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CONCELEBRATING: Minutes after being ordained to the priesthood, Father Jonathan Dickson (left) and Father Peter Crowe (right) joined Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and their brother priests in concelebrating Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, Saturday, May 27.

Diocese Celebrates ‘Great And Joyous Day’ As Fathers Crowe, Dickson Ordained To Priesthood

Photos And Text
By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein

Saturday, May 27 was hailed by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak as “a great and joyous day . . . a day of blessing for the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.”

The Diocese was founded, as the Diocese of Altoona, on May 27, 1901. The day is also observed as the feast of the Diocese’s principal patroness: Mary, Mother of the Church.

But this year, the day marked an especially significant milestone. Two men - - Peter Dominic Crowe and Jonathan

James Dickson - - were ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. They are the first new priests ordained for service in the local Church since 2011.

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SAINT CLEMENT: Saint Clement Parish, Johnstown, celebrated Confirmation on Thursday, May 4, and First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 7. Pictured at left are (left to right) First row: Cameron Sebastian Helsel, Kasey Theresa Meredith, Olivia Theodora Letzo, Hayley Jane Knupp, Michael Joseph Turco, Blake David Cassick. Second row: Adam Michael Mrozowski, Koby Leonard Glessner, Hunter James Gleason, Noah Paul Mastovich and David Sebastian Gacka. Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Father William Rosenbaum (pastor), Matthew Kauffman, Dennilyn Hemin, Aubrie Elders, Kennedy Faight, Emory Gunby. Second row: Matthew Gaborek (catechist), Connor Jones, Bryce Goodman, Easton McKee, Mary Koval (catechist), Tyler Galiote and Mandy Vigna (director of religious education).



SAINT ANNE, JOHNSTOWN: First Holy Communion was celebrated Sunday, April 23 at Saint Anne Parish, Johnstown. Pictured (at left) are (left to right) Sister Letizia of the Sisters of Saint Ann (director of religious education), Devyn Shingler, Franciscan Father Bernard Karmanocky (pastor), Eli Matejovich and Bernardine Mishler (catechist). Celebrating May Crowning (pictured at right) were (left to right) First row: Aubrie Shingler, Adalin Matejovich, Devyn Shingler, Eli Matejovich, Emma Matejovich. Second row: Kendal Shingler and Father Karmanocky.

Higher Education

Service Award

Cresson: Mount Aloysius College student - athletes have earned the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) top community service recognition for the 2016 -2017 academic year. The AMCC made the announcement during their annual President's Meeting held in Steubenville OH. In addition to winning the AMCC's Gold Recognition for an "Array of Events," Mountie student-athletes were also awarded the Bronze Award for a "One - Time Event" - - a thorough spring makeover of a park and playground in Johnstown.

At Mount Aloysius, every club and organization has a strong community service focus written into the charter. Opportunities for meaningful community service abound even within the academic curricula of the College and touch organization with such varied missions as heart health, literacy, recycling, breast cancer education, environmental concerns, hunger and homelessness, veteran's support, anti - bullying and more.

Executive director of mission integration and community outreach, Christina Koren, described the scope of service projects undertaken this year by Mount Aloysius student-athletes. "During 2016 - 2017," said Koren, "our student - athletes contributed over 4,500

community service hours and donated over \$4,000.00 to various organizations." Koren added that, "the efforts involved 13 Mountie athletic teams hosting 17 different community projects."

Ryan Smith, athletic director, listed some of the student - athletes notable projects during the 2016 - 2017 academic year. "The service projects touched many corners of the community," said Smith. "Some of these were the annual Pink Out Volleyball game, the Ebensburg Heart Chase, Soles4Souls, Veterans 3K Run, Special Olympics Bowling, the cross-country teams serving Thanksgiving Dinners, Project Bundle Up, the Women's Basketball Shoot for a Cause and more. There

were over 100 projects in which Mountie student-athletes partnered with other groups and organizations on campus and throughout the region," added Smith.

The AMCC's Bronze Award was earned through the work of over 45 Mountie soccer players - - men and women coordinated by Women's and Men's Head Soccer Coach, Matt Davis, with Koren. The players got together for a thorough spring cleanup of the West End Community Garden and Oakhurst Playground in Johnstown. Mounties shoveled and spread mulch, painted a pavilion, and cleaned up litter during an early April weekend.



CONFIRMED: Makenna Topka of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish, Central City, was confirmed Sunday, May 21. Father Aron Maghsoudi is pastor.

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In The Alleghenies



RESURRECTION: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Resurrection Parish, Johnstown, on Sunday, April 23 were (left to right) First row: Edward Mish III, Kayden Shumaker, Aiden Conway, Makenzie Bailey, Blaise Veney. Second row: Christine Babik (director of religious education), Father George Gulash (pastor) and Frannie Findley (catechist).



SAINT STEPHEN: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Saint Stephen Parish, McConnellsburg, on Saturday, May 13 were (left to right) First row: Serenity Rengifo, Eleanor Grissinger, Ella Pistner. Second row: Father Matthew Baum (administrator) and Carmelite of the Word Sister Martha Burbulla (catechist).



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Dominic Lessard (left) and Nathan Farabaugh (right), eighth grade graduates of Northern Cambria Catholic School, have been named winners of Junior Achievement Cardinal Donald Wuerl Scholarship. This scholarship is made possible because of a partnership between the schools of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, and the Diocese of Pittsburgh, with Junior Achievement. The awards were presented at lunch at LeMont Restaurant in Pittsburgh on Friday, May 19. Each student will receive \$3,000.00 to further their education at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg.

Saturday, July 15 is the deadline for submitting First Holy Communion, Confirmation, May Crowning and Graduation photos for publication in The Catholic Register.

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Many Mount Aloysius College service projects were performed within a 50 - mile radius of the College, but some students - athletes travelled as far away as Camden, NJ, where they served in several different areas in the community, and Guyana, South America, where they worked in a Mercy Sponsored community center.

Parishes

Cereal Collection

Altoona: Judy Savine, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, has collected cereal to benefit children through the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Throughout the school year, students from Catholic and non - Catholic schools in Blair County assist greatly in the collection. The donations drop dramatically during the summer months when school is not in session.

As a way to fill that void, Bishop Mark has once again requested that each parish in Blair County sponsor a cereal collec-

tion at all Masses on Father's Day weekend - - June 17 - 18, or another weekend close to those dates. Students in Vacation Bible School programs are encouraged to donate cereal as a community service project. All cereal collected will go a long way in feeding children over the summer months.

Prayer

Carmelite Novena

Loretto: The year's sixth novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese, the Little Flower, offered by the Disalced Carmelite Nuns, will open Thursday, June 22 and conclude Friday, June 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

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Point Of View

Looking back over the past four years, I can't pinpoint when or where the scale tipped. When my days became more "not-grieving" than grieving.

It wasn't like the changing of the seasons, knowing that by May the harshness of January would be long gone. There was no predictability. No schedule. No deadline.

There was no being better able to accept the fact that in midwinter there were few hours of daylight where I live (in west-central Washington state), but come late spring and early summer, every day would be dominated by sunlight. If not sunshine. (It is the Seattle area.)

I suppose I had to take it on faith that this grieving/not-grieving balance would shift. Faith in what a social worker and what a veteran widows and widowers told me. Faith in a belief that God hadn't abandoned me and wouldn't leave me forever in this life -- this pit -- where I was living now.

It was reassuring when I saw that those of us who were recently widowed shared similar experiences and challenges but were going through those early times not only in our own ways but also at our own particular pace. The ways that were working best for each of us individually and the pace that was ... the pace.

I know there can be grief "triggers." A song on the radio. A sudden thought that, "Oh, I'll have to tell Monica about ... " A sight. An aroma. A memory.



Your Family

Staying Prepared For 'Grief Pockets'

By Bill Dodds

My ways. My pace. My grief. My "pilgrimage."

The weeks, months and years since then have helped me learn to anticipate and prepare myself for the yearly events (birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and such) and the big events (a graduation, a wedding and so on) that are the part of every person's life.

I know there can be grief "triggers." A song on the radio. A sudden thought that, "Oh, I'll have to tell Monica about ... " A sight. An aroma. A memory.

It has been the same for my children and grandchildren.

But it's only recently that I started thinking about my sudden and unexpected falling into grief as "pockets of grief." That I started noticing it seems I can be gliding along OK and then, like an airplane flying through clear skies and unexpectedly hitting an air pocket, I drop emotionally.

It's startling.

What happened? Why did it happen? Now what?

I've also noticed the pocket doesn't last long. It's not entering an extended period of turbulence. It's a morning, a day, a couple of days, where I just feel sad again. It's not the plane crashing.

Not the grief of those early times, not the sorrow that's so debilitating, but ... just sad. Just missing Monica. Just once again feeling more focused on her not being here and what a crummy thing that is.

I make it through. In this analogy, the plane climbs back to its standard cruising altitude and levels off. The pilot turns off the fasten seat belt sign and, once again, I'm free to move about the cabin. But then captain gets on the intercom to advise it's best to have that seat belt loosely fastened even when the sign's off.

It's best for me to do the same as a widower, even during an extended period of smooth skies.

To get enough sleep. To eat wisely. To exercise. To take advantage of the sacraments. To stay pleasantly busy. To have fun. To pray for others and their needs. To find ways to be of service to others.

An airplane seat belt doesn't somehow prevent air pockets, but I suspect paying attention to my needs, to my own well-being, does make those sudden, surprising "grief pockets" less severe, more manageable and more brief.



Another Perspective

Confident Faith

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein

For several months I have been praying for a special intention, and saying a prayer that includes the words "I make this request with complete confidence."

One day, it hit me like a ton of bricks that I really and truly meant what I was saying when I repeated those words: In saying that prayer, in making that request to God, I was completely confident that God was listening to me, and that my prayer would be answered. And what struck me with even more force was the realization that I was not worrying about what the answer to my prayer would be. All that mattered was that my prayer would be answered in whatever fashion God saw fit. I could pray - - and can continue to pray with complete confidence - - because I know that the situation is in God's hands.

It hasn't been easy for me to get to this point in my life of prayer. I should have been named Thomas, because I have always shared his doubts. To surrender myself into God's hands and to make a leap of faith is something that used to tie me up in knots. Now, I am able to say that I keep faith in my doubts. Faith, we are told in the Letter to the Hebrews "is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." I pray with that assurance, with that conviction. I have come to believe that there is nothing else I can do.

Prayer must be predicated not on saying "Please," but on saying "Thank you." Venerable Father Solanus Casey, who will be beatified this year, used to tell people, when they prayed, "To thank God ahead of time." In their prayer they were to make it clear to God that the ultimate answer to their prayer was not what mattered. What mattered was their loving, trusting placing of their cares and concerns in God's hands, confident that God would hear them. We are not to thank God for answering us; we are to thank God for hearing us.

And when we pray that way, it becomes easier to pray with confidence - - with complete confidence. God sees all, hears all, knows all. We must acknowledge that fact as we begin our prayer. We must say sincerely "Thy will be done." We are not asking God to change His mind. We are asking Him to change our hearts and our minds, so that His will becomes our will. We are asking Him to help us conform our desires to His. We can pray with complete confidence, because that is a prayer that He will always answer. He wants nothing more than to draw us ever closer to Himself.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews writes "without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach Him must believe that He exists, and that He rewards those who seek Him." The reward is not in giving us what we want, but in giving us what He wants, and giving us the grace to accept it, with the complete confidence that His holy will is always the best.

Baltimore Archdiocese Responds To Netflix Series

By Christopher J. Gundy
Catholic News Service

BALTIMORE (CNS) -- As Netflix prepared to release a seven-part documentary about the unsolved 1969 murder of a Baltimore nun, officials of the Archdiocese of Baltimore reaffirmed that the church did not attempt to interfere in the investigation of the death of Sister Catherine Cesnik.

Sister Cathy, as she was known, had been a popular teacher at Archbishop Keough High School in the 1960s. She was on a year's leave of absence from her order, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, to teach in the Baltimore public school system when she was reported missing after she left her apartment Nov. 7, 1969, and never returned, the **Catholic Review** reported Jan. 9, 1970.

Related to the investigation into her murder are allegations that she was aware of alleged sexual abuse by a priest at Archbishop Keough High School, where Sister Cathy had taught. That priest, Father A. Joseph Maskell, was not a suspect during the original investigation of the murder in 1969-1970.

Debuting May 19, the Netflix documentary series,

titled "The Keepers," focuses on allegations of sexual abuse in the 1960s and '70s at Archbishop Keough High by Maskell and of a relationship between that abuse and Sister Cathy's death. As of press time, neither the **Catholic Review** nor the Archdiocese of Baltimore had been provided with an advance copy of the series, although advance copies were provided to other media outlets.

Maskell, who died in 2001, was permanently removed from ministry in 1994 by Cardinal William H. Keeler, then archbishop of Baltimore.

The first allegation received by the archdiocese regarding sexual abuse by Maskell was received in 1992, about 20 years after the abuse had occurred, according to Sean Caine, executive director of communications for the archdiocese.

An adult survivor, who preferred not to be named, came forward to archdiocesan authorities and told them that she was in the process of recovering memories of abuse by a number of people, including Maskell.

The archdiocese encouraged the victim to report the allegation to civil authorities, which she chose not to do at that time. The archdiocese reported the allegation in 1993 when the Maryland attorney general clarified that

organizations were required to report any allegation of child abuse to civil authorities, even if the victim was an adult and did not want to report.

In 1992, Maskell was sent for psychological evaluation and treatment. He denied the allegation, underwent months of evaluation and treatment, and was returned to ministry in 1993 after the archdiocese was unable to corroborate the allegation of sexual abuse through its own investigation and conversations with attorneys representing the individual who initially came forward, according to Caine.

He said the archdiocese continued to seek information about Maskell and when additional individuals came forward in 1994 to accuse him, he was permanently prohibited from public ministry. "The archdiocese subsequently made additional reports and has cooperated with civil authorities," Caine said.

The archdiocese has no record of any report, verbal or written, by Sister Cathy.

As early as the mid-1980s, the Baltimore Archdiocese was encouraging victims of sexual misconduct by anyone associated with the archdiocese to come forward and to report it to civil authorities, Caine said.

Support For Survivors

Support for survivors of sexual abuse is always available throughout the Diocese of Altoona-Johnston. Survivors are encouraged to seek help for recovery through any of the sexual assault centers in their area. All of the sexual assault centers offer:

- * 24/7 Hotline Services
- * Crisis Intervention
- * Case Management
- * Individual Counseling
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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.



OUR LADY OF VICTORY: Celebrating First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College (top photo) were Quinn Bahrmann, Connor Baldwin, Ethan Bowen, Nate Brown, Tyler Brown, Thomas Brucker, Alberto Cervone, Grace Chambers, Alexander Chobody, Gus Clement, Zachary Costlow, Sarah Coudriet, Claire Dible, Isabelle Dubler, Elizabeth Eby, Richard Essen, Ellison Finke, Caleb Foytack, Kyle Fritzsche, Christopher Grove, Logan Heverly, Noah High, Anne Horgas, Jonah Hoy, Gloria Jasso, Eve Kennedy, Madeline Kopinski, Olivia Kurpeikis, Zane Langer, Padraig Leahey, Carsyn Ligetti, Paige Lincoski, Cora Lukac, William Lulis, Katherine Masters, Maddalyn Mattis, Nicholas McSweeney, Gabriel Meredith, Eva Mieckowski, Seth Montler, Ava Munoz, Lily Nicastro, Matthew Noel, Hana Ohmoto - Frederick, Alexander Olbrich, Mason Page, Curtis Palmer, Josie Panetta, Joseph Powell, Madeline Pry, Claire Renaud, Tadeo Rodriguez Hertz, Grace Rosenberg, Christopher Rusinque - Castro, Robert Saylor, Gavin Schaefer, Ryan Schwindenhammer, George Sheader, Olivia Showers, Freya Spigelmyer, Ivan Spigelmyer, Lucas Starks, Kasha Stolberg, Autumn Swisher, Alaina Walrath, Carson Webber, James Whitbred, Jon Whitbred, Leah Wright, Jaidyn Young, Natee Zalno and Dylan Zuech. Also pictured are Father Neil Dadey (pastor), Father Antony Sudherson (parochial vicar), Deacon David Lapinski; Eva Corsaro (director of religious education) and Jim Hoy. Celebrating Confirmation (bottom photo) were April Arbutiski, Bryant Antanasio, Jaret Beyer, Xavier Bodnar, Rocco Chirieleison, Jacob Cusatis, Nicholas DeCarmine, Veronica Emigh, Kaitlin Flynn, Jonathan Garlicki, Cayman Hockenberry, Jeffrey Hodgdon, Michael Hopp, Kristina Hughes, Katie Kinslow, Joseph Leahey, Olivia Lehmier, Jack Leous, Anthony Mobley, Amanda Mohamed, Robert Nachtman, Cade Nungesser, David Paroda, Andrew Pautz, Megan Petrine, Sophia Rallis, Joshua Robert, Luke Sepich, Caroline Sparrow, Chloe Spencer, Matthew Tomczuk, Magdalena Urban, Justin Vescio, Sara Washell, Joseph Wheeler, Madelyn Wolf and Jason Zuech. Members of the Confirmation team are Deacon Lapinski, Lincoln Kennedy and Diane Lapinski. The directors of high school religious education are Brendan and Kristy Bagley



Bishop's Appointments

Effective Wednesday, June 28, 2017

REVEREND LAWRENCE L. LACOVIC, appointed to Senior Priest, residing at Saint Anthony of Padua rectory in Windber.

VERY REV. ANDREW C. STANKO, V.F., appointed to Senior Priest, continuing to reside at Saint John Vianney rectory in Mundy's Corner.

REVEREND DONALD W. DUSZA, appointed Pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Northern Cambria.

REVEREND ANTHONY J. PETRACCA, appointed Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Altoona and Chaplain at UPMC, Altoona.

REVEREND JOSEPH T. ORR, appointed Administrator of Saint Joseph Parish in Renovo, continuing as Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Lock Haven and providing sacramental coverage at Lock Haven University

REVEREND ARON M. MAGHSOUDI, appointed Administrator of Saint John the Baptist Parish in New Baltimore, continuing as Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels in Central City and sacramental minister at the State Correctional Institutions of Laurel Highlands and Somerset.

DEACON THOMAS BUIGE, appointed to Administrator of Saint John Vianney Parish in Mundy's Corner.

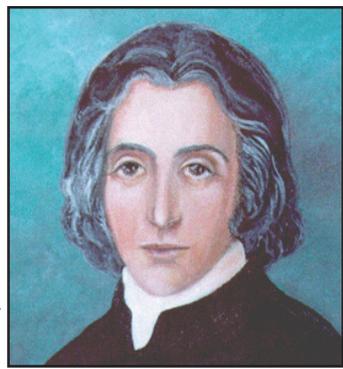
REVEREND PETER D. CROWE, appointed Parochial Vicar at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown and Chaplain at DLP Conemaugh.

REVEREND JONATHAN J. DICKSON, appointed Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College and Chaplain at Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College.

REVEREND BRIAN L. WARCHOLA, appointed sacramental minister at the State Correctional Institution, Somerset, continuing as Administrator of Saint Michael Parish in Saint Michael.

REVEREND ANTONY SUDHERSON, HGN, Chaplain at Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College, continuing to serve as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College.

REVEREND MARK R. REID, appointed sacramental minister at Juniata College, continuing as Administrator of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon.



A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

The Servant Of God
Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin
1770 - 1840

Inquiry Closed In Cause Of Vietnam - Era Chaplain

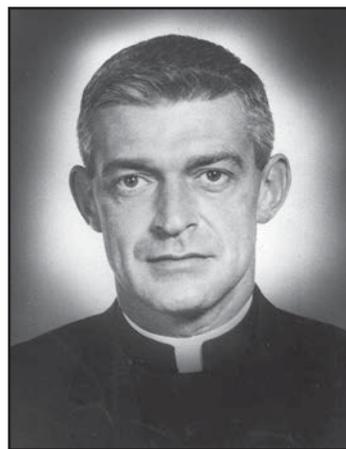
By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- A tribunal of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services has wrapped up its nearly four-year inquiry into whether the life of Father Vincent R. Capodanno, a Vietnam War hero and

U.S. Navy chaplain, merits consideration for sainthood.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, who heads the Washington-based military archdiocese, announced May 21 that the archdiocesan phase in the Maryknoll priest's cause has concluded.

His announcement came at the end of the 23rd annual memorial Mass celebrated to honor U.S. military members, living



FATHER VINCENT R. CAPODANNO

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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Grunt Padre" -- Father Capodanno's nickname -- Marine Cpl. Keith Rounseville recounts how Father Capodanno "was jumping over my (fox) hole, all the while exposing himself to enemy machine gun fire to try and give aid to a wounded Marine."

"Chaplain Capodanno looked and acted cool and calm, as if there wasn't an enemy in sight," the book says. "As he reached the wounded Marine, Chaplain Capodanno lay down beside him and gave him aid and verbal encouragement and telling him medical help was on the way."

Marine Cpl. Ray Harton also remembered how he lay bleeding from a gunshot wound to his left arm. "As I closed my eyes, someone touched me," he recounted for the book. "When I opened my eyes, he looked directly at me. It was Father Capodanno. Everything got still: no noise, no firing, no screaming. A peace came over me that is unexplainable to this day. In a quiet, calm voice, he cupped the back of my head and said, 'Stay quiet, Marine. You will be OK. Someone will be here to help you soon. God is with us all this day.'"

In 2002, Father Capodanno's canonization cause was officially opened. In 2004, the initial documentation for the cause was submitted to the Congregation for Saints' Causes. In 2006, a public decree of "servant of God" for Father Capodanno, a native of Staten Island, New York, was issued by the military archdiocese.

The archdiocese also established the Capodanno Guild -- www.capodannoguild.org -- to raise funds and support for the sainthood cause.

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and dead, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

The decision clears the way for the tribunal's findings to go to the Vatican's Congregation for Saints' Causes for its review and a possible decision on whether to advance the priest's cause to the next stage in the sainthood process.

Archbishop Broglio has called Father Capodanno, who died in Vietnam Sept. 4, 1967, one of the "great priest chaplains."

Father Capodanno, a Navy chaplain who served with the Marines, died in Operation Swift in the Thang Binh district of the Que Son Valley. He went among the wounded and dying, giving last rites. Wounded in the face and hand, he went to help an injured corpsman only yards from an enemy machine gun and was killed. He was 38.

In a biography written by Father Daniel Mode titled "The

Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

Share Hope, Not Bitterness

By Pope Francis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians are called to be "sowers of hope," consoling and defending the poor and anyone in need, Pope Francis said.

As Christians prepared to celebrate Pentecost June 4, Pope Francis used his weekly general audience May 31 to speak about the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen the hope of believers and to send them forth to instill hope in others.

Sowing bitterness or perplexity, he said, "isn't Christian and if you do this, you aren't Christian. Sow hope. Spread the oil of hope, diffuse the perfume of hope and not the vinegar of bitterness and hopelessness."

In his Letter to the Romans (15:13), St. Paul prays, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Having an abundance of hope, Pope Francis said, means not only hoping that when life is over one will be with God. It also means having the strength today to continue hoping "even when there is less human reason for hoping."

"Hope truly is like a sail," the pope said. "It gathers the wind of the Spirit and transforms it into a driving force that pushes the boat out to sea or to the shore, depending on circumstances."

"It pushes us to go forward, always forward," he said. The Holy Spirit "makes us feel like pilgrims and strangers and does not allow us to sit back and become a sedentary people."

Jesus promised his disciples the Holy Spirit as a "paraclete," a provider of consolation and a defense, the pope said, and those who have been blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit are in turn called to console and defend others.

"Console and defend like the Holy Spirit does for each of us who are here in the square. Console and defend," he said. "We must be the same for the neediest, the discarded, those who need it most, those who suffer most. Console and defend."

Saying, "This seems strange, but it's true," Pope Francis noted how St. Paul also taught that the Holy Spirit gives hope to all of creation, which is "groaning in labor pains" but expectant in hope. "This pushes us to respect creation: one cannot sully a painting without offending the artist who created it."



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GENERAL AUDIENCE: Pope Francis speaks during his general audience in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican Wednesday, May 31.



ONE MORE TIME: Members of Saint Joseph's Guild from Saint Joseph Parish, Williamsburg, are shown in a photo from a 1991 parish directory.

"Niles, how is everything going?" I asked our superintendent of education.

"Gene, it would be great if only there weren't people," he replied.

Life can be a friend, but it also can be an enemy. "People conflicts" are everywhere: differing opinions, touchiness, envy, jealousy and hatred. As long as we live, life will be a battle for balance and unity.

Increased suicides make us wonder about today's disunity. Is it causing heightened anxiety, depression and little desire to live? Where do we find harmony in an advanced civilization that seems to be dramatically regressing?

The answer comes from Christ the Truth. As wonderful as it is, imitating Christ-like truth is never easy.

As a child, my mother would often sternly admonish me, "Tell me the truth!" I remember how I feared getting whacked if I came clean.

The consequences of being truthful aren't always welcomed. And yet it's the heart of our humanity that is at its best when we exude it.

On the other hand, our humanity is at its worst when our consciousness of truth is broken, so that we no longer are able to



The Human Side

Combating Untruthfulness

By Father Eugene Hemrick

say, "In all honesty, this is so ... this is not so."

I have ministered to couples who were in love when suddenly one or the other no longer felt love. A relationship filled with intimate feelings and dreams of living life together is crushed, and oh, the confusion of where to turn next.

The best advice is found in the principle: "In all honesty, this is so ... and in all honesty this is not so." Facing the truth

Christ might advise, "Start first with: How truthful you are with yourself? Do you hide truth from God and those around you, fearing you will get whacked if you come clean? How firmly do you believe truth and openness make us free and better able to handle the angst of untruthfulness?"

contains immense power for dignifying distasteful situations. It also creates freedom because truthfulness releases inhibitors to openness, thus clearing the air.

Could the reason many feel down these days be frustration with not learning the real truth and feeling duped? If so, how might we combat these anxieties best?

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Practicing self-truth spills over into our work, family, government and church, generating the strength needed to fight today's falsehoods and dishonesties.

Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Dementia And
Holy Communion

Q. My father is 86 years old and was raised in the Catholic Church. He was considered an intellectual and earned his Ph.D. in philosophy. He became a non-practicing Catholic and in fact rejected the church, although he had a thirst for justice and continued to treasure the church's teachings on human rights.

Now he has dementia and has begun to join me at Sunday Mass. Last week, he followed me up to Communion and received the Eucharist. I feel conflicted and am unsure as to whether I should encourage him to do this. Please advise. (Peachtree City, Georgia)

A. I would let your father take the lead; if he is inclined to take Communion, he is entitled to do so. Let me offer some background.

In the present-day Latin-rite Catholic Church, one must have the use of reason to receive holy Communion. (Eastern-rite Catholics are given Communion

as infants, and this was also true in the early centuries in the Roman rite.)

In 1995, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published a document entitled "Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities," which included the following statement: "The criterion for reception of holy Communion is the same for persons with developmental and mental disabilities as for all persons, namely, that the person be able to distinguish the body of Christ from ordinary food, even if this recognition is evidenced through manner, gesture or reverential silence rather than verbally."

Quickly that same document goes on to note that "cases of doubt should be resolved in favor of the right of the baptized person to receive the sacrament." Since it likely is difficult to ascertain exactly what your father comprehends, I would award him the benefit of the doubt and encourage him to take

Communion, if that is what he wants.

(Nor would I "grill" him on just what he understands the Eucharist to be; after all, how does it hurt anyone for him to be receiving reverently?)

If, on the other hand -- and I have seen this on a couple of occasions in nursing homes -- someone were to take the host in and out of their mouth repeatedly and not consume it, I would not offer that person Communion again and would simply give a blessing instead.

Q. Recently I went to confession because I felt that my big sin was that I had utter disdain for our country's leader, Donald Trump.

I told the priest that I had been so traumatized by the presidential election that I had become physically as well as emotionally ill -- and that I had, in fact, been compelled to undergo a heart catheterization and an echocardiogram.

The priest proceeded to tell me in the confessional that my party had had its way for eight years and that it was the Republican Party's turn.

I have prayed about this and have asked God to forgive me. The priest absolved me from my sin, but I continue to be haunted by the whole experience. I would appreciate your thoughts so that I can put my mind and my heart to rest. (Illinois)

A. Assuming that you heard the priest correctly and have conveyed his comments accurately, the priest was out of line and I apologize on the church's behalf. A priest -- from the pulpit, in the confessional or anywhere as a public representative of the church -- must take care to advocate only for issues and not be seen as endorsing or opposing particular candidates or political parties.

As for yourself, I'm not sure what you thought your sin was; people's response to public figures runs the gamut and is not necessarily sinful. But your health should be your paramount concern, so maybe you need to shield yourself a bit from the daily avalanche of political news.



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
A Budget To Serve
The Common Good

As we drive through rural Nebraska to a memorial service for an old family friend, an orange sunset bathes tiny new corn in soft light.

In ordinary times, our group would be reminiscing, telling old stories. But inevitably the conversation turns to our current political climate. I can't remember another time when people were so consumed by national events.

"You know," a voice from the front seat speaks. "People talk about morality as if it's all about sexual sins. But the real sin in our society is greed."

How true that seems right now.

As Catholics, we need to follow the federal budget as it works its way through Congress. Our personal consumption and charity define our character, our generosity or greed. Likewise, a federal budget proclaims who we are as Americans and how we steward our resources.

Spiritual leaders tell us that a budget is a moral document. A few days before President Donald Trump issued his proposed budget, six chairmen of committees at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, including Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, reminded the president of that vital truth.

A budget, they said, should be based on "moral criteria that protect human life and dignity, give central importance to 'the least of these' (Mt 25), and promote the welfare of workers and families who struggle to live in dignity."

Does President Trump's initial budget meet those criteria? Does it give "central importance" to the poor?

Most commentators agree: This initial budget is basically dead on arrival. The math doesn't add up. The draconian cuts it would make to the social fabric in the country won't pass muster with most. And then there's that odd juxtaposition of drastically cutting food stamps and Medicaid on the one hand and introducing family leave on the other.

It's a confused and a confusing budget, but a federal budget is always a sausage-making process to which we should pay attention.

There's an ancient concept, originating with the Greeks, called the "common good." It's bedrock Catholic teaching. Essentially, it's the antithesis of the individualistic, "I'll get mine" attitude.

The common good is why we can call 911 for help whether we're rich or poor. It maintains fire departments, provides a social safety net, strives for equal public education for all and public spaces accessible to everyone. The common good doesn't ask, "What's in it for me?" but, "What sacrifices can I make so that our system is good and productive for all of us?"

Instead of proposing that kicking millions off food stamps will motivate them to seek employment, as if most people wouldn't love a good job, we need a national conversation focusing on overlooked questions.

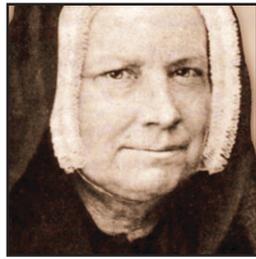
For example, why do people with full-time jobs still need food stamps to survive? Why, in a country so rich that our ruling elite is full of millionaires and billionaires, do almost 18 percent of children in the U.S. experience food insecurity?

Why is the gap between rich and poor so great?

Why are some proposing lowering taxes for the richest? Why hasn't our recent economic recovery lifted all boats? How do we get Congress to listen to the people, and not primarily to the special interests that finance elections?

As we consider what will serve the common good, I appreciate these words of Jesuit Father Greg Boyle, who works with former gang members in Los Angeles: "Here is what we seek: a compassion that can stand in awe at what the poor have to carry rather than stand in judgment at how they carry it."

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Paula was born in the politically turbulent early 19th century in Genoa, Italy. With her priest-brother, she taught the poor children of the parish of Quinto. When other women joined them, Paula founded the Congregation of St. Dorothy. Despite many obstacles and few resources, the new teaching institute eventually prospered as Paula's deep prayer life and wisdom became widely known. The congregation spread to other Italian cities, Portugal and Brazil. Pope John Paul II declared Paula a saint in 1984.

Ordination Day Celebrated As Time Of ‘Renewed Hope And Joy’ For Diocesan Church



PROMISE OF OBEDIENCE: With his hands between those of Bishop Mark, Peter Crowe promises respect and obedience to him, and to his successors.

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Chuckling, Bishop Mark began his homily by recalling that “just a few weeks after I began my ministry as Bishop, I ordained Father Brian Warchola to the priesthood.” Turning to the choir stalls where the priests were seated, the Bishop said “Father Brian, I’m pleased to inform you that from today you are no longer the Diocese’s rookie priest!”

That title can now be claimed by Father Crowe, who will turn 31 - years - old tomorrow, and Father Dickson who is 37.

Boalsburg native Father Crowe is one of six children of

Robert Crowe and the late Susan (Hollick) Crowe. Father Dickson is an Altoona native, one of three sons of Rosalie (Vorndran) Dickson and the late Charles Dickson.

Bishop Mark paid tribute to the parents of the ordinands, calling them “their first teachers in the faith; the first to introduce them to the Lord Jesus, to His gospel, to His Church,” and asked the congregation to acknowledge them and all family members with applause.

Candidates for ordination “don’t grow on trees,” Bishop Mark said, “if they did I’d be out there picking every day. They come from families - - they come from parents, brothers and sisters - - families who nourish the faith. So, I am asking all of you to take part in that important work for our Church.”

Father Crowe received his priestly formation at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, and Father Dickson at Saint Mary Seminary, Baltimore.

Bishop Mark shared that in the past few weeks, many priests and parishioners have shared with him their thanks to God for



ORDINATION DAY: Sharing the joy of ordination day were (left to right) Father Matthew Reese (diocesan director of vocations), newly - ordained Father Peter Crowe, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, and newly - ordained Father Jonathan Dickson.

the ordination of Fathers Crowe and Dickson, and for the good and holy priests serving the diocesan Church. Bishop Mark stated they sense a spirit of “renewed hope and joy for everyone in our Diocese,” after all that the Diocese has gone through over the course of the last years, and a reminder “that God has not forgotten us and never will.”

The Bishop quoted Saint Paul who said that we hold God’s mercy and light in earthen vessels, and that on ordination day the most visible earthen vessels are those called to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, sharing God’s mercy and light with all people. He then asked all priests to stand so that they could be affirmed and thanked by the applause of the worshippers filling the Cathedral.

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LAYING ON OF HANDS: Bishop Mark lays his hands upon the head of Jonathan Dickson, calling down the power of the Holy Spirit upon him at the moment of ordination to the priesthood.

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VESTED: Father Mark Begly, Father Jonathan Dickson's spiritual director, vests him in the stole and chasuble of a priest at the ordination liturgy, Saturday, May 27.



QUIET CONVERSATION: Prior to the opening procession of their ordination Mass, Jonathan Dickson (left) and Peter Crowe (right) share a quiet conversation with Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka, diocesan vicar for religious.

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As he continued, Bishop Mark pointed out that the Rite of Ordination calls men to serve by following the example of Christ the teacher, priest and shepherd, and reminded the priests - elect that "the sacred duty of preaching and teaching in the name of Christ comes first," reminding them that Pope Francis says that priests are to impart the word of God they have received, with joy - - "you've received it with joy, and you must preach it with joy."

In sharing the ministry of Christ the priest, the sanctifier, Bishop Mark exhorted Peter and Jonathan to "enter into the mystery that you are celebrating, helping others to enter the saving mystery of the death of the Lord Jesus on the cross."

The third dimension of the ministry exercised by priests, he told the ordinands "is an imitation of Jesus Christ, the good shepherd, the one who laid down His life for the sheep." Bishop Mark reminded them that Pope Francis has said "the shepherd must smell like his sheep."

"That can only happen when we are out there with them," Bishop Mark explained. This happens, he said, in the parishes where priests are sent to serve, but cautioned that parishes are

more than the people who enter the church on Sunday morning. Pope Francis, he said, borrows from the thoughts of Saint John Paul II, who said that "a parish is the church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters, and presumes that the Church's ministers are in touch with the homes and the lives of the people."

Bishop Mark asked the two new priests to carry out their three - fold ministry "generously and courageously, without any inhibition or fear."

He further encouraged them to remember "what you do starting today is never done alone. As ordained priests of Christ's Church you are never alone. In communion with your brother priests and the Bishop, you are to go forth as missionaries, who learn not to rely on your own abilities or gifts, All of us, Bishop and priests together must assist one another in the life and the ministry that we share."

Bishop Mark asked them, too, not to be afraid to ask for the assistance of those they are

called to serve. "Allow the people of God to be signs of God's mercy and love for you. Allow them to bless you, even in the moments when they seek your blessing."

The Bishop concluded by reminding Peter and Jonathan that Mary is the Mother of the Church "and the Mother of our Diocese. Don't forget to call her once in a while. She is a great help."



FIRST BLESSING: Father Peter Crowe (left) and Father Jonathan Dickson (right) offer their first priestly blessing to family and friends gathered at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.



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HONORED: The Catholic Charities Annual Recognition Dinner held Wednesday, May 31 at the Altoona Grand Hotel, honored a number of individuals for their service. Pictured at left are the Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award winners (left to right) Mary Lou Waugerman, Millie Bodenschatz, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Jean Johnstone (executive director of Catholic Charities) and Donald Belsey. Pictured at right are (left to right) First row: Emmalee Mizera, Samuel Penna, Kathleen Price. Second row: Marrisna Smilnak, Ryan Allen Statler, Bishop Mark, Danielle Miller and Jean Johnstone.

Catholic Charities Recognizes Selfless Humanitarians

Photos And Text
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

To care for others in need is one of Jesus's greatest commands. That's one we tend to forget.

We're too busy with our jobs to be of any help. When time allows we're off recreating with one of our hobbies; meanwhile, there are people scratching for shelter and medicine.

There are those among us who give of themselves, and "Tonight, is about honoring those within our Diocese who have selflessly cared for others," said Jean Johnstone, executive director of Catholic Charities.

"From caring for the homeless, to feeding the hungry and caring for the sick, each person has tirelessly carried out Jesus's commands from the Gospel of Matthew - - to care for the hun-

gry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the stranger, and the prisoner."

Johnstone added that by doing great acts of kindness we see the face of Jesus in the poor and marginalized. "I challenge each of you to live that command."

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown held its Annual Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, May 31, at the Altoona Grand Hotel.

Three adults and six students were honored with awards recognizing their service to others.

Receiving the **Monsignor William M. Griffin Humanitarian Award** were:

- - **Donald Belsey**, of Sacred Heart Parish in Altoona. He is director of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Assumption Chapel Food Pantry in Altoona. He was nominated by Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Joe Lehman of Saint Francis University, Loretto, and presented by Lisa Georgiana, also of Saint Francis University;

- - **Mary Lou Waugerman** from the Saint Vincent DePaul Saint Thomas Conference in Bedford. She is a member of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish. She was nominated and presented by Judy Plummer, also of the Saint Thomas Conference;

- - **Millie Bodenschatz** of the Holy Name Saint Vincent DePaul Conference, Ebensburg. A member of Holy Name Parish, she was nominated and presented by Sandra Inzana, also of the Holy Name Conference.

The Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award was presented to:

- - **Emmalee Mizera** is a third grade student at Jackson Elementary School. She is a member of The Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Revloc. She was nominated by Danielle Bowers, director of the Martha and Mary House Emergency Shelter Program in Johnstown;

- - **Marissa Smilnak**, an 11th grade student at Hollidaysburg Senior High School, and a member of Saint Mary Parish in Hollidaysburg. She was nominated by Connie Curfman, director of religious education; and presented by her pastor, Father Anthony Legarski;

- - **Kathleen Price** is a senior at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona, and a member of Sacred Heart Parish. She was nominated and presented by Robert Sutton, the campus minister and theology instructor at Bishop Guilfoyle;

- - **Danielle Miller** is also a senior at Bishop Guilfoyle Cath-

olic High School, and a member of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Lakemont. Danielle was nominated and presented by Mary Haenig, director of religious education at Saint John the Evangelist Parish;

- - **Ryan Allen Statler** is a member of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Windber and is a senior at Windber Area High School. Ryan was nominated and presented by Roxann Newcomer, director of religious education at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish;

- - **Samuel Penna** is a sixth grade student at Divine Mercy Catholic Academy East Campus, and is a member of Saint Patrick Parish in Johnstown. He was nominated and presented by Mary Jo Podratsky, vice principal; and Vicki Reilly, a sixth grade teacher.

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak referenced the recent historic trip Pope Francis made to Egypt. He said the Pope gets everyone's attention when he speaks to them. It's direct and very simple, and he always makes it personal.

"He did that in his message in Egypt when he said, "True faith is one that makes us more charitable, more merciful, more honest and more humane . . . it makes us see the other not as

an enemy to be overcome but a brother or sister to be loved, served, and helped."

"His words made me think of our Catholic Charities which makes its work personal, by interacting with persons who are treated with respect and dignity and love that every person deserves."

The Bishop said Catholic Charities has long known the meaning of individual and institutional simplicity, where no material things and no human resources are wasted or neglected.

"Even in our own country, more and more people view the poor, the homeless, the disabled, and others with so many personal and social needs as though they are the enemy.

"Our honored guests who have been recognized for their service have come to know what Pope Francis says that we need to make our faith more charitable, by treating others as our own brothers and sisters."

Board member Father Sean K. Code, chairperson of the Advisory Board, served as master of ceremonies. Father Alan Thomas, vicar general, delivered the invocation; and Father John Gibbons offered the closing prayer.

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Eleven Who Live Their Faith By Prayer And Good Works, Honored With Gallitzin Cross

Photos And Text
By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein

“Ora et labora” - - pray and work - - is the motto of the Benedictine order.

That motto may be said to have a new “Franciscan” twist, since Pope Francis has written about prayer and work, noting that without prayer, even the very best work is fruitless and empty.

The 11 persons honored Saturday, June 3 with the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award are men and women who pray and work and exhibit a healthy balance between the two, said Bishop Mark L. Bartchak in remarks made at the annual award banquet.

Receiving the honor this year were:

- - **Edgar and Nancy Anna** of Saint Bernard Parish, Hastings;

- - **Nathaniel A. Barbera** of Saint Peter Parish, Somerset;

- - **Father Clarence “Chuck” Bridges**, parochial vicar at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish, Johnstown;

- - **Mary Jane Knisel** of Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore;

- - **Peter and Denise Kreckel** of Saint Matthew Parish, Tyrone;

- - **Monica L. Ludwig** of Saint Nicholas Parish, Nicktown;

- - **Carmela Magistro** of Saint Therese Parish, Johnstown;

- - **Irene Matse** of Holy Family Parish, Hooversville, and

- - **Donna Stoy** of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Ashville.

Bishop Mark characterized the 11 honorees as “missionary evangelizers, open to the working of the Holy Spirit,” who respond to the Holy Spirit not only present in their lives, but in the lives of those they try to serve.

“The recipients of the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award are



GALLITZIN CROSS HONOREES: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak honored 11 people with the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award at a Saturday, June 3 banquet at the Calvin House in Duncansville. Pictured (left to right) are First row: Mary Jane Knisel, Irene Matse, Nancy Anna, Carmela Magistro. Second row: Nathaniel Barbera, Donna Stoy, Bishop Mark, Peter and Denise Kreckel, Monica Ludwig and Father Clarence “Chuck” Bridges. Honoree Edgar Anna was unable to attend.

Catholics who simply try to do their best to live their faith according to the dictates of Christ and His Church,” said Bishop Mark.

“I want to thank the award recipients,” the Bishop said, “and thank all of you present this evening, for being inspired Catholics, ready and willing to inspire others by lives of prayer, good works, and good example.”

Bishop Mark said all of the Gallitzin Cross honorees are part of the living legacy of the Servant of God, the Prince - Priest Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin. “We can all look to Prince Gallitzin for encouragement and strength,” the Bishop noted.

Bishop Mark used his remarks as an opportunity to give an update on the Cause of Father Gallitzin, reporting that the Roman Promoter of the Cause, Father Luis Escalante, is writing the final chapters of the official



LINK TO THE PRINCE: Mary Jane Knisel has a unique link to Prince Gallitzin; she is from Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore, a faith community founded by the Servant of God.

life of Father Gallitzin, which will be presented to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Father Escalante has told Bishop Mark that officials of the Congregation are enthusiastic about the story of the Apostle of the Alleghenies.

This year’s banquet was held at the Calvin House in Duncansville.

The Prince Gallitzin Cross has been presented annually since 1990, when it was created to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Father Gallitzin’s death. The award is an enamel cross based on an element of the Gallitzin family’s coat of arms, and is worn about the neck on a yellow ribbon at parish and diocesan celebrations, particularly those at which the Bishop is present. It is accompanied by a certificate signed by the Bishop.

Now Showing

Lacking In Interest, 'Pirates' A Tale Better Left Untold

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Iconic and eccentric buccaneer Capt. Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) hoists the black flag for a fifth time in "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" (Disney). The result is a flashy but ultimately unsatisfying journey for the theme park

ride-based franchise that first set sail in 2003.

On the upside, the crowded, overlong proceedings are relatively family-friendly. So parents willing to overlook some adult punning may give mature teens the go-ahead to board.

This time out, Jack joins forces with Carina Smyth (Kaya Scodelario), a young science scholar whose ahead-of-her-time learning has led her to be



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PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN -- DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES: Kaya Scodelario and Johnny Depp star in a scene from the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales." The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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charged with witchcraft, and with Henry Turner (Brenton Thwaites), an equally youthful sailor. Henry is the son of Jack's old associates Will (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth (Keira Knightley) Turner.

All three main characters are seeking the same magical artifact, the Trident of Poseidon, each for a different reason. They're pursued along the hunt

by the British navy, by the ghost of Capt. Armando Salazar (Javier Bardem), one of Jack's old adversaries, and by living but one-legged freebooter Capt. Hector Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush).

As directed by Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, "Dead Men" is a special effects-driven adventure long on spectacle but short on human interest. The mayhem is almost all stylized, however, and the dialogue is virtually free of vulgarity.

One scene, played for laughs, finds an incidental character -- who subsequently turns out to be married -- in a compromising (though not directly sexual) situation with Jack.

The humor, such as it is, jokingly reinforces Jack reputation as a womanizer while also de-

flating the ego of the cheater's husband, a pompous town official on the island of St. Martin. It's a frivolous treatment of a serious subject, but the script quickly passes on to other matters.

On the other side of the moral ledger, late plot developments set the stage for a climactic act of self-sacrificing parental love.

The film contains much action violence, brief implications of adultery, a single gruesome image, occasional mature word-play and at least one crass term. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

June 18 - - On this Father's Day, Herb Gottshall, a member of Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Cresson, shares the joys of being a Catholic dad.

June 25 - - Danielle Bowers, Director of Catholic Charities' Martha and Mary House in Johnstown, updates Bishop Mark on the impact the shelter is having in the community.

May They Rest In Peace



Sister Marie Patrick Sullivan S.C.

Sister Marie Patrick Sullivan, a Sister of Charity of Seton Hill since 1942, died Friday, May 19 at Caritas Christi, the Motherhouse of the congregation, in Greensburg. She was 92.

A Pittsburgh native, Sister Marie Patrick taught in the schools of the Dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown, Phoenix and Pittsburgh. She also worked as a social worker in the Diocese of Tuscon.

Sister Marie Patrick worked as an aide at the Sisters of Charity Adult Day Care Center, Monahan Center in Greensburg, and volunteered at Caritas Christi.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Marie Patrick Sullivan S.C. was celebrated Tuesday, May 23 in the Chapel of the Assumption at Caritas Christi. Committal was in the Sisters' Cemetery at Seton Hill.

Sistet Mirian Dolores Sell S.C.

Sister Mirian Dolores Sell, a Sister of Charity of Seton Hill since 1940, died May 25 at age 94 at Caritas Christi, the Motherhouse of the congregation in Greensburg.

A Pittsburgh native, she was a junior high and senior high teacher in the schools of the Dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown, Grensburg and Pittsburgh. She retired from the classroom in 2011.

Surviving is a sister, Anne Vornadore.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Mirian Dolores Sell S.C. was celebrated Tuesday, May 30 in the Chapel of the Assumption at Caritas Christi. Committal was in the Sisters' Cemetery at Seton Hill.

Ukrainian Cardinal Dies At 84

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)

-- Ukrainian Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, known for his "velvety baritone" when chanting the Divine Liturgy or making one of his regular appearances on television or radio programs, died May 31 near Kiev at the age of 84.

Like many Ukrainian Catholics around the world, he knew what it meant to be a refugee, to spend time in a displaced persons' camp, to immigrate and to start all over again.

But the experience also helped him become fluent in five languages, "and he could joke in all of them," said Ukrainian Bishop Borys Gudziak of Paris.

And in a post-Soviet Ukraine, where leadership often meant "a compulsive passion" for money and power, "he lived in exemplary simplicity," Bishop Gudziak told Catholic News Service June 1.

"In Ukrainian folklore, a blind elder is considered a sage," the bishop said. "He was the wise man of the country, a real father whose embrace, word, warm smile and sense of humor -- often self-deprecating -- gave people a sense of joy and peace."

Cardinal Husar also was an avid blogger and published his last piece May 1, a blog about politicians who show their loy-

alty to a church only to gain votes.

He saw a lack of ethical behavior and declining moral standards as a major problem at home and abroad, one that required a creative pastoral response.

"Addressing the problem of morality is not a matter of reciting rules, rules, rules, but of helping people to do God's will," he said in an interview with CNS in 2005.

Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, who was only 40 years old in 2011 when he succeeded Cardinal Husar as archbishop of Kiev-Halych and head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, cried as he spoke to reporters June 1 about the cardinal's death.

"He was the spiritual father of the Ukrainian people, and today, in one moment, we became orphans," Archbishop Shevchuk

told the press. The cardinal was a "great man, great pastor, great Ukrainian."

In a condolence message to Archbishop Shevchuk, Pope Francis recalled the cardinal's "tenacious fidelity to Christ despite the deprivations and persecutions" suffered by the Ukrainian Catholic Church, which was forced into the underground by the communists.

"His fruitful apostolic activity to promote the organization of Greek Catholic faithful who were descendants of those forcibly transferred from Western Ukraine" and, simultaneously, his efforts to promote "dialogue and collaboration" with the Orthodox also were noted by the pope.

The cardinal's body was being driven to Lviv, his hometown, for memorial services. His funeral was scheduled for June 5 in Kiev.

**Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.**

**May their souls, and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest
in peace. Amen.**

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Faith Day 2017 Offers Families A Chance To Have Their Cake And Eat It, Too!

Photo And Text

By Bruce A. Tomaselli

As picnic days roll around on the calendar, many of us anticipate enjoying mouth-watering desserts, and we all have our favorites.

What you should do is bring those desserts to the Altoona - Johnstown Diocesan Annual Faith Day Celebration to be held on Sunday, July 2 at DelGrosso Amusement Park in Tipton. Enter your dessert specialty in the inaugural Best Dessert contest.

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be among the judges who will award the top three prizes.

Persons must complete a registration form and return it to the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office by no later than June 26. More information and a registration form can be obtained by contacting the Youth Ministry Office at (814) 317 - 2646 or on the diocesan website at www.dioceseaj.org.

"We wanted to add something different to the day, and we're hoping this will be a fun thing," said Francine Swope. She is a chairperson for Faith Day along with Tony DeGol. Anyone who can create a special dessert to impress the judges is welcome to enter.

Make your special pie, cake, cookies, cupcake, etc. Persons will be responsible for

refrigerating their own desserts so make plans to bring a cooler along.

As usual the Faith Day Celebration will begin with a 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark, and concelebrated by the priests of the of the Diocese. Music will be provided by the Greater Johnstown Youth Chorale.

"I travel around the Diocese a lot, and I see first-hand the amazing spirit of the faithful and the great things happening in the parishes," said DeGol. "Faith Day is an opportunity for all of us to come together as one Church and celebrate everything that unites us."

"As we celebrate the fifth anniversary of partnering with DelGrosso Park for Faith Day, we thank the DelGrosso family and their staff for everything they do to accommodate us. We appreciate their hospitality," they said.

The park opens at 11:30 a.m. and there is free parking and admission. Persons are asked to bring non-perishable food items with them or cash, which will benefit Catholic Charities.

Again this year DelGrosso will offer the Diocese Ride 'N Slide passes at a reduced rate of \$20.00. The regular price is \$29.95. In addition DelGrosso's will again donate \$3.00 of every ticket voucher back to the Dio-

cese to support the Angel Fund.

The Angel Fund helps children participate in one of the two diocesan-sponsored week-long camps, Camp Zacchaeus and Camp Timothy. The fund helps make it affordable for children that might not otherwise be able to meet the entire fee.

"A big part of Faith Day is celebration of the family," said Swope. "We are all part of one, big Catholic family as members of the Church, and Faith Day celebrates our church family of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown."

She said this is a great way for families to come together and have a wonderful faith-filled experience by attending Mass together while also enjoying a great day at a water park and amusement park, "showing our young people that our faith is important to us but we can also have fun while celebrating that faith."

Besides Mass and the Best Dessert Contest, there will also be raffles for kids and adults during the picnic in Pavilion #2. "This day will truly have something for everyone," Swope said.

The picnic will begin at 5:00 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$8.50 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and under. You must choose a hamburger or hotdog with your chicken dinner when ordering this year.

The combo meal includes



FAMILY FUN: The Tornatore family of Saint Joseph Parish, Bellwood, enjoyed a good meal and lots of family fun at the Diocese's annual Faith Day celebration held Sunday, June 26, 2016 at DelGrosso's Amusement Park in Tipton. Pictured left to right are Andrew, Darin, Miranda and Dana. This year, the event will be held at the park Sunday, July 2, and for the first time will feature a Best Dessert Contest, with judges including Bishop Mark L. Bartchak.

Delgrosso's famous barbecued chicken and the choice of either a 1/4 lb. Angus burger or a Kuntzler hot dog. Also included are two side dishes, pickle spear, soft drinks, and ice cream cup.

Any parish group or individuals interested in purchasing a ticket for the picnic may do so by using the order form. The form can be found on the dioc-

esan website. Tickets must be paid for in advance. The form can be copied and distributed as needed. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. Meal ticket orders must be received by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 26 in the Youth Ministry Office at 933 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

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