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Though He was in the form of God,
Jesus did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, He emptied Himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
He humbled Himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this,
God greatly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him
the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

-- Philippians 2:6 - 11

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THE RISEN CHRIST: The "Risen Christ" is depicted in a 15th-century painting by Sandro Botticelli. Easter, the chief feast in the liturgical calendars of all Christian churches, commemorates Christ's resurrection from the dead. Easter was celebrated Sunday, April 16.





EDUCATION AWARDS: The Catholic Daughters of the America Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 held an Education Award ceremony, Saturday, February 11, at the Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, Social Hall. Pictured above are the students who received awards. (Photo at left) First row: (left to right) Abigail Fleming, State winner for photography, first place; Ardeen McKendree, art, first place; Lia Simanski, computer art, second place; Madelyn Myers, essay, first place; Delaney Rehm, art, second place. Second row Jennifer Crum - Waite, education committee chairman; Jaden Quinn, poetry, first place; Ben Dodson, poetry, third place; Rachael Simanski, photography, second place; Linsey Ball, poetry, second place; Ava Gwinn, essay, second place; Elizabeth Frank, art, third place; Riley Brennan, essay, third place. Third row: Father D. Timothy Grimme, Court Chaplain; Marcus Lucas, photography, first place, and Judith Wood, Regent. (Photo at right) Abigail Fleming was the recipient of the 2016 State award in the photography division. Patricia Gildea, state parliamentarian presented the award to her. Pictured are (left to right) Patricia Gildea, Jennifer Crum - Waite, Abigail, Father D. Timothy Grimme and Judith Wood.

Adult Formation

Brewing The Faith

State College: The schedule has been announced for "Brewing The Faith," a program for adults age 40 and above, to learn more about their faith and to share in the Catholic community. The focus of this program is to promote evangelization, introspection, and fellowship. The goal is to provide a forum for adults to learn more about and discuss their faith in a relaxing social setting.

Wednesday, April 19: Similarities of the Islamic Faith: Allah, Prophets, and Books Oh My!, presented by Zakariya Khayat, The Islamic Society of Central Pennsylvania.

Wednesday, April 26: Similarities of the Anglican Faith: One Holy and Catholic, presented by The Most Reverend Council Nedd II, PhD, DHum, Anglican Bishop, Saint Alban's Anglican Church.

Wednesday, May 3: Similarities of Judaism: Rites of Atonement and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, presented by Rabbi David E. Ostrich, Congregation Brit Shalom.

Wednesday, May 10: Similarities of the Hindu Faith and Catholicism, presented by Father Anthony Sudherson, Our Lady of Victory Parish.

All sessions will start at 7:00 p.m. and last until about 8:30 p.m., and are held at the Ramada Conference & Golf Hotel, 1450 South Atherton Street, and are led by Ron and Denise Quinn, who have completed the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification through the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Coffee, tea and light appetizers are provided. Participants may order food and drink at their own expense from the menu if desired.



STUDENT PILGRIMAGE: On Saturday, March 18, the ninth and tenth grade Confirmation classes from Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bellefonte went on pilgrimage to Emmitsburg MD. Father George Jakopac, pastor, blessed the students as they began their journey to visit the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine of the Grotto of Lourdes. Their trip also included a visit to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary where they learned that Pope Francis has recognized the martyrdom of Father Stanley Rother, a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and alumnus of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary who served in Guatemala. He is the first martyr born in the United States. His beatification is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, in Oklahoma City. The trip concluded with Mass at Saint Joseph Church in Emmitsburg.

Community

Ham Radio Fatima Event

Bedford: On Saturday, May 13, Catholic amateur radio operators around the world will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

One group of Radio Hams, based in Bedford, will conduct

a nationally advertised "Special Event Station" to remind listeners of the Fatima story.

Members of the Bedford - based Saint Maximilian Kolbe Radio Network will conduct the Special Event Station, seeking to contact or "work" as many stations as possible during a six - hour period on May 13. The event has been publicized in **QST**, the international magazine

for the Organization for Amateur Radio.

The Saint Maximilian Kolbe Radio Network celebrates the life and martyrdom of the only canonized Saint to hold an amateur radio call sign, SP3RN. Saint Maximilian Kolbe is recognized world - wide as the patron of ham radio.

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In The Alleghenies



LIVING STATIONS: The high school religious education students of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Lakemont, Altoona, presented "Living Stations Of The Cross Through The Eyes Of Mary," to the parish community on Sunday, March 19. Pictured is the Twelfth Station, the Jesus Dies on The Cross.

The Catholic Register will again be accepting First Holy Communion, Confirmation, May Crowning and Eighth Grade Graduation photos for publication. The deadline for submitting photos is Saturday, July 15. No exceptions will be made to the deadline.



CEREAL COLLECTION: In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 29 - February 4, students at Saint Patrick School, Newry, recently collected boxes of cereal for the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry, Altoona. With the help of school and parish families, the students collected 505 boxes of cereal for donation

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High Schools

Carrollian Gala

Ebensburg: Each year Bishop Carroll Catholic High School invites alumni and the community to celebrate those who have shown outstanding dedication in support of the school and in the community. They also recognize accomplished and distinguished alumni.

Now in its 10th year, the 2017 Carrollian Gala will recognize those individuals who have generously given of their time and their talents to make Bishop Carroll the school that it is today.

"This is a great event which many look forward to each year," said Jonathan Nagy, Director of Admissions and the Gala coordinator. "The Gala is a chance for the Bishop Carroll family to come together and celebrate the school."

The event will be held Saturday, April 29 in the Multi Purpose Room at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, 728 Benjamin Franklin Highway. The evening will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. preceding dinner at 6:30.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person, and may be obtained by calling the high school office (814) 472 - 7500 or email Jonathan Nagy at jnagy@bishopcarroll.org; tickets are available through Monday, April 24.

"Those who attend are always grateful that they do," said Nagy. "Good food, good company, good prizes, and good music, all in support of a great school. It makes for a wonderful evening."

In honor of the 10 - year anniversary, plaques will be on display from previous years to honor the ever-growing list of those who give so much to Bishop Carroll.

This year's inductees are: Cornerstone Award Winners: Cornerstone Awards are presented to individuals who



Photo By Bruce A. Tomaselli

CHECK PRESENTATION: Lauren Mariani, Vice President and Community Relations Manager at S & T Bank, presents an EITC tax credit contribution to Diocesan Director of Education Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, for the Second Century Scholarship Fund. S & T's gift will benefit students with greatest need in Catholic grade schools throughout the diocese. To learn how your business can earn tax credits, please contact the Development Office at (814) 695 - 5577.

have given significant time and talent to the school and who have demonstrated a commitment to Bishop Carroll's vision.

- - Cletus (posthumously) and Bernetta Long (dedicated to their faith, all 10 of their children attended Bishop Carroll);

- - Pat (posthumously) and Geraldine Cunningham (nearly 40 of their descendants attended Bishop Carroll);

- - Charles '68 and Kathleen Long (long-time supporters including recent football field renovations).

Distinguished Alumni Awards:

- - Dr. Paul Malchesky '64 (has made a great impact with his medical engineering research);

- - Carmelite of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna '67 (evangelizes throughout the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese);

- - Deacon Richard Golden '68 (successful businessman and deacon at Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica Parish in Loretto);

- - Chief Terry Wyland '75 (chief of police of Ebensburg Borough);

- - Dr. Archie Morris '76 (optometrist, active member of his community, and a volunteer).

The Gala will be catered by Amici's Catering of Ebensburg and DJ Jack Labarko will provide the entertainment. Students will play music during cocktail hour and dinner.

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Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
Alleluia!

I feel particularly ready to sing "Alleluia!" this Easter. Lent -- although in some ways a very fleeting time that passed quickly -- was unusually fraught with drama this year. But those days have passed. The shadows are fading, the light is shining. Hope has triumphed over despair. A new day is dawning, and even "Alleluia!" seems to weak a word to sum up the renewed joy in my heart.

I wonder how many of you, my dear readers, feel a similar sensation this year as we mark this great feast of our redemption. Challenges have come fast and furious since the last Easter season. We have seen great changes in our national life. International concerns continue to ratchet up. Tensions are rising. In our personal lives, we have all had to face questions and concerns that have tried our faith. Some of those we loved have passed from us. Others find themselves battered and bruised. Yet today hope is reborn in our hearts. The stunning message that "He is risen!" echoes in our hearts like the clarion call of a bell piercing through the early morning quiet. A new beginning is today more than a mere hope. Our faith tells us that this is the time of promises fulfilled. Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again! His victory is ours!

It may seem to some to be supremely naive to cling so steadfastly to hope. Cynics might see us the most cockeyed of optimists. But to those who have given up on hope, to those who see no way forward, to those who have sunken into a quagmire of unrelenting doom, gloom and despair, we say with a certainty rooted in the gospel story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, "This too shall pass!" As the old song has it "Happy days are here again!"

A popular banner of my youth stated "We are an Easter people, and our song is alleluia!" Those words do indeed sum up the reality of who and what we are. We are a people who will not give in to what is dark and hurtful. We are a people who will not be defined by defeat. We are a people who believe in something better, something brighter than our present circumstances allow. We are people who have looked into the face of the crucified Lord. We have touched the wounds in His hands, His feet and His side as we have touched the suffering people we have encountered, and in their steadfast response to the cross, we have found a renewed sense of hope. We have come to believe that death does not have the last word. We are a people convinced of the power of life. We sing "Alleluia!" in the face of our foes and challenge them to see life as we see it; life with a meaning and a purpose that is not limited by the boundaries of space and time, but life that is eternal, unending, life that is a gift from God.

We are an Easter people today, tomorrow, and all the days that are yet to come. Easter is not simply a season. It is a vocation -- a way of life. Easter is a gift to be shared.

May you find joy in sharing this gift with others.



Point Of View

Love Jesus In All Who Suffer, Pope Says On Palm Sunday

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- Jesus does not ask that people only contemplate his image, but that they also recognize and love him concretely in all people who suffer like he did, Pope Francis said.

Jesus is "present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own -- they suffer from slave labor, from family tragedies, from diseases. They suffer from wars and terrorism, from interests that are armed and ready to strike," the pope said April 9 as he celebrated the Palm Sunday Mass of the Lord's Passion.

In his noon Angelus address, the pope also decried recent terrorist attacks in Sweden and Egypt, calling on "those who sow terror, violence and death," including arms' manufacturers and dealers, to change their ways.

In his prayers for those affected by the attacks, the pope also expressed his deepest condolences to "my dear brother, His Holiness Pope Tawadros, the Coptic church and the entire beloved Egyptian nation," which the pope was scheduled to visit April 28-29.

At least 15 people were killed and dozens more injured April 9 in an Orthodox church

north of Cairo as Coptic Christians gathered for Palm Sunday Mass; the attack in Sweden occurred two days earlier when a truck ran through a crowd outside a busy department store in central Stockholm, killing four and injuring 15 others.

The pope also prayed for all people affected by war, which he called, a "disgrace of humanity."

Tens of thousands of people carrying palms and olive branches joined the pope during a solemn procession in St. Peter's Square under a bright, warm sun for the beginning of Holy Week.

The pope, cardinal and bishops were dressed in red vestments, the color of the Passion, and carried large "palmurelli," bleached and intricately woven and braided palm branches. Hundreds of young people led the procession into St. Peter's Square and later, youths from Poland handed the World Youth Day cross to young representatives from Panama, where the next international gathering will be held in January in 2019.

In his homily, the pope said that the day's celebration was "bittersweet."

"It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time" because the Mass celebrates the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem as the people and disciples acclaim him as king, and yet, the Gospel gives the account of his passion and

death on the cross.

Jesus accepts the hosannas coming from of the crowd, but he "knows full well that they will soon be followed by the cry, 'Crucify him!'" the pope said.

Jesus "does not ask us to contemplate him only in pictures and photographs or in the videos that circulate on the internet," but to recognize that he is present in those who suffer today, including "women and men who are cheated, violated in their dignity, discarded."

"Jesus is in them, in each of them, and, with marred features and broken voice, he asks to be looked in the eye, to be acknowledged, to be loved," the pope said.

We have no other Lord but him: Jesus, the humble King of justice, mercy and peace.

Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem as the true Messiah, who is a servant of God and humanity, the pope said. He is not a dreamer peddling illusions, a "new age" prophet or con man; he takes on the sins and sufferings of humanity with his passion.

Jesus never promised honor and success would come to those who follow him, rather, the path to final victory requires picking up the cross and carrying it every day, Pope Francis said.

"Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds."

Engaging New Voices In Ending Sexual Violence

By Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR)

Spring is often the start to new beginnings. New life to our flowers which sat dormant through the cold months and renewed devotion to our New Year's resolutions that we created in good faith at the beginning of the calendar year. I encourage you today that it also carries a renewed—or reenergized commitment to actively help in rooting out sexual violence—and the darkness that allows it to thrive.

We know sexual violence is a serious and widespread problem in every community. But the good news is that it is preventable. And everyone can help.

During Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, leaders at rape crisis centers, college campuses, and other supporters involved in efforts to end sexual violence encourage their communities to learn more about how sexual violence can be prevented.

We know that it takes many voices and roles to prevent sexual violence. April's activities help to build momentum for year-round efforts and bring together a new audience of interested groups and individuals. SAAM's focus on prevention education and community aware-

ness engages individuals who previously may not have considered the widespread impact of sexual assault. Everyone has something to contribute and everyone has the power to make a difference.

All people are members of formal or informal groups. Utilizing our roles within these groups to speak against larger issues is important for sexual assault awareness and prevention. How we speak within our organizations and groups can set the tone for how our communities think about, talk about, and respond to sexual assault.

To make lasting change in the community, a wide range of people, groups and institutions must be actively involved. Groups that may have a particularly great impact on how we talk about violence include coaches and athletic teams, faith leaders, teachers, members of Greek life on campuses, and parents.

Ending sexual violence starts with you. No matter what group or organization you are a part of, you have the power to help end sexual violence within your community.

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

These community leaders and role models, among many others, have the ability to set standards for conduct that include treating all people with equality, dignity and respect. Encourage others to recognize and confront hurtful and inappropriate behaviors—things such as hazing, and objectifying others. Address jokes and comments that may seem harmless, but support disrespectful messages.

Parents can demonstrate healthy personal boundaries with their children by teaching and reinforcing respect; respecting their child's right to make decisions; and encouraging respect for the choices of others. Talk openly and frequently about consent, decision-making, and body development. Look for opportunities in pop culture to point out examples of positive relationships.

Ending sexual violence starts with you. No matter what group or organization you are a part of, you have the power to help end sexual violence within your community. Start by having a conversation with a friend, a family member, a loved one, or a colleague. Raise your voice wherever you are and help change the culture of sexual assault. Together, we can end sexual violence.

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.

Franklin/Fulton Counties

Women In Need/Victim Services

<http://www.winservices.org/home.aspx>

(717) 264-4444

Direct services for dv/sa victims-ind. counseling, group counseling, legal advocacy including accompaniment, medical advocacy, hotline, prevention education, shelter, VCAP assistance, Sexual assault response team.

Huntingdon/Mifflin/Juniata Counties

The Abuse Network

<http://www.abusenetwork.org/>

(717) 242-2444

Trauma-informed Empowerment Counseling, Support Groups, 24-Hour Hotline Counseling, Legal Advocacy and Accompaniment, Medical Advocacy and Accompaniment, Prevention and Awareness Educational Programs, Services are Free and Confidential.

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/>

(800) 555-5671

We are a comprehensive crime victims center and respond to victims of all crime whether it be through our office, the court system, the hospital, or police agency.

Blair County

Family Services Inc.

<https://www.familyservicesinc.net/>

(814) 944-3585

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.

In The Alleghenies



SAINT CLEMENT STATIONS: Religious education students in grades 1 - 8 presented the Living Stations of the Cross at Saint Clement Parish, Johnstown, on Friday, March 24. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Brynne Weslager, Kennedy Faight. Second row: Riley Hearn, Morgn Faight, Ella Leitenberger, Hanna Leitenberger, Noah Gresh, Elias Gunby, Mia Glessner and Blake Weslager.

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Higher Education

Commencement Speaker

Cresson: Mount Aloysius College President, Tom Foley has announced that Jack Brennan, chairman of the Board of Trustees at the University of Notre Dame and longtime CEO of The Vanguard Group will offer the Commencement Address to the College's Class of 2017 on Saturday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center. Brennan currently serves as chairman emeritus and senior advisor of The Vanguard Group, Inc., one of the world's largest investment companies. Vanguard comprises more than 170 separate domestic investment portfolios, with current U.S. fund assets of more than \$1.8 trillion.

"When reviewing candidates for Commencement Speaker for the Class of 2017," said Foley, "we hoped to find a speaker with a deep understanding of higher education, someone familiar with the values of inclusion and acceptance found on our campus, and someone who would offer a capstone to

our exploration of Voice as our 2016 - 2017 campus - wide theme. Certainly we have found a strong voice in Jack Brennan. We are honored that he has accepted our invitation to be the 2017 Commencement Speaker, and to speak to our exploration of Voice.

"Jack Brennan and his wife Cathy have been lifelong model servant - leaders. They are a very special couple," said President Foley. "Equally committed to the values and institutions they hold dear— through their many accomplishments, their dedication to education shines clear. We are so pleased to honor Jack and Cathy Brennan for their service; and our entire community looks forward to Jack Brennan's Commencement Address."

The Vanguard Group is headquartered in Malvern, Pa. Mr. Brennan joined Vanguard in 1982. He was elected president in 1989 and served as chief executive officer from 1996 until 2008, and chairman of the Vanguard Board of Directors from 1998 until 2009.

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LECTOR: Eight seminarians from three dioceses and one monastery were instituted to the Ministry of Reader at Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, on Wednesday, March 29 by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of Harrisburg. The ministry of reader permits these seminarians to proclaim the readings (other than the Gospel) at Mass and other sacred celebrations. Pictured is Benedictine Brother Matthew D. Hershey, the son of Bob and Mary Hershey of State College. He is a graduate of State College Area High School. He earned a degree in special education from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2008. He began studies at Saint Vincent Seminary in the fall of 2014.



PIZZA PROJECT: On Saturday, March 11, religious education students in grades 5 - 11 at Holy Family Parish, Colver, made and sold pizzas as a Lenten Project, raising funds for the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. The youngsters were able to donate \$580.50 to the Society's Energy Assistance Program for needy families. Father Bernard F. Grega is pastor, and Sister Anna Maria Lorenzon of the Sisters of Saint Ann is the director of religious education.

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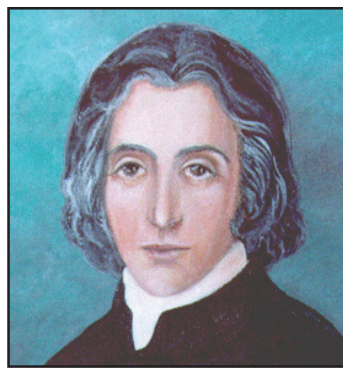
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convent of St. Teresa in Coimbra, where she resided until her death in 2005 at the age of 97.

Following her death, Pope Benedict XVI waived the five-year waiting period before her sainthood cause could open. Bishop Virgilio Antunes of Coimbra formally closed the local

phase of investigation into her life and holiness Feb. 13, 2017, and forwarded the information to the Vatican.

Also March 23, Pope Francis signed other decrees recognizing miracles, martyrdom and heroic virtues in six other causes, the Vatican said.



CNS File Photo

VISIONARIES: Jacinta and Francisco Marto are pictured with their cousin Lucia dos Santos (right) in a file photo taken around the time of the 1917 apparitions of Mary at Fatima, Portugal. Pope Francis has approved the recognition of a miracle attributed to the intercession of two of the shepherd children, thus paving the way for their canonization.

Pope Recognizes Miracle Attributed To Fatima Children

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has approved the recognition of a miracle attributed to the intercession of two of the shepherd children who saw Our Lady of Fatima in 1917, thus paving the way for their

canonization.

Pope Francis signed the decree for the causes of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto during a meeting March 23 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the Vatican said.

The recognition of the miracle makes it likely that the canonization ceremony for the two

children will be scheduled soon. The cardinals and bishops who are members of the congregation must vote to recommend their canonization and then the pope would convene the cardinals resident in Rome for a consistory to approve the sainthood. Many people are hoping Pope Francis will preside over the canonization ceremony during his visit to Fatima May 12-13.

The pilgrimage will mark the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions, which began May 13, 1917, when 9-year-old Francisco and 7-year-old Jacinta, along with their cousin Lucia dos Santos, reported seeing the Virgin Mary. The apparitions continued once a month until Oct. 13, 1917, and later were declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church.

A year after the apparitions, both of the Marto children became ill during an influenza epidemic that plagued Europe. Francisco died April 4, 1919, at the age of 10, while Jacinta succumbed to her illness Feb. 20, 1920, at the age of 9.

Francisco and Jacinta's cause for canonization was stalled for decades due to a debate on whether non-martyred children have the capacity to understand heroic virtues at a young age. However, in 1979, St. John Paul II allowed their cause to proceed; he declared them venerable in 1989 and beatified them in 2000.

Their cousin Lucia entered the Institute of the Sisters of St. Dorothy and, later, obtained permission to enter the Carmelite

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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Kindly send information about favors granted to:

**The Cause for the Servant of God
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin
Diocese Of Altoona - Johnstown
927 South Logan Boulevard
Hollidaysburg PA 16648**

Second Sunday of Easter celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m.

**There will be special prayer
for the Feast of Divine Mercy**

at

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville

The service will include:
**the recitation of
the Chaplet of Mercy
and Benediction of
the Blessed Sacrament**

**A video on Devotion
to the Divine Mercy
and the life of
Saint Maria Faustina
will be shown
at 12:30 p.m.**

All are welcome!



Literature on the Devotion to the Divine Mercy and Novena booklets will be available!

Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

The Importance Of Shrines By Pope Francis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Highlighting Catholic shrines' potential to strengthen the faith of Catholics and draw people to Christianity, Pope Francis transferred responsibility for coordinating the activity of shrines to the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization.

"Despite the crisis of faith impacting the modern world, these places still are perceived as sacred spaces where pilgrims go to find moments of rest, silence and contemplation in the midst of a life that is often frenetic," Pope Francis said in a document published April 1.

Issued "motu proprio," or on his own authority, the document moves responsibility for Catholic shrines from the Congregation for Clergy to the council for new evangelization.

While in most cases, religious orders or dioceses run Catholic shrines, the Vatican still has responsibility for providing some regulation and, especially, encouragement of their pastoral activities.

The papal document specifies the pontifical council now will be responsible for: approving the designation of international shrines; studying and promoting the evangelizing activity of shrines; organizing and supporting national and international meetings to promote common pastoral initiatives; promoting specialized training of shrine workers; and ensuring that pilgrims are offered the spiritual support they need to grow from their pilgrimage.

Pope Francis, in the document, praised expressions of popular piety as reflections of real faith on the part of the pilgrims who visit the shrines, whether they are the Holy Land sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, places recognized as the site of Marian apparitions or churches associated with the life of a saint.

"Here they experience in a profound way the closeness of God, the tenderness of the Virgin Mary and the company of the saints," the pope wrote. "It is an experience of true spirituality that cannot be undervalued without demeaning the action of the Holy Spirit and the life of grace."

Many shrines, he said, have been so popular for so long that they are part of the life and identity of families, communities and even nations.

In addition, Pope Francis said, Catholic shrines are known as places that "throw open their doors to the sick, persons with disabilities and, above all, to the poor, the marginalized, to refugees and migrants."

The enduring popularity of Catholic shrines, "the humble and simple prayer of the people of God" and the Catholic liturgies celebrated in the shrines offer "a unique opportunity for evangelization in our time," he said.

Many people today, he said, have a longing for God, and shrines "can be a true refuge" where people can be honest about themselves and "find the strength necessary for their conversion."



ONE MORE TIME: On October 4, 1947, the centennial of Saint Francis College, Loretto, was marked with a field Mass in the college stadium. Presiding at the liturgy was Francis, Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York City, pictured with Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Adrian Veigle, president of the college (right) and Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Severinus Carroll, prior of the House of Studies in Washington DC (left). On Thursday, March 30, the Loretto school received a second visit from a Cardinal - Archbishop of New York when Timothy, Cardinal Dolan, celebrated Mass at Saint Francis University (see pages 12 - 13 for coverage).

Is a new age of disrespect upon us? Are we experiencing growing impertinence, insolence and contempt? This leads us to ask what exactly respect is.

Our best answer can be found in the transfiguration of Christ.

To escape the crowds, Christ, Peter, James and John ascend a mountain in search of peace and quiet. Once settled down, Christ suddenly becomes transfigured, his face shines and his clothes become dazzling white. Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus.

Experiencing the awesome moment, Peter exclaims, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!"

As they leave the mountain, Christ tells them not to mention the experience to anyone until the "Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

In the transfiguration, we have two essential qualities of respect: awe and reverential space. To be in awe is to realize that I am in the presence of greatness and to whisper, "Lord, it is good to be here!"

When Joshua encountered the commander of God's army



The Human Side

Is There No Respect These Days?

By Father Eugene Hemrick

in the Old Testament, he fell facedown to the ground in reverence, acknowledging the awesomeness of the moment and humbly paying it homage. Respect is a bow to awesomeness.

But why are the apostles exhorted to tell no one of the transfiguration?

Theologian Father Romano Guardini states when we are in awe of another, awe "forbids obtrusiveness, keeps one at a distance, does not permit the breath of one's own being to touch the revered object."

In other words, one doesn't go public about reverential moments, nor try to promote the fact of personally being close to an awesome event. Respect stands back, creating reverential space and letting that which is awesome speak.

Poet Maya Angelou wrote, "If we lose love and self-respect for each other, this is how we finally die." Her observation raises serious questions about our present age.

Are signs of disrespect outweighing signs of respect?

Politics has always had a dark side, but it also has an awesome side. Is its dark side clouding out its awesomeness, thus creating repugnant politics?

Respect for other cultures is an American virtue. Have we entered an age in which we are demonizing other cultures and losing sight of the rich cultural gifts with which they bless us?

Maya Angelou's observation about respect is sobering. To the degree that respect exists is the degree to which we live or die.

Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Did Jesus Feel Abandoned?



Q. When Jesus was dying on the cross, according to the Gospel, he cried out, "My God, why have you abandoned me?" Why was he saying this? Did he really feel that his Father had abandoned him? (Coxs Creek, Kentucky)

A. Half a century ago, when I first began to think about the meaning of scriptural verses, the conventional explanation was this: The passage you quote is only the first verse of Psalm 22, a prayer well-known to Jews of Christ's time. That psalm, which begins as a cry of abandonment, actually ends up to be a prayer of hope and praise, a vote of confidence in God's saving love.

Verse 25 of that psalm, for example, reads: "For (God) has not spurned or disdained the misery of this poor wretch, did not turn away from me, but heard me when I cried out."

This explanation was meant to assure the questioner that Jesus, the divine Son of God, could never have felt distanced

from his Father.

For me, to be honest, that explanation never rang true. Jesus did not "pretend" to be a human being. He really was one of us, subject to all the vulnerabilities that we ourselves experience.

How could he not have felt isolated, even abandoned by God? In the midst of his excruciating torture, all but one of his friends had fled in fear, their leader had denied even knowing Jesus, and Judas had betrayed him to his captors.

Fortunately, more than 20 years ago, Scripture scholarship caught up with what our instinct was telling us to be true. In the 1990s, Father Raymond Brown, then the world's most noted Catholic New Testament scholar, argued that Jesus did truly feel abandoned as he hung on the cross.

Father Brown pointed to the fact that, while praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before, Jesus had addressed his Father with the Aramaic word "Abba," a term of filial intimacy

best rendered by our own word "Daddy." But here on the cross, just moments before his death, Jesus now uses the word "Eloi," a much more formal term for "Lord," indicating a greater sense of separation.

Personally, I feel much more attracted to this very real human being -- and much more confident that he understands us in our own moments of loneliness.

Q. Is it appropriate for people to say prayers out loud during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? I have always cherished this silent time with the Lord, but in the parish I go to, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, people start praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy even before the priest has left the sanctuary. (Lincoln Creek, Oregon)

A. To my knowledge, there is no "rule" that prohibits public prayers during the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. That having been said, the main goal of such a devotion is to foster private prayer and meditation.

On the feast of Corpus Christi in 1967, the Vatican, in an "Instruction on Eucharistic Worship," said that the practice "stimulates the faithful to an awareness of the marvelous presence of Christ and is an invitation to spiritual communion with him" (No. 60).

The liturgical guidelines of the Diocese of Lansing in Michigan explain that "as properly understood, adoration is reverent and private time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament."

The Vatican instruction does allow that, during the period of adoration, "to foster personal prayer, there may be readings from the Scriptures together with a homily, or brief exhortations which lead to a better understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist" (No. 62).

But that same document is quick to add that "it is desirable that there should be periods of silence at suitable times" and notes that "during the exposition everything should be so arranged that the faithful can devote themselves attentively in prayer to Christ our Lord."



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
A Volunteer's Experience

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps was young -- and so was I -- when I first arrived at a remote Alaskan village to teach school at a Jesuit boarding school for Native Alaskan students as a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

There were no cellphones yet, and the internet did not exist. In the village of St. Mary's, and in other villages on the far-flung Alaskan tundra, there was no television reception. A phone existed for the village -- just one -- and it was in one man's home for general use.

St. Mary's, a commercial hub, had an airport a few miles away where jets landed a couple of times a week, weather permitting, bringing mail and supplies. No road system existed, and still doesn't for most of Alaska's Bush.

When our contingent of volunteers arrived, a Jesuit brother met us at the airport and loaded us on a flatbed truck for the bumpy trek to St. Mary's. I grew up on a Nebraska farm, so I know what lonely stretches of land look like. But nothing prepared me for miles of treeless tundra with no evidence of human habitation.

When we arrived at the village, culture shock hit. The volunteer's women's dormitory was surprisingly modern, but as I gazed out of my second-story window, watching the Andreafsky River wind its way toward its confluence with the mighty Yukon, I panicked.

We had a school nurse, and the village had a minimally trained health aide. I'm going to get appendicitis here, I surmised. There will be a blizzard and the jets won't fly and I will die here.

I ended up staying three volunteer years, some of the happiest of my life.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps lives on, and adventures and challenges endure for those who want to give a year of their lives to service.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps started in Alaska in 1956 in another Jesuit boarding school. By the 1960s, the organization had spread throughout the Northwest and beyond. The Jesuit Volunteer Corps became a template for subsequent volunteer groups, including the Peace Corps.

Gradually, regional Jesuit Volunteer Corps organizations grew up -- the Midwest, East, South and Southwest joined the Northwest. These coexisted as separate agencies until four of the regions and Jesuit Volunteer International merged, with headquarters in Baltimore. All Jesuit Volunteer Corps share the four core values: spirituality, simple living, community, and social and ecological justice.

Ignatian discernment is the heart of Jesuit spirituality, and after long, prayerful discernment, Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest decided to remain autonomous, rooted in the region and its long history.

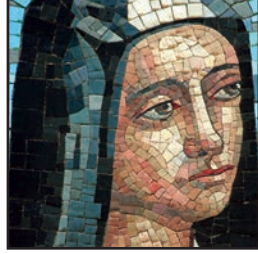
It has found a happy partnership with AmeriCorps, a national program. In 2010, Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest was awarded a three-year National Direct AmeriCorps award, which has been renewed in three-year increments since.

Most members of Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest are also AmeriCorps members, and receive an education award at year's end. This helps more young people from diverse economic brackets afford to serve for a year and lowers the cost for agencies needing volunteers.

AmeriCorps funding is threatened by the Trump administration's proposed budget cuts, which include the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the National Endowment for Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. It's early. But budgets are moral documents, so we'll be watching.

Meanwhile, Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, national Jesuit Volunteer Corps and other Catholic volunteer organizations offer a chance to experience what I did when I climbed off that flatbed: service, spiritual growth, community, challenge.

Saint Agnes
of Montepulciano
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Born to wealthy parents in a Tuscan village in Italy, Agnes was given to the care of nuns as a child, and was made superior of a new convent at age 15. About 1298 she was invited to establish a convent at Montepulciano, which she put under the direction of local Dominicans. Known for extreme personal mortifications, she lived on bread and water and slept on the ground for 15 years. She was reported to have visions and work miracles to feed her sisters when food ran low. Her tomb was visited by Emperor Charles IV and St. Catherine of Siena.



HOLY OILS: The Blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens, and the Consecration of the Sacred Chrism, is at the very heart of the Chrism Mass, celebrated in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown on Monday of Holy Week, April 10. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak presided at the Pontifical Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. He is shown in the photo at left incensing the vessels containing the Holy Oils, and in the photo at right mixes fragrant balsam with pure Olive Oil for the Sacred Chrism.



THE OIL OF THE SICK: Each of the Holy Oils was presented by a permanent deacon, accompanied by two persons representing the Sacrament associated with the oil. The Oil of the Sick was presented by Deacon Gary Gill, accompanied by Sister Ann of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm from Garvey Manor, Hollidaysburg, and Sister Frances Clare of the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, from John Paul II Manor, Cresson.

Chrism Mass Monday, April 10

-- Photos By Bruce A. Tomaselli



SEMINARIANS: At the conclusion of the Mass Bishop Mark asked the congregation to acknowledge the Diocese's five of the Diocese's six seminarians and two transitional deacons, who assisted at the celebration. Pictured are (left to right) Seminarians Austin Keith, Mark Groeger, Devin Crouse, Neil Brett and Sean Gibson; Bishop Mark; Deacons Jonathan Dickson and Peter Crowe. Deacons Dickson and Crowe will be ordained priests next month. Seminarian Michael Pleva was not present.

Homeless Shelter Director Finds Joy In Giving Back

By Bruce A. Tomaselli

She felt it was a sign from God, she said, delivered by way of a young child, and a deacon, that clarified the conflicting feelings in the heart of Danielle Bowers. At a crossroad in her career, it reaffirmed her decision to give back, to become director of the Martha and Mary House Homeless Shelter, in Johnstown.

A member of Saint Peter Parish in Somerset, she was struggling with that career direction. Bowers believed that she was brought into this world to serve others, and to that her life was dedicated.

Prior to 2016, she was working as Coordinator of Welfare Employment Programs for Somerset Community Action. But, then came the opportunity with the Martha and Mary House, a ministry of Catholic Charities.

"I was at Mass one day listening to Deacon Ron Kolonich preach about serving others and giving back," she said. "As he spoke my son, Lukas, 9, looked up at me and said, 'mom, that's what you do,' with a broad smile.

"My husband, Brad, looked at me and smiled. It was an amazing thing to hear from one of my children. Deacon Ron's sermon that day reaffirmed my decision to join Martha and Mary House. I realized that this is what I was meant to do."

Martha and Mary House is a Cambria County Emergency Homeless Shelter Program. It has been operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown since March of 2015.

The house was established to provide support, safety, and hope to individuals and families in the form of a shelter, planning, and caring case managers. It can accommodate up to 15 people. Cambria County residents are its first priority. They are permitted to stay in the House for 30 days.

"Since October of 2016, 60% of the residents that have exited the home, have found

permanent shelter," Bowers said with pride. "I have six very dedicated and hard - working staff members. We're able to work together smoothly to reach our goals for the residents. I pride myself with the hiring, training, and developing of staff members so they can best serve those in need in our community."

Danielle became a certified career counselor in May of last year. In December of 2000, she received bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. She worked as an educator for six and one - half years.

Born in Easton, she grew up in Wind Gap. Her children are students at Saint Peter Catholic School in Somerset.

Bowers gets a particular joy in helping homeless residents secure housing, employment, and finding resources necessary to become self - sufficient. "I like to be an advocate to residents and go with them to look at an apartment or help them find a job.

"Everyday we meet with the residents at Martha and Mary House for extensive case management meetings and to conduct mini - trainings and workshops. In addition we meet with all residents personally ev-



DANIELLE BOWERS

ery day by either phone or in person."

Each resident is given a welcome package which includes a brand new blanket, toiletries, and food. Donations of these items is gratefully received.

Bowers said she enjoys watching the house guests grow and succeed. The self - confidence they gain in themselves is a great joy.

The staff also works with the community to obtain donations, network to develop connections for new resources for the residents, and partner with other organizations. Presently, they are working to develop a resource group in Johnstown

that will meet regularly. So far Drug and Alcohol Services, the Mental Health Agency, Employment, and Family Services have joined the group. The are continuing to add new members.

In addition to working with the residents Bowers performs the administrative work. Those duties include completing reports, data entry into the HMIS system, staff career development, planning events, and overseeing the day - to - day operations of the House.

Danielle remembers a happy childhood, but says she grew up in a low - income family. "I watched my mom and dad struggle," she recalled. "I set a goal to become the best me that I could be, develop a career, and be a good example to my kids. I want them to learn how to give back to others."

Martha and Mary House celebrated its second anniversary with an open house in March. Over 200 lives have been changed by stays at the house. It is more than a homeless shelter. It's a program that teaches the necessary skills needed to reach self sufficiency and safe, sustainable housing.

"We offer hope when hope has been lost," said Danielle.

When a local TV station aired tape of the recent open house, Bower's son, Nikalas, 7, became really excited and told all of his friends in school that his mom was on TV. "He told me he was proud of me," she said. "I have two great kids and a husband, Danielle said. "I am blessed with my family and my job. I feel blessed all of the way around."

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SACRED TASK: Cardinal Timothy Dolan said it was his “sacred task” to celebrate Mass and preach on the Word of God when visiting Saint Francis University, Loretto, Thursday, March 30. Pictured at Mass in the Maurice Stokes Athletic Center, DeGol Arena are (left to right) Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Richard L. Davis (minister provincial, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus), Brother James Puglis (deacon), Father Malachi Van Tassell (president of Saint Francis University), Cardinal Dolan, Father Joseph Lehman (vice president for mission integration at the university) and Bishop Mark L. Bartchak.

Catholic Universities Teach Students To Put God First, Says New York Cardinal

**Photos And Text
By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein**

“The great Saint Francis University community - - a wonderful Catholic university,” earned words of high praise from Timothy, Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York City, when he visited the Loretto campus on Thursday, March 30.

The Cardinal came to Loretto to honor his friends Lou and Pat DiCerbo for their contributions to the university, but speaking at a Mass in the DeGol Arena of the Maurice Stokes Athletic Center prior to the dinner honoring the couple, Cardinal Dolan said it was his “sacred task” to break open the word of God for the community gathered in prayer.

Cardinal Dolan told the almost 1,500 worshippers that “God has revealed that he is the one true God. There is no other. There is to be no worship of idols.”

He continued “We are tempted to think, ‘That’s one sin I don’t have. I’m not going to fashion a golden calf.’

“Think again! The most basic temptation we face is to find substitutes for the one true God, and to worship them, instead.”

A Catholic university, like Saint Francis University, he said, “has as its purpose to direct everything to the one true God - - to put the one true God first in our lives.”

A Catholic university, “and you’ve got a prize one here, teaches us the dominance of the invisible over the visible.”

This runs counter, Cardinal Dolan said, to the cultural norm

that worships objects and things instead of worshipping their maker.

In his homily, Cardinal Dolan called to mind a retreat for priests conducted by the late Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Michael Scanlan, former rector of Saint Francis Seminary in Loretto, and former president and chancellor of Franciscan University of Steubenville, in Ohio. During the retreat, Father Scanlan asked the priests to reflect on the meaning of the Latin word “Dominus,” which means “Lord.”

“Father Scanlan asked us ‘Is Jesus your Lord? Is he really? Who or what dominates your life other than the one true God?’

“I am afraid, sisters and brothers, that the list is long!”

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GENIAL PRELATE: The genial Cardinal Dolan had a warm smile for those seated in the front row as he entered the arena for Mass, and looked up to greet those seated in the gallery as he left the floor following the liturgy.



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HONORED: (Left photo) Cardinal Dolan was the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Malachi Van Tassell, Saint Francis University President, at the conclusion of the Thursday, March 30 Mass. The Cardinal quipped that he was unaccustomed to receiving applause on a basketball court, as he was honored for his service to the Church and for being a consistent voice for the Church in the public arena. (Right photo) The Cardinal's visit to Saint Francis University was part of the honor the university paid to 1959 Saint Francis graduate Lou DiCerbo and his wife Pat, who in 2013 committed \$1 million to the university for the creation of The Reverend Gabriel J. Zeis T.O.R. Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology, in support of continuing the university's Catholic - Franciscan mission. Mr. and Mrs. DiCerbo were honored at a dinner in the John F. Kennedy Student Center following Mass.



HOST: Cardinal Dolan's host at Saint Francis University was university president Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Malachi Van Tassell. Cardinal Dolan was the second Cardinal - Archbishop of New York City to visit Saint Francis; Francis, Cardinal Spellman presided at the school's centennial celebration in 1947.

(Continued From Page 12.)

It is the special task of a Catholic university, the Cardinal said, to help students move from modernity, which acknowledges that the earth is not the center of the university, to a point of maturity which says "neither am I." Society teaches us "to worship only what we can see and touch and feel." A Catholic uni-

versity teaches another point of view, through "learning and wisdom, art and knowledge, friendship and service, and to put the one true God first."

Among the Saint Francis alumni who have learned that lesson, is Lou DiCerbo, class of 1959, who with his wife Pat in 2013 committed \$1 million to Saint Francis University to create The Reverend Gabriel J. Zeis

T.O.R. Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology, in support of continuing the university's Catholic - Franciscan mission. Activities supported by the fund reach out to those sharing an affinity with Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare, and the Servant of God Dorothy Day, for whom the university's peace and justice center is named. Father Zeis served as president of Saint Francis University from 2004 - 2014.

Lou and Pat DiCerbo have been married for 53 years, and are the parents of three children. They have four grandchildren, and the entire family is noted for their efforts to help the less fortunate, and to devote time, talent and treasure to philanthropic activities. Mr. and Mrs. DiCerbo live in Manhasset NY.

Mr. DiCerbo was named a distinguished alumnus of Saint Francis University in 1997. His celebrated career with Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company led to his being named to the Financial Services Management Hall of Fame.

At the March 30 dinner, Saint Francis University honored the DiCerbos with the Assisi Award.

Prior to Mass, Cardinal Dolan taped a segment for the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown's "Proclaim!" television ministry, and told Tony DeGol,

anchor and diocesan Secretary for Communications that "Lou and Pat DiCerbo are exemplary Catholics in the Archdiocese of New York.

"I like to encourage Catholic higher education, and I am happy to be here to honor Lou and Pat."

Cardinal Dolan can also claim to be an alumnus of Saint Francis University. At the end of the afternoon Mass he was presented with an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters by university president Third Order

Regular Franciscan Father Malachi Van Tassell.

In his "Proclaim!" interview, the genial Cardinal Dolan reflected upon the upcoming Easter celebration, noting "He who laughs last, laughs best.

"Good Friday doesn't have the last laugh," he reflected. "Easter does! Life, light, goodness and grace have the last laugh.

"We cry on Good Friday," he said, "but we laugh and celebrate on Easter!"

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Fun Is Fleeting In Flimsy “Boss Baby”

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Fans of Stewie Griffin, the “enfant terrible” of Fox-TV’s “Family Guy,” will know in advance just what effect the folks behind “The Boss Baby” (Fox) are aiming for with their incongruously mature title character.

Whether the filmmakers have managed to create a similarly memorable prodigy is, however, another question.

In fact, considered overall, this animated take on the trauma of acquiring a younger sibling can best be described as amusing but flimsy. On the upside,

objectionable elements are sufficiently few that all but the very youngest family members can safely enjoy the fleeting fun.

As narrator Tobey Maguire informs us, 7-year-old only child Tim (voice of Miles Bakshi) is a contented lad. He enjoys the undivided attention of his hard-working but solicitous parents (voices of Jimmy Kimmel and Lisa Kudrow), so life is good.

Until, that is, the arrival of the eponymous -- and otherwise unnamed -- infant (voice of Alec Baldwin) whose disruptive presence promptly turns Tim’s well-ordered world upside down. Resentful of the newcomer, Tim is also suspicious of such peculiarities as the fact that his brother arrived as the sole passenger in



CNS Photo/DreamWorks

BOSS BABY: Mother, voiced by Lisa Kudrow, Boss Baby, voiced by Alec Baldwin, and father, voiced by Jimmy Kimmel, appear in the animated movie “Boss Baby.” The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

a taxi and that he wears a business suit.

A little investigation proves that this is, indeed, no ordinary babe in arms. Endowed with an adult personality and the ability to speak, he also has a corporate agenda to pursue.

As a representative of the company that manufactures infants, Boss Baby is out to thwart the multiply named Francis Francis (voiced by Steve Buscemi), the head honcho of a pet marketing conglomerate. Francis, we learn, has developed a puppy so irresistible that no one will want to have children once the pooch becomes available. It’s up to Boss Baby to prevent

the product launch of this heart-hogging animal.

All of this is explained with the aid of pie charts showing cuddly dogs eating into the market for youngsters, a satiric point that can be seen as vaguely pro-life.

But a darker tone -- in line with the movie industry’s disdain for all other forms of profit making endeavor -- is introduced as Boss Baby schemes shamelessly and callously threatens Tim with the loss of their parents’ affection. (Once further exposition reveals that success will mean Boss Baby’s permanent return to headquarters, however, Tim becomes his willing collaborator.)

Beyond gentle domestic discord and the caricaturing of executives, a more pressing concern for real-life moms and dads may be the repetition in the dialogue of the question, “Where do babies come from?” The answer is always, of course, a whimsical one, though a whis-

pered exchange between Tim and Boss Baby, inaudible to the audience, briefly hints at the true explanation before both agree in rejecting it.

Along with some silly potty and anatomical gags -- this is not a movie for those averse to the sight of an animated newborn’s bottom -- that’s about all there is to worry about in director Tom McGrath’s ephemeral adaptation of Marla Frazee’s 2010 picture book.

As for Stewie, he’s unlikely to eat his heart out over the debut of his big-screen rival.

The film contains some slapstick violence, mild scatological humor and a religiously themed but not irreverent joke. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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Coming Up On ‘Proclaim!’

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

April 23 - - Teens who have attended the bi-annual National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) share their enthusiasm for the gathering and look ahead to the 2017 event.

April 30 - - Monsignor Robert Mazur, Diocesan Director of Liturgy, Rector of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, and Administrator of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Altoona, previews Diocesan observances in honor of the centennial celebration of the Apparitions of the Blessed Mother at Fatima.

In The Alleghenies

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In addition to his service on the University of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, Brennan also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology.

Brennan was recently elected as the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) board chairman. He joined the FINRA Board of Governors of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) and remained on the Board following the merger of the NASD and the New York Stock Exchange Regulation in 2007, a combination that gave rise to FINRA as the largest independent regulator for all securities firms doing business in the United States. Mr. Brennan has served on numerous boards for both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, including General Electric Co., as a Director of the United Way of Greater Philadelphia, and as a Director of The Hanover Insurance Group from 2011 until 2013.

Jack Brennan grew up in Winchester, Massachusetts, graduated from Dartmouth College (where he was captain of their ice hockey team). He received his MBA from Harvard Business School. Brennan and his wife, Catharine (Cathy) have three children, William, Kara and Conor, all of whom are Notre Dame graduates.

During the Mount Aloysius College Commencement Ceremony, Jack and Cathy Brennan will receive a joint Honorary Doctorate of Social Justice Degree. This follows in a very special Mount Aloysius tradition—each year, we honor a couple who have worked together on various issues and made a difference wherever they have lived. Previous honorees include: Dan and Patricia Rooney, Jack and Genevieve Calandra, David Shribman and Cindy Skrzycki, and Ted and Judy Risch. Jack and Cathy Brennan have spent much of their lives as volunteers

with numerous education-related ventures most of them in hard to serve communities. Their work has been especially significant in the fields of early care and education where they have worked in two states to advance those efforts, and in higher education where they have concentrated their work especially with low income students reaching beyond into post-secondary education.

Cathy is the founder of College Perspective Mentors, a nonprofit organization that provides free college counseling to low income students and their families. She has worked in secondary and college education for more than thirty years serving as an Admissions Officer at her alma mater, Director of Career Planning and Placement at another college and Development and Mission Officer at Bryn Mawr. She began her career as a college counselor at Merion Mercy Academy in Philadelphia and was the founding director of College Perspectives, a private education consulting practice. Cathy Brennan has a Bachelor's Degree from Dartmouth and a Doctorate from the Harvard School of Education. She currently serves as Trustee and Chair of the Academic and Student Life Committee of the Cristo-Ray Boston High School and is a former Trustee and active member of the Founders Circle Initiative of the United Way. She is also a Founding Director of the Radnor Children's Foundation.

Jack Brennan has been a major business leader in the United States for the last almost forty years. He was one of the youngest leaders of a Fortune 500 Company in history, achieving the CEO position while still in his thirties at Vanguard, a trillion dollar investment entity. All the while Jack was climbing the corporate ladder, he was actively engaged in efforts to assist nonprofit organizations—particularly through his work with the United Way - - at the local and national level - - and his work on the "bookends of education". Jack was an early proponent of early education seeing that as a door opener especially for low income students in America.

Jack has also been active in promoting efforts for inclusion and diversity in the higher education arena, having served in a number of volunteer capacities with several different institutions of higher education. He is currently Chair of the Board at the University of Notre Dame.

Mount Aloysius College is one of 16 U.S. colleges and universities operating under the auspices of the Religious Sisters of Mercy. Mount Aloysius College emphasizes the core values of justice, hospitality, service and mercy and these values are sewn deep into the fabric of the school. The College is proud to welcome and honor these accomplished professionals who truly understand the importance of service and who consistently give back to the many communities they touch in their lives.

Parishes

Vacation Bible School

Altoona: Saint John the Evangelist Parish, 309 Lotz Avenue, Lakemont, will be holding Vacation Bible School June 19 - 23 from 9:00 a.m. until noon, daily, for students ages 4 through fifth grade.

Volunteers are also being sought to help with the program.

For more information contact Mary Haenig, director of religious education, at mshaenig@gmail.com.

Prayer

Retreat

Portage: The Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will host a Divine Will and Mercy Retreat at Saint Joseph Convent, 1872 Munster Road.

The retreat begins Friday evening, April 21 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., and continues Saturday, April 22 with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and conferences from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Holy Hour at 4:00 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m. with music, and 7:00 p.m. a Resurrection Play presented by Alabaster Ministries.

On Sunday, April 23 the Divine Mercy Devotion and con-

clusion of the retreat will begin at 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Saint Francis Xavier Church, 211 Powell Ave, Cresson. The devotion will include a procession, conference, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, music, excerpts from Saint Faustina's Diary, and Benediction.

Conferences will be given by Father Robert Young, a regular weekly presenter on Radio Maria. Each week Father Young explores the life and writings of Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, an Italian mystic who died in 1947. Luisa's teaching is changing the lives of many people throughout the world as a very practical way to live out our Christian faith deeply immersed in the Will of God, which Saint Paul calls "our sanctification."

For more details please contact Sister Jacinta Miryam at (814) 505 - 2290 or email 333natus@gmail.com.

Carmelite Novena

Loretto: The year's fourth Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese, the Little Flower, offered by the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, will open Saturday, April 22 and conclude Sunday, April 30.

All intentions submitted to the Nuns will be remembered with the special Novena prayers following daily Mass in Carmel's chapel.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. and every First Friday of the month, followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Therese.

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



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Tickets are not required. A Free Will offering with be taken.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Easter 2017

A Message From Bishop Mark L. Bartchak

Teenagers often laugh when I reveal that I found something interesting on the Internet, “where everything you read is true!”

I recently found a website that offers to provide answers to the question, “What to Write on an Easter Card?” This website says it can help anyone find the right Easter greetings to include in a printed card or an electronic message sent by social media.

In the description of this service it says: “Easter, the celebration of Jesus Christ’s resurrection from the dead and ascension to heaven, occurs every spring.” We have a separate day to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, but I won’t get hung up on that one. And it is part of our Catholic faith to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ every Sunday, not just in the spring.

The website also suggests that there is something more and better than celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. It says: “Modern symbols of brightly colored Easter eggs, chocolate bunny rabbits, and multi-colored jelly beans have breathed new life into this religious holiday.”

I admit that I have colored my share of Easter eggs, and I have consumed my share (and sometimes my younger brother’s share) of chocolate bunny rabbits and jelly beans. But to say that these “modern symbols” have “breathed new life into this religious holiday,” is a claim that misses the point.

Our Lord Jesus Christ experienced spiritual, emotional, and physical suffering of the worst kind during his passion and death on the cross. Though he was innocent and without sin, the Lord Jesus took upon himself the weight of the sins of the whole world for all time. On the third day after his death and burial, Christ rose from the dead. Through his resurrection and his appearances to Mary Magdalene and the apostles, it was Jesus who breathed new life into those who believe in him.

I see that new life in Christ every time I celebrate the sacred liturgy of the Most Holy Eucharist when my spirit and the spirit of others are lifted up in the Holy Communion that consists of his sacred Body and Blood. I experience that new life in Christ every time I receive the gift of God’s mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance or impart absolution as an ordained minister of Christ’s Church.

I experience that new life in Christ whenever I anoint the sick. I see that breath of new life in the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation which are awesome expressions of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on God’s people.



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EASTER: The risen Christ is depicted in the painting “Resurrection” by 15th-century Italian master Andrea Mantegna.

The sacraments are the true modern symbols of the new life that come from faith in the resurrection of Christ. And there is one more important symbol. It’s the living word of God found in Sacred Scripture which breathes new life into each of us when we read it, pray over it, proclaim it and live it.

So what should I write in an Easter card? How about this: “On the evening of that first day of the week, Jesus came and stood before them and said, “Peace be with you.” He showed them his hands and his side. At the sight of the Lord the disciples rejoiced. “Peace be with you,” he said again. Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:19-22)

Enjoy the colored eggs, chocolate bunnies, and jelly beans. But most of all I pray that you will find your joy in this great mystery of faith: Christ is risen! Christ is truly risen!

+ Mark L. Bartchak

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