thank you."

The Matthew 25 Awards went to three recent high school graduates. They each received a plaque from Catholic Charities, and a \$100 check from the Independent Catholic Foundation.

Ashton Truby was nominated by Jean Koury, Confirmation Coordinator; and Christina Laria, Religious Education Director, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

"Ashton exemplifies the spirit of Jesus," said Laria. "She was instrumental in restarting the Vacation Bible School in the parish, has been a counselor at

Camps Timothy and Zacchaeus, and represented our Diocese at the World Youth Conference in Indianapolis."

She said Ashton is an Altar Server, lector and a member of the social committee, and presently sits on the Parish Council as a youth representative.

Nikolas Suckinos was presented and nominated by Jonathan Nagy, Dean of Students, and Social Studies teacher at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School.

"In my 10 years of working in a Catholic high school with outstanding individuals, I have never met a student with such a gracious heart as Nikolas Suckinos. Nik gives freely of his time, treasure, and especially his talents without a thought of reward or recognition."

He said Nik has volunteered for countless activities at the school. In addition to being a member of the Student Council, SADD, and the National Honor Society, "I am particularly proud and grateful for his work as a student ambassador. He's also very active in his parish, Saint Francis Xavier in Cresson.

Father John Gibbons, administrator of Saints Peter and

Paul Parish in Philipsburg; nominated Olivia McCafferty. "Olivia's personality is one of giving to others," said Father Gibbons. "She was invaluable to me in my transition to Saints Peter and Paul when I was appointed several months ago."


McCafferty, like the other student honorees, is involved in a long list of activities too numerous to list. She was part of a grass-roots effort to establish a student - led organization "Expect Respect" based on the theory that students can benefit significantly from exposure to healthy relationships and positive attitudes.

She is an altar server, a talented cantor, and a Youth Representative on the Parish Council. McCafferty has also participated in many fund - raising activities.

Said Father Gibbons, "A Matthew 25 recipient is a way of life - - not a point in time. That's the beauty - - it's their way of life. I hope to follow in her footsteps and be a better servant like she is."

In keeping with theme of giving, Jo Ellen Steinbruner graciously donated her 50 - 50 award back to Catholic Charities.

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SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Windber, celebrated the Confirmation of (left to right) Tara Hogan, Lindsey Bender, Breanna Blasic, Lauren Vasas and Gabrielle Shaulis. They are pictured with catechist Brett Yonish.

Peace Demands Passion, Patience, Hard Work, Pope Francis Tells People Of Balkan Nation

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (CNS) -- To overcome fear, discrimination and conflict, people must have a deep desire to open themselves up to God and his mercy, and work actively for peace every day, Pope Francis said.

God's plan for creation is peace, "which always meets opposition from humanity and the devil," he said during a one-day visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina June 6.

The cold reality today is that the world is facing "a kind of Third World War being fought in piecemeal" amidst "an atmosphere of war" worldwide, he

said on the 71st anniversary of "D-Day," the World War II anniversary of Allied forces landing in Normandy marking the liberation of Europe.

But the "ray of sunshine piercing the clouds" is Christ's appeal to work for peace, the pope said during an outdoor Mass in the capital's Kosevo sports stadium, where more than 60,000 people gathered from different parts of the Balkan region under a hot, hazy sky.

Signs of peace emerging from a war-torn nation stood out throughout the city, whose residents are mostly Muslim.

Small groups of well-wishers and cheering families lined the main avenues from the airport as armed military helicopters circled the sky.

Sleek modern glass and steel commercial buildings were scattered among rows of towering communist-era apartment buildings whose gray cement walls were riddled with bullet holes and gouged by shrapnel. The holes left behind are marked with large dark grey splotches where the newer cement was troweled on and left unpainted. Flowers adorned some grave-stones in a makeshift cemetery on a grassy plot between a snarl of highway bypasses. During the years of urban warfare, it was difficult to bury the dead in established cemeteries on the outskirts of town, so parks and roadsides became burial grounds.

More than 100,000 people died and millions more were displaced during the 1992-1995 conflict, which saw a Serb campaign of ethnic cleansing of Bosnian Muslims after the mostly Muslim nation declared independence from Yugoslavia in 1992.

"War means children, women and the elderly in refugee camps; it means forced displacement of peoples; it means destroyed homes, streets and factories; it means above all, countless shattered lives," the pope said in his homily.

While there are those who foment war and profit from it by selling weapons, he said, there are those who hear Jesus' words, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

"He does not say, 'Blessed are the preachers of peace,' since everyone is capable of proclaiming peace, even in a hypocritical or indeed, duplicitous manner," the pope said. "No. He says, 'Blessed are the peacemakers,' that is, those who make peace."

Peacemaking requires putting justice into practice, and it takes patience, passion, experience and the tenacity to never give up, every day, "step by step," he said.

A vital step, one that cannot be skipped, he said, is personal conversion since nothing in the world can change without a change in the human heart -- one that makes room for God, his love and mercy.

Only with such change can a person see that former enemies "really have the same face as I have, the same heart, the same soul," he said.

Signs of unity were seen throughout the Mass. An ecumenical choir of 1,600 people from Catholic and Serbian Orthodox churches and the country's national choir were accompanied by the nation's military band. Behind the altar was an intricately detailed chair for the pope, hand carved from dark walnut wood by a Muslim father and son. A large cross placed near the altar still bore the punctures of ammunition from the three-year long conflict.

In just the first hours of his visit, the pope said he saw signs of hope in the joy and smiles of the Muslim, Jewish, Orthodox and Catholic children who greeted him at the airport.

He told government and religious leaders during a morning meeting at the presidential palace, that "I saw hope today in those children. ... That is hope. Let's bet on that."

"In order to successfully oppose the barbarity of those who would make of every difference



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POPE WALKS NEAR CROSS: Pope Francis walks near a cross punctured by ammunition during the 1992-1995 conflict as he celebrates Mass at Kosevo stadium in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, June 6. The pope was making a one-day visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina to encourage a minority Catholic community in the faith, and to foster dialogue and peace in a nation still largely divided along ethnic lines.

the occasion and pretext for further unspeakable violence, we need to recognize the fundamental values of human communities," values that help people communicate, forgive, build and

grow, Pope Francis said.

"This will allow different voices to unite in creating a melody of sublime nobility and beauty, instead of fanatical cries of hatred," he said.

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (CNS) -- Pope Francis said the Vatican was ready to make an announcement concerning the alleged Marian apparitions in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith met recently to discuss the issue and "we've reached the point of making a decision and then they will say," he told journalists on the flight back to Rome June 6.

The expected announcement will include "just some guidelines (the congregation) will give to the bishops," he said in response to a reporter's question.



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'Insidious: Chapter 3' Run - Of - The Mill, At Best

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Though elements of language and subject matter put "Insidious: Chapter 3" (Gramercy) beyond the appropriate reach of a youthful audience, mature moviegoers will find comparatively little to object to in this run-of-the-mill horror prequel.

Still, if there's minimal gore on display, there's equally negligible inspiration.

Along with yet a third descent into this weak franchise's patented postmortem realm, *The Further*, writer-director Leigh Whannell aims to provide viewers with the backstory of a character central to its previous installments: unassuming but spunky psychic Elise Rainier (Lin Shaye).

Before she got caught up in

the occult woes of the Lambert family -- the clan around whom the first two films revolved -- Elise, it seems, had sworn off dabbling with the afterlife. Unspecified horrors had convinced the newly widowed medium to go into self-imposed retirement.

All that begins to change, however, with the arrival on Elise's doorstep of high school senior and aspiring actress Quinn Brenner (Stefanie Scott). Dissatisfied with her do-it-yourself attempts to contact her recently deceased mother, grieving Quinn is anxious for the aid of a professional.

Elise reluctantly agrees to help, just this once. But it quickly becomes apparent that, in her amateurish effort to conjure up Mom's benign presence, Quinn has instead summoned a malignant spirit to her side. This murderous wraith promptly involves the girl in a gruesome auto ac-



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INSIDIOUS: CHAPTER 3: Stefanie Scott stars in a scene from the movie "Insidious: Chapter 3." 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.

cident from which she emerges with two broken legs.

Since Quinn's ineffectual dad, Sean (Dermot Mulroney), seems as ill-equipped to protect the now-immobilized maiden as her younger brother, Alex (Tate Berney), Elise has little choice but to do a supernatural Sinatra and head back into *The Further*.

As penned by Whannell, who also appears on screen in a relatively minor role, the work-

day script takes an incidental but welcome stance against suicide. And Quinn's metaphysical misadventure can be read as warning about the dangers of trying to communicate with the dead.

Yet the movie's spiritual battle between good and evil is viewed exclusively from a paranormal perspective, with no reference to faith. That's another good reason, if one were needed, to keep the impressionable at a safe distance.

The film contains potentially disturbing scenes of a car accident and its aftermath, occult themes, fleeting references to homosexuality, a couple of uses of profanity, at least one instance of the F-word and about a half-dozen crass terms. 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.

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Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

June 21 - - On this Father's Day, Brian Basile, a member of Resurrection Parish in Johnstown, joins the Bishop to discuss the joys of being a dad.

June 28 - - Bill Hiergeist, Executive Director of the Independent Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, marks the Foundation's 25th anniversary.

May They Rest In Peace



Sister Rose Marie Vogel C.S.J.

Sister Rose Marie Vogel, formerly known as Sister Mary Ronald, 78, died Sunday, May 24, in the 61st year of her religious life as a Sister of Saint Joseph of Baden.

The daughter of Erhard and Rose Marie (Harlan) Vogel, Sister Rose Marie entered the Congregation from Saint John Gualbert Parish, Johnstown.

For 26 years Sister Rose Marie ministered in the field of education as principal and teacher in the Dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown, Greensburg and Pittsburgh.

From 1985 - 2006 Sister Rose Marie served first as chaplain at Mercy Hospital, and then at Good Samaritan Medical Center and Conemaugh Health System in Johnstown. She continued to volunteer as chaplain at Conemaugh Health System from 2006 - 2012.

In 2003 Sister Rose Marie was presented the Prince Gallitzin Cross by Bishop Joseph V. Adamec for her service to the Diocesan Church of Altoona - Johnstown. After teaching bible studies at Valley Pike Manor in Johnstown for a short period of time, Sister Rose Marie moved to the Motherhouse in Baden where she continued to care for others through her prayer ministry and briefly as Medical Transport Manager.

Sister Rose Marie is survived by a sister, Norene Pozniak of State College; a step-sister, Mary Kaye Tacik of Johnstown; a brother, Ronald (Carole) of Johnstown; nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden.

The funeral Mass for Sister Rose Marie Vogel C.S.J. was celebrated Thursday, May 28 in the chapel of Saint Joseph Convent, Baden. Committal was in the Sisters' Cemetery on the Motherhouse grounds.

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



SAINT MICHAEL HONORS SENIORS: Saint Michael Parish, Saint Michael celebrated their Senior Sunday Mass on April 26. All of the seniors were presented with The New Catholic Answer Bible blessed by Father Charles Bodziak as a gift from the parish. Those that returned and completed their 12th grade year of Religious Education and requirements were also presented with an application for a \$300 Higher Education Grant awarded through Saint Michael Parish. Pictured are (left to right) First Row: Missy Burkardt, (12th Grade Catechist), Kristen Kundrod, Lysie Deibert, Abbey Richards. Second row: Deacon Dave Hornick, Devon Michaels, Garrett Varner, Tyler McCall and Father Charles Bodziak (pastor). Three of these students were also presented with an additional \$250.00 REACH Service Award funded through The Community Foundation of the Alleghenies in recognition for having the most cumulative service time in the parish's REACH Youth Ministry Program. The three awardees were Kristen Kundrod, Lysie Deibert and Cari Kestermont (not pictured).



SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, ALTOONA: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Altoona, were (left to right) First row: Haley Van Klavern, Caidence Cover, Megan George, Samantha Page, Makayla Silver. Second row: Mia Curfman, Samuel Kauffman, Jayden Tremitiere, Joseph Eckenrode, Abraham Manfred. Third row: Kim Etters (catechist), Father D. Timothy Grimme (pastor) and Mary Beth Schmidhamer (director of religious education).

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Catholic Charities Honors Efforts Of Volunteers Making A Difference In Local Community

Photos And Text
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

There are many kinds of poverty that Catholic Charities ministers to each day. Not only the economically less fortunate, but the spiritually and emotionally poor.

"In his weekly address, Pope Francis reminded that poverty affects too many families," said Bishop Mark L. Bartchak at the annual Catholic Charities Recognition Dinner held Wednesday, June 3 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona.

Bishop Mark continued, "This led me to think about our own Catholic Charities and how it treats clients with respect and dignity. They are not just case numbers. I stand in awe of its accomplishments with what I see is a meager budget."

Bishop Mark said we must get personally involved in the poverty of people. "The seven people receiving awards tonight understand what service means, and I thank them," he stated. "We are blessed to have those who recognize the mission of Catholic Charities."

Each year Catholic Charities of the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese celebrates the selfless volunteer dedication of individuals with the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian



MONSIGNOR WILLIAM M. GRIFFIN AWARD WINNERS: Pictured (left to right) are: Janet Criste; David L. Greene; Jean Johnstone, executive director of Catholic Charities; Mercedes Smith; Bishop Mark L. Bartchak; and Nicholas Smith.

Award, and students with the Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award. Monsignor Griffin founded Catholic Charities in 1940.

The 2015 Monsignor Griffin Award Winners are: David L. Greene of Saint Peter's Parish in Somerset; Mercedes and Nicholas Smith of Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown; and Janet Criste of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Johnstown.

The Matthew 25 Award winners are: Ashton Truby, a 2015 graduate of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School in

Altoona. She is the daughter of Lynn and Paula Truby of the Cathedral Parish in Altoona;

Nikolas Suckinos, a 2015 graduate of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg. He is the son of Andrea Muriceak. They are members of Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Cresson;

Olivia McCafferty, a 2015 graduate of Philipsburg - Osceola Senior High School. She is the daughter of Bill and Deb McCafferty. They are members of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Philipsburg.

Prior to the award ceremony, Jean Johnstone, executive director of Catholic Charities for the past eight years, remarked, "To be here tonight is an honor for me. I have a lot of special people to thank in the Diocese for my being here. It's truly been an honor."

Johnstone said she prays often that God will help her walk in the footsteps of Jesus, "so I can be a better wife, sister, friend, and leader. Our award winners exemplify what it means to walk in the footsteps of Jesus."

Mercedes and Nicholas Smith were the first to receive the Monsignor Griffin Award. They were nominated by Jim and Mary Agnes Roccio.

"They are very humble people," said Jim Roccio. "They are very humble and have dedicated their lives to helping others." The Smiths have been deeply involved in Cursillo and take it to the inmates at the federal prison in Loretto once each year.

In addition, they open their home to many ministries such as Bible study, and are heavily invested in Saint Benedict Parish through numerous activities.

Father Daniel O'Neill, pastor of Saint Peter's Parish, nominated David Greene, of whom he wrote, "he has a special concern for the poor and marginalized in our society based in Christ's special concern for the poor and the teaching and example of Pope Francis." His nomination was read by Robert Hook.

For nearly two decades Greene has chaired the Outreach Committee at the parish. He is among the founders of the Somerset County Mobile Food Bank and serves on the Board of Directors.

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