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Young People Invited To Find True Fulfillment In Their Relationship With God



Photos And Text
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

“Personal fulfillment is much more than reality TV,” said Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, as he spoke to young people returning to college, beginning a new career or serving our country in the armed services.

Bishop Mark was the main celebrant and homilist for the annual Mass for those young people, held Sunday, August 6 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto.

Father John D. Byrnes, rector of the Basilica, concelebrated Mass along with Monsignor Michael A. Becker, coordinator of campus ministry for the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese. Also participating in the Mass was Deacon Samuel Albarano.

The Bishop extended a warm welcome to the young people, who will soon be entering a new phase in their lives.

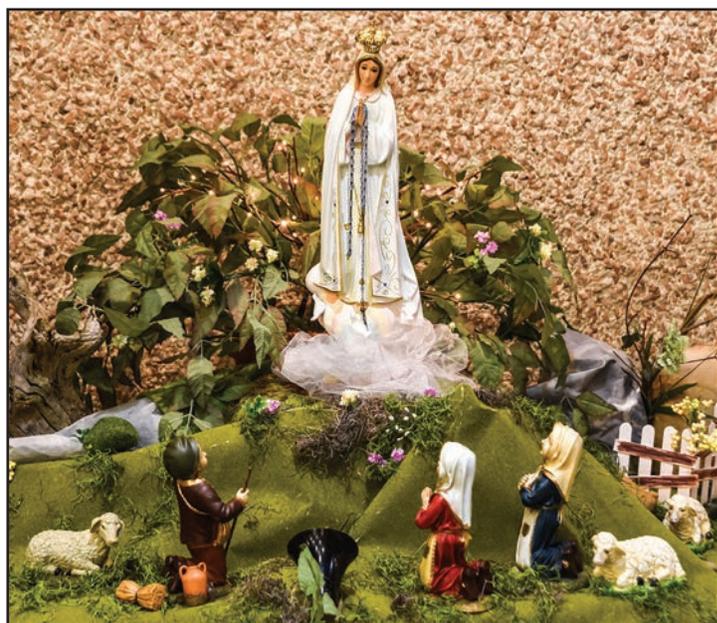
He urged them to listen for God’s voice, just as the disciples, in the Gospel of Matthew heard the voice of the Father say of Jesus “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to Him.”

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A GIFT FROM THE BISHOP: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak celebrated his annual Mass for young people returning to college, entering the work force, or going into military service on Sunday, August 6, Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Mark invited the young people to come forward for a blessing, and presented each of them with the gift of a rosary.



RECEIVES DONATION: Sonny Consiglio (first row, left) executive director of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society, accepted a donation from Team Ameriserv for their efforts in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. Team Ameriserv, made up of employees at the Main Street Branch in Johnstown raised nearly \$2,400.00 for the SVDP Food for Families program in Johnstown. The Society raised a record \$13,955.00 through the Walk.



FATIMA SHRINE: In commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, Portugal in 1917, Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown has created a shrine in a corner of the sanctuary to honor Our Lady. Parishioners have an opportunity to light 7 day votive candles that may be placed before the shrine. The special Our Lady of Fatima hymn is sung as a meditation hymn at each Mass. Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka is pastor.

Higher Education

Mens Basketball Coach

Cresson: Mount Aloysius College athletic director, Ryan Smith, has announced that the College's men's basketball team will be coached by Guillermo (Will) Cabrera. Coach Cabrera will lead the Mountie's men's basketball team starting in the 2017 - 2018 season.

Looking forward to the arrival on campus of the new men's basketball coach, Ryan Smith reflected the anticipation of the entire Mount Aloysius College campus. "Coach Will Cabrera will bring fresh ideas and enthusiastic energy to the Mountie's basketball program," said Smith.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Most Holy Trinity Parish, South Fork and Saint Bartholomew Parish, Wilmore recently Vacation Bible School for area children. Students from the two parishes, and from Saint Michael Parish, Saint Michael, attended the program. This year's theme was Camp Out - Getting S'more of Jesus. Participants sang songs, played games, made crafts, and enjoyed snacks each day, including a campfire on the last day to make s'mores. As a service project during the three day event, the children made bears to donate to local ambulance services. The bears will be given to children in need of some comfort when they have to be transported by an ambulance. Shown with the children are Pauline Minor of the Portage Area Ambulance Association, and Tom Cruse and Sally Plat of the Forest Hills Ambulance Association.



CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: The Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown's Fulton County Mission sponsored the annual Tuscarora Catholic Summer Camp July 24 - 27 at the Rhodes Grove Camp in Greencastle. Open to students entering grades 4 - 12, the camp included daily Mass, devotions, catechesis, and other spiritual activities as well as games, team building exercises, and outdoor activities such as canoeing, climbing, and swimming. Bishop Mark L. Barthcak visited the camp on Thursday, July 27 and celebrated Mass. Father Matthew Baum, administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Dudley and Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg, and Father Joseph Orr, pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Lock Haven and administrator of Saint Joseph Parish in Renovo, served as camp chaplains. The adult staff included Carmelite of the Word Sisters Margie Monahan and Martha Burbulla of the Fulton County Mission.

In The Alleghenies

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“He will continue to encourage our student - athletes to live the Mercy values and to apply as much effort in the classroom and for the good of their community as they no doubt will on the court. We are proud to welcome Guillermo Cabrera to Mount Aloysius College.”

Prior to the Mount Aloysius Head Coach post, Cabrera was assistant men’s basketball coach and recruiting coordinator at Lebanon Valley College, Lebanon. Coach Cabrera’s coaching and recruitment efforts helped the Lebanon Valley team to make the post - season Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament. Cabrera was head basketball coach at Impact Preparatory located in York, Hershey Christian and served as assistant coach at both Mansfield University, Mansfield and Mesiah College, Mechanicsburg.

A native of Bolivia, Coach Cabrera spent several summers helping coach the Bolivian Men’s National Basketball Team.

At Mount Aloysius College coaches are urged to stress academics and community service in addition to athletic performance. During the last academic year Mount Aloysius student - athletes won recognition from the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) and the NCAA Division III for outstanding achievement on the field, in the community and in the classroom.

Mount Aloysius College offers student-athletes 14 NCAA Division III sports including men’s and women’s basketball, cross-country, golf, tennis, and soccer; in addition to baseball, softball, women’s bowling and volley.

Scholarships Awarded

Bedford: Three altar servers from Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish have been awarded Kayla Ann Nicodemus



FIRST PROFESSION: Sister Caroline Caritas, the former Kelsey Ingold of Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson, professed her first vows as a Sister of Life on Thursday, August 3, in a Mass of Profession celebrated by Bishop John Barres of the Rockville Centre Diocese at Sacred Heart Parish in Suffern NY. The Sisters of Life is a religious community of diocesan right in the Archdiocese of New York founded in 1991 by the late John Cardinal O’Connor. Sisters take the traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, as well as a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. Sister Caroline Caritas graduated from Christendom College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. She is the daughter of Anthony and Tracey Ingold and has two sisters: Devon Turner (husband: Andrew) and Carley.

Scholarships, in recognition of their service to the parish.

Ian Lapinski is a graduate of Chestnut Ridge High School, and the son of Denise and Mark Lapinski of Osterburg. He will attend Shippensburg University

and major in computer engineering.

Zachary Ritchey is a graduate of Bedford High School and the son of Ken and Cindy Ritchey of Everett. He will major in nuclear engineering at Penn State University.

Matthew Zubak, the son of George and Donna Zubak of Bedford, is a graduate of Bedford High School. He will major in sustainability studies at Mesiah College.

Each was awarded \$1,462.92 from the Kayla Ann Nicodemus Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The fund was initiated by Kayla’s grandparents, Joen and Ann Kaminski, and supported by gifts made in memory of Kayla who died in an automobile accident in the first semester of her freshman year at Saint Francis University, Loretto.

The scholarships help keep alive Kayla’s lifelong goal to help people in need.

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Liturgical Reflection . . . Day Of Prayer For Human Rights And Equality

Monday, September 4, is a Day of Prayer in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. On Labor Day the local Church will observe the intention for Human Rights and Equality. Please pray the following for all who seek just and rewarding work.

God, full of compassion and love, watch over our brothers and sisters who seek work to meet the needs of their families. Provide labor that offers just wages and dignity of life so all may live comfortably in our day. We pray for employers and employees. On this Labor Day we ask your blessings through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALPHA

The next Alpha Course will be held at St. Thomas Parish in Ashville, Beginning on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.



WHAT IS ALPHA? Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, often repeats that the best thing we have in our lives is to **know** Jesus and the best thing we can do in our lives is to **share him** with others. Alpha invites participants to come to **know** Jesus in a more personal way and to enter into a deeper relationship with him. The deeper relationship energizes participants into their Baptism mission of sharing their Jesus with others.

WHO MAY ATTEND? Anyone seeking Jesus is welcome to attend. Given the location of Ashville, Pa, we are most especially inviting the areas of Ashville, Chest Springs, St. Augustine, Frugality, Patton, Hasting, Northern Cambria, Carrolltown and Nicktown, but every and anyone is welcome to attend.

HOW DO I SIGN UP? For more information, you may contact Sr. Linda LaMagna CCW, at 814-934-0699 or email questions to srlamagna@verizon.net. We ask that you detach the registration below and send it to:

Sr. Linda LaMagna, 35 Seneca Ave. Altoona, Pa 16602

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Point Of View

In September, 2016, the first session of the Academy for Leadership in Community Based Health Ministry commenced under the auspices of the Center for Health Ministry at Saint Francis University's DiStepio Institute. Academy participants had opportunities to learn about the ecumenical health ministry movement, clarify their own vision of health ministry, and develop skills to grow health ministry teams and programs in our Diocese.

Initially, "health ministry" seemed like a new concept for participants. But they soon came to recognize as health ministry the many services offered to ameliorate the struggles parishioners and their neighbors face in trying social and economic circumstances. Catholics have long recognized the threats to human wholeness and holiness that poverty, food insecurity, generational rifts, and other social ills bring. This recognition is manifest in the way we minister to one another, e.g. in person-to-person service to persons who are needy and suffering through the Saint Vincent DePaul Society and Good Samaritan Committees, direct care for hurting people through Stephen Ministry, parish activities that bond people across generations, bereavement and prayer shawl ministries, food and clothing collections for needy children, soup sales to raise funds to support needy persons, and assistance to poor people in other parts of the world.

Across Christian traditions, ministries like these are rooted



Guest Column

By Carrie Nickerson

Mercy Abounds In Health Ministry!

in the same Scripture that inspires the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25: 34-36, TNIV). Through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, we extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need by helping our neighbors with their material and physical needs and with their emotional and spiritual needs: instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving, and bearing wrongs patiently,

Few would argue with the assertion that "life in the flesh" is challenging. Seemingly ordinary situations can wound and deaden us, to say nothing of the devastating effects illness, accidents, poverty, and crime can bring. In the past, infectious disease brought great suffering and premature death. Today many people become disabled and die prematurely from more chronic conditions of the body, mind, or spirit. These conditions may have their roots in genetics, but

are also greatly impacted by lifestyle behaviors.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, "chronic diseases and conditions—such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and arthritis—are among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health problems... and [care for people with chronic and mental health conditions absorb] eighty-six percent of the nation's \$2.7 trillion annual health care expenditures..." (<https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/overview/index.htm>). As astonishing as these facts are, they tell us little about the impact of chronic conditions on the human spirit. There is no doubt that chronic conditions impair the ability of individuals and their families to be "the glory of God...fully alive," in the words of Saint Ireneaus, early Church Father.

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Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
We Need Saints

When I was a boy I found an old book at Grandma Stein's house, **The Living Sisters Of The Little Flower**, by a Carmelite priest, Father Albert Dolan. The book was a series of interviews that Father Dolan conducted with Marie, Pauline, Leonie and Celine, immediately after the canonization of their sister, Saint Therese. Father Dolan wrote of how thrilling it was, and how it filled him with awe, to hear the Martin sisters say "Our little sister is in heaven; our little sister is a saint."

I had the same feeling on Friday, August 11, when I spoke to Jennifer Sloss, who shared with me the story of her dear friend Chiara Corbella Petrillo, a young woman who might well someday be known as Saint Chiara. I said to Jennifer that it was a happy coincidence that we were talking on the feast of Saint Clare, because "Chiara" is the Italian equivalent of the name Clare. Jennifer laughed delightedly.

"That's the sort of coincidence that happens to me all the time since I first met Chiara," she said. "She does things like that to let me know that she's here."

Chiara's story is that of a wife and mother, who having lost two babies shortly after birth, chose to defer treatment for cancer rather than risk the health of the child she was carrying during her third pregnancy. Chiara gave birth to a son, Francesco who was healthy and whole, but she died just over a year later, having sacrificed her life for the life of her son. Pope Francis has said, in a document issued last month, that such heroic sacrifices - - sacrifices made for the sake of another person's welfare and well - being, are a path to beatification and sainthood. News reports of the papal statement made specific mention of Chiara Corbella Petrillo as someone who could be honored under the new guidelines. So, much like Father Dolan with the sisters of Saint Therese, I was thrilled and filled with awe to be talking about her to someone who knew her and loved her.

Hearing Chiara's story from Jennifer, and reading about her in the biography **Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness To Joy**, I was struck forcibly by the thought that she is someone who exemplifies what Pope Francis said about Saints at World Youth Day in 2013:

"We need saints without cassocks, without veils - we need saints with jeans and tennis shoes. We need saints that go to the movies that listen to music, that hang out with their friends. We need saints that place God in first place ahead of succeeding in any career. We need saints that look for time to pray every day and who know how to be in love with purity, chastity and all good things. We need saints - saints for the 21st century with, a spirituality, appropriate to our new time. We need saints that have a commitment to helping the poor and to make the needed social change.

"We need saints to live in the world, to sanctify the world and to not be afraid of living in the world by their presence in it. We need saints that drink Coca-Cola, that eat hot dogs, that surf the internet and that listen to their iPods. We need saints that love the Eucharist, that are not afraid or embarrassed to eat a pizza or drink a beer with their friends. We need saints who love the movies, dance, sports, theatre. We need saints that are open, sociable, normal, happy companions. We need saints who are in this world and who know how to enjoy the best in this world without being callous or mundane. We need saints."

Chiara is such a "saint," and she is someone we can claim as one of our own. She is someone who walked among us - - who visited the city of Altoona - - who prayed in one of our churches - - who impacted the lives of local people who came to love her and look up to her. Her friends are among us, sharing the good news of her story with us.

It's thrilling and awe - inspiring to know that "saints" are close at hand. They are in our midst. They call us to join them.

Bishop Appoints New Diocesan Review Board Members

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has announced the appointment of an entirely new membership for the Diocesan Review Board. The group assists in the assessment of allegations of sexual abuse of minors and a cleric's suitability for ministry. The new members are:

- Father Leo F. Arnone
- Joyce Cunningham
- Joseph Grappone
- Todd Mahalko
- Robert Skelly
- Brent Stoltzfus
- Reverend Miles Zdinak

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth, every diocese is to have such a Review Board in which the majority of its members are Catholic lay persons not employed by the diocese. The Review Board is a confidential consultative body. In the interest of providing objectivity and transparency, two of the Review Board members are from other Christian churches.

All of the newly-appointed members were recommended to the Bishop because of their personal integrity, expertise, and experience, which includes pastoral care, education of children, safe environment for children and young people, psychological care and treatment of sexual abuse of minors, and law enforcement.

Members of the Review Board have been appointed for a term of five years, which can be renewed. Bishop

Bartchak is grateful for their willingness to assist in this important work.

The Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown remains committed to the safety and protection of all children and youth. Anyone with information about sexual abuse is urged to contact law enforcement immediately. Information may also be reported to the PA Child Hotline at 1-800-932-0313.

Freedom From Shame And Embarrassment: Strengths And Challenges In Reaching Male Survivors

By Felicia Robinson, Family Services, Inc.

For survivors of sexual violence, the process of reaching out for services and support can be filled with complex feelings of shame and embarrassment. Male survivors of sexual violence experience these feelings of shame and embarrassment at increased levels compared to their female counterparts. The culture surrounding how we, as a society perceive sexual violence and males reinforces negative stereotypes of masculinity and what it means to be a man, which hinders male survivors to seek services. When males believe they must be strong

at all times, they may not feel confident to seek services for fear of being perceived as weak and "un-manly".

One of the biggest challenges in reaching male survivors is the way services are presented and the language that is surrounds sexual violence. Often rape crisis centers and the services they provide appear to be marketed to women from the use of gendered language in their materials, websites, and even program names.

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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
- * Legal Advocacy and Accompaniment
- * Medical Advocacy and Accompaniment
- * Prevention and Awareness Education Programs
- * Sexual Assault Response Team (emergency medical care, emotional support, and medical/ legal examination)
- * Professional Trainings
- * Information and Referrals to other community services

Bedford County

Your Safe Haven Inc.
(800) 555 - 5671
Yoursafehaven.org

Also offers: * Safe Shelter and/or Transitional Housing
* Transportation * Additional Services for Domestic Violence Survivors

Blair County

Family Services, Inc.
(814) 944-3585
familyservicesinc.net

Also offers: * Therapy/ Therapeutic Counseling * Transportation * Additional Services for Domestic Violence Survivors

Cambria-Somerset Counties Victim Services, Inc.
(814) 288-4691 and (800) 755-1983
Victimservicesinc.org

Also offers: * Therapy/ Therapeutic Counseling * Support Groups * Group Counseling

Huntingdon - - Mifflin - - Juniata Counties

The Abuse Network
(717) 242-2444
Abusenetwork.org

Also offers: * Crisis Counseling * Support Groups * Group Counseling * Safe Shelter and/or Transitional Housing * Transportation * Additional Services for Domestic Violence Survivors

Clinton County

Clinton County Women's Center (
(570) 748-9509
Ccwcsafe.org

Also offers: * Therapy/ Therapeutic Counseling * Support Groups * Safe Shelter and/or Transitional Housing * Transportation * Additional Services for Domestic Violence Survivors

Franklin - - Fulton Counties

Women in Need/ Victim Services
(717) 264-4444
Winservices.org

Also offers: * Support Groups * Group Counseling * Safe Shelter and/or Transitional Housing * Transportation * Additional Services for Domestic Violence Survivors

Centre County

Centre County Women's Resource Center
(814) 234-5050
Ccwrc.org

Also offers: * Support Groups * Therapy/ Therapeutic Counseling * Safe Shelter and/or Transitional Housing * Transportation * Additional Services for Domestic Violence Survivors * Civil Legal Representation in family, law, immigration or Title IX matters * Safe Custody Exchange and Supervised Visitation

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.



YOUTH WEEK: Saint Augustine Parish, Dysart, and Saint Monica Parish, Chest Springs, held their annual Bible Camp/Youth Week. Children, teens, and adult volunteers from both parishes and neighboring parishes participated and enjoyed a week of prayer, learning and fun.



THIRD ANNUAL BIBLE SCHOOL: The third annual Vacation Bible School was held June 25 - 30 at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Johnstown. Twenty - three children took part in the event, which had the theme "Egypt - - Joseph's Journey From the Prison to the Palace."



FRANCISCANS ORDAINED: Two Third Order Regular Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak on Saturday, June 10, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Saint Francis University, Loretto. Pictured are (left to right) Father Jason R. Wooleyhan, Bishop Mark, Father Richard Davis (minister provincial) and Father James M. Puglis. Father Jason, 31, is the son of John R. and Michele (Gress) Wooleyhan of Northern Virginia. A graduate of Penn State University, he holds a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and statistics. He has been named parochial vicar at Good Shepherd Parish, Colleyville TX. Father James, 29, is the son of Deacon Joseph M. and Mary Ann (Roddy) Puglis of Columbia MO. He is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio), where he received the bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and theology. He has been named parochial vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, Herndon VA. Both of the newly - ordained priests received the master of divinity degree from The Catholic University of America, Washington DC in May, and as deacons they both ministered at Saint Joseph Parish in Herndon.

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Prayer

Birth Of Mary Celebration

Duncansville: The 36th Annual Birth of Mary Celebration will be held Friday, September 8 at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish on Old Route 22.

This year's event will also mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima.

Masses will be celebrated by Monsignor Robert Saly, pastor, in the church at 7:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. The rosary will be recited in the church from 8:15 until 11:30 a.m., and at the Fatima Shrine from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the celebrant and homilist of Mass at 5:30 p.m., preceding the Rosary procession.

Food will be available for purchase in the parish hall from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The hall will also feature presenta-

tions of the Fatima apparitions and by rosary makers.

Coffee and cake will be served after the evening Mass.

Participants are asked to bring a lawn chair for the outdoor Mass and devotions.

Participants will also be able to receive the plenary indulgence marking the Fatima centennial, by going to Confession and receiving Holy Communion, being interiorly detached from sin, and by praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.



SOLEMN VOWS: Brother Vincent A. Yeager (left), a 28 - year - old native of Patton, made his profession of solemn (final) vows Friday, July 14 at Saint Francis Friary, Loretto. He is the son of Alan and Carol (Strittmatter) Yeager, and is a graduate of Cambria Heights High School, and of Penn State University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in electro - mechanical engineering. Brother Vincent completed his apostolic year of formation serving in campus ministry at Saint Francis University, and now returns to the House of Studies in Washington DC for his fourth year of theology at The Catholic University of America, preparing for ordination to the diaconate and the priesthood. Brother Vincent is pictured with Father Richard Davis, minister provincial of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, who received his vows.

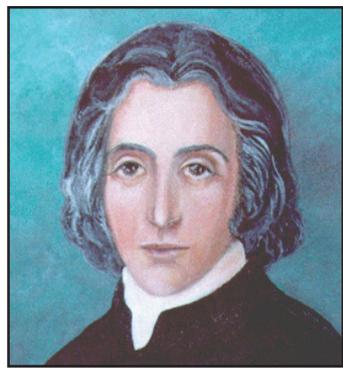
Scouting

Emblem Mass

Johnstown: The Catholic Committee on Scouting has announced upcoming events.

The annual Emblem Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 14 at noon at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, with Bishop Mark L. Bartchak. All religious emblem applications must be turned into Denise Kreckel at pharmcanoe@aol.com by August 31.

The Catholic Scout Retreat Weekend is scheduled for May 2018 (date to be announced later) at Saint Francis University in Loretto. The retreat is open to all religious denominations. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in grades 5-12, along with their leaders, are welcome. Scouts may attend individually, however they must have a parent attend to comply with BSA/GSUSA guidelines. For more information, contact Denise Kreckel at pharmcanoe@aol.com.



A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

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

Friar's Remains Exhumed Prior To Beatification

By Mike Stechschulte
Catholic News Service

DETROIT (CNS) -- The remains of Father Solanus Casey were exhumed Aug. 1 as part of the canonical process that precedes the saintly Capuchin Fran-

ciscan friar's beatification Mass in November.

The purpose of the exhumation, according to the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Detroit, was to both officially identify the body and to collect relics that will be used to venerate Father Casey after he is beatified Nov. 18.



CNS Photo/Courtesy Archdiocese Of Detroit

TOMB: Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron and Capuchin Father Michael Sullivan pray May 4 at the tomb of Father Solanus Casey before the announcement of the friar's beatification at Saint Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit.

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**

figured to accommodate 60,000 people for the ceremony.

"God is sure to give great blessings to all of us through this confirmation of Father Solanus' holiness. For this, 'let us thank God ahead of time,'" the archbishop said, repeating Father Casey's oft-quoted refrain.

ent," Father Sullivan said. "For me it was an occasion to pray for all the friars, especially the sick and those who minister here in Detroit as well as for vocations to our way of life. I am deeply grateful for all the ways God continues to work through the presence and ministry of the Capuchins."

The Aug. 1 ceremony marks the second time Father Casey's body has been exhumed -- the first was in 1987, when his remains were moved from the friars' cemetery to their current resting place in the north transept of the St. Bonaventure Monastery chapel.

The exhumation also took place one day after the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Father Casey's death July 31, 1957.

A priest known for his great faith, humility and compassion and for his ministry as spiritual counselor, Father Casey worked for two decades in the Harlem section of New York City.

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Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron presided over the private exhumation service, which was limited to a handful of individuals, including three medical professionals who were on hand to examine the remains and report on the condition of the body.

"Presiding at the process for opening the tomb of Father Solanus and confirming the identity of his earthly remains was a time of significant personal prayer for me," Archbishop Vigneron said afterward. "I especially give the Lord Jesus thanks for the gift of Father's service to our community, above all to the least among us, and for his example of loving our neighbor with nothing less than the sacrificial charity of Christ himself.

"This day is a clear milestone on our path to Nov. 18 and Father Solanus' beatification at the Mass to be offered in Ford Field," he said. The stadium in downtown Detroit will be con-

Capuchin Franciscan Father Michael Sullivan, provincial minister for the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, was among the few Capuchins present for the solemn occasion.

"It was an honor and a joy for me to be prayerfully pres-

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Somerset, PA 15501
(1 block east of
Somerset Hospital)

The Medicine Shoppe
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Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis
 'Perfect' Catholics
 Don't Despise Others

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- God did not choose perfect people to form his church, but rather sinners who have experienced his love and forgiveness, Pope Francis said.

The Gospel of Luke's account of Jesus forgiving the sinful woman shows how his actions went against the general mentality of his time, a way of thinking that saw a "clear separation" between the pure and impure, the pope said Aug. 9 during his weekly general audience.

"There were some scribes, those who believed they were perfect," the pope said. "And I think about so many Catholics who think they are perfect and scorn others. This is sad."

Continuing his series of audience talks about Christian hope, the pope reflected on Jesus' "scandalous gesture" of forgiving the sinful woman.

The woman, he said, was one of many poor women who were visited secretly even by those who denounced them as sinful.

Although Jesus' love toward the sick and the marginalized "baffles his contemporaries," it reveals God's heart as the place where suffering men and women can find love, compassion and healing, Pope Francis said.

"How many people continue today in a wayward life because they find no one willing to look at them in a different way, with the eyes -- or better yet -- with the heart of God, meaning with hope," he said. But "Jesus sees the possibility of a resurrection even in those who have made so many wrong choices."

Oftentimes, the pope continued, Christians become accustomed to having their sins forgiven and receiving God's unconditional love while forgetting the heavy price Jesus paid by dying on the cross.

By forgiving sinners, Jesus doesn't seek to free them from a guilty conscience, but rather offers "people who have made mistakes the hope of a new life, a life marked by love," the pope said.

The church is a people formed "of sinners who have experienced the mercy and forgiveness of God," Pope Francis said. Christians are "all poor sinners" who need God's mercy, "which strengthens us and gives us hope."

CNS Photo/L'Osservatore Romano
KISSES CHILD: Pope Francis kisses a child during his weekly audience in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican Wednesday, August 9.



ONE MORE TIME: In 1961. Father Joseph Fleming, the founding pastor, posed with the members of the committee that produced the commemorative book for the dedication of the newly - built Saint Andrew Church in Johnstown. The parish had been established in 1956.

Torrential rains have reversed the over-dry conditions plaguing California. But on one particular mountainside a drought of a different kind persists: Visits from the outside world have dried up at New Camaldoli Benedictine Hermitage in Big Sur, California.

"This may be the biggest challenge we've had to face as a community," says Camaldolese Benedictine Father Cyprian Consiglio, the monastery's prior, in an interview with me in early June.

"Our hospitality ministry is central to our life and our main source of income, too. We're used to having 10-15 people here all the time for retreats or spiritual direction. We still don't know when we'll be able to welcome guests."

The same rains that brought an end to California's drought caused massive mountainside erosion and rock slides around and on the grounds of the monastery. A long stretch of Highway 1 and the 2-mile access road that runs to and from the monastery were closed completely. For several weeks, the monks were cut off, had no telephone service, and communicated with neighbors via walkie-talkie. Their fuel supply was iffy.

Father Cyprian says, "We run off a diesel generator, and have propane heat. Getting fuel deliveries was a little nerve-racking. We evacuated one of



Living Well

By Maureen Pratt
 The Nature Of Simplicity

our monks who was living in our infirmary and moved him to a nursing home for a month to save fuel. We moved our liturgies out of the chapel, and took to cooking in electric pans, too."

More like camping than monastic life?

"I laughingly say, 'This is what we train for,'" says Father Cyprian. "Not only are we monks, we're from a specific reform tradition within the Benedictine world that accents solitude."

Although the rains have subsided, road repair and access are unpredictable to impossible due to new rock slides and the potential collapse of one side of the mountain.

But, Father Cyprian says, "Having observed my brothers these five months, they've adapted beautifully, cutting down on everything, saving money."

The cost-cutting moves have yielded blessings.

"There's been a deepening of our communal prayer, fraternal charity and a spirit of joy about the place, more than

usual," says Father Cyprian. "I think it's the forced simplicity, a sense of solidarity that we didn't focus on so much before. We're cognizant that we're part of a bigger body - - the body of the monastery, the archdiocese, all humanity that's suffering."

"I laugh about us having 'dominion over the earth,'" says Father Cyprian, "as the mountain is sliding into the ocean. I think of the Holy Father (in 'Laudato Si') trying to shift our understanding to be a little more nuanced, and of the responsibility we have."

What is key to the monks' resilient response to hardship?

"Always give priority to the spiritual practice," says Father Cyprian. "I know it's hard for families, for parents with children, but it's very important. Stopping and praying. It's non-negotiable for us, the bells ring four times a day, no matter what."

So, he says, "Anytime people ask me, 'How are the brothers doing?' I say, 'We're wonderful. We're broke, but wonderful!'"

Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Yoga

Q. My wife was recently at a gathering of her prayer group that meets every week. At the end of this particular meeting, a deacon spoke to the group and said something that has disturbed both of us. He said that when you practice yoga, you are communicating with the devil.

Neither of us practices yoga, but our daughter -- who is in her 30s -- does. She has even gone on yoga retreats. I always thought that yoga was just a form of meditation.

Should we be concerned, and is there any church teaching on the matter? (New Brunswick, New Jersey)

A. The issue is a bit complex and has been the subject of a fair amount of controversy. Classic yoga is a discipline that grew out of Hindu mysticism; it seeks enlightenment through a series of exercises designed to align the body, mind and spirit.

Simply because it has its origin outside the Christian tradition, this doesn't necessarily

mean that it conflicts with Catholic teaching.

The Vatican pointed this out in a 1989 document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith called "Some Aspects of Christian Meditation," stating: "Genuine practices of meditation that come from the Christian East and from the great non-Christian religions, which prove attractive to the man of today who is divided and disoriented, (can) constitute a suitable means of helping the person who prays to come before God with an interior peace" (No.28).

The bodily postures assumed during yoga as well as the breathing techniques are themselves morally neutral. (Catholic institutions -- including Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral -- have at times sponsored classes in "Catholic yoga.")

The real issue lies in what these techniques are designed to accomplish -- what they are supposed to connect you to -- and herein lies the difficulty with certain forms of yoga: They as-

sume a basic pantheism, the goal being for the person to become "one with the divine."

(A classic yoga mantra that the user is encouraged to repeat, is "So'ham" -- which can be translated "I am the universal self." That is a far cry from orthodox Christian theology, which holds that we humans are created beings and the triune God is not).

It is sometimes heard that Pope Francis, in a January 2015 homily, dismissed yoga, saying that such practices as yoga and Zen meditation cannot free people to open their hearts to the Lord; but to be fair, the pope said the same of church teaching and Catholic spirituality, noting that only the Holy Spirit can "move the heart" and make it "docile to the Lord."

I have no idea what particular type of yoga your daughter is involved with, so the safest course might be for her to discuss this with a knowledgeable priest.

Q. I have been married for 18 years, but a year ago my husband abandoned me and our children. Four months ago, I found out that he has been having an affair and has been living with the office manager of our parish.

I feel lost, pray for guidance and seek some closure. Can you help me understand how the church looks upon my situation? (City of origin withheld)

A. Sometimes a marriage can come apart even when one spouse is virtually without fault; the church recognizes this, and there is no need to keep beating yourself up.

As for which parish church to attend, I would guess that it's going to be a long time before you'll feel comfortable in your home parish, with all the memories that it holds. Why not continue to shop around for a different Catholic parish where you might feel more at peace?

And finally, your pastor deserves to know of your suspicions about his parish manager, so that he can make a judgment as to whether that person is a suitable representative of the parish.



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
The Need For Community

Here's a great Irish saying: "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live."

The Irish are a communal folk, and this proverb reminds me of the festive crossroads gatherings that my Irish ancestors from Galway and Mayo would have in rural areas before the Great Famine wiped out so much of the population.

It brings to mind the aching need for community that I have and that I think we all share.

I first heard this phrase one Sunday morning when I was listening to Krista Tippetts' National Public Radio show, "On Being." Frequently, I hear mere snatches of her program as I prepare to leave for Mass. I was so intrigued by the phrase and the author who had incorporated it into his book's title that I ordered his book on the basis of that alone.

In The Shelter: Finding A Home In The World, by Padraig O'Tuama, is a reflection on the journey we make together. O'Tuama is a poet and a theologian from Belfast, but my favorite part of his book is still the title.

I've been reflecting on our deep need for the strength and solidarity that we draw from community. Particularly, I remember a health crisis that my family encountered many years ago.

Our children were young, and we were immersed in our parish, in our work in the archdiocese where we lived, in the little parish school where we had made so many friends. In other words, we were blessed to live in a time and place of great community.

The response to our family's need was swift and overwhelming. Only now, from a distance, am I able to fully appreciate the way our community gathered us into its arms with food, flowers, phone calls, offers of help, babysitting.

Our every need seemed to be anticipated and met. And gently: No one pushed anything.

Did I want some friends from the moms' group to come over and clean my house? No, didn't need that. Did I appreciate the baskets of pre-wrapped school lunch items they produced to make mornings so much easier? You bet.

Jesus is our great example of a person who valued community. He treasured his private time with God, of course, the place where he drew strength and comfort.

We all need that alone time. But he used those retreats into the "lonely places" mentioned in Scripture to recharge his batteries for his presence in the world.

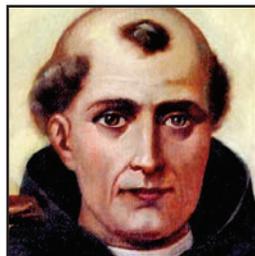
Think of all the dinner parties recorded in the Gospels. Imagine the need Jesus felt for community when he encountered fishermen or the tax collector Matthew and humbled himself to ask them to follow him. Revel in the great friendship we are told Jesus had with Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus.

Think of the depth of friendship that must have existed between Jesus and Mary of Magdala. How else to account for one of Scripture's most touching encounters, the meeting in the garden after the Resurrection?

We all need shelter. Sometimes we want community and it seems to fail us. Sometimes we don't know how to ask for help. And often we don't hear the groaning of another that is an expression of his need for the shelter of our presence.

I feel the need to draw from both the great well of community that I have sometimes experienced and the dryness when community seems like no more than a creek bed with a small trickle. Both of these can be God's way of saying, "Listen. I have things to teach you about being there for others."

Saint Philip Benizi
1233 - 1285
Feast - August 23



Though he studied medicine in Paris and practiced briefly in his hometown of Florence, Italy, this son of two noble families became a lay brother in the Servites and eventually a Servite priest. In 1267, he was unanimously elected head of the order, thereafter guiding its growth. He also mediated a conflict between warring Guelphs and Ghibellines in northern Italy, assisted at a general church council and helped establish the Servite nuns' order. When Pope Clement IV died in 1268 and he was mentioned as a successor, Philip reportedly hid in the hills until another man was chosen. He was canonized in 1671 and is the patron of a minor basilica near Florence.

True Personal Fulfillment Found In God

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Bishop Mark said “You will be listening to many people as you go on with your lives. God reminded us that His Son is the way, the truth and the life. There will never be anyone like Him. It is very important you listen to the Lord Jesus, the Son of God.”

He urged them to pursue their passion and defy society’s superficial expectations and truths. “We want you to pursue your passion, which must be inspired by the greatest of all teachers, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

He told the young people they can’t leave behind everything they have learned at home, at school or at church as they go out on their own. He reminded them not to forget about all of the good stuff that has brought them to this time in their lives.

Bishop Mark expressed five hopes for the students, military and career seekers:

“Remember who you are. You are a human person and every human person is made in the image and likeness of God.

“Take care of yourself. Eat healthy and get sleep. Stay away from sex, drugs, drinking, and smoking. Do I really need to explain that to you? I have real stories I can tell you of young people who have come to see me, messed up, stressed out; or so unhappy after getting high or drunk at some party and being used for someone else’s gratification or using someone else for their gratification.

“Be careful who you make friends with at college. I have been blessed with friends that go back to my years in high school and college. Do not be tempted to make decisions based on what everyone else is doing.

“You must remember why you are at college, why you have chosen to enter military service, or why you want to make an honest living at work. God wanted Peter, James and John to experience the truth.

“If you graduate with a 4.0 and don’t find the truth, you



GOSPEL STORY: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and worshippers listen as Deacon Samuel Albarano reads Saint Matthew’s gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus, Sunday, August 6, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto.

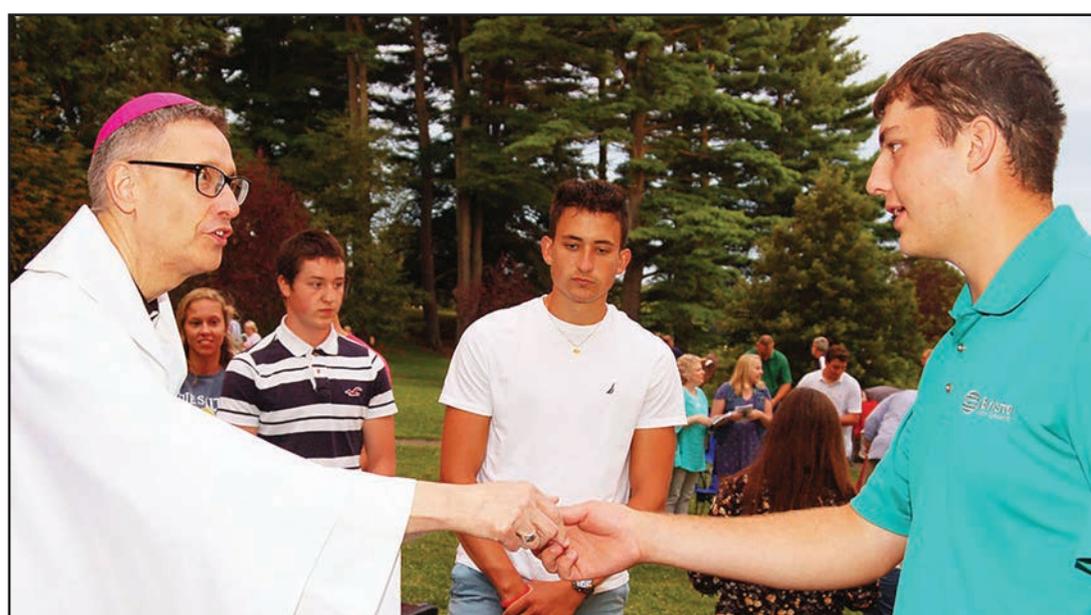
didn’t get your money’s worth. Study so you can learn; and learn so you can grow in awareness of who you really are and what you can and should be in our world.

“Don’t leave home without your Catholic Faith. The more you put your faith into action, the more real your relationship with Christ will become. He will show you how to follow your passion and defy the superficial expectations of this world.”

He urged the young people to pray, noting that prayer is as easy as taking five minutes and having a conversation with God. Every conversation involves speaking and listening.

He challenged them to listen to the Lord by just opening the Bible and reading it. “If you don’t have a Bible see me after Mass and I’ll make sure you get one.” Bishop Mark reminded the congregation not to forget the Sacrament of Penance; it is an awesome gift from God.

“Pray the Word of God,



ROSARY: Each young person attending the Sunday, August 6 Mass, received a rosary from the Bishop.

and receive the Sacraments. Don’t leave home without them. They are all about staying connected with the ultimate friend that all of us would ever want; Jesus Christ. He is your friend, your Savior, your strength, your

peace, and your hope. He is your way, your truth, and your life.

“I wish all of you the best. I’m praying for all of you. And I’m praying for your parents who are going to be concerned that it all goes well for you.”

As Mass came to an end, Bishop Mark gathered all of the young people around the altar for a special blessing. He presented each of them with a rosary to carry with them into their new phase of life.

Local Woman's Life Transformed By Friendship With Heroic Italian Wife And Mother

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Jennifer and Chiara had plans of taking vacations together, introducing their children to one another, and growing older as the very best of friends.

Jennifer shared her friend's joy when Chiara became pregnant with her first child, a daughter, and mourned when the little girl, Maria, died just after birth. The next year, Chiara gave birth to a son, Davide, who like his older sister suffered from birth defects, and died within minutes of being delivered.

"It was when her babies died that I really came to understand Chiara's special strength," said Jennifer. "She was so strong. Her faith was strong. She believed that everything was for the best. Chiara believed there was something bigger and better than this life."

Tragedy continued to haunt Chiara and Enrico Petrillo. Pregnant for a third time, it was discovered in her fifth month that Chiara was suffering from cancer.

"There was never, ever any thought in her mind of having an abortion," Jennifer said, "and she refused all treatment until Francesco was born. She wouldn't do anything that might harm her baby." And on June 13, 2012, when her little son was just over one - year - old, Chiara died.

Jennifer learned of the depth of her friend's spirituality when Chiara was diagnosed with cancer.

"She told me 'It's okay. I'm going to heaven to raise Maria and Davide, and Enrico will be here to raise Francesco. Don't be sad about it, because I'm not sad.'"

"What love she had for her children!," Jennifer exclaimed. "Chiara made the ultimate sacrifice; she gave her life for the sake of the life of her child."

Chiara's sacrifice is the kind of sacrifice that Pope Francis thought to honor in opening a new path to eventual beatifica-



Photos Courtesy Of Jennifer Sloss

AN EDURING BOND: The bond of friendship between Chiara Corbella Petrillo and Jennifer Pellegrine Sloss is an enduring one, despite Chiara's death from cancer in 2012. The two women are pictured at left in Italy a few evenings before Chiara's September 2008 wedding to Enrico Petrillo. After learning of her friend's death, Jennifer, the mother of two sons, prayed "Chiara, send me a little brown - eyed girl." Jennifer is pictured with her daughter, Chiara, at right. Jennifer says "My little girl is my gift from Chiara Corbella Petrillo."

tion and canonization: publishing, last month, July 11, a document that recognizes the sanctity of those who give their lives in an heroic act of loving service to others. The Holy Father entitled the document "Maiorem hac dilectionem," derived from Saint John's gospel (15:13) "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

An Associated Press article about that document published in the **Altoona Mirror** on July 14 caught Jennifer's eye, because it made mention of her dear friend Chiara Corbella Petrillo as someone who could possibly be named a saint based on that criterion. "I read the story and thought 'Hi, Chiara!' What were the chances of the name of someone I knew, someone who came to Altoona, turning up in an article about becoming a saint?," Jennifer asked. "I knew that a movement had started to explore the idea of recognizing Chiara as a

saint, but never thought I'd see her name in the local paper."

And yet, encountering a newspaper story about her friend is not untypical of how Jennifer and Chiara's relationship continues to develop. "She does little things for me to let me know she's here," Jennifer said. "I pray to her - - I talk to her. When I have a big decision to make I'll say 'Okay, Chiara, what would you do?' My life has changed since I met her."

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Jennifer believes that anyone learning about Chiara and her life - giving sacrifice will find their life changed, too. "Everyone would be a better person if they learned about her and tried to be more like her. She teaches us to remember 'It's not all about me!' The happiness of others must always come first."

Jennifer continues to be in touch with Enrico Petrillo who travels extensively telling his wife's story. And Jennifer has

shared that story with her children. "They never met her, but they know who she is. They appreciate her, and they will always know her.

"I want my daughter to know how she got her name, and to be proud of it. She has some very big shoes to fill!"

At a time when the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown is promoting the Cause of the Servant of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin, it now has close ties to the Cause of a young woman who prayed at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Altoona, who attended an Altoona Curve baseball game, and who continues to inspire the life of one local family. "Everyone who met Chiara when she visited here, loved her," Jennifer said.

To learn more about Chiara, visit the website, www.chiaracorbellapetrillo.it, or purchase the book **Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness To Joy**, available from Amazon.com.

New LCWR President Brings Bicultural View To Role

By Soli Salgado
Catholic News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS)

-- A familiar Spanish saying defines the experience and worldview of Sister Teresa Maya, a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word: "Ni de aqui, ni de alla" ("from neither here nor there").

Before becoming president-elect of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious in 2016, Sister Maya collaborated with the religious conference in Mexico, an experience that taught her there are "two or three versions of the same story -- whether it's because there's another language or cultural perspective or geography -- and that's important to keep in mind," she said.

Sister Maya, who is Mexican-American, made the transition to LCWR president Aug. 1, the final night of the conference's annual assembly in Orlando. She will lead the organization as the rest of the U.S. Catholic Church starts to tip from a majority-Anglo to a

majority-Hispanic congregation.

LCWR is an association of the leaders of congregations of Catholic women religious in the United States. The conference has about 1350 members, who represent nearly 80 percent of the approximately 48,500 women religious in the United States.

Her position goes beyond simply representing Latina and minority sisters or the demographic changes of the U.S. Catholic Church. The perspective and attitude she'll bring with her, her friends and colleagues say, are unique to a bicultural upbringing and friendly to the concept of change.

Sister Maya, born Dec. 27, 1967, in Mexico City, lived in both Mexico and San Antonio because of her father's work. Her introduction to religion came from watching her grandmother pray the rosary and accompanying her to church.

As a child, she developed an interest in religious life. But she muffled that thought until she was halfway through working toward her doctorate in Mexico City in 1994.

Nun Honored As 'Mother Teresa Of Pakistan'

THRISSUR, India (CNS)

-- The government of Pakistan will accord a state funeral to Sister Ruth Katharina Martha Pfau, a German-born member of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary who devoted her life to eradicating leprosy in Pakistan.

Sister Ruth, dubbed the Mother Teresa of Pakistan, died August 10 in Karachi. She was 87.

"Sister Ruth was a model of total dedication. She inspired and mobilized all sections of society to join the fight against leprosy, irrespective of creed or ethnic identity," Archbishop Joseph Coutts of Karachi told Catholic News Service August 11.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said Sis-

ter Ruth would be remembered "for her courage, her loyalty, her service to the eradication of leprosy, and most of all, her patriotism."

Archbishop Coutts said she arrived in Karachi in 1960 due to some visa problems en route to India and was touched by what she saw at the leprosy colony off Macleod Road in Karachi. She decided to join the work Mexican Sister Bernice Vargasi had begun three years earlier, Archbishop Coutts said.

In 1962 Sister Ruth founded the Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre in Karachi, Pakistan's first hospital dedicated to treating Hansen's disease, and later set up its branches in all provinces of Pakistan.

She told a priest that no one she knew wanted to be a nun and she thought something was wrong with her.

He advised her to try it, which she did.

Sister Maya's parents were initially disappointed that she wasn't going to do more with her education, but years later they came to embrace her calling.

Maya graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from Yale in 1989 and became a certified teacher at schools run by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and at the Monterrey Technological and Advanced Studies Institute in Laguna, Mexico.

At Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, she earned her master's degree in systematic theology in 1991 and eventually went on to the College of Mexico in Mexico City, where she got her doctorate in Latin American colonial church history in 1997.

"She's a lifelong learner," said Sister Glenn Anne McPhee of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, who met Sister Maya in the early 1980s, when she came to the United States as a high school student from Mexico. "She's a very high-energy person. It's contagious, and it's only gotten better over time."

"She's just a woman who continues to grow and seize the moment," she added.

While studying at Yale, Sister Maya was a school volunteer in New Haven, Connecticut, working in inner-city elementary schools with Latino children. The experience "changed my life forever," she said.

In 1995, she joined the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in Mexico City, where she went through formation and professed her final vows in 2002. Their charism -- the Incarnation, the actualizing of God's love as their mission -- sold her, even after a lifelong Dominican education and visits to six congregations.



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SISTER TERESA MAYA

Once her congregation learned she could speak English and translate, she said, she began traveling back and forth between the U.S. and Mexico frequently. She was elected to her congregation's leadership in 2008 and in 2016 she was chosen as president-elect of LCWR.

"When I look back on the last few years, I realize my ministry is no longer education. It's religious life itself: ensuring its viability, ensuring it stays focused on its mission, our own kind of love for our own life," she said.

Arturo Chavez, president of the Mexican American Catholic College in San Antonio, knows Sister Maya through their common work with the college and the University of the Incarnate Word, as well as programs and associations intended for Latin American sisters in the United States.

"She's both a bridge-builder and a change agent," he said, echoing words others have also used to describe her.

While serving as president-elect of LCWR, Sister Maya said, she learned about the "in-

credible potential" of collaboration between religious institutions and congregations.

Right now, she said, LCWR is "owning its historical moment."

"The very fact that that this country has gone into this division and fear, I think it's the world calling religious and our conferences to witness, to the welcoming of the stranger, to the unity of the diversity, to civil discourse, to being respectful even if we disagree," she said. "I think there's a mission in the moment that we need to own, and I see that being fundamental to the next few years."

She believes women religious shouldn't bemoan their decrease in numbers but instead should be willing to go where they are needed to be bridge-builders.

When asked about being a visible face for religious Latinas, Sister Maya said her call is to just be who she is, "because it witnesses to other Latinas and to other women of color in religious life that we belong, that this is also our life, our church, our time."

Mercy Abounds In Health Ministry

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Scientists estimate that 54% of disease and disability result from poor lifestyle choices, choices less often tended by our current health care system. The simple fact is that many chronic diseases could be prevented, delayed, or alleviated, through simple changes in lifestyle. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that eliminating three risk factors – poor diet, inactivity, and smoking – would prevent 80% of heart disease and stroke, 80% of type 2 diabetes, and 40% of cancer.

Many times, mental/emotional conditions more difficult to observe go undetected until too late. Chronic sadness or depression, loneliness, hopelessness, personal guilt, abandonment, discouragement, low self-esteem, and stress may reflect or contribute to serious health changes if they continue to go unrecognized and unresolved. How many of us mask these very emotions because we fear that, if anyone really knew what we were experiencing, our company would be avoided and we would be even more isolated? In the wider culture, the “Horatio Alger myth” prevails and tells us that hard work, determination, and courage will make it possible for us as individuals to overcome every challenge in our lives on our own. The Christian tradition assures us that is not the case. We are created in the image of the Trinitarian God. We are made for each other and for God. We come to wholeness in community. Our faith stance can effectively inform and influence our lifestyle choices. Can Catholic communities help people better know those truths? Could a shift of perspective help people see their ordinary lives through the eyes of faith, and come to lean on each other for the wisdom and courage required to make the changes in their lifestyles that foster growth toward wholeness?



God’s vision for each of us is life abundant, health and healing, shalom. The words “heal,” “health,” “whole,” and “holy” are all related to the ancient concept of *hael*, a condition of wholeness in body, mind, and spirit that includes trust in God providence, love, and mercy. Health ministry is the “promotion of health and healing as a part of the mission and ministry of a faith community to its members and the community it serves” (Health Ministries Association, 2015). Faith communities can bring a holistic perspective to an understanding health and holiness as being in harmony with self, others, the environment, and God and making lifestyle choices consistent with and conducive to that harmony.

The “health ministries” currently offered in our parishes – financial assistance, food, shelter, support - focus on meeting needs that often develop in the wake of illness and disability. However, health ministry is meant to promote “health and healing as a part of the mission and ministry of a faith community to its members and the community it serves” (Health Ministries Association <https://hmassoc.org/>). In the type of Health Ministry we have in mind, parish-based programs are designed to foster

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a whole-person experience of healing, health, and holiness. There, parishioners have opportunities to learn about how to achieve a healthier lifestyle that promotes wellness and prevents the development of chronic disease. Seminars and workshops may be organized to provide information about exercise, nutrition, and meeting stress gracefully. Health screening programs offered in health ministry programs make early detection and treatment of disease possible and guide parishioners to the appropriate resources they may need that are already available in the larger community.

Our lives lived in faith help us build the relationships with God, others, and ourselves necessary to foster wholeness and holiness in individuals and to create communities where all can journey to the wholeness for which we were created. Communities of faith can provide enormous support by sharing information, support, and encouragement to their members as they make life choices in light of their beliefs. The Academy for Leadership is certificate program designed to cultivate the leadership necessary to advance God’s wide vision of life abundant, health and healing – shalom - for all in our faith communities.

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Remains Exhumed Prior To Friar’s November Beatification

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In 1924, he was transferred back to Detroit, where he joined the Capuchin order, and began working as the porter -- or doorkeeper -- of St. Bonaventure Monastery. He also helped establish the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in 1929 to feed the hungry during the Great Depression, a work that continues in Detroit today. He was declared venerable in 1995.

Exhumation of the body of a sainthood candidate is part of the formalities of the beatification process and includes very strict guidelines, said Capuchin Franciscan Father Larry Webber, who along with Brother Richard Merling, also a Capuchin Franciscan, who has served as vice postulator of Father Casey’s sainthood cause since 2012.

After permission was received from the Vatican Congregation for Saints’ Causes -- as well as local civic officials -- to exhume the body, the metal casket in which Father Casey was buried was raised from its resting place the evening of July 31, but remained unopened until the next morning.

Leading a prayer, Archbishop Vigneron broke the wax seal that was left on Father Casey’s casket when it was last opened under then-Archbishop Edmund C. Szoka, and two witnesses who were present at the 1987 exhumation helped verify the body. Medical examiners were then asked to report on its condition.

Church officials then oversaw the collection of first- and second-class relics -- including pieces of bone, hair or clothing -- which were secured inside vials to be sent to Rome, where they will be cataloged, authenticated and prepared for distribution. The body was then reinterred in a new casket, along with an authentication document signed by those present, before

Archbishop Vigneron led a closing prayer.

Father Webber called it a “very powerful spiritual experience” to be able to see and venerate the remains of Father Casey.

“Many mixed feelings filled the hearts of our Capuchin community today,” Father Webber said. “We are well aware that Father Solanus is now part of something greater than just our Capuchin community. He belongs to the whole church, and we pray that his eventual canonization might make him another model of holiness in following Jesus Christ in the universal church.”

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‘The Dark Tower’ Full Of Hoey And Nonsense

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Awash in high-flown metaphysical hoey, director and co-writer Nikolaj Arcel's dull sci-fi fantasy "The Dark Tower" (Columbia) is inappropriate for the impressionable.

As for grown viewers, they should be prepared to slog through an involved exposition of non-scriptural ideas borrowed from the series of novels by Stephen King on which the film -- penned with Akiva Goldsman, Jeff Pinkner and Anders Thomas Jensen -- is built.

Extending rather than adapting the books, the movie uses the psychic nightmares of troubled New York teen Jake (Tom Taylor) to introduce us to a distant world -- one of many -- and the cosmic battle being fought out there. This struggle pits villainous wizard Walter O'Dim (Matthew McConaughey), aka the Man in Black, against Roland Deschain (Idris Elba), aka the Gunslinger.

O'Dim is bent on destroying the supernatural structure of the title which somehow, so we're informed, keeps the evil lurking at the edges of the universe at bay. The lone remaining member of a group of Old West-style gunmen still resisting O'Dim and his cohorts, Roland



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THE DARK TOWER: Matthew McConaughey stars in a scene from the movie "The Dark Tower." 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.

is not only out to save the tower but yearns for revenge against O'Dim, whose spells have killed off every ally who has ever stood at his side.

While on the run from some of O'Dim's minions in the Big Apple, Jake manages to get himself transported to Mid-World, one of the planets where this feud is being played out. Conveniently, the first person he encounters is Roland.

Despite an initially gruff reception, Jake convinces Roland that he can be of service to the cause. The bond that eventually develops between the two -- Jake's fireman father died in the line of duty -- is one of the few potentially touching aspects of this tangled tale.

O'Dim's method of assaulting the tower involves the torturous extraction of energy from the minds of kidnapped children. Since Jake has the gift of second sight, what the script terms "shine," to an unrivaled degree, his psyche would represent the equivalent of a nuclear

missile launched against the vital building -- if, that is, O'Dim could only get his hands on the lad.

Roland is also endowed with paranormal powers, as too is a minor character who can read people's thoughts and communicate with them without speaking. All this is portrayed very positively in a way that might mislead the poorly catechized. As for the religiously well-grounded, they would be wise to spare themselves the

necessity of sifting through this pile of New Age nonsense.

The film contains occult themes, much gunplay and other violence, including torture, but with little gore, a few uses of profanity and a couple of crude terms. 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.

Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

August 27 - - A pastor, teacher, and student from Diocesan schools offer their thoughts as they get ready for the start of a new academic year.

September 3 - - In celebration of the Labor Day holiday, three generations from one family will talk about their hard work and service at the Martha and Mary House in Johnstown, operated by Catholic Charities.

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Freedom From Shame And Embarrassment: Reaching Male Survivors

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While statistics show that women experience sexual assault at a high rate, for men who seek services, gendered language can seem as if the program is focused only on women and does not have the ability to serve men. Male survivors regularly feel isolated and alone due to a lack of services specifically designed for male survivors. There is also a lack of representation of male survivors within their communities. This isolation leads many male survivors to never report their experiences and what has happened to them.

Another challenge is the way men identify themselves and the violence perpetrated against them. For many male survivors they have disassociated themselves from the trauma

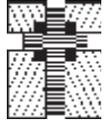
and violence, which makes it even more difficult for them to open up and seek services. Even the language used to describe acts of sexual violence, like rape can be too explicit for men and many do not use those terms. In order to adequately help male survivors these challenges must be addressed and understood by rape crisis centers.

A strength in reaching male survivors is often helping them connect destructive behaviors to the trauma they experienced. Problems with relationships, drugs, alcohol, and others are often used as a coping mechanism. Normalizing that males too are survivors of sexual violence allows males to feel safe and secure in seeking services, free from shame and embarrassment. Incorporating images of males in program materials and the

use of gender neutral language is important for male survivors and survivors who identify as gender fluid.

Recognizing and understanding how men and male survivors identify themselves and seek services differently than female survivors is a key part in successfully reaching male survivors. While the services offered are similar for both males and females, the approach and administration of services may need to be adjusted when working with men. Community education and awareness on sexual violence as it pertains to males is crucial in developing an environment of safety, acceptance, and non-judgment so male survivors feel comfortable not only seeking services, but also comfortable disclosing to those close to them when they are ready to.

May They Rest In Peace



Sister M. Jeremy Mahla S.C.

Sister Mary Jeremy Mahla, died Monday, July 17 at Caritas Christi, the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, Greensburg, in the 65th year of her religious life.

Born in Pittsburgh, she entered the congregation September 8, 1951, and earned a bachelor's degree at Penn State University, and a master's degree at the University of Illinois.

Sister Mary Jeremy taught in the schools of the Dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown and Pittsburgh, in South Korea, and at the DePaul School for Speech and Hearing, Pittsburgh. She also edited audio books.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Jeremy Mahla S.C. was celebrated Thursday, July 20 in the Chapel of the Assumption at Caritas Christi. Committal was in the Sisters' Cemetery at Seton Hill.

Sister Francis Teresa Masur S.C.

Sister Francis Teresa Masur, 98, died Thursday, July 20 at Caritas Christi, the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, Greensburg, in the 80th year of her religious life.

A native of Pittsburgh, she entered the congregation September 8, 1937, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh.

Sister Francis Teresa taught in the schools of the Dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown, Greensburg, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Tuscon, and the Archdiocese of Washington DC. She also taught classes at the former SCI - Greensburg.

After retirement she volunteered as a convent sacristan and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist at Elizabeth Seton Center, Brookline.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Francis Teresa Masur S.C. was celebrated Monday, July 24 in the Chapel of the Assumption at Caritas Christi. Committal was in the Sisters' Cemetery at Seton Hill.

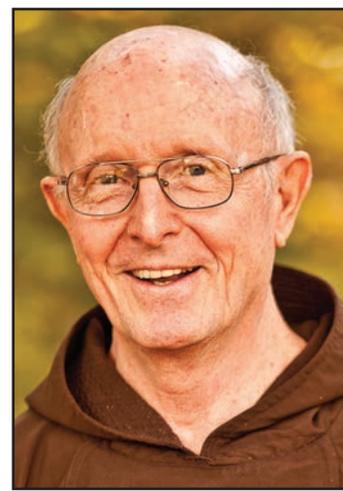
Nun Was National Leader

DUBUQUE, Iowa (CNS) -- Sister Helen Maher Garvey, former president of both the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and of her order, the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, died August 6. She was 82.

Sister Garvey, who entered religious life at age 17 and took the name Sister Robert Joseph, earned a doctorate in organizational development from Columbia University in New York City.

She taught elementary school at schools run by her order in Chicago and Antioch, Illinois, and in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She later served as principal of elementary schools in Bellerose and Hempstead, New York, and was then elevated to leadership in the BVM order in 1976. Only 41 at the time of her election, Sister Garvey served 16 years as either president or vice president of the congregation, concluding her tenure as president in 1992.

Sister Garvey was elected to the three - year presidency of the LCWR in 1986.



**FATHER MICHAEL
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Friar Worked For Justice

DETROIT (CNS) -- Capuchin Franciscan Father Michael Crosby, author, speaker, retreat leader and a longtime convenor and organizer of corporate responsibility campaigns, died August 5 at age 77.

Father Crosby, executive director of the Milwaukee-based Wisconsin/Iowa/Minnesota Coalition for Responsible Investment, was diagnosed with cancer in December. Despite surgery and a course of treatment and chemotherapy in April, the cancer was discovered to have spread by June and Father Crosby entered hospice at that time.

The Capuchin often was in the forefront of efforts to introduce shareholder resolutions on behalf of religious orders that covered a wide range of con-

cerns including climate change, sourcing of materials and fair treatment of employees.

He told Catholic News Service as the 2016 corporate annual meeting season opened that he believed that shareholders, no matter how small their stake in a company, were responsible for urging executives to protect human dignity by advancing the cause of workers, the environment and human rights.

"Stocks give you ownership," he said. "Ownership makes you responsible for the acts (of a company) like any other ownership makes you responsible under law."

Father Crosby also helped establish the Human Thread Campaign, a program of Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investment and a Catholic effort to raise awareness, undertake direct action and build solidarity with garment workers.

The work in corporate social responsibility was just one aspect of his life, said his elder brother, Capuchin Franciscan Father Daniel Crosby. He was a popular speaker and was invited to lead retreats, guide parish missions and speak on issues of social justice and spirituality, "helping people go deeper into the Gospel."

"Mike did not just talk the talk. He gave good talks. He wrote good stuff that he believed with deep conviction, everything that he said and everything that he wrote. He manifested that in a powerful and beautiful and inspiring way in the way he lived these eight months," he said.

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Chiara Corbella Petrillo

'Everyone Would Be A Better Person If They Learned About Her And Tried To Be More Like Her'

By Msgr. Timothy P. Stein

A self-described "bratty teenager," always thinking about "me -- what I want," 18-year-old Jennifer Pellegrine of Altoona was blown away when, as an exchange student, she met Chiara Corbella of Rome, Italy, in 2001.

"She was totally opposite of how I was," Jennifer recalled in a Friday, August 11 telephone interview. "Chiara was such a good person, and so much nicer to be around than I was at that time."

Her new-found Roman friend made a deep impression on the Altoona teen. Chiara returned to Altoona with Jennifer for a month's stay, and their friendship blossomed into a bond that would last until death -- and beyond.

Now married to Eric Sloss, Jennifer resides with her husband and three children -- seven-year-old Rowan, six-year-old Carson, and three-year-old Chiara in Tyrone, where the older children attend Saint Matthew School. And yes, the youngest of the Sloss children is named for her mother's special friend, a young woman who died at age 28 in 2012.



Photo Courtesy Of Jennifer Sloss

CHIARA'S WEDDING DAY: Jennifer Sloss, her husband and parents, were guests at the September 2008 wedding, in Italy, of Chiara Corbella and Enrico Petrillo. Pictured are (left to right) Sharon and John Pellegrine (Jennifer's parents), Jennifer, Chiara and Enrico, and Eric Sloss (Jennifer's husband).

"As soon as I got to Italy, I knew there was something different about Chiara," Jennifer said of her friend. "She always had a big smile on her face. She

always cared about you -- she cared about everyone. There was a real kindness about her."

Their bond continued as the two young women grew

up. Chiara returned to Altoona in 2008 for Jennifer and Eric's wedding, and later that year the newlywed Mr. and Mrs. Sloss traveled to Italy for Chiara's

wedding to Enrico Petrillo, a man she met and fell in love with on a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine at Medjugorje.

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