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Ten To Be Recipients Of Prince Gallitzin Cross Award

By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein

Ten persons have been named by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak to receive the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award at the 26th annual award dinner to be held Saturday, May 19.

Those to be honored at the Calvin House in Duncansville are:

- - Philip C. Arnone Sr. of Saint Patrick Parish, Johnstown;
- - Thomas Baker of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Hollidaysburg;
- - Donald and Judy Beeler of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona;
- - Sister Marietta Therese Hanley of the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus;
- - Lawrence Harker of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona;
- - Raymond Seymour of Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Loretto;
- - Edward and Carol Shields of Saint Anne Parish, Davidsville;
- - Kathleen D. Spargo of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Everett.

Each of the awardees is being honored for carrying on the evangelizing spirit of the

Servant of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin. The award consists of an enamel cross based upon one that appears on the coat of arms of the Prince - Priest's family. Suspended from a yellow ribbon, it is worn about the neck at parish and diocesan functions, particularly those at which the Bishop is present. It is accompanied by a certificate signed by the Bishop.

The honorees were nominated by their pastors, fellow parishioners and co - workers.

Philip C. Arnone Sr., is described by Father Walter J. Moll, pastor of Saint Patrick Parish, Johnstown as "a faithful and exceptionally dedicated parishioner." A life - long member of the Moxham parish, Arnone began his many years of service as a child, when he became an altar server and a choir member, ministries in which he continues at the age of 79. He serves the parish today as a server, lector, sacristan and cantor, and is also an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, and a volunteer at funeral luncheons and a variety of parish fundraisers. Father Moll calls him "a man of frequent and faith filled prayer" who is a regular participant in the parish's perpetual adoration ministry.

"In my 30 years as a priest and 16 years as a pastor, I have experienced very few people as

generous and self - giving as Philip Arnone Sr.," wrote Father Moll in his letter of nomination.

Thomas J. Baker "and his eleven siblings have had a long and significant impact upon Saint Michael Parish" in Hollidaysburg, said Monsignor Stanley B. Carson, pastor, in making his nomination of Mr. Baker. "Tom's love for the Church and his service to God's people are part of the fruitful harvest we continue to reap from the seeds sown by Prince Gallitzin," said Monsignor Carson.

Baker's is either an officer or a member of the following parish organizations: Picnic Committee, Greenlawn Cemetery, Barbara Zanker Scholarship Fund, Vocations Committee, Men's Club and Matthew Ministry. He offers hospitality following Sunday Masses and funerals, and also serves the parish as an usher, and as a daily Mass reader and server. Monsignor Carson noted that Baker is also helpful in providing transportation for parishioners needing to travel out of town for medical reasons. An Air Force Veteran with 30 years of service, Baker has served locally and on the state level with the Air Force Association, and is an active volunteer with the American Cancer Society.

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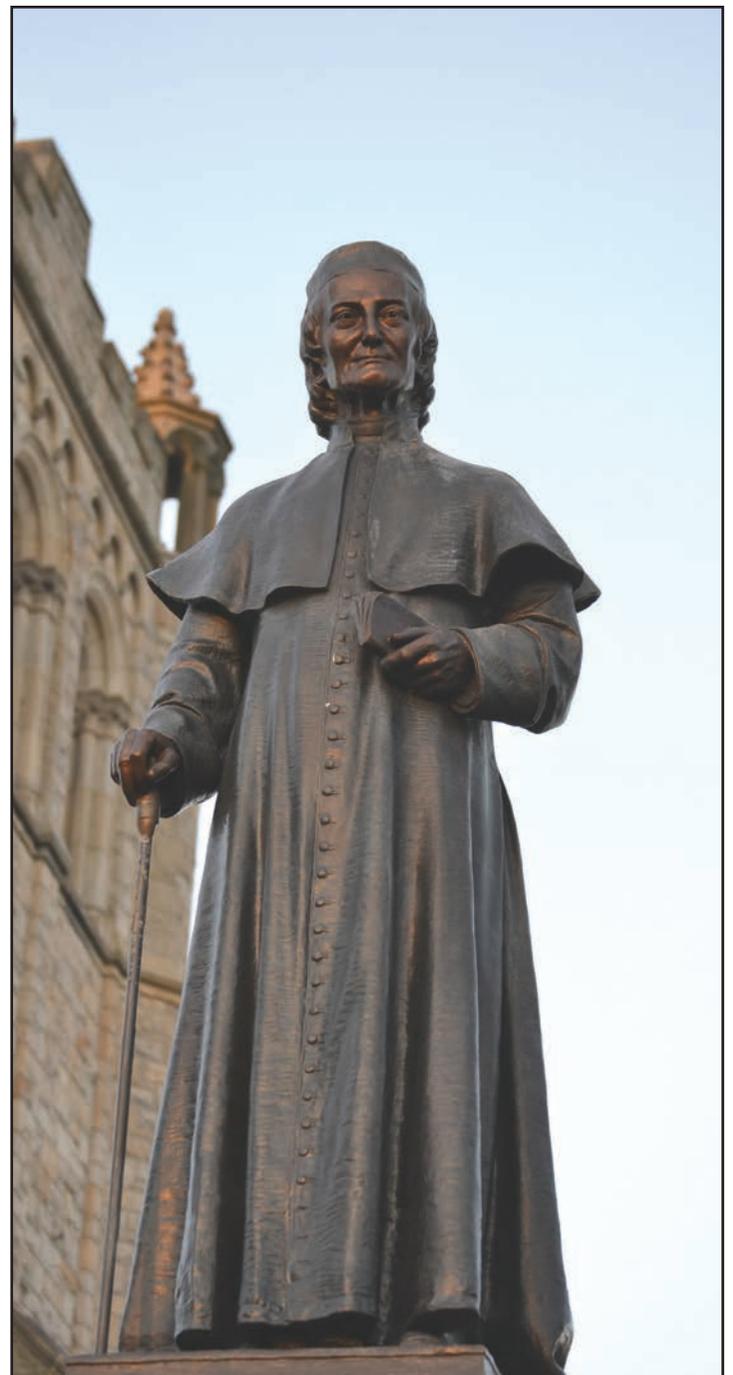


Photo By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein

THE SERVANT OF GOD
FATHER DEMETRIUS AUGUSTINE GALLITZIN

Harrisburg Priest Named Bishop Of Greensburg

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)

-- Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and appointed as his successor Father Edward C. Malesic, judicial vicar of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Bishop Brandt, who has headed the Greensburg Diocese since 2004, is 76, one year past the age that bishops are required by canon law to turn in their resignation to the pope.

Bishop-designate Malesic, 54, has been judicial vicar and secretary of canonical services in Harrisburg since 2006.

The changes were announced in Washington April 24 by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

The newly named bishop will be ordained and installed during a July 13 Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.

"This is an office that I never strove for nor expected," said Bishop-designate Malesic, describing his shock when he received a call from Archbishop Vigano telling him the pope was appointing him to Greensburg.

"But now that reality is setting in, I must thank God who has blessed me so much in this life and in the priesthood," he said at a morning news conference. "It has been quite a journey so far and I suppose there is much more to come -- and the people of Greensburg are going to be a huge part of my journey from now on.

"I am grateful to Pope Francis for placing his confidence in me. I do not feel deserving of it, but I am accepting of it," he added. "I love Pope Francis, and the way he has asked us all to examine and deepen our personal relationship with God. I give him my loyalty and devotion."



CNS Photo

BISHOP - DESIGNATE EDWARD C. MALESIC

Bishop-designate Malesic thanked Bishop Brandt "for welcoming me so warmly."

"When you called me last week, you told me that I am inheriting a gem of a diocese. I know that you have worked hard to keep it sparkling during times of change. The Catholic community here owes a debt of gratitude to you," the newly named bishop added.

Edward C. Malesic was born Aug. 14, 1960. He received a bachelor's degree in 1983 and a master's in divinity in 1987, both from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg May 30, 1987.

Following ordination, he was an assistant pastor of St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, for two years and then at St. Rose of Lima Parish in York, Pennsylvania, for two years.

He also was campus minister at York College of Pennsylvania, 1989 to 1992, and at Millersville University of Pennsylvania, 1992 to 1996. He has served, first as administrator, then pastor at Holy Infant Parish in York Haven, Pennsylvania, since 2004.

Bishop-designate Malesic holds a licentiate in canon law from The Catholic University of America in Washington. He served as an auditor in the eccle-



SAINT MICHAEL: Saint Michael Parish, Saint Michael, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, April 9. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Alexandra Maurer, Kathryn Jordan. Second row: Michael J. Barton, Jr. (catechist), Erik Kudlawiec, Shannon Kudlawiec, Isabella Yakicic, Julia Gully, Ashleigh Baer, Danielle Mickus, Pauline Minor (catechist); Third row: Jayme Naugle, Andrew Pinkas, Maxwell Varljen, Ian Wiczorek, Joel Barton, Garrett Bunn, Dominic Panick, Robert Bambino, Nicholas Line-man and Anthony Hribar.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS: Pictured (left to right) are winners of a Science Fair at Saint Benedict School, Carrolltown. First row: Fourth Grade -- Joseph Snedden, Logan Baker, Hannah Krug, Joslynn Kirsch. Second row: Fifth Grade -- Aydin Swander, Isabella Barrett, Blaine Farabaugh, Brandon McNulty. Third row: Sixth Grade -- Abbie Baker, Julie Westrick, Ethan Cunningham, Brianna Kirsch. Fourth row: Seventh Grade -- Adam Link, Caleb Barrett, Kaleb Hilyer. Fifth row: Eighth grade -- Emily Cunningham, Abby Farabaugh, Juliana Snedden and Kelsey Krug. Not pictured is Jacob Sharabaugh (Seventh Grade).

siastical tribunal, 1996 to 1998, and as defender of the bond and canonical consultant for the tribunal, 1998 to 2000. He has served as judicial vicar and secretary of canonical services in the Harrisburg Diocese since 2006.

Lawrence E. Brandt was born March 27, 1939, in Charleston, West Virginia, and ordained a priest of Erie, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 19, 1969. St. John Paul II appointed him bishop of Greensburg Jan. 2, 2004. He was ordained a bishop March 4 of that year.

The Diocese of Greensburg covers 3,334 square miles. Out of a total population of about 665,700 people, just over 144,000, or 22 percent, are Catholic.

The deadline for submitting First Holy Communion, Confirmation, May Crowning and Graduation photos for publication in The Catholic Register is Wednesday, July 15. No exceptions to this deadline will be made.

Photos may be submitted to The Catholic Register, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg PA 16648; or by e-mail to tstein@dioceseaj.org or bto-maselli@dioceseaj.org. Photos submitted by e-mail should be sent in the jpeg format.

In The Alleghenies

Community

Food for Families 945 Franklin Street, Johnstown PA 15905.

Healthy Community Walk

Johnstown: The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul will participate in the May 30 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, in Johnstown's Central Park. The Society is looking for walkers to join their efforts which will benefit the SVDP Food for Families Johnstown program.

Registration is at 7:45 a.m. and the 5K walk begins at 9:00 a.m. A One Mile Fun Walk begins at 9:15 a.m.

Food for Families in Johnstown is the distribution center for many food pantries and other agencies in Johnstown and throughout Cambria County which serve 7,200 people per month. In addition the program's Family Kitchen serves a lunch daily for all those in need serving 125 – 200 meals per day.

Walkers can join 'Team Vinnie' by registering at the Highmark Walk website, Johnstown and look for Society of Saint Vincent DePaul. Those unable to take part in the walk can make a donation on the site. Donations can also be sent to SVDP

Golf Outing

Altoona: The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul Youth Ministries is promoting and advocating for local youth. The Society's youth ministry is involved with different missions to help those youth who need just a little extra support. The 7th Annual Ravine Invitational Golf Outing at Park Hills Country Club on Saturday, June 27 supports these efforts. The society is looking for participants as players, team captains, sponsors, in-kind contributors, advertisers and partners.

Support of the golf outing will assist Back to School Back Pack project, holiday meals to the Domestic Abuse Shelter, SDVP National Haitian Adopt a Student program, Evergreen Manors After School programs and SDVP Christmas for Kids Program for those less fortunate, as well as other area youth group functions.

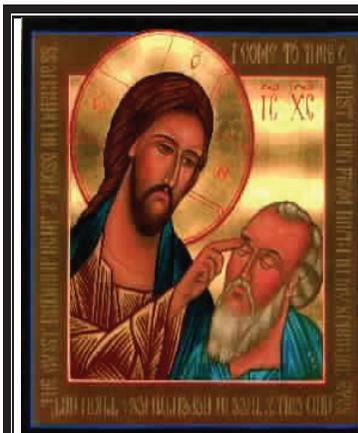
For information call Sonny Consiglio, executive director at (814) 943 – 1981, or by e – mail at avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net



ALL SAINTS, BOSWELL: All Saints Parish, Boswell, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, April 9. Taking part were (left to right) Kara West, Von Yoder, Matt Marafino (catechist) and Madison Huzsek.



SCHOLARS WELCOMED: Welcomed to Mount Aloysius College were new Mercy Presidential Scholars, from left: Theresa Muir, Mount Aloysius College President Tom Foley, Amanda Schneider, Trenton Hoag, Casey Young, Nicholas Goldyn, Teresa Goc, Seth Hull, Jordan Gebhart, Logan Flick, Jenna Deemer, Aaron Mogle, Jessica Bressler, Brittany Hubler, Makalah Zanke, Sydney Barger, Hannah Simpson, Natalie Folton, Lucy Craig, Jordan Morrison, Jacob Pasley, Frank Crouse (Vice President for Enrollment Management), Kerian Black and Grace Grata. The students, distinguished by their academic achievements, leadership and community service, earned a collective high school grade point average of 3.82 with critical reading and math SAT scores ranging between 1100-1400. Mount Aloysius College President Tom Foley noted that the students chosen as Mercy Presidential Scholars reflect the school's expectations for their bright future. "This year's Mercy Presidential Scholars were chosen on the basis of their community service and their academic talents," he said. "At Mount Aloysius College it's clear that character is the foundation for leadership, academic success and a deepening commitment to their community. We look forward to their future contributions at Mount Aloysius College," he added. Frank Crouse, vice president for enrollment management welcomed the group of Mercy Scholars, their parents, faculty and staff, noting "These young men and women best exemplify the values and goals of Mount Aloysius College. We are very glad to have them here."



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Point Of View

Taking my little girl out for ice-cream is always a joy! She revels in the frosty treat and squeals in delight at the thought of getting sprinkles on her cone. How sweet these moments are to me! As a special treat for my birthday, I took my daughter to a new local frozen yogurt chain. This chain allows you to build your own sweet treat with the addition of many of different goodies to top of your frosty concoction. There are gummies bears, chocolate cookies, fruit and a multitude of colorful sprinkles. This place is surely a child's delight and a perfect setting for a mother to share a special moment with her precious daughter. But, there was something different about this place that really caught my attention. It wasn't the brightly colored walls or sparkling clean counters that impressed me, it was something that caught me off guard, a conversation that made my heart jump for joy! As I was helping my little princess build the most amazing yogurt sundae ever, I over heard the young clerk say to a customer, "Do you go to church?" I stopped and tried to listen more intently – the customer said, "No, I haven't been in church since I was a kid!" The clerk then said, "Just remember you are always welcome!" I thought to myself, "I never heard anyone in a store, especially a clerk of a national chain, inquire about someone's faith!" I typically hear, "Would you like to sign up for our rewards card or perhaps our credit card?" but never hear, "Do you go to church?" I



Family Matters

By Amy Kanich
Sweet Surprise!

was delighted! As I approached the counter, I complimented the clerk for his courage in sharing the Christian faith. He said, "We are a Christian Company and we are working very hard to love our neighbors!" I smiled. In today's world, all we hear is the bad news about how our Christian values are being taken away from our everyday life. However, here in a simple yogurt chain, the Good News is lovingly being sprinkled on each person, one customer at a time!

As I got into my car, with my sticky, sprinkled little one, I prayed, "Thank you God for the courage of this young man and for a company who is not afraid to share their faith." I thought to myself from now on, when my family goes out for frozen yogurt we are coming here! If a company's logo has God's name in it, plays Christian music for the customers and hires young witnesses to our Faith, then it is a company I am supporting wholeheartedly. Then several other questions started to flood my mind. What would happen if Christians started to research companies led by Christian values and supported them exclusively? What if Christians really put their "money where their mouths are?" What if Christian

Americans could take back their one nation under God, with one purchase at a time? Just here in our diocese, I know of places to shop and eat that are run by Christian companies. There is a Christian bookstore that gives 100% of its profit to Christian Charities. There is a craft store that plays Christian music and closes on Sundays so their employees can celebrate the Sabbath and there is a fast food chain that writes "Happy Birthday Jesus" on its sign during the Christmas Season. Also, there are many "mom and pop" places run by good Christian families that wholeheartedly support our Christian Faith. Yes, it may take some searching around and a little inconvenience but the reality is that money talks in America and we Christians could use our spending choices to voice our love of God. Could you imagine if the over 250 million Christians in our country, would start thinking consciously about supporting businesses that care more about glorifying God than their bottom line? We Christians are the biggest group in the US (80%) and the only reason to fear our rights are being taken away is when we decide to do nothing about it.

Blessings!



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
My Heart Has Been Blessed By 'The Sound Of Music'

Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start. In the Fall of 1960, when I was all of two – years – old, my father attended a conference in New York City. While he was there, he saw the original Broadway production of "The Sound Of Music," and brought home a photo – filled souvenir program and an original cast recording (both of which I still have tucked away among my favorite things).

Dad's good luck in getting a standing – room – only ticket to the sold – out smash stage show paved the way for my own fascination with the story of Maria and the Von Trapp Family Singers. When the movie version of "The Sound Of Music" was released five years later, in the Spring of 1965, Dad and Mom took my sister and me to see it at the Nixon Theater in Pittsburgh. It was a huge event! Twentieth – Century Fox was marketing the movie as a "roadshow," with reserved seat tickets, an intermission, and yes, a souvenir program full of photos, which is also still in my possession!

For over 50 years, "The Sound Of Music" has been like the soundtrack of my life – a roadmap to be followed when climbing every mountain, and the source of a rich vocabulary for talking about the things that matter most.

Contrary to popular rumor, circulated among my family and friends, I cannot quote every line from "The Sound Of Music." But there are more than a few lines that have made such an impression on me that I turn to them again and again.

-- *When the Mother Abbess asks Maria "What is the most important lesson our Abbey has taught you?" Maria responds "To find out what is the will of God, and then to do it, wholeheartedly."*

-- *A few minutes later, when Maria is leaving the Abbey, she pauses, looks at a crucifix, and says "When God closes a door, somewhere He opens a window."*

-- *And then, when Maria returns to the convent to sort out her feelings for Captain Von Trapp, the Abbess refuses to let her hide behind convent walls, but challenges her "You have to live the life you were born to live."*

At the age of seven, I was more caught up by the beauty of the music and the scenery than I was by the wisdom of those words. At sixteen going on seventeen, I understood more clearly that this beautiful story was speaking to my heart and pointing me in the direction of every byway, every path I would have to walk. As I became older and wiser, forded a few streams and realized that I had a long, long way to run in my quest to live the life I was born to live, I saw that I was still no more than a lark who was learning to pray.

And so it goes on, and so I continue to draw inspiration from "The Sound Of Music." My heart has been blessed as I try to find my dream, and the dream God has in mind for me. As the 50th anniversary year of "The Sound Of Music" continues, I can pray only that it will bloom and grow forever!

Prince Gallitzin Cross Award Dinner Set For May 16

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Nominated by Father David R. Rizzo, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona, and by Mary Louise Campbell, vice-president of the parish's Confraternity of Christian Mothers, **Don and Judy Beeler** are "fourth generation members of Our Lady of Lourdes parish" and "participate in every event we are having."

"They are superb representatives of a Christian married couple with a strong Catholic faith," wrote Campbell, while Father Rizzo described them as "two individuals who truly embody the evangelizing spirit of the Reverend Prince Demetrius Gallitzin." Don is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Judy is president of the Christian Mothers at Lourdes. With a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother and a strong commitment to family life, they have worked to help others grow in their faith through the Christian Family Movement, a commitment to working with Catholic Charities and the Saint Vincent DePaul Society, and developing a parish "Family Night" in Advent and a Parish Mission every Fall.

Sister Marietta Therese Hanley has served since 2005 as a teacher at All Saints Catholic School in Cresson, and was nominated for the award by Kathleen Maurer, principal, who says of Sister Marietta Therese "her fun-loving, outgoing personality attracts students and allows them the opportunity to see that a vocation serving Jesus can be an interesting and joyful life." Maurer also acknowledges that "Since working with Sister Marietta Therese, my own faith life has grown stronger by her witness to the faith."

Sister Marietta Therese, a member of the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus "challenges our students to be the best they can be, providing them with a living example of consecrated life," said Maurer. "She provides our students with opportunities to pray and to serve. What better way to spread

the spirit of Prince Gallitzin than by following in his footsteps, evangelizing and encouraging the faith of those who now live in these Allegheny Mountains," Maurer concluded.

Lawrence Harker has been a member of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, for 55 years, according to Father Brian Saylor, pastor "during which time he has assisted both our parishioners and our neighbors." Father Saylor noted "Larry never lets someone in need go by. He reaches out in so many ways to those who are struggling and hurting. He brings the love and compassion of God to so many people, asking nothing in return."

A founding member of the parish's Saint Vincent DePaul Society Conference, Harker helped establish a food pantry at Saint Rose, and has been active in the Society's Youth Ministry. He serves on the parish's RCIA team, is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, has been a Pre-Cana instructor and is a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society. A Cursillo member for 32 years, he assists with offering retreats at local correctional facilities, and serves the community as a volunteer with families in need at Evergreen Manor in Altoona.

A number of voices were raised in nominating **Raymond Seymour** of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Loretto for the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award. Monsignor Timothy Swope, pastor; Father John D. Byrnes, the Diocese's judicial vicar; and Frank and Betty Seymour, diocesan postulators of Father Gallitzin's Cause, all speak of Seymour's over 45 years of service as a teacher of Spanish and Latin at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg, in which capacity he has helped many seminarians and potential seminarians learn Latin, and has also helped them discern their vocations to ministry.

Monsignor Swope pointed out that "Ray is very knowledgeable in the Christian faith and is always willing to evangelize



THE PRINCE GALLITZIN CROSS AWARD

our faith by his life and by his wisdom." The nominators also stated that "Ray's gifts and good offices were put at the disposal of Father Luis Escalante when he was appointed Roman postulator for Father Gallitzin's Cause. Ray labored for Father Escalante through the summer of 2013 translating all of the early 19th century Latin correspondence between the Vatican and the American Church authorities which mentioned the 'Apostle of the Alleghenies.'"

Ed and Carol Shields were nominated for the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award by Father Martin Cingle, their pastor at Saint Anne Parish in Davidsville. Father Cingle calls them "valuable resources for the Saint Anne Parish Community," and says "Ed and Carol demonstrate Christian love and charity through their daily lives and the many ministries in which they are involved."

Ed's ministries have included service as an usher and greeter, an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, RCIA leader and religious education teacher. Carol has served as a member or president of the Ladies Guild and as a choir member. As a couple they have organized a number of parish events, both liturgical and social in nature, often hosting events in their own home. "Only Carol and Ed can mobilize parishioners as volun-

teers the way that they do!," said Father Cingle, adding "They create a fun, stress-free environment in which volunteers can freely express their opinions and suggestions to add to the events. This fosters fellowship among the parishioners and invites others to Saint Anne's."

Kathleen D. Spargo is a member of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Everett, where she ministers as parish secretary, and goes above and beyond the call of duty, according to Father Derek Fairman, pastor, who lauds her for her contribution to "the growth of the Church" by her service.

A catechist for children preparing for their First Holy Communion, Spargo is active in the

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, serving as regent in the parish's chapter and on the diocesan level. She is active as a lector and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, leads the Rosary before Sunday Mass and is active in the Cursillo Movement. Spargo also helps organize parish socials and funeral meals.

The award dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a social at 5:00 p.m.

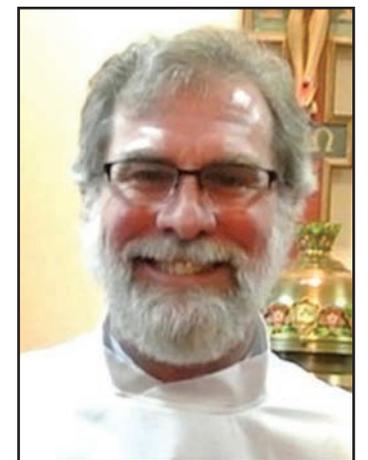
Tickets for the event are \$35.00 per person, and may be obtained from the Jeanne Duffy at the Diocesan Administration Center, by phone at (814) 695-5579 or by e-mail at jduffy@dioceseaj.org. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, May 6.

Nester To Be Ordained Deacon May 16

Kevin James Nester of Most Holy Trinity Parish, Huntingdon, will be ordained a permanent deacon by Bishop Mark L. Barchak at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona.

A 1976 graduate of Owen J. Roberts High School in Pottstown, Nester received a bachelor of science degree in environmental engineering from Penn State University in 1981, and a professional development degree from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, in 2003.

He was admitted to candidacy for Holy Orders in 2012. Nester serves as co-chairman of the social concerns committee at Most Holy Trinity Parish, and is co-leader of the Queen of Peace Prayer Group. He has served as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector, acolyte and master of ceremonies, and is a Second Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus.



KEVIN JAMES NESTER

Nester is employed by GHD, a consulting engineering firm. His work involves municipal water distribution and treatment, municipal wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment, and municipal engineering.

He and his wife, Penny, live in Alexandria.

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Ambiguities About Serra Should Not Discount Canonization

By Carol Zimmerman
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Although the upcoming canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra has stirred mixed reaction, a group of panelists April 22 said the ambiguities around the friar should not discount the good work he did or the positive dialogue and reconciliation that could result from his sainthood.

"He made a lot of mistakes, but he was a man of his time. He was flawed but heroic," said Franciscan Father Joe Nangle about Blessed Serra, the 18th-century Spanish Franciscan who established missionaries in the U.S.

Father Nangle, associate pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Arlington, Virginia, was a panelist in the "Founding Padres" discussion held at The Catholic University of America. It focused on three Catholic priests represented in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall: Blessed Serra and Jesuit Fathers Jacques Marquette and Eusebio Kino.

Father Nangle, who served as a missionary in Latin America for 15 years, was not alone in having mixed feelings about Blessed Serra, who was described by Pope Francis as "the evangelizer of the West in the United States" but has been labeled by some Native Americans as a brutal colonizer and someone who suppressed Indian culture.

Father Henry Sands, who heads the Native American efforts of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, acknowledged the uneasiness many have expressed about Blessed Serra.

The priest, a member of the Ojibwe, Ottawa and Potawatomi tribes, said that when Blessed Serra's canonization was announced in January many Na-

tive Americans felt he represented many things that "were not right" in the way they had been treated.

He said some of the criticism of Blessed Serra "has been overblown" but he also acknowledged that the canonization offers an opportunity for Native Americans to express their frustration and also gives Christians the chance to "make a difference in this" by their prayers and efforts to reach out to Native Americans.

Steven Hackel, a history professor at the University of California at Riverside who has written a biography titled **Junipero Serra: California's Founding Father**, said Blessed Serra's canonization can draw attention to the friar's work in developing the Western part of the nation before the country was even established.

He noted that Blessed Serra, a contemporary of George Washington, brought a focus on farming and agriculture, which was crucial to the nation's development.

Hackel said the Catholic Church should talk more about Blessed Serra and said these discussions could lead to reconciliation with Native Americans.

Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Arizona, highlighted the challenges for pioneer missionaries, noting they had no clear policy to follow particularly about adapting to local culture and languages.

"It was clearly daunting," he added, noting that Father Kino, who established more than 20 missions in the Sonoran Desert also faced hot temperatures, unpredictable winds and wolves.

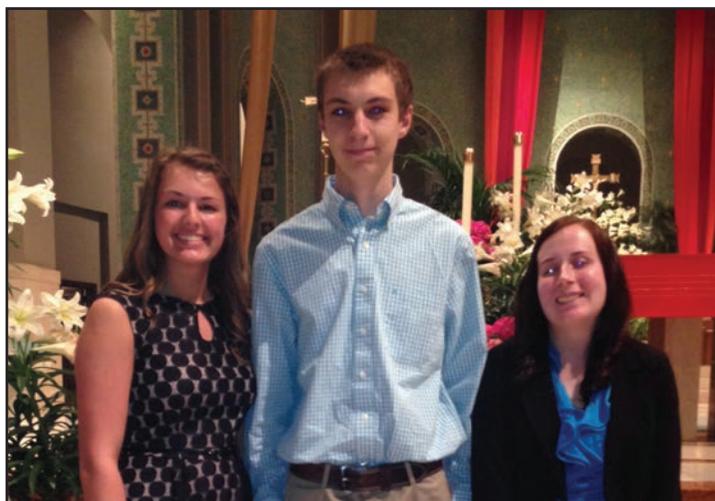
The bishop, who is a proponent of the cause of sainthood for Father Kino pointed out that the mission priest, who died in 1711, had "a deep love of God and love for the poor" and believed missionaries should pray, work hard and go where the people are.



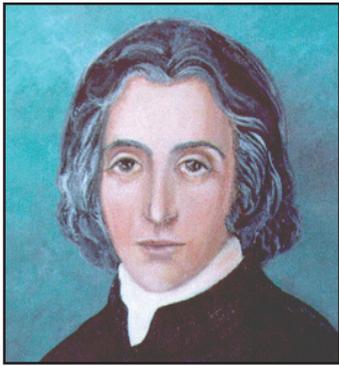
SACRED HEART: Sacred Heart Parish, Altoona, celebrated Confirmation on Wednesday, April 8. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Julia Nagle, Mikayla Stubler, Clara Good, Madison Baker, Allissa Chirdon, Angelica Lynam. Second row: Kevin Neely, Isaiah Collins, Father Lubomir Strecok (pastor) and Zachary Colyer.



FESTIVAL OF PRAISE: A Festival of Praise was held Palm Sunday, March 29, at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto. The Saint Joan of Arc Charismatic Prayer Group, led by Christine Sanker, and the Praise and Worship Music Ministry took part. A witness talk was given by Roy Holtz, and a homily was given by Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Bob Hilz, who also led Eucharistic adoration.



SAINT CATHERINE: Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Mount Union, celebrated Confirmation on Tuesday, April 14. Pictured are (left to right) Kaitlin Todaro, Nicholas Roddy and Kaylee McMath. Father Joseph Fleming is pastor and Eric Giacobello is the director of education at the Mount Union parish.



A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

**The Servant Of God
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin
1770 - 1840**

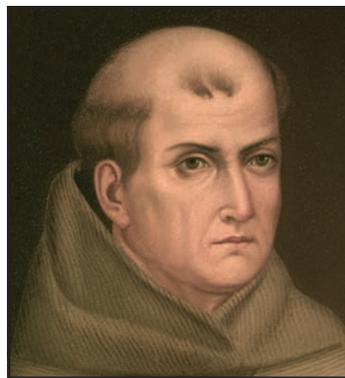
Father Serra Will Be First Hispanic U.S. Saint

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra will give the United States its first Hispanic saint, which should help more Americans realize that the country was settled by both Hispanics and Anglos, said the secretary of the

Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

Guzman Carriquiry, the Vatican official who hails from Uruguay, told reporters he hoped the canonization would promote greater acceptance of Hispanic Americans, recognition of the Catholic contribution to U.S. history and a more accurate understanding of how the United States became a country.



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**BLESSED JUNIPERO
SERRA**

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, announced April 20 that Pope Francis planned to canonize the 18th-century Spanish Franciscan missionary the evening of Sept. 23 during a Mass on the lawn of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

The announcement, and Carriquiry's comments, came during a Vatican news conference about Pope Francis' visit to the Pontifical North America College, the U.S. seminary in Rome, May 2 to conclude a study day about Blessed Serra.

An "Anglo-centric" reading of U.S. history, Carriquiry said, ignores the fact that Spaniards explored much of its eventual territory and made important contributions to the histories of California, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana and Florida.

The "anti-Catholic, anti-Hispanic" sentiments do not die easily, he said, but the canonization of Blessed Serra should help more people recognize the contributions Hispanics have made and continue to make. A more accurate vision also will "help break down walls of separation between what is Anglo and what is Hispanic, between the Protestant and Catholic traditions,

between the United States and Latin America."

"And it will allow many millions of Hispanics who live in the United States to free themselves of a mentality that says they are barely tolerated and frequently discriminated against foreigners on the margins of society," he said. Instead they should see themselves "in continuation with a line of Hispanics who for centuries have inhabited large areas of what is now the southwestern, central and eastern United States. They can rightly affirm, 'We are Americans,' without having to abandon their best cultural and religious traditions."

Asked about the California Senate's vote April 12 seeking to replace the statue of Blessed Serra in the U.S. Capitol with a statue of the astronaut Sally Ride, Carriquiry said, "what could this be saying? Bury in oblivion an ideal, the extraordinary Hispanic Catholic contribution a missionary made not only to the history of California but also of the United States? What could it mean in a state where many millions of Hispanics live and the great majority of them venerate Blessed Junipero Serra? They want to eliminate the only Hispanic -- the only one -- represented among the country's notables" in the Capitol?

He said the vote -- which still must be approved by the California Assembly and by its governor -- seems particularly ill timed when "the first Hispanic pope in history proposes to canonize him."

Capuchin Father Vincenzo Criscuolo, an official in the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes, told reporters the 1,200-page "positio" or position paper outlining why Blessed Serra should be canonized, relied particularly on 191 handwritten letters and reports by Father Serra about his life and his work in the California missions he founded.

In contrast with charges that Blessed Serra mistreated native peoples, he said the letters prove that Father Serra was an "intrepid defender of the rights of native people," a position that often put him at odds with local Spanish military officers and government leaders.

Although the Catholic Church believes he was holy, Father Serra was "a man of his time," Father Criscuolo said. Corporal punishment was almost universally accepted at the time, he said, so "the fact that he believed some corporal punishment could be beneficial in the education process, including of native peoples, cannot be excluded. But to claim he supported genocide or even the use of the death penalty -- this, certainly not!"

Objections raised to the canonization, including some that are obviously "prejudicial, are completely contradicted by the documentation," he said.

Carriquiry said the real atrocities against the native peoples of California came long after Father Serra's death with the 19th-century California gold rush and the push for California's incorporation into the United States. Thousands died of disease or were forcibly removed to less fertile land elsewhere.

Born on the Spanish island of Majorca in 1713, Father Serra went to Mexico in 1749 to work as a missionary. He began his ministry in what is now California in 1769, eventually establishing nine missions and evangelizing local Indians before his death in 1784.

St. John Paul II beatified him in 1988.

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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

Bring Honor Back To Marriage, Family

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- God's plan for fruitful, everlasting unions between a man and woman has been lost in a world filled with skepticism, distrust and hostility, Pope Francis said.

A culture that does not value "the stable and life-giving covenant between a man and woman is certainly a loss for everyone. We must bring honor back to marriage and the family," he said April 22 during his general audience in St. Peter's Square.

But much also must be done to return respect and dignity to women, who are often exploited, objectified and understandably skeptical of the possibility of harmony between men and women, he said.

The pope continued his catechesis about the family with the second of two talks on the complementary nature of men and women.

The Book of Genesis shows how God created the heavens and earth, and then a special creature made in his likeness to care and watch over the earth. Even though man was "the culmination" of God's creation, still "something was missing," the pope said.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam "is free, is master, but he is alone and God sees that this 'is not good.' It's like a lack of communion, a communion is lacking, a lack of fullness," he said.

God, therefore, creates a woman whom Adam instinctively and "joyfully" recognizes as "part of him: 'bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.'" Finally there is a mirrored reflection, a reciprocity," the pope said.

As an example, he said it is like extending a hand to greet someone, but no one is there. "That's how man was, something was missing in order for him to reach his fullness and he was missing reciprocity."

Eve was not an exact "replica" of man, he said, but was made by another original creative act by God.

The image of a woman being made from a man's rib "does not at all express inferiority or subordination, but on the contrary, that man and woman are made of the same substance and are complementary," Pope Francis said.

In fact, he said, it is significant that God formed the woman while man slept to "underline exactly how she is not in any way a creature of man, but of God."

Speaking off-the-cuff, the pope said it also shows the secret to encountering a woman as well as love: "to find the woman, man must first dream about her and then he will find her," he said to applause.

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ONE MORE TIME: In 1951 May Crowning was celebrated by Saint Mary (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Parish in Portage, in the original church on Main Street.

On a recent trip out West, I once again became aware of one of St. John XXIII's reasons for initiating the Second Vatican Council: to encourage the church to adjust to changing times.

It's no exaggeration to say that much of today's life is shifting dramatically and calling for drastic changes. When I was in California, residents there were talking about passing laws and taking other measures to preserve water, since the state finds itself going through a historic drought.

After my visit to California, I traveled to Portland, Oregon. At the airport, I rode its light rail into the city, and while in the city, I noticed its vast transformation over the decades.

In both experiences, the common denominators seemed to be conservation, sacrifice and austerity.

In the case of water consumption in California, the public was asked to cut down on watering their lawns, among other measures. Hotels and institutions were asked to curtail excessive use of water, and recycling water was highly encouraged everywhere. Because of the drought, a plant to remove salt from ocean water is under construction near San Diego.



The Human Side

By Father Eugene Hemrick
A Lenten Lesson For Life

During Lent, we were reminded to do with less in order to better appreciate God's blessings. Austerity is one of life's golden rules!

In Portland, people had to endure streets being torn up and trains invading their neighborhoods in order to have fewer cars on the road to reduce pollution. They also had to endure losing some of city's antiquity because of the rail.

In both cases, there was resistance. Some people in California complained about the farmers' use of water. They were told farmers need water so they can produce food that people can eat.

In Portland, there was resistance from wealthy homeowners who didn't want a streetcar from Lake Oswego to Portland going through their neighbor-

hood. Even in Washington, D.C., where streetcars are being reintroduced to the city, some people complain that the wires overhead destroy the look of the neighborhood.

It is no exaggeration to say that any politician running on a platform of conservation, sacrifice and austerity would have little chance of winning. And yet if droughts continue, if air pollution increases, if global warming continues and the fish in our oceans become scarce or disappear, Mother Nature just might create its own age of austerity.

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We can appreciate this lesson beyond Lent. Perhaps austerity can be used as a means to effectively cope with change, to create a brighter future, if we practice it throughout life and learn to take better care of our resources.



Question Corner

**By Father Kenneth Doyle
Too Much Focus On
The Passion?**

Q. I have always wondered why we read the Passion during Palm Sunday services. Palm Sunday is a day of rejoicing and jubilation, as we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem amid throngs of cheering people.

But then we read the passion of Christ, which we also read again on Holy Thursday and, for a third time, on Good Friday. There is no mistaking the fact that historically these events unfolded with Jesus arriving triumphantly into the city. We seem to be the only Christian denomination to turn Palm Sunday into such a sad and horrible day. (Louisville, Kentucky)

A. First, a correction. The narrative of the passion is not read on Holy Thursday; the readings at Mass on that day focus on the Last Supper -- on Christ's institution of the Eucharist and his washing the feet of the apostles. The passion of Jesus is read twice in the Catholic liturgy: once on Palm Sunday, when the account is taken from

one of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark or Luke), and again on Good Friday, when John's Gospel is proclaimed.

On Palm Sunday, the Catholic liturgy is like an overture for all of Holy Week: At the beginning of the ceremony, palms are blessed and a short Gospel is read describing Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. During the Mass, the Passion is read, often in three parts.

The liturgy for Palm Sunday is something of a hybrid, like an overture for all of Holy Week: It begins in triumph, but quickly there looms the shadow of the cross. In fact, the joy of Christ's followers on the first Palm Sunday was short-lived. The crowd in Jerusalem was swelled immensely that day by Jews who had gathered for the Passover celebration.

Many in that assembly were unaware that the savior of the world was in their midst, and those followers who honored him with palms were doubtless

in the minority -- as evidenced by his arrest just a few days later and the cries of the crowd for crucifixion.

For many Catholics, Palm Sunday is the only time they hear the Passion read, since the Good Friday liturgy is often held during workday hours and the congregation is much larger on Palm Sunday.

Q. I have been asked by several people who know that I am a Catholic whether the church permits people to donate their bodies to a medical center after death. Their intent is to enable others to live longer if any viable organs can be used or to provide the material for research that might prevent disease in the future. Following any procedures, the remains are then cremated. (Chadron, Nebraska)

A. The answer to your question is a resounding "yes." In fact, in October 2014, Pope Francis met with the Transplantation Committee for the Council of Europe and called the act of organ donation "a testimony of love for our neighbor."

That statement echoed the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which says in No. 2296 that "organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity."

Likewise, the catechism states in No. 2301 that "autopsies can be morally permitted for legal inquests or scientific research." In 1995, in his encyclical "The Gospel of Life," Pope John Paul II called organ donation an example of "everyday heroism."

The remains, after organ donation or medical research, must be treated with reverence and entombed or buried. In my diocese, our diocesan cemetery donates gravesites and burial services for the interment of the cremated remains of those who donated their bodies to science.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.



For The Journey

**By Effie Caldarola
Welcoming A Stranger
To A New Home**

The United Nations reports that as of 2014, there were over 50 million refugees in our world. Tonight, I'm going to meet five of them.

Statistics can easily make our eyes glaze over and maybe even harden our hearts a bit. And 50 million -- that number staggers but also dehumanizes. All that misery, dislocation and pain can't be comprehended.

That's why the five people that I'm meeting, to be relocated from the other side of the world to Omaha, Nebraska, the city where I live, will put a human face on an overwhelming number. It's why a group to which I belong, Ignatian Associates, volunteered to help furnish and equip an apartment for these newcomers.

We can't help 50 million people, but maybe we can do something for five.

Ignatian Associates is a loose community dedicated to the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. We try to support each other in prayer and "apostolic activity," a fancy term that basically means doing good things, trying in our small way to imitate Christ in the world. We don't always do projects together, but we decided to take on this task as a group.

Refugees travel a long road to resettlement. They've fled their homes due to war, violence, famine, social disasters.

The United Nations oversees camps for refugees all over the world. "Camp," with its connotation of a few nights spent roughing it in a tent before heading back to a nice mattress, doesn't begin to describe the living conditions for some of these refugees. Some have been in the camps for decades, even generations.

Even when the U.N. chooses someone to be resettled in another country, it's still a long process. The U.S. Department of State accepts a certain number of refugees, and parcels their cases out to agencies in each of the 50 states that help refugees adjust to life in a wildly new and different environment.

These agencies rely on volunteers for help. Naturally, a lot of that help comes from churches and faith-based groups who hear the mandate, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Some refugees arrive speaking no English. Some have never seen a toilet flush or operated a light switch. Relocation is not a magic elixir. It's hard to climb out of poverty and overcome feelings of disorientation and loneliness and culture shock.

Since my husband and I have a relatively empty basement, my house became the staging area for our project. People helping with the project began bringing in sheets, towels, futons and recliners. A man's bicycle appeared. Pots and pans, a small microwave, a toaster, a queen-size mattress and the essential can opener made their way to my basement, as well as toothbrushes, toilet paper and soap. Some things were gently used, some were gleaming and new.

As the arrival date for "our" refugees neared, we were given names, ages, sexes and country of origin.

We were given the keys to a run-down little apartment in a part of town where rent is cheap. After all, these refugees will be expected to find jobs and support themselves in short order. One of the volunteers rented a moving truck. Armed with disinfectant and mops, we cleaned, moved in, took note of items needed. We had fun. Our project became a community builder.

Tonight, some of us will go to the airport along with staff from the resettling agency. We'll welcome a family who defied all those numbing statistics and carry in their hearts great loss but also a deep sense of hope.

Pancras
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According to an early legend, the Roman martyr Pancras was a native of Syria or Phrygia (now Turkey) brought to Rome by an uncle after he was orphaned. They converted to Christianity there and were martyred during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Pancras reportedly was only 14, the likely reason for his being a patron saint of children. A strong cult of Pancras developed in Rome and in England from the time of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, who dedicated a church to him around 600. Pancras is also mentioned in Saint Bede's martyrology and in most medieval English calendars, and the famous north London train station takes its name from an ancient church there dedicated to Saint Pancras.

Bishop, Students Get To Know One Another At Annual Quad High Day

Photos And Text
By Tony DeGol

Can you picture Bishop Mark L. Bartchak with a pipe wrench and drain snake instead of his mitre and crozier?

For those who know about his passion for do - it - yourself household projects, it is not that hard to imagine.

Some high school students, however, seemed to get a chuckle when they found out recently that the Bishop once considered a career as a plumber.

“When I was a kid, my dad let me follow around a plumber who was doing work at our house,” the Bishop explained. “I loved it. I love working with my hands. For a while, I thought it



BCCHS PRIDE: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak poses with the students representing Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg at Quad High Day 2015, held on Thursday, April 16 at the Suzanne Pohland Paterno Catholic Student Faith Center in State College. A group of students from each of the four Catholic high schools in the Diocese joined the Bishop for the annual event.

might be something I wanted to do as a profession.”

As we all know, he opted for the seminary and canon law school, and the rest, as they say, is history.

For students at the annual Quad High Day, the story was just one of many enjoyable moments as they learned more about their faith, their Bishop, and each other.

Each year, a small group of students from each of the four Catholic high schools - - Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg, Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School in Altoona, Bishop McCort Catholic High School in Johnstown, and Saint Joseph’s Catholic Academy in Boalsburg - - joins Bishop Mark for the gathering.



ALTAR SERVERS: Charles Ross (left) and Peter Forstmeier, students at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy in Boalsburg, joined Bishop Mark for a photo after serving Mass at Quad High Day. SJCA was the host school for the gathering.

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POWER LUNCH: Bishop Mark enjoys pizza and conversation with students during lunch at Quad High Day 2015. The day also included a question and answer session and Mass.

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This year, Quad High Day was on Thursday, April 16 at the Suzanne Pohland Paterno Catholic Student Faith Center in State College. Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy was the host school.

As usual, the day began with an ice - breaker activity designed to help the students from different schools feel a lit-

tle more comfortable with each other.

A question - and - answer session followed, with Mass and lunch rounding out the day.

The students did not hesitate to ask plenty of personal questions of the Bishop, including who inspires him.

Most people are aware that Bishop Mark has been fortunate enough to meet individuals such as Blessed Mother Teresa of

Calcutta, Saint Pope John Paul II, Pope - Emeritus Benedict, and Pope Francis, but there are plenty of other everyday individuals who have left a mark on him.

"My grandmother taught me more about praying than some of my spiritual directors," he said. "Even you young people inspire me because of your continued growth. That's inspiration to me. It's pretty awesome

when you get to meet a Pope. Do they inspire me? Yes, but so do a lot of other people."

Not surprisingly, the students were looking for advice to build a closer relationship with God.

Bishop Mark encouraged the teens to make time every day to spend with the Lord in prayer and reflection, urging them to at least spend five minutes twice a day in prayer.

"You would give that much time to your best friend," he noted, adding that it is not only important to talk to God, but to also listen to Him.

The Bishop followed up on that point in his homily.

He told the students that listening is a path to learning, and listening to God is not like ordinary listening. It requires faith, he said.

"Today is a day for listening and speaking - - listening attentively and speaking boldly about God and faith, but that listening

and speaking must go on when you return home," he remarked.

Students attending Quad High Day enjoyed the experience and the camaraderie with fellow Catholic high school teens.

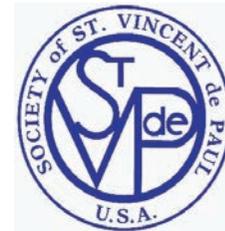
"It's just a good time for all the schools to get together and just discuss our faith with the Bishop and listen to what he has to say about faith in his life," said Courtney Link, a junior at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School.

Collin Welteroth, a student at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, said he enjoyed hearing the questions other students had for the Bishop.

"It reinforces my faith seeing that there are other students out there who are just as strong in their faith, and they want to go deeper in their faith and learn more about God," the junior student commented. "I think it is really awesome to be able to witness that."

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Shroud Of Turin On Display: City Readies For Visit By Pope, Pilgrims

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

TURIN, Italy (CNS) -- A thin white cloth draped over the glass-covered Shroud of Turin was pulled down and billowed to the floor, marking the official opening of the venerated icon's exposition to the public.

The unveiling came during a Mass held in the city's cathedral of St. John the Baptist April 19 in the presence of a small group of dignitaries, religious and lay faithful.

"We have put ourselves in the wake of generations of pilgrims" who come to contemplate the shroud, and "it will do us good to feel like we are drops in the river ... of a humanity in need of God, of his affectionate mercy," Archbishop Cesare Nosiglia of Turin, papal custodian of the shroud, said in his homily.

Pope Francis authorized the public display of the shroud to help commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of St. John Bosco, a 19th-century priest from the Turin region who



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SHROUD OF TURIN: The Shroud of Turin is displayed during a preview for journalists at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Turin, Italy, April 18. A public exposition of the shroud, believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus, runs from April 19 through June 24.

was a pioneer in vocational education, worked with poor and abandoned children and founded the Salesian order. The pope was scheduled to visit Turin June 21-22 and was to venerate the shroud.

After reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer in St. Peter's Square April 19, the pope said he hoped venerating the shroud

"may help us all to find in Jesus Christ the merciful face of God and to recognize it in the faces of our brothers and sisters, especially those who suffer most."

As it was for countless pilgrims over the centuries, the shroud continues to be an invitation to reflect on Jesus' incarnation, death and resurrection, which in turn inspires and calls

people to reach out to others in need, Archbishop Nosiglia said at the morning Mass. "The shroud invites us to never let ourselves be beaten down by evil, but to overcome it with good," he said.

As people gaze at the image, they no longer feel alone or afraid as soon they can discover "it is not we who are looking at that image," but it is Christ who is gazing back at them, he said.

The shroud, believed by many Christians to have wrapped the crucified body of Christ, will be on public display through June 24. More than 2 million people were expected to visit, and before the official opening in mid-April, 1 million people had already pre-booked their visit through the archdiocese's free, but mandatory online and on-site reservation process.

One couple from Paris with their two small children stood disappointed on the flagstone street alongside the long metal barricades that kept them and scores of other visiting foreigners and locals from attending the invitation-only Mass.

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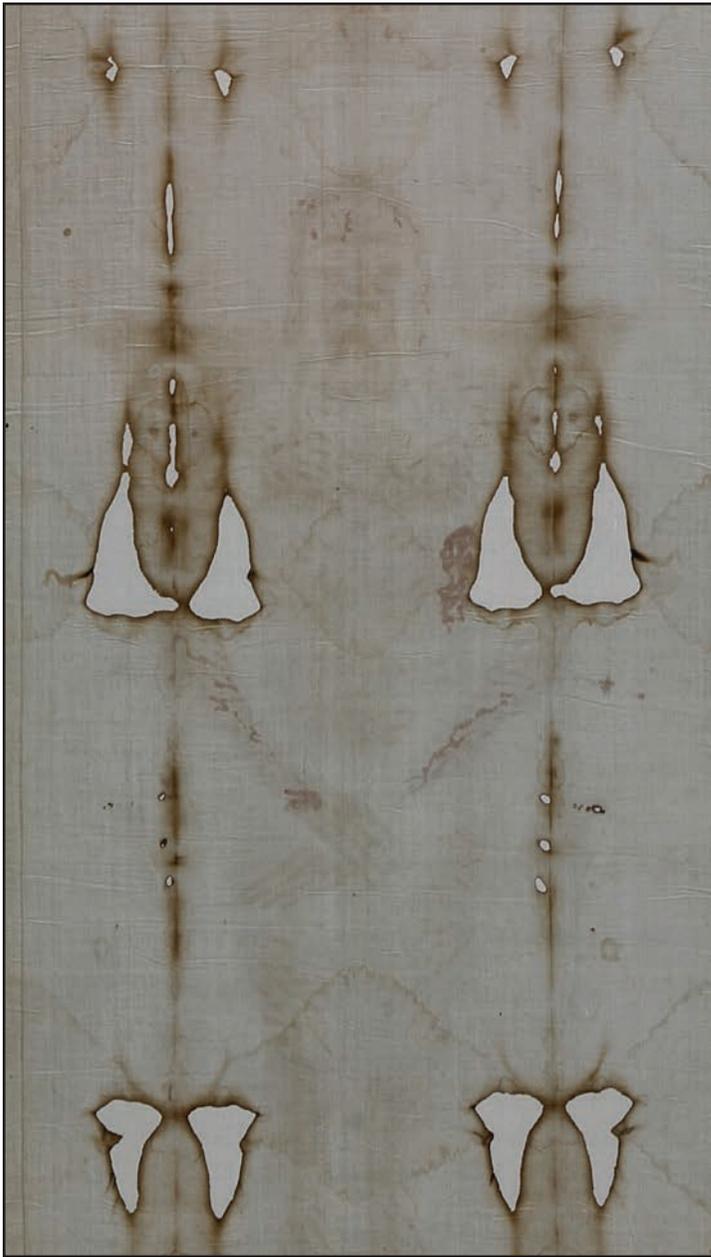
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the shroud for the first time, too.

Media outlets were given an exclusive preview April 18 when Archbishop Nosiglia had the shroud unveiled for reporters.

Flanked by uniformed members of the Italian military and police forces, the shroud's high-tech protective case was positioned upright like a large landscape portrait, surrounded by large red velvet drapes and with a small box of green ivy and white tulips below.

At least 100 journalists were perched on a winding three-tiered platform that pilgrims would later use as their viewing stand. They had cameras, mobile devices and eyes focused on the shadowy photonegative image of a man's bearded face, crossed hands and long body -- front and back -- on the 14-foot by 4-foot linen cloth.

The man in the image bears all the signs of the wounds corresponding to the Gospel accounts of the torture Jesus endured in his passion and death. Scientists have determined the dark stains around the head, hands, feet and right side are human blood, type AB.

The church supports scientific research concerning the shroud and its possible age and origins -- still the subject of heated debate -- but it has never officially ruled on the shroud's authenticity.

Instead, the church invites the faithful to reflect on the shroud's image as a way to grasp the kind of suffering Jesus endured during his passion and death, and the love for humanity

that sacrifice entailed.

Archbishop Nosiglia told the press he hoped the people visiting the shroud would be filled with the hope and courage needed to overcome "every adversity, every difficulty" in life.

Meanwhile, the city of Turin, which has been home to the shroud since 1578, was calmly gearing up for the expected influx of people. The city saw millions come for the last public displays in 1998, 2000 and 2010.

Special maps, pilgrim assistance centers, and wheelchair-accessible confessionals had been set up to help guide and care for visitors, and some 4,500 volunteers wearing violet vests were at the ready with smiles and helpful information.

Near the cathedral, a wide pedestrian-only boulevard lined with shops and cafes had made room for a long line of white tents offering local crafts and a huge array of religious souvenirs like rosaries, postcards of popes,

plates and holographic posters of the shroud and tackier trinkets like plastic Pope Francis bobbleheads and tea towels.

Security had been heightened around the cathedral and high-tech surveillance cameras placed --as they were in 2010 -- around the shroud. Before entering the cathedral, visitors must walk through metal detectors and put their bags through X-ray machines.

Given news reports that prominent Christian places in Italy may be potential terrorist targets, organizers urged visitors to combat today's "culture of fear" with a "culture of welcoming."

"To celebrate the exhibition of the shroud with serenity means to also say 'no' to those who, with violence or fear, want to impose a 'terroristic' vision of the world and restrict citizens' rights and freedoms," organizers said in a written press release.

DETAIL OF SHROUD: A detail view of the Shroud of Turin is seen during a preview for journalists at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Turin, Italy, April 18.

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The couple, who identified themselves only by their first names, Constance and Hubert, said they were heading to southern France from the Italian Alps and came through Turin as a shortcut.

"I saw on the Internet that today is the first day the shroud is being shown, so we came to see, but we won't have the possibility," Constance said, since they hadn't booked ahead and had family waiting for them.

She said she remembered seeing the shroud as a young girl with her parents and "I have memories of it being like a 'shock' when you see it," trying to find the right word in English

for the impact and amazement she felt. She said she wanted her kids and husband to experience

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'Little Boy' Often Falls Short

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Religious values and a gentle sensibility pervade the family-friendly drama "Little Boy" (Open Road).

Yet, while suitable for a wide audience, director Alejandro Monteverde's good-hearted, nostalgic parable, set in 1940s coastal California, is not without its occasional aesthetic lapses.

At its best, this tale of an undersized, bullied lad named Pepper (Jakob Salvati) who sets out to prove his faith in God by performing a series of good works is reminiscent of the 1983 holiday-themed classic "A Christmas Story."

Whereas the protagonist of that film had no more exalted goal in mind than to receive a B.B. gun as a Christmas present, however, Pepper is angling for a far weightier objective. He's praying for the divinely guided release of his beloved father, James (Michael Rapaport), a GI taken prisoner by the Japanese.

Early scenes narrated by the adult Pepper (voice of Barry Ford) show the touching bond between the youthful outcast and his sympathetic, resolutely supportive dad.

Under James' guidance and inspired by the example of his favorite comic-book and serial movie hero, Ben Eagle (Ben



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LITTLE BOY: Jakob Salvati and Eduardo Verastegui star in a scene from the movie "Little Boy." The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Chaplin), diminutive Pepper comes to believe in his own potential. Thus he's able to give a positive response to his father's repeated question: "Do you believe we can do this?"

In the wake of James' emotionally wrenching departure for the war, Pepper's kindly parish priest, Father Oliver (Tom Wilkinson), tries to help the 7-year-old recognize the difference between mere wish-fulfillment and trust in God's providence. He presents Pepper with a list of the corporal works of mercy, and encourages the boy to carry them out as a tangible demonstration of his pious devotion.

Along with the more familiar tasks of feeding the hungry and visiting the sick, Father Oliver also requires Pepper to cleanse his mind of hatred by befriending a fellow outsider,

Japanese-American widower Hashimoto (Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa). Since his discharge from a government-run detention camp, Hashimoto has been ostracized by the local community -- and threatened by some of its more hotheaded citizens.

Pepper's older brother London (David Henrie) has been among those targeting Hashimoto. Though Pepper himself gradually overcomes his antipathy toward the reclusive stranger, London shows little inclination to greater tolerance. Their compassionate mother Emma (Emily Watson), by contrast, proves more open-minded.

With its lessons about persistence in belief and the need to overcome prejudice, "Little Boy" will be particularly welcomed by viewers of faith. Even those who appreciate its numerous assets, however, may note moments of forced plotting.

James, for instance, is portrayed as having essentially no choice but to take London's place in the ranks after the latter, an eager volunteer, turns out to be flat-footed -- and therefore medically unfit to serve.

There are also interludes of undeniable sentimentality. Yet this plucky and positive tale, with its affirmative presentation of the priesthood -- and of Catholic life in general -- makes for winning entertainment that's well-suited to all but the youngest potential moviegoers.

The film contains scenes of combat with minimal gore and a couple of crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

May 10 - - On this Mother's Day, Kelly Keagy of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Altoona joins Bishop Mark to discuss the joys of being a mother to two boys and being the expectant mother of a baby girl.

May 17 - - Sonny Consiglio, Executive Director of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society, talks about the good work of the agency and updates the Bishop on the latest happenings.

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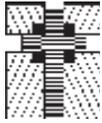
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Father Gerard entered the Franciscans of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis of Penance in September 1957 and professed his solemn vows on July 4, 1962. After completing his studies in theology and psychology at The Catholic University of America, Washington DC, he was ordained a priest on February 8, 1969.

During his 52 years of religious profession, Father Gerard ministered in many capacities, including high school teacher, candidate director and pastor. Locally, he served as pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona (1985); Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Windber (1986-95); and Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Johnstown (2000-02). Father Gerard also served in a number of roles within the Immaculate Conception Province, including mission director and archivist, a post he had held since 1978.

The funeral Mass for Father Gerard Majella Connolly T.O.R. was celebrated Monday, April 27, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Altoona, with Father Patrick Quinn, T.O.R., Minister Provincial, as main celebrant along with the members of the Third Order Regular Franciscan Community. Committal was in the Franciscan Friars Community Cemetery, Saint Bernardine Monastery.



**Father Gerard Majella
Connolly T.O.R.**

Father Gerard Majella Connolly, 74, of the Third Order Regular Franciscan Friars, died Wednesday, April 22 at Saint Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg.

He was born March 31, 1941 in Riverdale, NY, son of the late Michael and Katherine (Lyons) Connolly.

Surviving are his Franciscan community and two sisters: Regina Lewis (Dr. William) of Winfield and Sister Seton Marie, of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville. He was preceded in death by a sister, Anna; a stepbrother, Michael; and a stepsister, Marianne.

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Gift Inspired By Sisters' Kindness Will Honor Saint John Paul II At Cresson Personal Care Home

By Bruce A. Tomaselli

An anonymous donor, so touched by the kindness extended to his mother in her late years, was inspired to honor her memory and those who provided her care.

Now residing in Florida, the former area resident and his family were in a difficult situation; his mother had reached the time in her life when she needed personal care.

His search for help led him to the John Paul II Manor in Cresson, sponsored by The Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Even though he could not cover the necessary finances the Sister Servants told him not to worry. They would provide for his mother's care.

So grateful was this resident of Orlando, for the care administered to his now deceased mom, he and his family contacted The Spiritual Arts Foundation of Windermere FL, with an idea to have a statue created that would honor his mother and the John Paul II Manor.

"He came to us seeking a way to help repay the kindness extended to his mother and felt a statue would be a nice addition to the John Paul II Manor," said Gregg Dobbs, the founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Spiritual Arts Foundation.

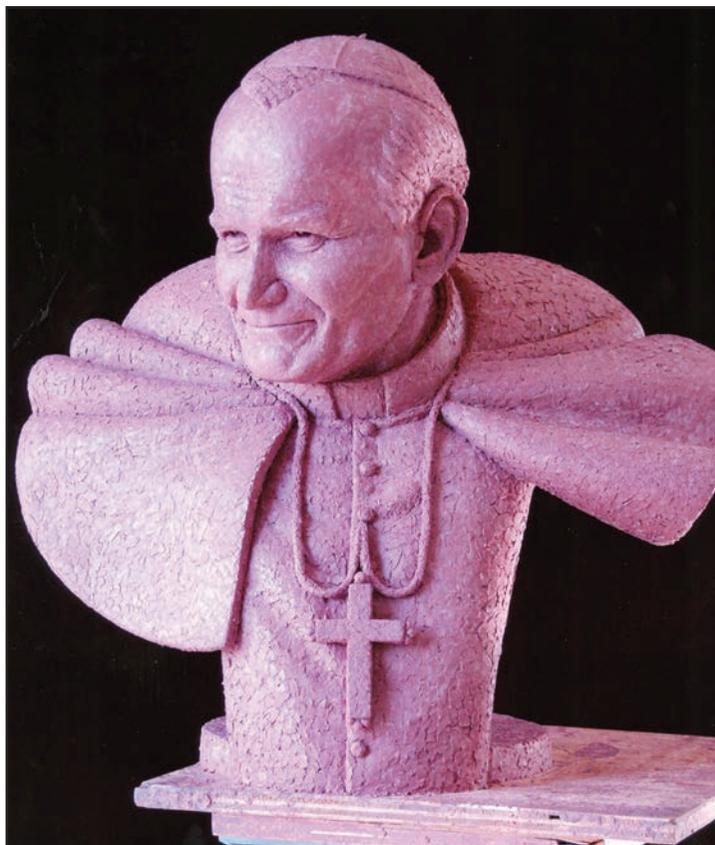
"We are a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) charity. In fact John Paul II is the inspiration for our Foundation that began its charitable work in 2013. It was Pope John Paul II, who expressed a hope that all artists would return to creating spiritual art. He felt that artists brought people to the Church through their visual interpretations of Bible stories."

Dobbs said the Foundation has three full - time artists on its staff, and sometimes solicits other artists when it's necessary. The Spiritual Arts Foundation provides the artists, the venue, and solicits funding for each project to cover the cost of production. The time and talent of those in the foundation is donated.

"After our board heard the story of this man and his family it was a simple decision for us to take on this project," said Dobbs in a phone interview. "Usually we have a meeting to discuss a project. I polled each board member over the phone and the idea met with unanimous approval."

The full - size clay sculpture will be encased in bronze casting. The total cost of the project including freight and installation is \$11,500.

The anonymous donor, who Dobbs said is not a rich person, donated half of the money toward the project. The Spiritual Arts Foundation will solicit



CLAY SCULPTURE: The clay sculpture of Saint John Paul II will be cast in bronze before being installed at the John Paul II Manor in Cresson.

grants and donations to complete the funding.

The statue will be finished in about three months and plans are for it to be dedicated on the feast of Saint John Paul II on October 22.

"The life - size, 250 - pound clay sculpture, which was donated by the artist has yet to be

bronzed," Dobbs explained. He expects it will be placed in the common garden area at the manor. A bronze plaque will be placed adjacent to the bust bearing the names of the donors.

All persons are welcomed to donate to the statue fund. As a 501 (c) (3) charity, donations to The Spiritual Arts Foundation is

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The John Paul II Manor was established in October of 2005. The ministry itself began in the early 1980s with Sacred Heart Manor in Altoona in a building rented from the parish of the same name.

In 1991, the ministry was relocated to Johnstown and was dedicated to the founder of the Sister Servants congregation, Saint Joseph Sebastian Pelczar, and was known as Bishop Pelczar Manor.

The Sisters dream of owning and operating their own personal care home became a reality with the opening of the John Paul II Center on Cambria Street in Cresson. The center is able to care for 50 residents.

Saint John Paul II holds a special place in the heart of the Sister Servants. The congregation served Pope John Paul when he was Cardinal Archbishop of Krakow, Poland. The Sisters then moved onto the papal household, serving as aides, secretaries, housekeepers, and nurses to the Holy Father, who was canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014.

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