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## Disability Opens The Door To A New Ministry For Parish's Religious Education Director

By Bruce A. Tomaselli

Uncertainty is a constant companion in Laura Housel's daily life.

An autoimmune nervous system dysfunction that surfaced not long after a severe concussion in 2010, has left her with unpredictable bouts of fainting, dizziness, and a rapid heart beat, among other symptoms.

But the Director of Religious Education (DRE) at Saint Thomas More Parish in Roaring Spring, sees people in her own community dealing with their own uncertainties, such as how to provide their children with basic amenities of food and school clothing.

"About four years ago our Confirmation class was looking for a service project. I could see there was a real need for winter clothing, so we began a collection, and it went real well," said Housel.

"Because of its success people asked me to organize another clothing drive, but my illness prevented me from doing so."

That was until this year. Her condition improved to the point, "that I felt good enough to organize a Back - To - School clothing distribution event on August 15, which was a big success. My



**WORKING TOGETHER:** Laura Housel (left), director of religious education at Saint Thomas More Parish, Roaring Spring, and her daughter, Emma (right) work together at the Back - To - School clothing distribution event held at the parish on Saturday, August 15.

parish is so helpful and so giving," she gushed. "We gave out over 1,000 pieces of clothing. I certainly couldn't organize this without a lot of help."

The annual winter clothing distribution will be held on October 31 at Saint Thomas More.

Persons wishing to donate coats, clothing or personal hygiene products may call Laura at (814) 414 - 8684. Clothing needs to be in good condition and from smoke - free homes.

Laura, and her husband, J.C., who live in Martinsburg,

are the parents of Emma, 16, and Michael, 13. "My children, family, and friends have been so helpful to me," Laura said. "They are really protective of me. They push me around in my wheelchair, and make sure that I am comfortable wherever we

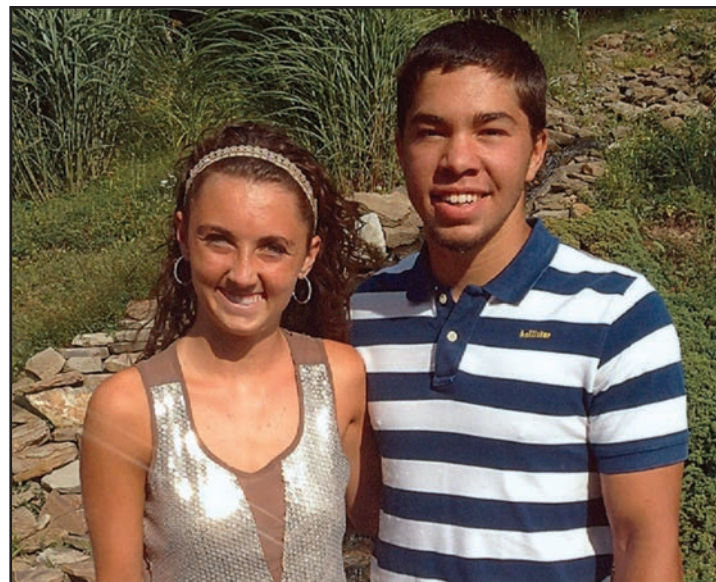
are. The children have become very responsible."

Laura is a teacher and has a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. She taught in Maryland for 10 years when the family decided to move to the area so she could be close to her sisters, Julie and Christine. She and her husband are natives of New Jersey.

In 2010, she accepted a job with Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. That year she suffered the concussion. She tried to return to teaching the following year, but her condition prevented her from teaching the entire school year. Finally, in March of 2012, she had to resign her position. "My illness is just too unpredictable," she sighed.

She says working as a DRE is good for her because it's not a huge undertaking, and she can do a lot of work at home when she feels up to it. Being able to work around her illness and on her own schedule has allowed her to minister. "My fellow teachers and parishioners are so giving. They help to pick up the slack when I'm not feeling up to par," Housel added.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:** Six graduating seniors from Saint Augustine Parish, Saint Augustine, and Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs, were recipients of \$500.00 scholarships funded by the Holy Name Society of Saint Augustine Parish, and donations from both parishes. They earned the awards by service to and ministries within their parishes, community service, attendance at religious education and Confirmation sessions, and by writing an essay. Pictured at left are, from Saint Augustine Parish (left to right) First row: Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Carl Vacek, Cori James, Bridget Krantz, Hannah Smithmyer. Second row: Zachary Stoltz and Deacon Steve Luke. Pictured at right, from Saint Monica Parish are (left to right) Madison Maslonik and Dominic Farabaugh.

**Family Life**

**Grandparenting Program**

**Lilly:** The Family Life Office announces a program for grandparents.

This four week DVD facilitated workshop will be held on Wednesday evenings, October 7, 14, 21, 28 at the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage Street, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. This program will help grandparents embrace their roles as torch bearers, legacy leavers, and blessing givers

as they strive to help lead their grandchildren in their Christian faith.

The cost is \$15.00 per person; \$20.00 per couple, and includes programming, participant's journal and refreshments. Reservations are required by Thursday, September 24.


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**CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP:** Tuscarora Catholic Summer Camp, a ministry of the Fulton County Mission, completed its 22nd year the week of July 26. Catholic youth from the Easter part of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown and the Western part of the Diocese of Harrisburg, and friends, met at Rhodes Grove Camp, Chambersburg, to share outdoor camp and Catholic spiritual growth activities.



**CHARTER NIGHT:** Taking part in the 49th annual Anniversary Charter Night of the Serra Club of Cambria County on Tuesday, June 2 at Saint Anne Church in Davidsville were (left to right) First row: Bernard Smith, John Correll, Georgene Dubovecky, Mary Danyluk, Barbara Bartkovich, Mary Beyer, Patricia Falcone, Robert Blaschak, Fran Yetsko. Second row: Marjorie Lechene, Deacon Ron Kolonich, Father Barry Baroni, Father Matthew Reese, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Father Angelo Patti, Father Martin Cingle (pastor) and seminarian Peter Crowe.



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# In The Alleghenies



**CAMP DISCOVERY:** “Camp Discovery” was the theme of Vacation Bible School held this Summer at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, in Altoona. Over 40 children participated, learning how Jesus works through them, today. Christine Laraia is director of religious education.



**YOUTH WEEK:** “Everest - - Conquering Challenges With God’s Mighty Power,” was theme of Youth Week - Vacation Bible School, held by Saint Augustine Parish, Saint Augustine, and Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs, June 22 - 26. Jane Stoltz served as coordinator.

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## Higher Education

### Program Accredited

**Cresson:** The Commission of Collegiate Interpreter Educa-

tion (CCIE) - - the preeminent accrediting body created to assess professional sign language interpreter programs at colleges and universities across the country - - has announced that Mount Aloysius College’s American Sign Language Interpreter bachelor’s program is one of only 12 nationally to have achieved its accreditation, and the only CCIE accredited program in Pennsylvania and throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Mount Aloysius College president, Tom Foley, congratulated the ASL/English Interpret-

er faculty whose excellence is reflected in the CCIE Accreditation. “Our interpreting students really benefit from an attentive faculty who offer students one-on-one support throughout their education,” he said.

“The students excel due to small classes, a high - tech interactive ASL lab, an active student - run club, and faculty - driven innovations that closely connect our students to members of the deaf communities throughout our portion of Pennsylvania.”

Associate professor of the American Sign Language/Eng-



**RELAY FOR LIFE:** Father David Rizzo, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona, blesses the “M\*A\*S\*H” tent at the Relay for Life held June 12 and 13 in Altoona. Team Lourdes raised over \$2,400.00 to benefit the American Cancer Society. Team Lourdes took second place in the People’s Choice Awards and third place for Miss Relay. Team captains Sally Balmforth and Matthew Villano are shown standing on either side of Father Rizzo.

lish Interpreting program at Mount Aloysius College, Kierstin Muroski remarked that the accreditation process was both rigorous and exacting. “Everyone associated with the Mount Aloysius College ASL/English Interpreter program is affirmed by our CCIE Accreditation. Our students are career - oriented and they understand the technique of mediating communication between two cultures - - the hearing culture and the unique culture of the deaf,” she said. “Our program has a long history, and has built sturdy bridges between the college and the deaf communities of central and western Pennsylvania. We believe that those relationships and the learning infrastructure created by the college mark our program as an outstanding place for students to prepare for a great career as an American Sign Language interpreter.”

The Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education CCIE was founded in 2006 to promote professionalism in the field of sign language interpreter education through the process of accreditation. CCIE was established after nearly two decades of collaborative efforts of six stakeholder organizations, the National Alliance of Black In-

terpreters, Inc., National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, National Association of the Deaf, Conference of Interpreter Trainers, Association of Visual Language Interpreters of Canada and the American Sign Language Teachers Association.

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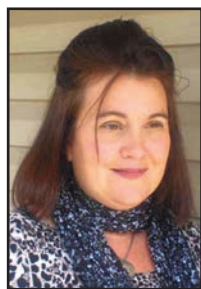
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## Point Of View

He accepted the challenge. While the rest of them snickered and sneered at him, God smiled! As a young adult freshman in college, ready to take on the challenges of the world, he was stopped dead in his tracks. Everything taught to him by his parents was now challenged, by one philosophy professor, who was bent on proving one thing to his class. This highly educated man was determined to prove "God is dead" and with this determination he used his teaching authority along with his fancy educational dialect to convince many young tender minds to agree. But not this kid!

With a heart and mind full of God's love, deposited by his parents, he knew this professor was wrong, totally incorrect and with his heart full of faith, he was determined to prove him otherwise. And the shows go on... This probably sounds like a line from a movie script and that is exactly what it is! The movie "God Is Not Dead," is an incredible story about a courageous young man of faith coupled with a rude awakening to parents about a world waiting their naïve college students. This movie can be called the "College age David verses Goliath" and it gets five stars from me!

With one son, a high school senior, the college talk has begun in my home. From trying to decide a major, obsessing over SAT scores and gasping at the tuition costs, my husband and I are starting the journey of re-



## Family Matters

By Amy Kanich  
**Parents, Be At Peace  
As Kids Leave Home  
For College**

leasing one of our children from our nest.

After watching this movie I realize preparing for college, means much more than deciding the basic things like majors and meal plans. It also involves me as a parent helping my child build their armor, a battle gear of faith, so they are more than prepared to face the giants ahead. So who and what are the giants? One giant may come in the guise of a professor that in the name of Science or Philosophy proclaims unashamedly non-Christian views. Another face of a giant may appear in the form of various activities and groups on campuses that lure kids into doing things that do not reflect wholesome Christian values. Another possible quiet giant comes in form of a small whisper telling good Catholic kids they need not go to Mass, convincing them on the defense that "no one will ever know." So how do parents help clothe their children with the armor of God, preparing them for the giants that lay ahead?

The first thing a parent must do is pray! Pray for Godly influences. Pray for a solid and inviting Campus Ministry that attracts students. Despite all of

the noise and clammer of college life pray your children will recognize the voice of God and also discern those voices not coming from the Lord.

- Remind your children through letters, emails and gift packages they are close to your heart and God's too. Include a religious item, a good Christian book or perhaps a Christian movie in their care packages. Don't hesitate, send it!

- If you had a college experience be mindful of possibly your own wavering of faith as it pertained to your higher education and desire for independence. Talk to your son or daughter about your life experiences and remind them how God proved Himself strong in your life even through times of doubt.

- Be genuine and authentic role models of faith for your child. Remember - young adults will be the first one to call out a Hypocrite!

- Finally, be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations concerning your child. Remember God proves Himself strong in helping young, wide-eyed teens slay giants. If in doubt ask King David, he has a pretty incredible story to tell! Blessings!



## Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein  
**The Challenge  
Of Challenging Times**

Deciding on a topic for this column was difficult. There are a welter of issues facing the Diocese of Altoona – Johnstown. Which would be best addressed in my column? How to address it? What should I say? I spent much time pondering those questions.

When the Sunday, August 30 edition of The Altoona Mirror landed on my porch, a headline on the editorial page was like a red flag to a bull. "For local diocese, a challenging time," it read. There and then, I found what I was looking for: a topic for this column.

Challenging times? Indeed, these are challenging times for the Diocese of Altoona – Johnstown. That having been said, what else is new? Challenging times are part and parcel of what being a Christian is all about. The 114 year history of the Diocese of Altoona – Johnstown is but one small part of the 2000 year history of the Church. Challenging times have been the Church's portion and cup from the start. The Church was born in the midst of challenging times. We have lived in the shadow of the cross from Day One. Our local Church has not been immune from that shadow.

While we know our strengths, we have also had to embrace our weaknesses. This is not the first time in our history that we have had to close schools, reorganize parishes, respond to scandals, or face a shortage of priests. We have had to face diminishment and uncertainty, before. Think of our beautiful Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, riding high on the Altoona skyline. For over 30 years it sat unfinished, a dark, forbidding, empty shell. The Great Depression began as construction on the Cathedral commenced. It took the coming of better days and a stronger economy to see that noble structure brought to completion. It stands as an inspiring symbol of what our faith is all about: that if we remain steadfast and faithful through the dark days, a better and brighter future will be revealed.

Challenging times? Yes, these are challenging times for our local Church, but as we face those challenges, we would do well to remember the words of Saint Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians: "I am most happy, then to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ's power over me. I am content with weaknesses, with insults, hardships, persecutions, and difficulties for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Challenging times remind us of just how much we need the Lord Jesus. This is not "our" Church; this is His Church, and we are His holy people. His Church is not buildings. His Church is a community of believers. He has promised that where two or three gather in His name, He will be there in their midst. He has not and He will not abandon us. Challenging times remind us to keep our eyes fixed firmly on Him.

Our Diocese of Altoona – Johnstown faced challenging times in the 1990s when a strategic planning process invited us to take a close look at each of our parish faith communities, and to plan for our future. That process resulted in the closing, clustering or consolidating of many of those parishes. At that time we were invited to reflect on three words: We were invited to have **reverence** for the past, to show **respect** for one another as we worked together in the present moment, and to hold to a desire to **renew** the life of our diocesan Church as we moved together into the future. While it is true that not all of the scars from those days have healed, we did emerge from that process a stronger Church, with a deepened commitment to witness to the Lord Jesus in the Allegheny Mountains.

If we commit ourselves now to that same **reverence** for the past that has brought us to this moment in time, and **respect** for those we are working with now, will we not be able to **renew** our local Church once again? Challenging times call us to do nothing less. Challenging times call us to do even more. Challenging times challenge us to put our faith in the Lord Jesus, and to walk into the future trusting in Him.



## Guest Column

# Catholic Education: The Dawn Of A New Era In The Altoona Quadrant

A new era is dawning for Catholic education in the Altoona area. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown recently announced that Altoona Central Catholic School, Holidaysburg Catholic School, Saint John the Evangelist School in Altoona, Saint Patrick School in Newry, and Saint Rose of Lima School in Altoona will close as parish schools at the conclusion of this academic year. Next year, one regional school will open with two campuses for students in pre-kindergarten through grade five and a third campus – a middle school – for students in grades six, seven, and eight.

Catholic education is a ministry of the Church, but we cannot escape the financial realities of operating Catholic schools. Enrollment at the five elementary schools has dropped 54 percent since 2000, and the cost to educate a student has risen 34 percent since 2005. The subsidy parishes pay for students is beginning to cripple their budgets. The current model is not fair to parishioners, and it is not sustainable for the future. What would happen if, one by one, Catholic schools in the Altoona Quadrant had to close because parishes could no longer afford to support them? If a regionalization plan was not in place, we would likely see an end to Catholic education in the Altoona area.

Setting aside enrollment and finances, here is the exciting news: our plan for regionalization also gives us the ability to significantly enhance our educational offer-

## Altoona Quadrant Regional School Information

Following are some details on the regional school transition.

### Tuition and fundraising

- While tuition has not been finalized, it will be consistent across all campuses.
- Likewise, fundraising activities, to be determined, will be consistent across all campuses.

### Uniforms

Uniform requirements will be determined by a parent committee and with ample time for families to purchase new uniforms as necessary.

### Campus tours, selection and transportation

- Families can expect opportunities to tour each campus in October or November of 2015.
- Families who are presently enrolled in one of the schools in the quadrant will have first choice on selecting an elementary campus as space allows.
- New families enrolling in the regional school will be assigned a campus based, first, on the closest geographical location, and second, on capacity for students.
- Bussing is available for students to all three regional school campuses through our public school system.
- School day start and end times will be consistent across all campuses.

### Administrative and teaching staff

- Following interviews that will begin in late fall, announcements for administrative and teaching assignments at each campus is planned to be made by Catholic Schools Week 2016.
- A year-long professional development initiative is already underway to ensure that the unique learning needs of all students are met.

### Curriculum and class size

Presently, an inventory and review of the current curriculum and new curriculum options has been completed by the Diocesan Education Office.

- We believe it is critical that our teachers and administrators are active in the selection of the curriculum that will ultimately be implemented. Finalizing the curriculum will be a top priority of school staff once positions are announced in late January 2016.
- Families can rest assured that the curriculum at all campuses will have weekly art, music, technology and physical education classes, taught by certified teachers. All campuses have gym and/or multi-purpose rooms with ample space and availability for physical education classes.
- In addition, all campuses are equipped with iPads, computers and SmartBoard technology.

ings. The new middle school will feature a curriculum based on the STREAM model (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math). Our Diocesan Education Office has already established partnerships with local universities and businesses to provide real life, hands-on learning opportunities. Professionals with expertise in business, science, agriculture, engineering, the environment, and more will be fixtures in the school. Students will learn by doing, not just by reading a text book. At the same time, we remain committed to providing the best, most rigorous, most authentically Catholic education for our students.

Change is rarely easy, but one thing will never change in our schools: Jesus Christ is, and always will be, at the center of everything we do. Bishop Mark has directed that Catholic mission and identity be the top priority as we implement this new plan. Rest assured that the safe and nurturing Catholic environment that parents love about our schools will be fully present at the three regional campuses.

As we move forward, parents understandably have good questions, and we are committed to answering them. In this edition of The Catholic Register and on our Diocesan website, [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org), is a list of commonly asked questions along with responses from our Diocesan Education Office. In the weeks ahead, please keep an eye on all Diocesan media (the Register, website, and Proclaim! Television Ministry) as we continue to educate parents about the benefits of this regionalization plan. We also invite parents to be involved through various committees that will help steer the transition process. This is a time for everyone – parents, faculty, administrators, pastors, and Diocesan officials – to work together and set a wonderful example for the students. Our efforts will ensure a more sustainable future for Catholic education. What better gift can we give our children?

- - Tony DeGol  
Secretary For Communications

- Meetings are currently taking place with higher education and business resources for the project-based learning curriculum for grades 6-8.

- Currently our schools offer small class sizes and personal attention, aimed at helping each student reach his or her potential. Both elementary schools and the middle school in the regional system will continue to offer this benefit. We are committed to class sizes at the following levels:

- K-2nd: 13-15 students
- 3rd-4th: 18-20 students
- 5th: 20-25
- 6th-8th: up to 25

### Faith and service

As part of the regional Catholic school, each campus will offer a strong faith community and a commitment to serving others and the community.

- Each campus will celebrate weekly mass in which all students will have an opportunity to take part as readers, singers, servers, etc.
- A pastor will be part of the governance board for the regional school
- All local pastors will be invited to participate in Mass and other activities at each campus.
- Teachers and administrators at each campus will develop an ample range opportunities for students to participate in community service activities.

### Campus safety and security

- Two years ago, all school buildings in the quadrant were subject to onsite evaluations by school security consultants. All upgrades and recommendations made during the evaluation process were completed at each facility. All campuses have security cameras, systems and protocols in place.
- At any time that students must walk outside to a different building, they are and will continue to be accompanied by a teacher or multiple teachers, without exception.

### Extracurricular and other activities

- Sports teams will continue as they are currently constituted:
  - - Grades 7 & 8 play for the high school team
  - - Lower grades play for the quadrant team against teams from the Prince Gallitzin quadrant and the Bedford League. (Johnstown and State College-area Catholic schools have chosen to play against their local public schools to minimize travel.)
- Other extracurricular activities and clubs, as well as summer enrichment programs, are to be determined, but all efforts will be made to continue existing programs, at the discretion of teachers and administrators.
- Christmas programs and other seasonal activities, as well as field trips and other activities, will be determined by teachers and administrators, with an effort to maintain consistent opportunities at each campus and to provide a rich, faith-filled experience for all students.

More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

## In The Alleghenies

### Seats Available For Trip To See Pope In Philadelphia

Due to last - minute cancellations, there are now a few openings on the adult pilgrimage to Philadelphia for Pope Francis' visit on September 25 - 28. For more details about the pilgrimage, please visit the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org). If you are interested in registering, please contact Francine Swope at the Diocesan Administration Center at (814) 317 - 2646 as soon as possible.

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In 2008, CCIE became a member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA).

#### Mass Of The Holy Spirit

**Loretto:** To mark the opening of the academic year, Saint Francis University celebrated its annual Mass of the Holy Spirit. The Mass was celebrated by our President, Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., on August 25. It was held on the University Mall in the center of the campus.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit gathered together the entire University family to invoke God's blessing for inspiration, guidance and wisdom on the new school year. It helped us to re-

dedicate ourselves to our Catholic Franciscan mission and was a time to renew friendships, welcome our new students to the University community, and voice our desire to be a Spirit-filled community.

#### Convocation

**Cresson:** Mount Aloysius College will mark the start of the 2015 - 2016 academic year with their traditional Convocation Ceremony on Tuesday, September 8.

Mount Aloysius College's 76th Convocation will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Whalley Plaza, directly in front of the iconic Main Building on the 193 -a cre Cresson campus. Convocation speaker will be Daniel R. Porterfield, Ph.D., president



**CROSS DEDICATED:** Members of the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese's Cursillo Community gathered in the Spring on the property of Mercedes and Nicholas Smith at 766 Mount Airy Drive in Richland Township, to dedicate a cross crafted by Greg Solomon, a member of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown. The Smiths, members of Saint Benedict Parish, Geis-town welcomed fellow community members to the dedication, presided over by community member Tom Price, a lay director of the Cursillo community. The cross features the traditional inscription at the top, fashioned of a piece of sheepskin and inscribed in three different languages, loosely translated meaning "Jesus Christ, King of the Jews."

of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Dr. Porterfield's Convocation Address will formally inaugurate Mount Aloysius College's theme for the new academic year, "Voice." The theme was announced to the College's incoming freshman and their parents as they participated in "Move - in Day" for the class of 2019.

Convocation will formally open the academic year; allowing students, staff, faculty and members of the Mount Aloysius Board of Trustees an opportunity to convene, set a common tone for the exciting year ahead,

and embark on the campus - wide exploration of, "Voice." That exploration will be marked by a yearlong speaker series.

In addition, students and faculty will explore "Voice" through a common campus reader, community service activities, in - class discussion, and other avenues of exploration both in and out of the classroom.

Mount Aloysius College president Tom Foley instituted the College's tradition of exploring an annual theme during his inauguration. "The concept of 'Voice' is fundamental to personal development and

democracy," said Foley. "The idea of being heard has motivated people throughout history, across faiths, and across oceans. Philosophically," he added, "the right to a voice, and the responsibility to allow other voices to be heard is essential to freedom. We think this exploration will inform and engage great discussion. All of us look forward to Dr. Dan Porterfield's kickoff to a great academic year."

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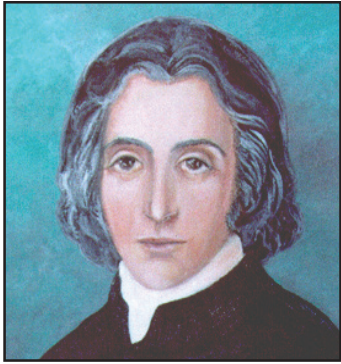
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### Venerable Father McGivney Models What Popes Taught

By Catholic News Service

NEW HAVEN CT (CNS)

-- The priesthood of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, "models the teaching of recent popes," said Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori.

"St. John Paul II said that the priest's personality must be a bridge to Christ, and indeed Father McGivney's unassuming, lighthearted-yet-determined character attracted many to the Catholic faith and to St. Mary's Church," said the archbishop, who is supreme chaplain of the Knights.

"When Pope Francis tells priests to acquire 'the smell of

the sheep' and 'to bring the Gospel to the margins of society,'" he continued, "I think of Father McGivney. He loved the priesthood deeply."

Archbishop Lori made the comments in his homily for a Mass marking the 125th anniversary of the death of Father McGivney. The prelate also was principal celebrant of the Aug. 14 Mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven.

The church is where Father McGivney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. He was an assistant pastor there when he gathered a handful of men in the church basement to start the fraternal organization.

Archbishop Lori spoke of how the priest influenced those early Knights in embracing the organization's principles.

"These men would not have committed to the principle of charity had they not seen in Father McGivney a man of tireless pastoral charity, who reflected God's love through acts of personal generosity and compassion," he said.

The men also would not have committed "to the principle of unity had they not seen how Father McGivney brought together the people of St. Mary's Parish and how he served as a source of unity in the wider community of New Haven."

The priest's witness of fraternity also had an impact on those early Knights' commitment to that principle.

"Father McGivney was not only the father but also the brother to his parishioners and



CNS photo/Mary Chalupsky, The Catholic Transcript

**KNIGHTS HONOR FOUNDER:** Four men carry a four-foot statue of Father Michael J. McGivney past an honor guard at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., Aug. 14. The Mass celebrated the 125th anniversary of the death of Father McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

indeed to anyone in need," Archbishop Lori added.

The priest is a candidate for sainthood. The Father McGivney Guild was formed in 1996 to promote his cause; the Vatican approved opening the cause in 1997.

Father McGivney was declared "venerable" by Pope Benedict XVI, recognizing his heroic virtue. A miracle attributed to his intercession is under investigation at the Vatican. In general one confirmed miracle is needed for beatification and a second such miracle is needed for canonization.

Archbishop Lori spoke in strong personal terms about Father McGivney, whom he said he considers his "parish priest, the parish priest of my soul."

"Every morning I pray to him and I pray that he be canonized, as I know you do. Every day I load his plate with all kinds of intentions," he added.

Sixteen Knights formed an honor guard that led the processional and recession at the noon Mass, and four Knights carried a 4-foot statue of Father McGivney. The statue and an

original painting of Father McGivney were placed in the sanctuary during the Mass.

Among the hundreds in attendance were officers of the Knights' Connecticut State Council, including Thomas J. Vita, who is state deputy. He brought up the gifts at the offering with his wife, Rosemary.

At the conclusion of Mass, Archbishop Lori was joined by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, other supreme officers of the Knights of Columbus and John Walshe, a Bridgeport lawyer who is a great-grandnephew of Father McGivney, at the sarcophagus near the entrance of the church, where the remains of Father McGivney are interred. The archbishop incensed the sarcophagus as church bells tolled, and then led the congregation in prayers for his canonization.

Based in New Haven, the Knights of Columbus has about 1.9 million members in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

### 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  
Prayer In The Family

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- Parents who juggle packed work and family schedules deserve a Nobel Prize in mathematics for doing something not even the most brilliant scientists can do: They pack 48 hours of activity into 24, Pope Francis said.

"I don't know how they do it, but they do," the pope told thousands of people gathered Aug. 26 for his weekly general audience. "There are moms and dads who could win the Nobel for this!"

Focusing his audience talk on the family and prayer, Pope Francis said he knows modern life can be frenetic and that family schedules are "complicated and packed."

The most frequent complaint of any Christian, he said, is that he or she does not have enough time to pray.

"The regret is sincere," the pope said, "because the human heart seeks prayer, even if one is not aware of it."

The way to begin, he said, is to recognize how much God loves you and to love him in return. "A heart filled with affection for God can turn even a thought without words into a prayer."

"It is good to believe in God with all your heart and it's good to hope that he will help you when you are in difficulty or to feel obliged to thank him," the pope said. "That's all good. But do we love the Lord? Does thinking about God move us, fill us with awe and make us more tender?"

Bowing one's head or "blowing a kiss" when one passes a church or a crucifix or an image of Mary are small signs of that love, he said. They are prayers.

"It is beautiful when moms teach their little children to blow a kiss to Jesus or Mary," the pope said. "There's so much tenderness in that. And, at that moment, the heart of the child is transformed into a place of prayer."

"Isn't it amazing that God caresses us with a father's love?" he asked the crowd in St. Peter's Square. "It's beautiful, so beautiful. He could have simply made himself known as the Supreme Being, given his commandments and awaited the results. Instead, God did and does infinitely more than this. He accompanies us on the path of life, protects us and loves us."

If you learn as a child to turn to God "with the same spontaneity as you learn to say 'daddy' and 'mommy,' you've learned it forever," he said.

By teaching children how to make the sign of the cross, to say a simple grace before meals and to remember always that God is there and loves them, he said, family life will be enveloped in God's love and family members will spontaneously find times for prayer.

"You, mom, and you, dad, teach your child to pray, to make the sign of the cross," Pope Francis said.

The simple little prayers, he said, will increase family members' sense of God's love and presence and their certainty that God has entrusted the family members to one another.



**ONE MORE TIME:** Our Lady of Victory School, State College, opened its doors to 140 students in September 1963. The school was staffed by three Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden, and one secular teacher. The first grade class is pictured here with their teacher, Sister Mary James. The photo is from a booklet commemorating the May 10, 1964 dedication of the school, auditorium and convent.

Families are made up of fighters, compromisers, sore losers and problem solvers. Are you a fighter for your rights or a compromiser? A sore loser or a problem solver?

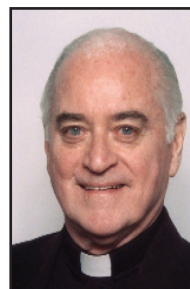
Problem solvers know that the art of compromise rests on the principle that a win-win solution is indeed possible. With patience, a good strategy and the help of God, all things are possible.

Professional arbitrators know that if you listen to all sides, with sincere interest, the conflict has a way of resolving itself. Why not apply these professional standards to family spats? A good plan begins with the idea that each party has a point of view and a right to have his or her reasonable needs met.

Write this down: Your right to meet your needs is equal to my right to have my needs met, but no one has an absolute right to have all their needs met.

When disciplining children, the rights of parental authority are superior to the rights of the children. Nevertheless, listening respectfully to a child's arguments will always be wiser than asserting full parental authority immediately.

In conflicts involving adults, never start out by demanding that others give up their right



## Spirituality For Today

By Father John Catoir  
Managing Conflict While Praying For Patience

to meet personal needs. Any assumption that rejects a reasonable presentation of all sides of the arguments is doomed to fail.

Define the problem clearly. Put it in writing. Let all the parties agree on exactly what the issue is and what needs are in conflict. Also, brainstorm to find solutions. Share ideas and make no judgments. As people voice their ideas, put all the options on the table and look at them without criticism. Choose the most creative solutions, keeping in mind that some things cannot be compromised, such as the laws of God and the laws of legitimate civil authority.

Select the solution that gets the most support and then implement it. Later, follow up to see that all promises are kept. Everyone may not get exactly what they want, but compromises can make the resolution more palatable.

Having a plan of action often diffuses the emotional heat before arguments escalate. Conflict is normal, and family conflicts are commonplace. Each person has differing needs, and when one person's needs, at any given age, are not being met, there is usually a lot of frustration, which leads to emotional conflict.

The way we control ourselves has much to do with the virtue of patience. We need to pray for the virtue of patience. Charity begins at home, accompanied by lots of patience.

We all have attitudes, which often govern our behavior toward others. Some arguments are more about underlying assumptions than about the issue at hand. There are a variety of conflicts, whether in a family, a factory or a monastery.

Just remember to keep your cool, and remember that resolution is possible.





## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
**Can Suicide Be Forgiven?**

**Q.** I need an answer. Our son had been suffering from clinical depression since he was 4 years old. All of the doctors and all of the medications we tried over the years seemed to do little to help. One year ago, his own son died in an auto accident at the age of 24, and that seemed to be more than our son could handle. Last week we received a phone call that our son, aged 50, had taken his own life.

The priest from our church spent that evening with us. He told us that our son was forgiven because it was mental illness that caused him to take his life. Since my sister found out about my son's self-inflicted death, she has refused to speak with us. I am wondering whether she believes that someone who commits suicide, no matter what the reason, is condemned forever.

I am writing to you because I would like to have someone who is removed from the scene tell me what the Catholic Church's thinking is on this subject. (City of origin withheld)

**A.** Suicide, objectively, is a grave sin. God has gifted us with life. We are only its stewards, not its masters. But in reminding us of that, the Catechism of the Catholic Church in No. 2282 is quick to note that the moral responsibility for a suicide may be diminished because the inner turmoil a person was going through precluded sound reasoning.

The catechism goes on to say in No. 2283 that "we should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The church prays for persons who have taken their own lives."

In contrast to older versions of the Code of Canon Law, Canon No. 1184 no longer lists a person who died by suicide as someone who should not be given a Christian funeral.

Moral judgment in such cases is best left to God. The church's approach to the tragedy

is pity, not condemnation, and your parish priest had a sound basis for the comfort he offered you.

**Q.** Human remains have been found that are 50,000 years old. But Christ came to earth only 2,000 years ago. Are all those "pagan" people before Jesus now in purgatory? And why did he wait so long to come? (Houma, Louisiana)

**A.** My first instinct is to quibble with your use of the word "pagan" to describe all those who lived on earth before Jesus. My dictionary defines "pagan" as "a follower of a polytheistic religion" or "one who has little or no religion and who delights in sensual pleasures and material goods." I hardly think that definition fits the Jews -- who fought to defend monotheism, had a strong commitment to prayer and a strict code of personal morality.

But on to your question. Catholic theology has traditionally taught that the righteous who came before Jesus were in the "limbo of the fathers," a sort of spiritual waiting room where they remained until "in his human soul united to his divine person, the dead Christ went down to the realm of the dead. He opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church in No. 637.

As to why Christ "waited so long" to come to earth, that is a matter of perennial speculation -- to be answered, I suppose, only in heaven when we can ask the Lord ourselves. One theory is that the Roman Empire provided the optimal setting, because by then common roads and a common tongue united the known world and the message of the Gospel could spread more quickly. (By that same reckoning, though, others would argue that the present day would have been better, since Twitter offers a worldwide system of instantaneous communication.)

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## For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola  
**A Spiritual Stroll  
 At The Cemetery**

This summer, my husband and I did something we didn't do when we lived in Alaska -- we took road trips throughout 48 states. And in some of those places we visited cemeteries.

On this summer's trip, since we both love Abraham Lincoln, we stopped at the Gettysburg battlefield -- and the cemetery where Lincoln delivered his famous address. We also visited Springfield, Illinois, where Lincoln lies buried in an impressive monument. We visited the street near the state Capitol that has been preserved just as it was when Lincoln lived there and was an attorney in the city.

Why do graves move us? For me, it combines the Catholic concept of the communion of saints with the Celtic idea of what are called "thin spaces." Truly, I felt a nearness to Lincoln as I cried at his burial site. But there's also the sense of history that nearness brings. I feel it whether at the grave of a great man, well-remembered, who saved the Union, or at the grave of my forgotten great-grandmother, whose slave-owning father fought for the Confederacy.

Cemeteries remind us, sometimes uncomfortably, that life is short and that our life is limited. Something about a cemetery says to me, "Pay attention!"

There's a documentary on Sister Wendy Beckett, the sprightly little British nun who made several films about art history for the BBC. The woman truly knows how to bring a painting to life for the average viewer. Now she lives a humble life as a hermit on the property of a Carmelite convent.

One comment she made has stuck with me: "We really aren't very important, except to God."

When one views the graves at Gettysburg, stretched out in a semi-circle around the spot where Lincoln once uttered some of the most revered words in the English language, one realizes how not very important we are. The gravestones are tiny and many of them are marked simply "unknown."

Some of markers around the site said 51,000 men were killed, wounded or missing in three days at Gettysburg, and when authorities saw the carnage and the corpses rotting in the sun, a cemetery was established. Who remembers those individuals? No, we aren't very important.

But in the eyes of faith, that caveat of Sister Wendy's is important and consoling: "except to God." That makes all the difference. And it should rivet our attention to God's presence now in our lives. St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who died in her early 20s from tuberculosis, was declared a doctor of the church in 1997. That's a big deal. That means she has some important things to teach us.

I used to be puzzled by that. Reading her autobiography, **Story Of A Soul**, I didn't quite "get" what made her such a special saint. She grappled with simple things, like trying to get along with crabby old nuns who irritated her. She lived a short and obscure life in a French convent -- what did she ever do that was, as Sister Wendy would say, "important"?

As I've gotten older, I realize that St. Thérèse's sanctity lies in the fact that her life was important only in relation to God and the struggle she made to find him in all things.

"Jesus does not demand great actions from us but simply surrender and gratitude," St. Thérèse wrote.

As we grow older, most of us recognize our lives have been blessed and full, hopefully, but probably not particularly "important." Except, of course, to God. And that makes all the difference.

## The Birth Of Mary First Century Feast - September 8



The details of Mary's birth are unknown. Her parents, not mentioned in the Bible, are called Joachim and Anne in the apocryphal Gospel of James. This book claims that Joachim went into the desert to lament their childlessness and learned in a vision or dream that he and Anne would have a daughter. Ancient traditions put Mary's birth in Nazareth or Jerusalem. The feast of her birth originated in the East; in the seventh century, Pope Saint Sergius I ordered that it and three other Marian feasts, the Annunciation, Purification and Assumption, be celebrated in Rome. This feast is another sign of God's faithfulness to old and new covenant promises that were fully realized in Mary's son, Jesus Christ.

# Educator Finds New Ministry

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As a Catholic and Christian, Housel sees her role as one of serving others. "Our faith is defined through service to others," is how she sees it.

It's ironic that in the time of her life, when at random moments, her disorder can steal away from her the use of her body, she says, "I want to be the hands and feet of Jesus."

Housel said, "At the end of your life Jesus will say, 'What have you done for me?' That's how I want to live my life."

She said the coat and clothing distributions have been an eye opener for the young children of the parish. They didn't realize that there is poverty right here, where they live.

"We've gotten pretty good

at collecting clothing for our drives each year," Housel continued. "The parish has been so supportive. We began getting used items, but it didn't take long before people began donating new coats. We've learned to watch for the end of the season sales for winter clothing, which can be purchased very cheaply in many cases."

Housel said divine intervention has many times played a role in the distribution. There was the time a woman on medical disability, was forced to depend on her 16 year - old son to provide for her on a very limited income.

"He was badly in need of warm clothing, long underwear and jeans for his outside job. We had none donated the last time I checked, but then out of no-



**YOUNG VOLUNTEERS:** Many young people donated their time to help with the with the August 15 clothing distribution held at Saint Thomas More Parish in Roaring Spring, including (left to right): Ryan Bowers, Lexi Hicks, Josh Harker, and Jaret Ray.

where they appeared. They were donated at just the right time. It kind of makes you wonder," she smiled.

Housel says every time she needs a certain size clothing it seems to be there. One time she was in need of hangers. As luck would have it, a store went out of business and donated over 1,000 hangers to her.

She always comes back to marvel at the generosity of her fellow parishioners and the area in general. At Christmas, Saint Thomas More sponsors an Angel tree to help those less fortunate. People have gone way beyond the call, to donate things like Ipods, bicycles, video games, etc., she said proudly.

Laura isn't one to sit around feeling sorry for herself. A door closed, and she found another one that opened to a new ministry in her life.

Laura has a strong faith and relies on it in her daily life. "I pray everyday to Jesus that others will see Him in me. I believe that faith is an action," she said.

Those words echo a quote posted in the vestibule of her parish church: "Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words."

## 'Popemobile' Shipped To U.S.

**VATICAN CITY (CNS) --** More than a month before Pope Francis was scheduled to arrive in the United States, his ride landed on U.S. shores.

"A Jeep Wrangler will be used as the popemobile in the USA (like the one used in Ecuador in July 2015)," the Vatican press office said in a statement Aug. 20.

Of course, an official said, there will be more than one. Pope Francis will need a popemobile in Washington, New York and Philadelphia, and besides, "there is always a reserve" in case of malfunction.

The vehicle or vehicles, the Vatican said, have "already been given to the Secret Service" for safekeeping before the pope's arrival. An air cargo company is used for sending the popemobile abroad before papal trips.

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# Care For Creation Manager Finds Happiness In Bringing Happiness To Others

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After gaining a Lay Ministry certification in 2010, Yeager had been looking for a way to practice his faith. He said he was reading a book, written by former President Jimmy Carter, that questioned the merit of waiting until retirement to volunteer.

"I'd been searching for something I could do to help the community, and this was right under my nose," recalled Yeager of his decision to come up with the C4C initiative. He and Pat Trimble developed the idea for the garden.

Trimble is a Penn State University Master Gardener, and she is secretary and spokesperson for C4C.

A small fee secures the lease of a whole plot of land, 30' x 30' or a half plot, 15' x 20'. The fees are then used for the preparation of the land in the Spring and the purchase of nutrients for the soil.

There are a total of 24 individual plots. There are nine

plots that donate all of their produce to C4C. The remainder of the gardeners also donate part of their produce. The donation plots encompass over 8,100 square feet.

There is also what is called a high tunnel, a sort of greenhouse, that is 3,000 square feet. It is a metal hoop structure covered by plastic. A solar panel controls a drip irrigation system that waters plants twice each day.

The mission statement for the program is: "To feed and help the needy and the poor." There are nearly 20 agencies and 288 families, 2,400 individuals, and a total of over 4,000 persons receiving fresh produce.

Among them are the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Banks in Altoona, Johnstown, and Patton; also, food banks in Claysburg, Martinsburg, and Roaring Spring; American Rescue Mission, Family Services Inc., the Altoona Food Bank, Jean Marie Ministries in Juniata, the Calvary Baptist in Bedford; The Alliance Church in Cresson, The United Church of Christ in Martinsburg, the Dorothy Day Justice Center in Loretto; Saint Leonard's Home and Autumn Estates Nursing Home in Hollidaysburg.

The C4C couldn't survive without the generosity of the monastery, that not only donates its land, but allows it to use the

**"I've been blessed in my life with a great family and a good job. I want to give back," Jim Yeager said. "We do this for the glory of God. It makes me happy to help make others happy."**



**HARVESTING CROP:** Jim Yeager harvests the corn crop at the Care For Creation garden on the grounds of Saint Bernardine Monastery in Hollidaysburg.



Photo By Tony DeGol

**NEW SEMINARIANS:** The Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown welcomes two new seminarians this 2015 - 2016 academic year. Mark Groeger, a member of Saint Leo Mangus Parish in Ridgway, is entering his first year of pre - theology studies at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. Devin Crouse, a member of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Mount Union, is beginning his first year of college at Saint Mark's Seminary College and Pre - Theology Formation in Erie. Groeger and Crouse join four other men in formation for the Diocesan Priesthood. Pictured (left to right) are: Father Matthew Reese, Diocesan Director of Vocations; Groeger; Crouse; and Bishop Mark L. Bartchak.

Community Building to process the produce and prepare it for shipping. The vegetables are personally inspected by Yeager, who says, "I throw out anything I wouldn't eat myself." They use no chemicals in the gardens, wear gloves during the processing, and have their well water tested each year.

Yeager said there are multiple crops and each one has its own science, a manner in which they grow, produce, and nutrients it requires.

Members of the Board include: Yeager, Trimble, Dotty Caminiti, Dana Imler, Julie Nelson, and Beth Futrick. All are volunteers and there are 22 additional volunteers that assist with the planting and harvesting.

"This program would not be successful without the volunteers and staff members. Most have full time jobs, and this is a large commitment," said Yea-

ger. "But this is a commitment in which we all share. This has been a great experience because of the volunteers."

Yeager said "we build community just by doing what we do." They have their fun, too, with corn roasts, and bon fires throughout the growing season.

C4C survives through grants, donations, and the help of the volunteers. "There is more we can do - - we just need more people to volunteer," said Yeager. He said it would be nice to get parishes involved and C4C will make a concerted effort to gain their interest. Donations to C4C can be made by calling Trimble at (814) 942 - 8254 or 327 - 1555.

"I've been blessed in my life with a great family and a good job. I want to give back," Yeager said. "We do this for the glory of God. It makes me happy to help make others happy."

# Priorities, Preaching, Personal Touch Reflect Pope Francis' Background

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- A self-described "homebody," Pope Francis will make the 10th foreign trip of his pontificate in September, visiting Cuba and then, for the first time in his life, the United States.

The visit of the 78-year-old Argentine pope comes in a year packed with important events for him: the publication in June of "Laudato Si'," his encyclical on the environment; the world Synod of Bishops on the family in October; and the opening Dec. 8 of a special Year of Mercy.

The former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires was not a household name to most North American Catholics when he was elected to succeed Pope Benedict XVI March 13, 2013, but his brothers in the College of Cardinals knew who he was.

The Argentine Jesuit had been second on the balloting in the conclave that elected Pope Benedict to succeed St. John Paul II in 2005.

His growing up with four siblings in a family with strong ties to its Italian origins, his training and ministry as a Jesuit -- including what he says were mistakes as a provincial superior -- and his regular contact with the poorest residents of Buenos Aires are influences seen in his preaching, priorities, style of governance and, especially, in the way he interacts with individuals.

The pope signaled just how strong those influences were almost immediately after his election. The first sign was his decision not to live in the Apostolic Palace, but in the Vatican guesthouse where the cardinals stayed during the conclave.

He told reporters it was a matter of liking to have a lot of people around and not a statement about simplicity or austerity, although he said both are es-



CNS Photo/Paul Haring

**POPE FRANCIS:** Pope Francis arrives to greet participants in the Renewal of the Spirit meeting in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican, Friday, July 3.

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sential for every minister in the church.

As he settled into his new life as pope, he shook up much of what had become tradition with a small "t" in the Vatican. He cold-called Vatican officials to check on the progress of projects; he kept his own schedule in the afternoon, phoning people who had written to him or inviting them over for a chat; he lectured clerics on the need for simple lifestyles; and he repeatedly condemned office gossip and clerical careerism.

Early in his pontificate, Pope Francis named an international panel of cardinals -- most of whom head dioceses, not Roman Curia offices -- as an advisory panel for church gov-

ernance. Their first big task, one that is ongoing, is to reorganize the Vatican bureaucracy.

While the bulk of the project has not been completed, the pope accepted the cardinals' recommendations to establish a council and secretariat for economic affairs, a secretariat for communications and a commission to promote child protection. They already are at work.

Just eight months after taking office, Pope Francis published his apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel," a detailed vision of the program for his papacy and his vision for the church -- particularly the church's outreach and its response to challenges posed by secular culture.

In the document, the pope called on Catholics to go out into the world, sharing their faith "with enthusiasm and vitality" by being living examples of joy, love and charity. "An evangelizer," he said, "must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral."

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born in Buenos Aires Dec. 17, 1936. He earned a chemical technician's diploma from his high school and entered the Jesuit novitiate in March 1958.

As part of his Jesuit formation, he taught literature and psychology at Jesuit high schools in the mid-1960s, and he was ordained to the priesthood Dec. 13, 1969.

In 1973, he was appointed superior of the Jesuit province of Argentina. "I was only 36 years old. That was crazy. I had to deal with difficult situations, and I made my decisions abruptly and by myself," he said in an interview after becoming pope. "My authoritarian and quick manner of making decisions led me to have serious problems and to be accused of being ultraconservative."

In 1992, Pope John Paul II named him an auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires. He was promoted to coadjutor archbishop in 1997 and became head of the archdiocese in 1998; St. John Paul named him to the College of Cardinals three years later.



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## 'Proclaim!' And Mass Broadcast Moving To New Channel

Effective Sunday, September 13, the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown's 'Proclaim!' television show, the the live telecast of Sunday Mass from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown, will be moving to a new television channel.

The 10:30 a.m. broadcast of "Proclaim!" and the 11:00 a.m. Mass telecast will move to WTAM - TV ABC Channel 23, the sister - station of WWCP - TV FOX Channel 8, where both had previously been aired.

In an announcement in the "Proclaim! TV Newsletter," it is reported that "the move is made necessary as a result of a decision by the FOX Network to furnish programming to its affiliates in the 11:00 a.m. to noon time slot, in what had previously been available to stations for local programming."

The story about the move went on to say "For the vast

majority of our viewership, the move will simply mean tuning to a different channel, depending on their cable TV or satellite provider. Our advice: contact your signal provider to learn how to access the WATM - TV signal. The viewers who now receive the Mass signal off - air by private antenna via FOX Channel 8 are reminded that the signal of both stations is multiplexed and the WATM - TV signal is available on Channel 8.2."

There is an upside to the move, the report stated.

"A major advantage of the move is that our telecast will retain the same time slot that it has occupied since the move to broadcast television on December 2, 2001. A majority of viewers tell us they like the present telecast time, and this move will enable us to keep the same time slot that they have grown accustomed to over the years."

***Sunday Mass***  
**Broadcast Live from**  
**the Cathedral of**  
**the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona**  
**10:00 a.m. WFBG Radio, 1290 AM**

**Sunday Mass Telecast**  
**Live from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral**  
**Downtown Johnstown**  
**11 a.m. - Noon WATM - TV ABC Channel 23**

**Proclaim!**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**A half - hour of local Church news and features**



Photo By Bruce A. Tomaselli

**KEEPING THE FAITH:** James Svonavec (left) and Wallace "Wally" Miller (center) of Saint Peter Parish Somerset, were interviewed by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak for his "Keeping The Faith" segment of the "Proclaim!" television broadcast. The segment aired Sunday, September 11, 2011, and Svonavec and Miller recalled their efforts at the site of the United Flight 93 crash in Shanksville during the terrorist strike against the United States of America on September 11, 2001. "Proclaim!" and the telecast of the Sunday Mass from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown, will now air on WATM - TV, ABC Channel 23, effective Sunday, September 13.

## Capsule Movie Review

**American Ultra** (Lionsgate)

Excessive violence overwhelms the appeal of this action comedy in which a small-town slacker (Jesse Eisenberg) discovers that he has been subjected to mental tampering as part of a CIA research program designed to turn ordinary citizens into highly skilled warriors. Although his memories of the experiment have been erased, he subconsciously retains the cutting-edge combat abilities it gave him. These gifts come in handy as the would-be

comic book artist and his live-in girlfriend (Kristen Stewart) find themselves caught up in a deadly power struggle between a ruthless agency bureaucrat (Topher Grace) and the more humane operative (Connie Britton) who initiated the project that altered him. Though it amounts to the script's single joke, the combination of low-key wonderment and ninja-like dexterity with which the pot-loving protagonist reacts to his peculiar circumstances is good for a few laughs, while his determination to marry Stewart's character adds some positive morality to

his situation. But, as portrayed by director Nima Nourizadeh, the gory results of his campaign of self-defense -- during which he deploys everything from the edge of a spoon to an iron-headed club hammer -- are far too explicit. Frequent graphic blood-letting, cohabitation, drug use, at least one instance of profanity, pervasive rough and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is O -- morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R -- restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

## Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

**September 13** - - In honor of the Year of Consecrated Life, Diocesan Director of Education Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, offers insight into her religious community.

**September 6** - - Father Alan Thomas, newly - appointed pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Bellwood and Vicar General of the Diocese, shares his vision for his new position.

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## May They Rest In Peace



### Ann Golden

Ann Golden, 90, of Summerhill, died Monday, August 17, at home. She was the mother of Deacon Richard T. Golden, who serves at Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Loretto.

She was born April 2, 1925, in Benscreek, the daughter of the late Marco and Catherine (Borenish) Pawvluk.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley T. Golden; brothers, Peter, Michael and John Pawvluk; sister, Nancy; and grandson, Joshua M. Golden.

Surviving are her children, Deacon Richard T. (Jane) Golden, Stanley J. (Mary) Golden and Deborah A. (Michael) Riva, all of Summerhill. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, and a brother, Charles Pawvluk of North Carolina.

Mrs. Golden worked at Oravec Store, Cresson Santorium and sewing factories in Gallitzin and Portage. She managed a dairy farm until 1977, then her and her late husband, Stanley, founded Allegheny Belting Inc., in 1980, where she served as vice president. She was a member of the Saint Anne Society at Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore, and loved volunteering at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg.

The funeral Mass for Ann Golden was celebrated Saturday, August 22 at Saint Bartholomew Church, Wilmore. Committal was in the Sherbine - Golden Cemetery, Summerhill Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, 728 Ben Franklin Highway, Ebensburg PA, 15931; or All Saints Catholic School, 220 Powell Avenue, Cresson PA, 16630 - 1295.



**Father Patrick J. Donahoe  
T.O.R.**

Father Patrick J. Donahoe, 68, of the Third Order Regular Franciscans of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, died Thursday, August 27 at Saint Francis Friary - Mount Assisi, Loretto, after a brief illness.

He was born August 16, 1947 in Wilmington DE and given the name John Patrick at his baptism. He was the son of the late John Daly Donahoe and Anne G. (Malloy) Donahoe. He attended Saint Elizabeth Grade School and graduated from Saint Elizabeth High School in Wilmington. After high school graduation, he attended Saint Francis College (University), Loretto. He entered the Third Order Regular at St. Bonaventure Friary, Loretto, on August 25, 1967 as a postulant. On May 31, 1968 he entered Sacred Heart Friary, Winchester VA as a novice and professed first vows on June 1, 1969. He professed solemn vows on June 1, 1972 at Sacred Heart Friary in Winchester.

Father Patrick was ordained to the priesthood on May 11, 1974 by the late Bishop Adrian J.M. Veigle, T.O.R., D.D., Bishop of Borba, Brazil, at Immaculate Conception Chapel, Saint Francis College (University), Loretto.

He received his bachelor of arts degree in Philosophy and French from Saint Francis College (University) in May 1970. He completed his Theology studies at Saint Francis Seminary, Loretto, and received a master of divinity degree in May, 1974. In 1975, he received a master of aArts degree in French from Marquette Univer-

sity, Milwaukee WI. In 1980, he received a master of arts degree in Religious Education from The Catholic University of America, Washington DC. Father Patrick spent a year in 1996 doing post graduate studies at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and at University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN.

During his life Father Patrick served as a faithful Franciscan Friar in the ministries of the Province. He taught or was involved in campus ministry at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville OH and at Saint Francis University, Loretto. He was acting pastor at Saint Wenceslaus and Saint Ann Parishes, Baltimore MD. He was parochial vicar at Saint Joseph Parish, Herndon VA.

For five years, he was executive secretary for the Franciscan Friars Conference. For eight years he was on the leadership team for the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as a Provincial Councilor. He was Director of Formation for the Province and superior of Saint Francis Seminary, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. For many years he was a member of the Apostleship of the Sea of the USA and served as cruise ship chaplain on many voyages. From September 2012 until the present, Father Patrick served in the ministry of prayer at Saint Francis Friary - Mount Assisi, Loretto.

Surviving is a sister, Mary E. (Donahoe) Mahon and husband Steven Mahon and two nephews, Louis Mahon and Matthew Mahon, Hockessin DE and his Franciscan brothers.

The funeral Mass for Father Patrick J. Donahoe T.O.R. was celebrated Tuesday, September 1 at Immaculate Conception Chapel, Saint Francis University, Loretto, with Father Richard L. Davis, T.O.R., Minister Provincial, as principal celebrant. Committal was in the Franciscan Friars' Cemetery on the campus of Saint Francis University.

Memorial contributions may be made to support the retired T.O.R. Friars, c/o T.O.R. Friars Retirement Fund, St. Francis Friary, P.O. Box 137, Loretto PA 15940.

### Sister Patricia Tittler C.S.J.

Sister Patricia Tittler, formerly known as Sister Sebastian, 78, died, Thursday, August 27, in Sewickley Valley Hospital in her 60th year as a Sister of Saint Joseph of Baden.

The daughter of Paul and Elsie (Coons) Tittler, Sister Patricia entered the Congregation from Saint Therese Parish in Altoona.

Sister Patricia ministered in the field of education for more than 35 years in the Dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown, Pittsburgh and Sioux Falls, SD. She served for six years at Sacred Heart School in Altoona.

Sister Patricia ministered as principal and Pastoral Care Coordinator at Saint Joseph Indian School, Chamberlain SD, and as director of education at Sacred Heart Southern Missions in Walls MS.

From 1998-2003 Sister served on the Leadership Team of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden. She was co - manager at Saint Thomas More Manor in Bethel Park, and manager of Beechview Manor from 2007 to the present.

Surviving are two brothers: Father Leo Tittler of Timonium MD, and Robert Tyler (Judy) of Tinley Park, IL, nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews, and the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden.

The funeral Mass for Sister Patricia Tittler C.S.J. was celebrated Tuesday, September 1 in the chapel of Saint Joseph Convent, Baden. Committal was in the Sisters' Cemetery on the Motherhouse grounds.

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

## In The Alleghenies

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### Schools

#### Receives Scholarship

Dr. Daniel Porterfield, Ph.D., became president of Franklin and Marshall College in March, 2011. A scholar of English, he teaches literature courses dealing with human rights, education, and social justice. Under Porterfield's leadership, F&M has expanded partnerships with successful K - 12 educators and college access networks including the Posse Foundation, KIPP, Achievement First, Uncommon Schools, the College Advising Corps, and the Cristo Rey Network. In 2012, KIPP honored Porterfield with its "Beyond Z" award, which "celebrates members of the school community who go above and beyond for the benefit of children." Porterfield also received the "I Have A Dream" Foundation's 2014 Eugene M. Lang Lifetime Achievement Award for his efforts to in ensuring that "every child...has the opportunity to achieve greatness."

**Somerset:** Abigail M. Urban has won a Tuition Assistance Program award from the Catholic Order of Foresters. She attends Saint Peter School and Parish. She is the daughter of Jeffery and Christine Urban.

Annually, COF gives away 125 \$250.00 tuition assistance awards to members attending a Catholic kindergarten, elementary or high school. Student members may apply once every year they enroll in a Catholic school, no matter if they won or lost the previous year.

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# Care For Creation Ministry Feeds The Hungry

Photos And Text  
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

There are many forms of ministry and they're not all performed within the confines of church structures or school halls.

"This is a ministry to me," said Jim Yeager as he looked out over the expanse of vegetable gardens on the grounds of Saint Bernardine Monastery on Catfish Mountain just outside Hollidaysburg.

Yeager, a native of Patton, is the project manager for the Care For Creation (C4C) an Initiative of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Monastery Community Gardens. It is a 501C nonprofit group.

This is the fifth year for the organic gardens that provide vegetables to food banks and soup kitchens throughout the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese.

"The first year we donated over 2,000 pounds of fresh vegetables," Yeager said. Last year over 4,900 pounds were donated and he says this year they should be able to provide over 5,500 pounds.

Each year as the number of volunteers has increased, C4C has been able to till more ground and plant more vegetables. "We would have been able to produce more if not for the unusual amount of rain we've had this year, plus, the number of deer, rabbits and moles that have taken their meals here regularly," Yeager laughed.



**INSPECTS PRODUCE:** Jim Yeager, project manager for the Care for Creations (C4C) Initiative for the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Monastery community Gardens, inspects tomatoes in the high tunnel greenhouse. C4C will donate over 5,500 pounds of food various agencies in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese this year.

A member of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Hollidaysburg, Yeager was raised on a farm, so it all comes quite nat-

urally to him. His grandparents lived on a substance farm that provided for 14 family members.

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