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## Junior High Youth Day Speaker Encourages Teens To Revel In Their Uniqueness As God's Children

Photos And Text  
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

We are all unique creations of God.

Understanding and accepting our individuality, is an important part of establishing the foundation for a happy and fulfilling life.

"We were all created in the image and likeness of God," said Sean Patrick Malloy, keynote speaker at the annual Junior High Youth Day. He said, therefore, we are all important and special in our own ways.

The event was held Sunday, March 19 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg.

The high - energy Malloy had the students engaged immediately with songs that led to interaction with their peers from around the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese.

It was a receptive group of teens and adults that readily joined in as Malloy spoke and entertained.

The day began with a skit by the young people reminding them that it's always best to be your self. Following the opening, Malloy delivered the first of his two sessions. The teenagers had lunch and then engaged in



**SPEAKER:** Sean Patrick Malloy, keynote speaker for the annual Junior High Youth Day, reminded students that we are all creations of God. The event was held Sunday, March 19 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg. The students had a great time with Malloy in morning and afternoon discussions.

another talk with Malloy in the afternoon.

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak celebrated Mass as the day of activities came to a close. The Bishop told the young people he always enjoys attending the youth days, and spending time with them. He commended the people that organized the event,

and thanked the priests that donated their time to hear confessions.

Francine Swope said she was proud of her team of about 35 people (about 28 were youth) who made a commitment to make the day a success. "The youth on my team are a big asset to getting these days to a suc-

cessful completion," she said. "And who better to help evangelize other young people but the young themselves."

"The day turned out to be even better than we planned," said Swope. "We had a great group of participants who responded well to Sean and his message." Swope is Coordinator

of Youth Ministry, Religious Education, and Sacramental Prep for the Diocese.

The theme for the day was "Stand Up! Be the Unique You that God Created."

Swope said that our young people are not only our future but our today. "They have wonderful potential that we need to help them realize by being positive influences on their lives - - as we share the joy of the Gospel while accompanying them on their faith journey."

Malloy is the director of Youth and Adult Ministry at Saint James Church in Lititz, in the Harrisburg Diocese. He is also a worship leader and retreat speaker.

He told the teens that after God created the earth He felt it was important to create humankind. We are unique. The Church needs that and society does, too.

"We are all unique, but we, collectively, are the Body of Christ," Malloy told the youth. He said we all have our gifts that are to be used for specific purposes. "You are called to go out, share the Love of God, and live the life He created you to live."

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**EVANGELIZATION TRAINING:** Students from Bishop Carroll, Bishop McCort, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High Schools came together for evangelization training at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg, on Monday, February 6 and 27. The training is an Altoona - Johnstown Diocesan certificate program to prepare students to go deeper in their spiritual lives while learning how to share their faith. After receiving the training, these students are ready to assist in retreat work, peer prayer ministry, and witness talks in their respective schools. The sessions were led by Bob Sutton from Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona.

## Community

### Haiti Fet

**Loretto:** The Carmelite Community of the Word will hold their 15th Annual Haiti Fet Sunday, April 30, at Our Lady of Loretto Hall.

The event was formerly known as the Paschal Festival.

The theme for this year's event is "Growing Up In Haiti," and will feature guest speaker Francois Victor, a popular television personality from Brooklyn NY, who grew up in Haiti with his sister, Little Sister Emmanuelle, foundress and supe-

rior of the Little Sisters of the Incarnation.

The Sisters of the Carmelite Community of the Word have a Sister - Community relationship with the Little Sisters of the Incarnation in Haiti.

The day will also feature a dinner and silent auction. Tickets are \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under age 13. The deadline for obtaining tickets is Friday, April 21.

Participants are also asked to contribute a new item of underwear or socks for a child or a teenager.

Doors will open at 1:45 p.m. Dinner will be served at

2:30 and the program will begin at 3:30.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Carmelite Community of the Word's Incarnation Center at (814) 886 - 4098, or ask any Carmelite Community of the Word Sister.

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## PONTIFICAL SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK - 2017

**The Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak**  
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown  
Celebrant and Presider

### Passion (Palm) Sunday April 9

Blessing of Palm and Pontifical Mass - - 11:00 a.m.  
Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown

### Monday Of Holy Week April 10

Chrism Mass - - 11:00 a.m.  
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

### Holy Thursday April 13

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - - 6:00 p.m.  
Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown

### Good Friday April 14

Morning Prayer - - 9:00 a.m.  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - - 12:00 p.m.  
Tenebrae Service - - 7:30 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

### Holy Saturday April 15

Office of Readings - - 9:00 a.m.  
The Easter Vigil - - 8:30 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

### Easter Sunday April 16

Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection - - 11:00 a.m.  
Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown

### LENTEN FISH DINNER Continuing thru Good Friday April 14th

#### Our Lady of Lourdes

2700 Broad Ave., Altoona, PA

#### Eat -In

4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

#### Take Outs

Begin at 3:30 p.m.

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**March 24, April 7**

**4:00-6:30 p.m.**

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# In The Alleghenies

## Restrictions On Offering Chalice, Sign Of Peace, Lifted

With the worst of the flu season behind us, Bishop Mark L. Barchak has directed parishes to once again offer the Precious Blood at Mass beginning on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - - the weekend of April 8 and 9. The faithful may also return to the regular manner of exchanging the Sign of Peace at that time.

In January, Bishop Barchak directed parishes to not offer the Precious Blood after being advised by public health officials that reported cases of the flu and



CNS Photo/Nancy Wiechec

other contagious viruses were a serious concern at that time. Individuals were also asked to refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.

It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of consecrated bread and wine. The fullness of the sign of the Eucharist is eating and drinking the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus. All Catholics are given the option to receive the chalice containing the consecrated Blood of the Lord.

### Correction

In the article "Rosary Is Source Of Spiritual Strength For Many," by Bruce A. Tomaselli in the March 20 edition of **The Catholic Register**, Lynn Lubinsky's surname was incorrectly reported as "Dubinsky." It was also incorrectly stated that her husband is deceased. The author and editor apologize for these errors.

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### High Schools

#### Hall Of Fame

**Ebensburg:** Bishop Carroll Catholic High School's PAW Power held its sixth annual Athletic Hall of Fame banquet on Saturday, April 1 at Ebensburg's Crystal Hall.

Basketball greats Val Long (Jones) and Dan Martinazzi from the '80s were joined by football standout Paul Forcellini and football and basketball standout Jeff Minemyer, along with longtime Bishop Carroll mainstay, Steve Lieb, for Huskie Pride.

"This event honors these newest members of the Hall

of Fame who have truly represented Bishop Carroll with class and dignity," said PAW Power President Rick Surkovich. "Our committee prides itself on selecting individuals who have contributed to the athletic program while bringing exceptional pride to Huskie Hill."

Val Long (Jones) lead her basketball team to a 30 - 6 record her senior season under the guidance of Coach Deb Yesenosky. The team won the District 6 Class A and Section II championships on route to a state quarter round appearance. She established 16 school scoring and rebounding records. Val had 1699 career points, 1619 career rebounds, and captured a single game scoring record with 48 points in 3 quarters of play. She averaged 27 points and 17.8 rebounds a game.

Long's (Jones) national awards in 1983 included: recipient of the US Achievement Academy for Rebounding, US National Basketball Assoc. Award for Field Goal Percentage, and Wade Trophy Medalist Recipient, which represented one tenth of one percent of the nation's top high school players. Val was a member of the first team of the Central Western Conference her junior and

senior year. She was the Coca Cola Scholar Athlete of the Year, and a member of the Pennsylvania All - State Team.

Val was awarded a full basketball scholarship to Slippery Rock University where she played from 1983-1986. She was a three-year letter winner and received the PA State Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete Award. Val graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Elementary Education. Val is a teacher in Franklin.

Dan Martinazzi earned seven varsity letters in basketball and baseball during his time at Bishop Carroll. As a three year starter in basketball, he finished with 1099 career points and a career shooting percentage of 50%. Dan was a 1983 West Central League First Team All Star, a three-year member of the All - Tournament Team of the Admiral Peary Tournament, and was a 1984 Big John Riley All Star selection.

Dan graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Physical Therapy. While at Pitt, Dan won the prestigious Jesse Wright Award given to a student for their outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated potential for



**ROSARY FOR MARRIAGE:** The America Needs Fatima apostolate sponsored a Public Rosary for Traditional Marriage on Saturday, March 18 in the parking lot of Saint Clement Church, Goucher Street, Johnstown. Several parishes were represented. The prayers were held in union with thousands of groups meeting nationwide.

excellence in the field of physical therapy. Dan currently manages a Drayer owned Physical Therapy clinic in Cresson.

Paul Forcellini was a four-year letterman in both football and track. He was instrumental in guiding the Huskie football team to district titles in 2003 and 2005 and a state runner - up title in 2003 under Coach Craig Sponsky. Paul was the **Altoona Mirror** Player of the Year and Johnstown **Tribune - Democrat** Offensive Player of the Year in 2005. He was a two time Associated Press All - State selection, and a First Team PA Football News All - State and All - Academic team member. Paul posted career totals of 5056 rushing yards, 831 receiving yards, and 73 touchdowns. He averaged 7.8 yards per rush, 18.1 yards per catch, and 27.9 yards per kickoff return. Defensively, he had 403 career tackles, 8 sacks and 9 interceptions.

Forcellini went on to Bucknell University where he gradu-

ated with a Political Science degree and a Pre - Law degree. He currently manages a construction company.

Jeff Minemyer was a four-year starter on the Bishop Carroll basketball team. He was a key member of the 2004 district championship team. He was selected to the **Altoona Mirror** Second Team in 2005 and the **Altoona Mirror** First Team in 2006. He was selected to play in the first **Altoona Mirror** Classic All - Star Game in 2006. During his career at BC, he compiled approximately 1500 points and 1000 rebounds. He was selected as the 2006 **Altoona Mirror** Athlete of the Year for all sports.

Minemyer was also an integral part of the 2003 and 2005 championship football teams as well. During his time at Carroll, the football team had a 35 - 5 record.

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## Point Of View

A bright morning sun came shining through the patio's sliding glass door and showed me what a poor job I had done vacuuming and dusting.

Over the three months of winter.

Since my wife, Monica, died in 2013, I've kept the house tidy and uncluttered. Dishes done daily. Laundry done weekly. Bathroom scrubbed when needed. And, throughout a Seattle winter with its dark skies and short hours of daylight, the dust and whatever it is that shows up on carpets around the edge of a room were invisible.

Or I just never looked for them.

Out of sight, out of mind. But, apparently, not out of existence. Not going anywhere. Certainly not growing smaller if I ignored them.

So I did a more thorough job of vacuuming, using the sweeper's hose and one of the little attachments. And I dusted more carefully and sprayed a bit of furniture polish on some of the wooden items.

Took maybe 15 minutes. Felt rather proud of myself all day. Don't recall when I've done it since.

You know what it's like. Look out the back door as spring



## Your Family

By Bill Dodds

### Spring And Easter Cleaning

rolls around and the yard seems -- beat up. Ready for some TLC. It's warm. Sunny. And so you step outside and get a number of things done. Items you haven't paid attention to (or had to pay attention to) since last fall.

On a roll, you take a tour inside with a more critical eye and, yes, you could do this, that and the other in here. Nice to get those things done, too. Very nice.

Spring! Renewed life. Renewed energy. Renewed hope.

Mother Nature's shot in the arm. Or kick in the pants.

That's when we peek out of our little winter warrens, look around and once again get moving. More than that, we want to get moving.

In a similar way, maybe particularly around Easter, it's the Holy Spirit who gives a shot in the arm. A gentle nudge on the back. (Rather than a kick in the pants.)

Filled with the hope and joy that come with spring, with the blessing and grace that can be realized at Easter and the weeks that follow, we can see not our house but our home, our family, our lives, our very selves, in a better light.

Yes, where things are tidy and uncluttered. But also where

there's dust and dirt.

Nothing catastrophic (please, God) but some places, some situations, that could use a little more attention. A little more effort.

Where and what? There's no one-size-fits-all, but a checklist might help. Some items you might quite honestly be able to mark "Doing Great!" But, odds are, a few others fall into the category of "Could Use a Little Work."

Your marriage. Your children. Your parents and siblings. Your friends.

Your prayer life. Your again taking up the challenge of letting go of favorite sins. (Don't we all have those?)

Your paying attention to what God is inviting you to do with your life right here, right now.

Your acknowledging and accepting your limitations and willingness to allow others to help you.

Your wanting to be, and working at becoming, a person who does feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, and so on, a list from Matthew 25:31-40. In other words, working at becoming the person -- the saint -- God created you to be.



## Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein  
A Holy Diocesan Priest

The announcement that the Servant of God Father Stanley Rother is to be beatified in September is a proud moment for all American Catholics, but most especially for American Diocesan priests.

Father Stanley is the first person born in the United States of America to be recognized as a martyr. He is the first American -- born priest to be beatified, and of particular significance to me and to thousands of other Diocesan priests, he is the first American -- born Diocesan priest to be raised to the honors of the altar.

Prior to the honors now being paid to Father Stanley Rother, the only priest from the United States to be canonized was Saint John Neumann, the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. Saint John was born in Bohemia, and came to this country as a missionary. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York in 1836, but four years later joined the Redemptorist Fathers. Another Redemptorist who ministered in the United States, Father Francis Xavier Seelos, has been beatified, and a Capuchin Franciscan Friar, born in Wisconsin, has been declared Venerable. Also born in the United States and known as "Venerable," being recognized as having lived lives of heroic virtue are Father Michael McGivney of Connecticut, founder of the Knights of Columbus; Monsignor Nelson Baker, founder of the Basilica of Our Lady of Victory in Lackawanna NY; and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, the great television evangelist and author.

But Father Stanley Rother, a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will be the very first U.S. -- born, Diocesan priest to be beatified -- to be honored as a Saint of God by the Church in the United States and in Guatemala, the country where he ministered as a missionary and was martyred. Someday, God -- willing, when a miracle attributed to his intercession is recognized, he will be venerated and called Saint by the Church Universal.

The recognition of the sanctity of a Diocesan priest is a wonderful gift to the Diocesan priests of the United States of America. Not much good has been said of late, about the men who live that vocation. The Diocesan priesthood in the United States of America will forever be associated with the scandal of the sexual abuse of children by priests. This is a scandal that has hit our Diocesan Church and Diocesan priesthood particularly hard. At a time when many are wondering "Can anything good come out of a local Church -- out of the Diocesan priesthood," the heroic life and death of Father Stanley Rother, a shepherd who refused to abandon his flock at a time of great peril, shows that holiness is possible for those called to live the life of a Diocesan priest. Without the support of a religious community, without an approved Rule of Life, a singular charism or a distinctive spirituality, a Diocesan priest can be a holy man. He can become a Saint.

Like all Diocesan priests, Father Stanley Rother found holiness in the midst of the people he was called to serve -- at first at home, among the people of the parishes he was assigned to in Oklahoma, and then in his Diocese's mission in Guatemala. He sought nothing more than to be one with the people of God.

Of his vocation, Father Stanley said "Pray for us, that we may be a sign of the love of Christ for our people." And to a newly -- ordained priest, a cousin, he wrote "May your priesthood be for you a source of much joy and a cause of salvation for many."

His are words for very Diocesan priest to live by, and an invitation for generous -- hearted men to follow in his footsteps.



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# Q & A: Celibacy, Chastity, Vows And Promises

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Three weeks of testimony from Australia's Royal Commission of Inquiry into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse have included many discussions about whether celibacy might be a factor in clergy sexual abuse. Catholic News Service asked Father Michael Fuller, executive director of the Secretariat of Doctrine and Canonical Affairs at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, to explain the difference between celibacy and chastity, a promise and a vow.

1. What is celibacy? Do priests take a vow of celibacy?

Simply put, celibacy is a promise not to marry and is based on the passage from St. Matthew's Gospel where Jesus says, some "have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven." In the Latin rite, candidates for the priesthood, when they become deacons, make a promise of celibacy along with other promises, such as the promise to hold true to the mystery of faith, to main-

tain and deepen the spirit of prayer, and to conform their lives to the example of Christ. All of these promises are for the sake of the kingdom and for the service of the people of God. The promise of celibacy, of not to marry, is seen by the church as not only a gift of the person to God, but even more so, a special grace given to the priest that will allow him to faithfully serve the people.

2. Is there such a thing as mandatory celibacy as opposed to voluntary celibacy?

The promise of celibacy is one that a person freely resolves to follow. Some people argue that it is mandatory, but that word is not used by the church and conveys a certain negative attitude toward the gift of celibacy. It is true that celibacy, along with all the other promises a priest makes, are obligatory -- meaning that they are part of what it means to be a priest in the Latin rite. What always must be remembered, however, is that no one is forced into becoming a priest; it is a decision that is -- and must -- be made freely and without any coercion. It is also a decision that can only be made after years of discernment and study, and part of that study

and discernment includes understanding what a life of celibacy entails. After such discernment, the promises of celibacy, prayer, imitation of Christ, and obedience are freely made at ordination.

3. Why do some people suggest that not being married might be a cause for child sexual abuse?

This is a difficult one, and must first be answered by the fact that studies conclude that there is no link between celibacy and child sexual abuse. For thousands of years, and in many different religious traditions, celibacy has been practiced and has not been a cause for child sexual abuse. In our times, people have a great difficulty in thinking anyone could live a life of celibacy (even with the countless number of people who do) and so they think that there must be a link between the two.

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## Support For Survivors

Support for survivors of sexual abuse is available throughout the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Survivors are encouraged to seek help through any of the following agencies.

### Bedford County

Your Safe Haven Inc.

<http://www.yoursafehaven.org/>  
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### Blair County

Family Services Inc.

<https://www.familyservicesinc.net/>  
(814) 944-3585

Crisis intervention and counseling, therapeutic counseling, legal and medical advocacy and accompaniment, information and referrals, safety planning, transportation, other supportive services.

### Cambria/Somerset Counties

Victim Services Inc.

<http://victimservicesinc.org/>  
(814)288-4961 and (800) 755-1983

24-Hour Hotline (1-800-755-1983) and Crisis Intervention; Counseling (Bachelors level, highly trained and experienced staff); Therapy (Master's level/licensed, highly trained and experienced staff, EMDR); Support Groups for Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Families of Homicide Victims, and others as requested/needed in the community; "Safe and Unsafe Touches" Individual Education Program for Children; Accompaniment to Medical, Police, and Justice System Proceedings; Court Preparation / Orientation to the Criminal Justice System; Assistance with Victims Compensation Claims; Victim Notification; Referrals to Other Resources; Prevention Education

Programs for schools/colleges; Professional Trainings on trauma, sexual abuse, victim-centered response, etc. (can be developed to meet your needs); Certified Mandated Reporter training (2 certified trainers on staff).

### Centre County

Centre County Women's Resource Center, Inc.

<http://ccwrc.org/>  
(814) 234-5050

Crisis counseling, 24 hour hotline, legal & medical advocacy, information and referral, civil legal representation, emergency shelter, transitional housing, primary prevention programs, safe custody exchange/supervised visitation, support groups.

### Clinton County

Clinton County Women's Center

<http://www.ccwcsafe.org/>  
(570) 748-9509

24 hour hotline service; Sexual Assault Protection Orders; advocacy and options counseling, support groups; medical advocacy; Prevention and outreach education; Safe shelter for victims of domestic violence, legal advocacy; PFA assistance; screening for TBI; referrals for community services; and children's advocacy.

## Reporting Child Abuse

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are firmly committed to protecting children and young people. If you have any information concerning suspected sexual or other abuse of minors, you are urged to report it immediately to:

- PA Child Line 1 - 800- 932 - 0313 (intake is available 24/7)
- Pennsylvania Attorney General Hotline (888) 538 - 8541
- Pennsylvania State Police Headquarters (717) 783 - 5599 or your local Pennsylvania State Police Station
- Your local police department

If there is an indication of imminent danger, you should call 911 immediately.

The Diocese reports all information regarding sexual abuse of minors to law enforcement. You are urged to do the same. Anyone may and should report suspected child sexual abuse.

To report to the Diocese any suspected abuse of a minor, please call Jean Johnstone at (814) 944 - 9388.

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# In The Alleghenies



**FORENSICS COMPETITION:** Ten middle school students from Our Lady of Victory Catholic School (OLV), State College, competed in the Diocesan Forensics Middle School Competition held Monday, March 20 at Holy Trinity Catholic School, Altoona. Each OLV student competed against 11 other finalists from a variety of diocesan middle schools. Eight of the students were counted among the winners of the competition. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Claire Swenson (6th - Poetry), Ella Walrath (4th - Drama), Sean Kelly (5th - Prose), Timothy Peters. Second row: Lauren Knowles (coach), Garrison Famiglio (1st - Poetry), Sarah Grove, Sam Yangula (1st - Impromptu), MacKenzie Brannon, Josh Hershbine (2nd - Impromptu), Abby Serefine (2nd - Drama), Emiyare Ikwut-Ukwa (3rd - Prose), and Andrea Brandimarte (coach)

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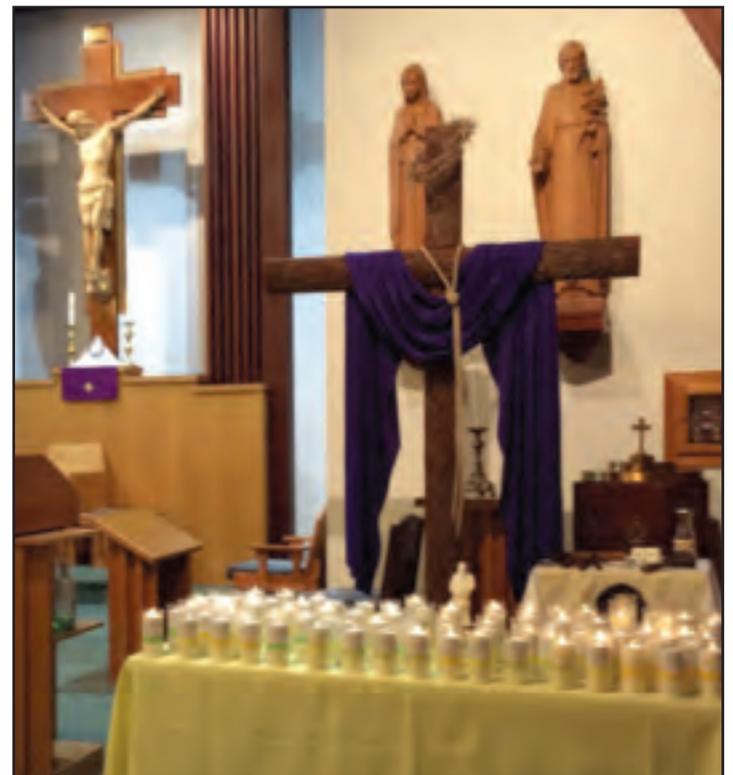
He was selected to the First Team **Altoona Mirror**, First Team **Tribune - Democrat**, and First Team All - State as a tight end. He also played in the East - West All Star Game. Jeff accepted a full scholarship to play football at Rutgers University. He was a member of the 2006 Texas Bowl Championship Team, the 2007 International Bowl Championship Team, and the 2008 PapaJohns.com Bowl Championship Team

Jeff graduated from Rutgers University in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. He is Vice President of Operations for Montgomery Truss and Panel Inc. in Grove City.

Steve Lieb has been a mainstay at Bishop Carroll since he began school as a freshman in 1965. He played football his junior and senior years, and after graduating from BC, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in



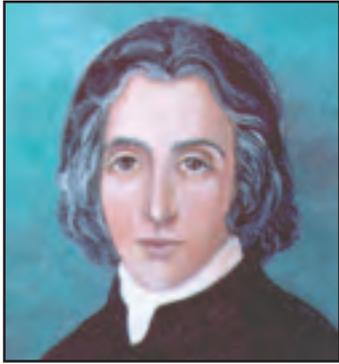
**DAY OF PRAYER FOR WIDOWED:** A Remembrance Day of Prayer for Widows and Widowers, sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office, was held Monday, March 20. Because it was the first day of Spring, the theme for the day was "No Winter lasts forever . . . Spring offers a New Beginning." Ninety people took part in the day at Immaculate Conception Parish, New Germany, with Mass celebrated Benedictine Father Leon Hont, pastor. The Mass marked the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, and Father Leon's homily focused on Saint Joseph, husband of Mary, inviting the widowed to share examples of how Mary, who was also a widow, might have felt when she lost her husband, Joseph. Lit candles, with the name of the deceased spouse's name attached, were displayed during the Mass (bottom photo), and a litany of their names was read after the gospel. Following Mass, lunch was served in the parish hall.



Education degree from IUP. In 1972 Steve came back to Huskie Hill as a Physics teacher and football coach. Over the next 35 years, Steve served as an Assistant Varsity Football coach, a JV Football coach, Cross Country

coach and was Athletic Director for a period of time. Steve retired in 2008, and in 2013 came back to help coach the junior high football program.

Steve and his wife Mary live in Ebensburg.



## A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

The Servant Of God  
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin  
1770 - 1840

## Date Set For Beatification Of Oklahoma Priest

By Rhina Guidos  
Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** -- The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City announced that one its native sons, Father Stanley Rother, a North American priest who worked in Guatemala and was brutally murdered there in

1981, will be beatified Sept. 23 in Oklahoma.

"It's official! Praised be Jesus Christ! Archbishop Coakley received official word this morning from Rome that Servant of God Father Stanley Rother will be beatified in Oklahoma City in September!" the archdiocese announced March 13 on its website.

### 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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Pope Francis recognized Father Rother's martyrdom last December, making him the first martyr born in the United States.

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, also tweeted the news about the priest born near Okarche, Oklahoma on a family farm: "Just received notification of the date for the beatification of Fr. Stanley Rother, Oklahoma priest, missionary and martyr. September 23!"

In an interview published March 13 by **The Oklahoman** daily newspaper, Archbishop Coakley said Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, will be representing the pope at the beatification ceremony in Oklahoma City. It will take the priest one step closer to sainthood. In general, following beatification, a miracle attributed to the intercession of the person being considered for sainthood is required for that person to be declared a saint.

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City sent Father Rother to its mission in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala, in 1968 and while stationed there, he helped build a small hospital, a school and its first Catholic radio station.

In 1981, as Guatemala was in the middle of a decades-long conflict, Father Rother, who lived in an indigenous rural area that had been accused by the government of sympathizing with rebels, suffered the same fate as many of his parishioners and native Guatemalans and was gunned down in the rectory. Like many deaths at that time, his assassins were never identified,



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**FATHER ROTHER:** Father Stanley Rother, a priest of the Oklahoma City Archdiocese who was brutally murdered in 1981 in the Guatemalan village where he ministered to the poor, is shown baptizing a child in this undated photo. The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City announced the North American priest will be beatified September 23 in Oklahoma

nor prosecuted. His body was returned to the United States.

"It continues to challenge me to know that my brother, an ordinary person like you or me, could give himself in the prime of his life to such a complete dedication to serve 'the poorest of the poor' of another culture and language, and to give of himself in such an extraordinary way," wrote his sister Marita Rother, who is a religious sister of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, in the introduction to **The Shepherd Who Didn't Run: Father Stanley Rother, Martyr From Oklahoma**, a 2015 biography by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda.

Archbishop Coakley, who wrote the foreword of the book, said "the recognition of this generous parish priest's simple manner of life and the sacrificial manner of his death serves as a tremendous affirmation to priests and faithful alike in the United States and around the world." He went on to write that "saints are local, they come from ordinary families, parishes and communities like Okarche, Oklahoma. But their impact is universal."

Father Rother was one of about 200,000 killed during the civil war in Guatemala, a conflict that began in 1960 and ended with peace accords in 1996. He was 46 at the time of his assassination and died in a rural community he loved and one that loved him back. Because his name was tricky to pronounce for the community, he went by "Padre Francisco," adopting his middle name of Francis.

Archbishop Coakley told **The Oklahoman** newspaper that a delegation from Guatemala is expected to be present at the September beatification ceremony. Before it was official, he was considered a martyr by the church in Guatemala.

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# Word of Life



## The Pope Teaches

More Than A Flash Mob  
By Pope Francis

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- Young men and women can live a true experience of the church by joining together and reconnecting with the past, Pope Francis told Catholic young people.

"The genuine experience of the church is not like a flash mob, where people agree to meet, do their thing and then go their separate ways," the pope said in his message for World Youth Day 2017.

The message, released March 21 at the Vatican, centered on a verse of the Magnificat: "The Mighty One has done great things for me."

Pope Francis has chosen several verses that reflect on Mary's faith from the first chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke as the themes for World Youth Day 2017-2019. This year and next, World Youth Day will be celebrated on a local level -- on Palm Sunday at the Vatican -- and in 2019 it will be an international gathering in Panama.

The pope reminded young people that another event, the Synod of Bishops in 2018, will also help them to reflect on how they "live the experience of faith in the midst of the challenges of our time."

"It is my hope that the journey toward the World Youth Day in Panama and the process of preparation for the synod will move forward in tandem," the pope said.

Young people are called to follow the example of Mary who, after saying "yes" to becoming the mother of God, did not remain closed in on herself but went out of her way to help her cousin Elizabeth.

"Mary does not shut herself up at home or let herself be paralyzed by fear or pride," the pope wrote. "Mary is not the type that -- to be comfortable -- needs a good sofa where she can feel safe and sound. She is no couch potato!"

Upon meeting her cousin, he explained, Mary proclaims the "Magnificat," a "revolutionary prayer" in that while she is aware of her own limitations, she completely trusts in divine mercy.

Like Mary, young men and women today also can experience "great things" if they allow their hearts to be touched by God in the "journey of life, which is not a meaningless meandering but a pilgrimage that, for all its uncertainties and sufferings, can find its fulfillment in God," the pope said.

To look toward the future God has prepared for them, he continued, young people must look to the past and remember God's mercy and love in their own lives.

"I would like to remind you that there is no saint without a past or a sinner without a future," he said. "The pearl is born of a wound in the oyster! Jesus, by his love, can heal our hearts and turn our lives into genuine pearls."

Although he rejected the notion that young people are "distracted and superficial," Pope Francis said young people today need to reflect on their lives in order to decide their future and not rely on current cultural trends that present a false or incomplete reality.

He also warned of giving in to society's tendency to value the present while dismissing "everything inherited from the past, as for example the institutions of marriage, consecrated life and priestly mission," which are often written off as "meaningless and outdated forms."

"Spread your wings and fly, but also realize that you need to rediscover your roots and to take up the torch from those who have gone before," Pope Francis said. "To build a meaningful future, you need to know and appreciate the past."



**ONE MORE TIME:** It was reported in the April 12, 1975 edition of *The Catholic Register*, that the Penn Publix Shirt Company of Gallitzin, had made the final payment of \$1,000.00 on a \$5,000.00 pledge to the Joint Hospital Campaign, at a luncheon held at Mercy Hospital, Altoona. Pictured are (left to right) Jay Winkleman and James Harrington, Joseph H. Orr Sr. (co - chairman of the fund campaign), William Minor, Joseph C. Glasgow (co - chairman of the fund campaign) and Sister Margaret Mary of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Mercy Hospital Administrator.

As a young college student, I found myself drifting away from the church. I had a thousand questions, and I found institutional religion unappealing. If it were not for a piece of writing that spoke to my heart, by Cardinal John Henry Newman, I don't know where I'd be today:

"God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which he has not committed to another.

"I have my mission. ... I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. ... Therefore, I will trust him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.

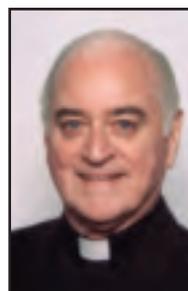
"If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him.

"If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what he is about."

This prayer made me realize that we all have a God-given purpose in life. It brought me back to the church.

My experience of God can be expressed in the image of a sculptor molding his clay. We are putty in the hands of a loving God.

At first I resisted this outside spiritual force, which was mysteriously moving me in a direction I did not want to go. Then one day after six years of a prayerful agonizing struggle, all of my doubts and hesitations evaporated.



## Spirituality For Today

My Farewell Column  
By Father John Catoir

I made my final decision while serving as a draftee in the Army at the end of the Korean War.

I soon entered the seminary, and four years later was ordained a priest on May 28, 1960. Not long after, in 1967, I began writing a column for my home Catholic newspaper, **The Beacon**, of the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey.

The inspiration for this came from the words of Jesus, "Feed my lambs" (Jn 21:15).

The whole experience of writing is like a vocation within a vocation, for which I am most humbly grateful.

You the reader have given me a lot of heartwarming feedback over the years. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I hope I have served you well. I always tried to write as though you were the only person receiving my love.

And now after 50 years of writing articles, 20 of them in syndication with Catholic News Service, having reached the ripe

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old age of 85, I am leaving behind the deadline drudgery to slow down a bit.

I will still dabble with Twitter (@JohnCatoir) and Facebook, so that any future columns I decide to write at my leisure will be posted there, in the public domain, free for one and all to see.

From 1988 to 1990, I was the president of the Catholic Press Association. In that capacity, I made many friends throughout the world of spiritual journalism, and I want to thank them for all their support and friendship over the years.

I will leave you with another favorite quote of mine, this one from the mystic Julian of Norwich:

"This place is a prison; this life a penance. Yet it is a remedy he wants us to enjoy. For the remedy is that our Lord is with us, keeping and leading us into the fullness of joy.

"And this is the endless joy for us that our Lord means, that he will be our bliss when we are there, yet he is our keeper while we are here. Our way and our heaven is true love and sure trust; and he gave this understanding in all."



## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
The Origin Of  
The 'Hail Mary'

**Q.** I have been wondering about the origin of the Hail Mary prayer. I realize that the first part is from the Scriptures, when Mary is greeted by her cousin Elizabeth, but when was the complete prayer introduced in the church and who were its authors? (Northern New Jersey)

**A.** As to the first part of the prayer, you are half-right. The words in the very opening verse come from the angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary at the annunciation: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk 1:28, Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition).

Then, as you indicate, the next verse repeats the pregnant Elizabeth's enthusiastic greeting of her cousin following Mary's 90-mile journey from Nazareth: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Lk 1:42).

The joining of those two verses first made its way into the texts of the Mass during the

seventh century, as an offertory verse for the feast of the Annunciation, and became a widespread practice during the 11th century in the prayer of monastic communities.

The second half of the Hail Mary, the petition -- "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death" -- came later. That first appeared -- except for the word "our" -- in print in 1495 in the writings of Girolamo Savonarola and became part of the reformed breviary of Pope Pius V in 1568 following the Council of Trent.

The popularity of the prayer has continued to grow over the centuries. In hearing the confessions of small children, when it comes time to assign a penance, I often ask them, "Do you have a favorite prayer, one that you especially like to say?" Most of the time, by a wide margin, choose the Hail Mary.

And each night before I go to sleep, I follow a habit of some 50 years and recite three "Hail

Marys," asking Mary to help me to be a good and faithful priest.

**Q.** My first husband of 28 years died three years ago. Both of us were practicing Catholics. I have since been blessed to meet another special man. He is Catholic and has never been married.

If I remarry, I will lose the financial benefits that will affect my retirement years. I know how short life is and don't want to wait 10 years until the restriction will not affect us financially. Is it possible to be married in the church without its being a civil union?

We have chosen to live together, which goes against everything I have been taught, and I feel like a hypocrite. Although in our minds we are totally committed as though we were married, we would still like to be married in the church. Can you offer any guidance? (Indianapolis)

**A.** In the United States, when a Catholic priest officiates at a wedding, he does so in two capacities: first, in his religious role as a representative of the church, but also in a civil role as an agent of the state. The priest is obligated legally to then register the marriage in the appropriate civil jurisdiction.

There is, in fact, a provision in the church's Code of Canon Law (No. 1130-33) that does authorize a bishop to permit a marriage "celebrated secretly" -- but that is commonly interpreted as applying to cases where the civil law is unjust (e.g., a law that prohibits interracial marriages).

A priest who performed a marriage ceremony in the U.S., as you desire, would violate the law and expose himself to civil penalties -- not to mention that you yourself could be subject to criminal penalties for fraudulently collecting the financial benefits.

I know that this is an inconvenient answer and presents you with a hard choice, but your soul is worth far more than your pension. It sounds as though your new friend is a real blessing in your life, so I pray that you will marry in the church and take the financial hit.



## For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola  
The Sins We Ignore

When I was a young woman, I saved my money from my first year of teaching and left for Ireland the following summer. Young and a bit naive, I simply purchased a one-way ticket for my lifelong dream and flew to Shannon.

My ace in the hole, although I didn't realize it at the time, was a remote contact. A nun on my school's staff knew an Irish nun in Florida who had a sister in the west of Ireland. Armed with her phone number, I headed off.

The Irish are known for hospitality, and this young woman became my big sister for my summer adventure, handing me her apartment key in Limerick while she went off to her parents' farm, guiding me, even introducing me to her sister with whom I ferried off to London.

In the decades since, we've remained friends and correspondents.

Inevitably, our chat turns to politics, from the earlier "troubles" in Northern Ireland to the election of Donald Trump.

Sadly, this spring there is this: Ireland is embroiled in yet another tragic scandal that casts a shadow on its revered Catholic past. A mass grave with baby and child remains has been discovered at a former Catholic mother and baby home in western Ireland.

A local historian had located almost 800 death certificates for children who had died at the home between 1925 and its closing in 1961, but no proper burial sites.

A government commission is investigating what had been long-standing rumors.

This follows in the wake of the well-documented revelations of the Magdalene laundries -- facilities run by religious orders where "loose" girls or women were confined to hard labor and prisonlike conditions. "Loose" could mean anything from prostitution to unwed motherhood to mere flirtatiousness.

And then there was the 2013 film "Philomena," based on a book that chronicled one woman's struggle to find the child who had been taken from her in an Irish mother and child home and adopted out to wealthy Americans without her consent.

"We are all so horrified and ashamed," wrote my Irish friend, a devoted St. Vincent de Paul volunteer now in her 80s.

In a March entry in the daily devotional "Living Faith," Eve Tushnet writes, although not referring to the Irish scandal, words that strike me as appropriate here: "Every age has the sins it notices and the sins it chooses to ignore."

Ireland in the early-to-mid 20th century was obsessed by chastity. The sins that consumed "Holy Ireland," overwhelmingly, were sexual.

The sins it chose to ignore now seem obvious. It ignored sins against mercy and forgiveness. It ignored a mother's right to her own child. It sometimes ignored, apparently, the rights of a child to a proper burial if that child were conceived outside the rules. It sinned by tarring women exclusively for behavior that included men.

As an Irish observer wryly commented, "There were no fathers in the Magdalene laundries."

Catholic Ireland carried this obsession with sex to great heights, but it wasn't completely alone. Many of us who grew up in the U.S. in the '60s or '70s remember a friend being quietly spirited away during the school year, while a boyfriend remained behind. In my public high school, a pregnant teen was expelled from school while her boyfriend became homecoming king.

Ireland, the land of my great-grandparents, remains a wonderful, beloved place. But its latest shame should remind us all to examine the sins we notice and the sins we choose to ignore. It should prompt some soul-searching in all of us. Where am I blind to society's sin and my own?

Saint Isidore  
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This bishop's extensive writings influenced church thinking for a millennium. As bishop of Seville, Spain, from about 600 until his death, he presided over two councils, promoted acceptance of the "filioque" clause of the Creed, and battled the Arian heresy. He wrote a history of the barbarian invasions of Spain and compiled in "The Etymologiae" all that was known in his time. Nearing death, he gave away everything he had, confessed his faults to his people in church, and received Communion. Pope John XXIII admired his ideas about the ideal bishop, notably that "Every bishop should be distinguished as much by his humility as by his authority." A doctor of the church, Isidore is the patron saint of computer users.

# Junior High Youth Day Held March 19

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Malloy reminded them that, although they are young, they are important. There are stories all throughout the Bible about important contributions made “by young people your age,” Malloy said.

Probably the most famous example of young people making a difference is in the story of David and Goliath. “The King offered young David armor, but he declined because he said he had God on his side, and that is all he needed. “David didn’t say, ‘I can’t do this.’ He realized that he was created for such a moment,” said Malloy.

He recalled the story of Jesus feeding the multitude with loaves and fishes given to him by a young boy. Malloy said the disciples probably laughed at the youngster for thinking that so little food would feed so many people. Jesus overheard the conversation and rewarded the young boy’s faith by feeding the entire gathering.

Swope felt that everyone at the Youth Day, including adults, walked away with something to

think and act upon. “Even though we all know we are unique and purposely created that way by God, we sometimes just need that gentle reminder that we are the only ones that truly have to believe it and live it.

“Don’t let society or peers try to change us. As our opening skit pointed out - - God made you that way on purpose. Sometimes we are just too hard on ourselves and think we aren’t good enough - - but we are always good enough for God.”

In his address, Malloy told the students it is the love of God that allows us to become good students, musicians, and athletes, etc. “We are beautiful because we are made in the image and likeness of God. The same God that created the sun, moon stars, and earth, created us.

“We were created to be loved by God. We are all the same in this one way. He created us to love Him and serve Him.”

**“Sometimes we are just too hard on ourselves and think we aren’t good enough - - but we are always good enough for God.”**



**SKIT:** With the help of Father Matthew Baum (right), the young people performed a skit that reminded the audience that it’s always best to be yourself.



**CREATES POSTER:** Elizabeth Adams of Holy Trinity Catholic School and Sacred Heart Parish, Altoona, creates a poster to represent her group, while her mom watches, at the annual Junior High Youth Day, held Sunday, March 19 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg.

He said one of the most important words of the Liturgy is “go.” We should “go” out

and share the unique gifts God has given us. “The number one thing in life is that God loves us. When the world doesn’t always

love you the way it should, God loves you.”

Swope said that we have a responsibility to help our young people realize what an awesome gift they are to this Diocese and help them live and grow in their faith.

She added, “I hope parents will continue to encourage their young people to attend diocesan days like this. We tend to not put the importance on faith building that we do on other extra curricular activities. But, faith will only grow if we feed it with events like this.”

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**ZUCCHETTO:** Cardinal William H. Keeler, retired archbishop of Baltimore, places a zucchetto on his head as he prepares to offer the opening prayer during a prayer service for Catholic and Jewish leaders hosted by New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan at his residence in New York May 12, 2009. Cardinal Keeler died March 23. He was 86.

## Cardinal Was Leader In Catholic - Jewish Relations

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“When I would visit the cardinal at the Little Sisters of the Poor (in Cardinal Keeler’s retirement), I gave him a report on my stewardship and told him many times that we were striving to build upon his legacy — a legacy that greatly strengthened the church and the wider community,” Archbishop Lori said.

Born in San Antonio and raised in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, William Henry Keeler knew from an early age he was called to the priesthood. In a 2005 interview with **The Catholic Review**, Baltimore’s archdiocesan newspaper, he recalled visiting his grandfather’s farm in Illinois when the local Catholic pastor stopped by for a visit — pointing to the 4-year-old boy and announcing that he would one day become a priest.

He was ordained a priest in Rome July 17, 1955. He served as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Marysville, Pennsylvania, before taking on other assignments as secretary to Harrisburg Bishop George L. Leech and as a “peritus,” or special adviser, during Second Vatican Council meetings in Rome.

He later was named vice chancellor and vicar general of the Harrisburg Diocese and named an auxiliary bishop for the diocese in 1979. Four years later he was appointed its bishop.

“He was a true churchman whom we are greatly honored to have called a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg,” said Bishop W. Ronald Gainer, head of the diocese since 2014. “His roots and Catholic education in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, prepared

him to do great work for the people of God.

“This area and diocese benefited significantly from his leadership and passion for service and evangelization,” Bishop Gainer said. As a priest and bishop, Cardinal Keeler “worked fruitfully to advance increased cooperation and warmer relationships between different Christian communities, both locally and nationally. ... I thank God for his priestly life and ministry and for his inspiring service to all.”

As Baltimore’s archbishop and head of the nation’s first archdiocese, the 1995 papal visit to Baltimore — at Cardinal Keeler’s invitation was one of the prelate’s proudest moments. St. John Paul II celebrated Mass at Oriole Park at Camden Yards, visited the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, shared a meal at Our Daily Bread and encouraged seminarians at St. Mary’s Seminary in Roland Park.

A prodigious fundraiser, Cardinal Keeler established what is now known as the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. In 1997, he launched a major capital campaign known as Heritage of Hope that raised more than \$137 million from more than 39,000 gifts and pledges.

The cardinal also established the Partners in Excellence program, which provides tuition scholarships for children in inner-city Catholic schools. Since its inception in 1996, Partners in Excellence has provided more than \$26 million in tuition assistance.

One of the cardinal’s last major efforts was the \$32 million campaign to restore the basilica. After more than two years of construction, the building was rededicated Nov. 4, 2006 — 200 years after the basilica’s cornerstone was laid. More than 240 bishops from across the nation were there for the celebration, marking the first time all the country’s bishops gathered in the basilica since 1989 when the archdiocese marked its bicentennial.

Father Michael White, pastor of the Church of the Nativ-

ity in Timonium and Cardinal Keeler’s first priest-secretary in Baltimore, said Cardinal Keeler “put Baltimore on the map in the Catholic Church.”

Father White noted that in addition to the papal visit, Cardinal Keeler hosted spiritual gatherings in Baltimore in the late 1990s with St. Teresa of Kolkata and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. Leaders within the Catholic Church and from other faith traditions regularly visited him in Baltimore and “not a day went by” when bishops from other parts of the country didn’t call for the cardinal’s advice, Father White said.

Cardinal Keeler suffered serious health problems in the latter years of his ministry. He underwent knee replacement surgery in 2005 and had to have brain surgery in 2006 following a car accident in Italy that resulted in the death of a friend, Father Bernard Quinn of Harrisburg.

In the early part of his retirement, Cardinal Keeler remained focused on many of the same priorities he had always held: promoting better relations between the Catholic and Jewish communities, celebrating Mass every day and staying in touch with friends.

In his final years, one of the U.S. church’s great communicators was frustrated by finding it difficult to find the words to express himself.

“His final years of illness were lived in silent, Christ-like dignity and acceptance to the will of God,” said Cardinal Edwin F. O’Brien, Cardinal Keeler’s immediate successor in Baltimore, who is grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Referring to Cardinal Keeler’s accomplishments as “monumental,” Cardinal O’Brien added that he prays that the cardinal “enjoy a joyful, eternal rest in the Lord he served so generously.”



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# Top Vatican Officials Attend Child Protection Seminar

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

**ROME (CNS)** -- There is absolutely no excuse for not implementing concrete measures to protect minors and vulnerable adults from sexual abuse, said Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston.

"Let there be no doubt about it: Pope Francis is thoroughly committed to rooting out the scourge of sex abuse in the church," he said, and "effectively making our church safe for all people demands our collaboration on all levels."

The cardinal gave the opening prayer and address at a daylong seminar March 23 at Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University. The seminar was sponsored by the papal advisory body Cardinal O'Malley heads, the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.

A representative of every office of the Roman Curia attended, including: Cardinals Pietro Parolin, secretary of state; Kevin Farrell of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life; Joao Braz de Aviz of the Congregation for Institutes for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life; Marc Ouellet of the Congregation for Bishops; and Peter Turkson of the Dicastery for Integral Human Develop-

ment. Also in attendance were rectors of pontifical universities and colleges, and representatives from the Italian state police and the Vatican gendarmes.

After leading a prayer calling for a greater love for God and his creation, especially "your little ones," Cardinal O'Malley said holding a study day was an important part of fighting complacency and knowing "we must continue to learn from our experiences, including our mistakes," and to better share resources and knowledge.

"There is simply no justification in our day for failures to enact concrete safeguarding standards for our children, young men and women and vulnerable adults," he said. The church not only needs to "reform and renew" its own institutions, but its members also must be "witnesses and strong advocates" in society.

He said he told cardinals and the pope during a consistory in Rome two years ago that the church "must address the evil of sexual abuse by priests."

**"Let there be no doubt about it: Pope Francis is thoroughly committed to rooting out the scourge of sex abuse in the Church."**

While abuse by any kind of perpetrator is a problem, when the abuser is a priest, "the damage is even more profound." Also, given "today's world of instantaneous communications" Catholics are much more aware, and quickly, of the problem of abuse in the church and are "demanding that we, who are their pastors, take all necessary steps" to safeguard those in their care.

The papal commission, which was founded in 2014, is guided by a "victims-first" approach, he said, because all the best protection programs and policies "will be to no avail if we fail to put the victims and survivors first."

While the cardinal did not mention the recent resignation of Marie Collins, the last active member who is a survivor of clerical abuse, he said the commission would be discussing during its closed-door plenary meeting, "How can victim/survivors continue to have a powerful voice in our work and help to guide us?" Collins, who was a member of the commission since its inception, stepped down citing a chronic lack of cooperation from some in the Roman Curia in following recommendations that had the pope's support.

"It's not enough to say 'We are putting victims first'" or that the church is seeking to listen to survivors, said Francis Sul-



CNS Photo/Paul Haring

**CHILD PROTECTION SEMINAR:** Participants attend a seminar on safeguarding children at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome March 23.

livan, head of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council, which was established by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and Catholic Religious Australia. The council oversees the church's engagement with a state inquiry into clerical sexual abuse.

"Words are not going to do it. Actions do it," he said in his presentation.

The "intense scrutiny" the church in Australia has been through shows that the entire church must confront "the miserable reality that sex abuse happened in our church."

He urged everyone present to not "distract church leaders" by pointing attention to all the other places and people in the world guilty of abusing children.

"Sure it may happen in other places," he said, "but the fact that it happened in the Catholic Church says something about the corruption in our church" and about how its members have "lost the plot" and are no longer being true to their beliefs.

"Somehow we've not only enabled abusers to exist," Sullivan said, the church has allowed them "to continue to abuse."

Keep the spotlight on "Why. Why did it happen in our church?" he said, and "come to terms with that cancer."

Otherwise, the risk remains that victims and survivors will never be fully listened to or that their experience will never truly impact people's lives.

Don't smother what a victim has to say, by countering with a laundry list of "Yes, but" and all the ways the church is doing the right thing, he said. "The 'but' part drowns out the voice of the victim." The church needs to "be humble" recognize all the "baggage" in its past and "humbly face failures."

Until leaders couple a genuine recognition of past wrongs with concrete action in best practices, Catholics and others will not believe any of the talk and the church won't regain its credibility, he said.

Sullivan said when the pope and others talk about the need for a reform of the heart, people need to realize "that the decisions our leaders made in order to facilitate and cover up actually broke the heart of what it meant to be Catholic."

"We need to go back and confront that," he said.

Cardinal Braz de Aviz told Catholic News Service that the meeting showed "the conscience of the church" and a "very important" shift in perspective, or in other words, "the recovery of humanity."

While abuse is a problem throughout society, he said it took a lot of courage from the church to recognize its role in the problem.

There is no longer any place for the "old way of doing things" with abusive clergy or religious -- such as moving them from one assignment to another, the cardinal said. "We have to totally change the way of doing" things.

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# Understanding Celibacy And Chastity, Vows And Promises



Photo By Bruce A. Tomaselli

**PROMISE:** Jonathan Dickson made a promise of celibacy when he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Mark L. Barchak on Saturday, May 14, 2016. He and Peter Crowe will be ordained priests next month, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

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Our culture today is oversexualized, which has led us to think that sexual relationships are something unreasonable or unnatural to forgo, and so when there is a crisis such as child sexual abuse, people believe there is a link, when of course, there is not one. Sadly, child sexual abuse is all too common, and involves abusers from all walks of life and it is something that should never happen. One good that has come out of this crisis is the growing awareness of this terrible abuse, which is leading to better means of prevention.

4. What is chastity and how does it differ from celibacy?

Chastity is a virtue that everyone is called to live by; it is the state of being chaste. Chaste comes from an old Latin word which means being pure from any unlawful sexual relationships. In other words, chastity is the virtue of living out your sexual life in the proper way, which is, if you are married, to be sexually intimate only with your spouse and, if you are unmar-

ried, to refrain from sexual intimacy with anyone, for the proper place for sexual relationships is within a marriage. Therefore, chastity is a virtue that should be lived out by everyone, according to their state of life. The person who chooses celibacy promises to remain unmarried for the rest of his life. In this case, to practice the virtue of chastity means he will refrain from all sexual relationships.

5. Are only priests called to be chaste, or is that expected of everyone? Do people make vows of chastity?

Everyone is called to chastity, as defined by their state of life. Men and women who enter the religious life do make a vow of chastity. The vow of chastity is one of the three evangelical counsels that a person entering the religious life vows to follow. The three counsels are obedience, chastity and poverty. Each religious community -- such as Franciscans, or Dominicans, or Benedictines -- will have different ways of expressing these, but they are the common denominator of religious life. The vow of chastity that a religious

professes is to live in a state of integrity regarding sexuality, which, in this case, means to forgo sexual relationships. In practice, it looks just the same as celibacy, but is not called celibacy because of the difference between a vow and a promise.

6. What is the difference between a vow and a promise?

These two often get confused, and people often think that a vow is more serious than a promise. That is not true; they are both equally strong and serious. A vow is a personal act of devotion in which you promise to live a certain way in order to grow in charity as a disciple. A vow then, is directed toward your personal salvation. A promise is directed differently, in that the focus is on others. A promise, then, is also an act of devo-

tion, but one that is directed to growing in charity by serving God in a specific way that involves a focus on his church, his people. In the sacraments we make promises, because they always involve the community of faith, whereas a vow is more personally focused.

A vow is a promise a person makes to God. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "A vow is an act of devotion in which the Christian dedicates himself to God or promises him some good work" (CCC 2102). So, a man or a woman entering the religious life, out of devotion to God, promises to live a life of chastity, obedience and poverty. It is something where he or she says, I am doing this out of love for God and for the salvation of my soul.

Priests and deacons, howev-

er, do not take vows, but they do make promises, which are equally binding. A promise is made for the sake of the kingdom and for the church. In the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, holy orders and marriage, promises are made (and therefore, it is not technically correct to say marriage vows). In a promise, you are saying, "I will do this out of love for God and for the sake of others." In marriage, you promise to be true to your spouse, out of love for your spouse and being the "domestic church." In baptism, you promise to be live as a disciple of Christ, rejecting Satan and all his works, and to serve God faithfully in his holy, catholic church. In the promise of celibacy, you promise to remain unmarried for the sake of the kingdom of heaven and at the service of God's people.

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7:00 PM Novena Prayers, Chaplet & Daily Mass

**Saturday – April 22**

6:00 PM Novena Prayers, Chaplet & Vigil Mass

**Divine Mercy Sunday – April 23**

8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Xavier

10:30 AM Mass at St. Aloysius

Jesus told St. Faustina, "Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all will be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My Mercy." (Diary 1059)

# Now Showing

## Controversy Casts Pall Over Remake Of 'Beauty And The Beast'

By Joseph McAleer  
Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** -- Disney's live-action adaptation of its beloved 1991 animated film "Beauty and the Beast" arrives in theaters amid a swirl of controversy over the updating of one of its characters into an openly gay man.

The decision of the studio, director Bill Condon ("Dreamgirls"), and screenwriters Stephen Chbosky and Evan Spiliotopoulos to reimagine LeFou (Josh Gad), sidekick of the villainous Gaston (Luke Evans), as Disney's so-called "first gay character" is a regrettable one. A cherished family film has, in essence, been appropriated for an underlying agenda that is firmly at odds with Christian values.

Parents will have a hard time explaining to their kids -- as most know the cartoon by heart -- why LeFou has jumped on the homosexual bandwagon. His amorous advances to Gaston, proud display of a bite mark from Gaston on his stomach (due to "wrestling"), and ultimate dance in the arms of another man will raise eyebrows, to say the least.

Admittedly, many grown moviegoers will take LeFou's transformation in stride. "Beauty and the Beast," however, is a must-see film intended for children. Given the clear intent to make a statement with the character in question, the restrictive classification assigned below is a caution for viewers of faith, especially parents.

The pall cast over "Beauty and the Beast" is unfortunate, as the film is largely an imaginative and engaging work with



CNS Photo/Disney

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST:** Emma Watson stars in a scene from the movie "Beauty and the Beast." The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

an arresting visual style. An old-fashioned Hollywood musical at heart, it brims with familiar songs by Alan Menken and whirling dance sequences worthy of Busby Berkeley.

Like the cartoon, this film is loosely based on the 1740 fairy tale by Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve. The eponymous lovely, Belle (Emma Watson), is a spirited maiden in a French village who longs for excitement.

"I want adventure in the great-wide somewhere," she warbles. "I want so much more than they've got planned!"

Be careful what you wish for, dearie. No sooner does she spurn the advances of the vain hunter Gaston than Belle winds up imprisoned in a haunted castle, having swapped places with her kidnapped father, Maurice (Kevin Kline).

Enter said Beast (Dan Stevens), aka The Prince. We learn in an extended prologue that this handsome royal was transferred into a horned (but infinitely more dapper) version of Chewbacca from the "Star Wars" franchise by Agathe (Hattie Morahan), a local enchantress, as punishment for his selfishness.

Agathe's curse extended to The Prince's staff, who became

not furry creatures but household objects. These exceedingly loquacious items include Cogsworth (Ian McKellen), a stuffy mantel clock; Lumiere (Ewan McGregor), a dancing candelabra; twirling feather duster Plumette (Gugu Mbatha-Raw); Mrs. Potts (Emma Thompson), a motherly teapot, and her cup of a son, Chip (Nathan Mack); and musical duo Cadenza (Stanley Tucci), a harspichord, and Garderobe (Audra McDonald), a wardrobe.

Only if Beauty grows to love the Beast will the spell be broken, which seems a very long shot for this odd couple. A courtship ensues -- with a nice lesson on looking beyond outward appearances for true love -- until a vengeful Gaston raises an angry mob to kill the Beast, casting

doubt (for newcomers, at least) on a happy ending.

Even in the absence of the hot-button issue already discussed, young children might be frightened by several dark moments in the movie, including attacks by wolves and Gaston's violent assault on the Beast's castle.

The film contains a few scenes of peril and action violence, a benign view of homosexual activity, and some sexual innuendo. The Catholic News Service classification is L -- limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

## Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

**April 9** - - As we honor Saint Peter School in Somerset as our April School of the Month, a family from the school will share their passion for Catholic education.

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## May They Rest In Peace



### Isabel Rettger

Isabel Ann Rettger, 95, of St. Marys, died Monday, March 13, at Penn Highlands Elk. She was the mother of Benedictine Father Thaddeus Rettger, pastor of Saint Bernard Parish, Hastings.

She was born January 11, 1922 in St. Marys, daughter of the late Edward and Elizabeth (Kugler) Sarginger. She was a lifelong resident of the area and was a graduate of St. Marys Area High School, Class of 1940.

On May 1, 1946 in Saint Mary Church, she married George E. Rettger, who preceded her in death January 31, 2000.

Isabel enjoyed volunteering her time at St. Marys Parochial School, St. Marys Catholic Middle School and Elk County Catholic High School cafeterias. She also served as a 4-H leader, the Christian Food Bank and the bereavement dinners at St. Mary's Parish. Isabel served as a Eucharistic Minister and on various other committees at St. Mary's Parish. She was a member of the St. Mary's Parish Altar Society and the Catholic Daughters of America.

Isabel is survived by her two daughters, Mary Ann Rettger of St. Marys and Rita (George) Winski of Ft. Collins, CO; seven sons, Father Thaddeus, Robert (Irene) Rettger of Pittsburgh, Kevin (Susan) Rettger of Bethel Park, Gregory Rettger of Waynesboro, Jerome Rettger of St. Marys, Emmeran Rettger of St. Marys and Stephen Rettger of St. Marys; her grandchildren, Christopher (Sarah) of Wadsworth OH, Elizabeth of Pittsburgh, David (Brenda) of Pennsburg, Sharon (Michael) Held of Katy TX and Ryan and Kristina of Bethel Park; her great-grandchildren, Stacy and Blake Rettger; and by several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Irene Wegemer; her brothers, Albert and Melvin

Sarginger; a daughter - in - law, Donna Rhoe Rettger; and by several nieces and nephews. She was the last surviving member of her family.

The Funeral Mass for Isabel Regger was celebrated by her son, Father Thaddeus, on Friday, March 17 at Saint Mary Church, St. Marys. Committal was in Saint Mary's Cemetery.

Memorials donations may be made to the St. Marys Catholic Middle School George and Isabel Rettger Scholarship Fund, Advancement Office, 600 Maurus St., St. Marys PA 15857, or to a favorite charity.



**Father Raphael Eagle  
T.O.R.**

Father Raphael (Francis) Eagle, of the Third Order Regular Franciscan Friars, Immaculate Conception Province, Hollidaysburg, 77, died Saturday, March 18 at Holy Cross Friary, The Colony TX.

He was born May 2, 1939 in Philadelphia, son of the late

Frank and Rose (Salduti) Eagle.

Father Raphael entered the Franciscan Friars in 1956 and professed vows on June 27, 1959. Father Raphael earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and continued on with theological studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington DC. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1967. In September of that year, he was sent to Paraguay, where he served for 25 years.

He was a consummate missionary, learning not only Spanish but also Guarani. He returned to the United States in 1992. He then served in several parishes or missions in the Diocese of Orlando with an emphasis in Hispanic ministry. In 1996, he was missioned at Saint Mary of the Assumption Church in the Diocese of Fort Worth TX, and in 1999 he became a full-time chaplain at Cook Children's Hospital, where he served until his retirement in 2012. He continued to offer ministerial assistance in local parishes to the very end of his life, dying in the friary at Holy Cross Parish.

Surviving are his sister, Rose; several nieces and nephews; and his Franciscan brothers.

The Funeral Mass for Father Raphael Eagle T.O.R. was celebrated Tuesday, March 28 in the chapel of Saint Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg. Committal was in the monastery cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to The Franciscan Friars Retirement Fund, P.O. Box 117, Hollidaysburg PA 16648.

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## Czech Cardinal Vlk Dies

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

### VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- Czech Cardinal Miloslav Vlk, who washed windows and ministered underground during communism, died of cancer March 18 in Prague at the age of 84.

The retired archbishop of Prague was elected the first East European president of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences and dedicated his term to rebuilding the church and society after communism in the East and defending Christian values in the face of secularism and materialism in the West.

In a telegram to Cardinal Dominik Duka of Prague, Pope Francis recalled "with admiration" the late cardinal's "tenacious fidelity to Christ despite the privation and persecution against the church."

The pope also praised his fruitful ministry, which was driven by a desire to share the joy of the Gospel with everyone and promote "an authentic ecclesial renewal" that was always faithful to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Born May 17, 1932, in Lisenice, Czechoslovakia, he stud-

ied history at Prague's Charles University, earned a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Prague and was a trained archivist.

Ten years after he was ordained a priest in 1968, the communist regime revoked his license to engage in priestly ministry. The regime persecuted clerics, imprisoning them and forcing them into menial jobs; he spent the next 10 years washing windows of government buildings.

However, he continued to minister in secret, like other barred priests, and maintained contacts with students and dissident groups.

"The will of God can be different in different moments of our life," he said in 1991. "Sometimes it is his will that I wash the windows and other times to be archbishop."

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## Former Bishop Of Harrisburg

# Baltimore's Cardinal Keeler Dies At 86

By George P. Matysek Jr.  
Catholic News Service

### WASHINGTON (CNS)

-- Cardinal William H. Keeler, Baltimore's 14th archbishop, who was an international leader in Catholic-Jewish relations and the driving force behind the restoration of America's first cathedral, died March 23 at his residence at St. Martin's Home for the Aged in Catonsville. He was 86.

The archdiocese said the cardinal would lie in repose March 27 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption in Baltimore. His funeral was celebrated March 28 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, also in Baltimore.

"One of the great blessings in my life was coming to know Cardinal Keeler," said Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori in a statement. "Cardinal Keeler will be greatly missed. I am grateful to the Little Sisters for their devoted care for the cardinal."

Cardinal Keeler was the bishop of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, when he was appointed the 14th archbishop of Baltimore in 1989. Pope John Paul II made him a cardinal in 1994. He retired in 2007. As president of the U.S. bishops' conference from 1992 to 1995, he participated in a wide range of national and international issues.



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**CARDINAL KEELER:** Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore embraces Saint John Paul II at Oriole Park at Camden Yards during the pope's historic 1995 visit to Baltimore. Cardinal Keeler, who retired in 2007, died March 23 at age 86.

As part of his work with what is now the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Keeler developed a reputation for effectively building inter-faith bonds. He is particularly noted for his work in furthering Catholic-Jewish dialogue. He was appointed moderator of Catholic-Jewish Relations for the USCCB.

"As a priest, bishop of Harrisburg and archbishop of Baltimore, the cardinal worked to bring the hope of Christ to people's lives," said Cardinal

Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston Houston, who is president of the USCCB. "He also built bridges of solidarity to people of other faiths as a leader in ecumenism and interreligious affairs.

"Cardinal Keeler was a dear friend. The most fitting tribute we can offer is to carry forward his episcopal motto in our daily lives: 'Do the work of an evangelist,'" Cardinal DiNardo said in a statement.

He called the late cardinal "a servant of priestly virtue and gentlemanly manner" who

is remembered by the USCCB for "his generosity of spirit in service to his brothers and the people of God."

Cardinal Keeler's death leaves the College of Cardinals with 223 members, 17 of whom are from the United States. The College of Cardinals has 117 members under the age of 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave.

In his statement, Archbishop Lori remarked on "the respect and esteem" in which the cardinal was held by his brother

bishops, and praised his leadership in Jewish-Catholic relations and in Orthodox-Catholic relations. Archbishop Lori also said he was known for his "prowess as a church historian" and had a "deep love and respect for the history and heritage of the Archdiocese of Baltimore."

Cardinal Keeler was an ardent promoter of the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of all human life. He twice served as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities and testified at all levels of government on legislation ranging from abortion to euthanasia to capital punishment.

Among the cardinal's many accomplishments in the Baltimore Archdiocese, Archbishop Lori highlighted "the wonderful visit of Pope St. John Paul II to Baltimore in 1995, the restoration of the Basilica of the Assumption and the creation of Partners in Excellence which has helped thousands of young people from disadvantaged neighborhoods to receive a sound Catholic education."

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