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## Diocese's Educational Leaders Excited To Welcome Start Of 2017 - 2018 Academic Year

By Bruce A. Tomaselli

They probably have more years in education than they care to remember. But Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, and Jo - Ann Semko, still become excited with each new school year.

Sister Donna Marie is in her 11th year as diocesan director of Education; and Semko completed her third year as assistant director of Education in July.

"We're both happy and eager to get the new year started," smiled Sister Donna Marie. Semko agrees, and she's happy with the enrollment which has remained stable throughout the Diocese.

By now the grade schools and high schools in the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese all have their doors open for the 2017 - 2018 academic year.

There are a number of new academic programs being instituted into the curriculum. "They are all part of an effort to continue a strategic plan to have all schools across the Diocese using similar resources," Semko said.

There is a new guided reading program, WANDERS, that lends itself to individualized instruction throughout the curriculum. "It enables teachers to



**SISTER DONNA MARIE  
LEIDEN S.C.**

focus on the needs of each child while at the same guiding small groups," explained Semko. The program was introduced into the grade schools last year.

There is also a new math program called "Math In Focus," which was brought into the school system last year, and will be implemented in additional schools this year. Semko said Math In Focus is a strategy-based critical thinking program.

The educators are both very high on the science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, arts, and Math program (STREAM), already incorporated in the daily academic routine of the students.



**JO - ANN  
SEMKO**

"It's brought excitement, cooperation, and an open - minded approach to education," said Sister Donna Marie. "The kids work together in small groups to solve problems and create, using

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**FATHER MALACHI  
VAN TASSELL T.O.R.**

scientific data. It's hands - on learning, which makes it fun for the students to work toward an outcome as a team."

All of the schools in the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese are accredited by Middle States Association and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The commission is a voluntary, non - governmental, peer - based membership organization dedicated to education excellence and improvement through peer evaluation an accreditation. Both private and public schools must meet its academic requirements, and be accredited every seven years.

Numerous diocesan administrators and teachers assist in the evaluation of public and private institutions.

There are several new principals in the Diocese this year. They include Tom Smith of Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, Johnstown; Rhonda Seymour, assistant principal at Holy Trinity Catholic School, Altoona and Hollidaysburg; Debbie Saint Pierre of Saint Matthew School in Tyrone; and Dr. Donna Messner of Saint Patrick School in Newry.

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Following Mass, celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, the Years of Recognition awards will be presented along with the Master Catechist awards.

This year three teachers will be recognized for 40 years of service. They are: Janice Burley of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg; Marian Cyburt of Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, and Pamela McConnell of Holy Trinity Catholic School.

**Community**

**Knights On Radio**

**Bedford:** Two members of the Saint Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus will be interviewed on “Bedford County Speaks” over News/Talk 1310 WBFD - AM Radio in Bedford, on Saturday, September 16,

Grand Knight Mark Clevenger of Council #1439 and Tim Clingerman, Faithful Navigator of the Father Thomas Heyden 4th Degree Assembly #2529 will explain the history and mission of the Knights of Columbus. Clevenger and Clingerman, both of Bedford, have been active Knights for several years. Grand Knight Clevenger said, “The Knights do a lot of good here in Bedford County. We support the local ARC program, raise money for community needs through our annual Saint Thomas Fish Fries and Turkey

Bingo and vigorously support the Pro - Life Movement.” Pastor Father Richard Tomkosky adds, “The Knights are an integral part of our parish life.”

Founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven CT, the Knights of Columbus boasts over two - million members world-wide with nearly 15,000 councils, making the Knights even larger than Rotary International.

Organized by Bedford Catholic men in 1909, Saint Thomas the Apostle Council #1439 is one of the earliest in the nation. The interview will be archived on [www.bedfordcountyspeaks.com](http://www.bedfordcountyspeaks.com), following the broadcast.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish is one of the oldest in Western Pennsylvania, founded in 1817 by the Servant of God Father Demetrius Gallitzin.

in manufacturing, she began her tenure at Bishop Carroll in 2011, working in the school’s Guidance Office and as the Business Manager.

“Bishop Carroll is a fantastic school and I am proud to be a part of it,” she said. “We have excellent students who not only excel in academics, but involve themselves in the community to help the less fortunate, compete respectfully in athletics, and openly practice their faith.”

She enters the role following the retirement of Jerry Stephens, who is retiring after seven years as CEO.

“We are proud to count Jerry as one of our alums and are grateful for his years of service in support of the mission of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School,” said Jon Nagy, Director of Admissions.



**RADIO INTERVIEW:** (Left to right) Mark Clevenger, Grand Knight Council #1439 and Tim Clingerman Faithful Navigator Father Thomas Heyden 4th Degree Assembly #2529 of the Knights of Columbus, were interviewed by “Bedford County Speaks” on News/Talk 1310 WBFD - AM Radio in Bedford, for a broadcast to be transmitted Saturday, September 16 at 8:30 a.m. The men will speak of the work the Knights have done in the local community since being established in Bedford in 1909.

**High Schools**

**New CEO**

**Ebensburg:** Bishop Carroll Catholic High School announces a new Chief Executive Officer. Lynn (Farabaugh) Weber assumed the role Friday, September 1.

Weber earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and her MBA at Saint Francis University, Loretto. After a career

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**FIVE GENERATIONS:** 102 - year - old Julia Kolonich of Hooversville holds her great - great granddaughter Chloe Julia Maebh Kolonich. Flanking them is Chloe’s great - grandfather John Kolonich (top), grandfather Frank Kolonich (left) and father Harold Kolonich (right). Chloe was baptized Saturday, August 19 at Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish, Windber. Julia is the mother of Deacon Ronald Kolonich of Saint Peter Parish, Somerset.

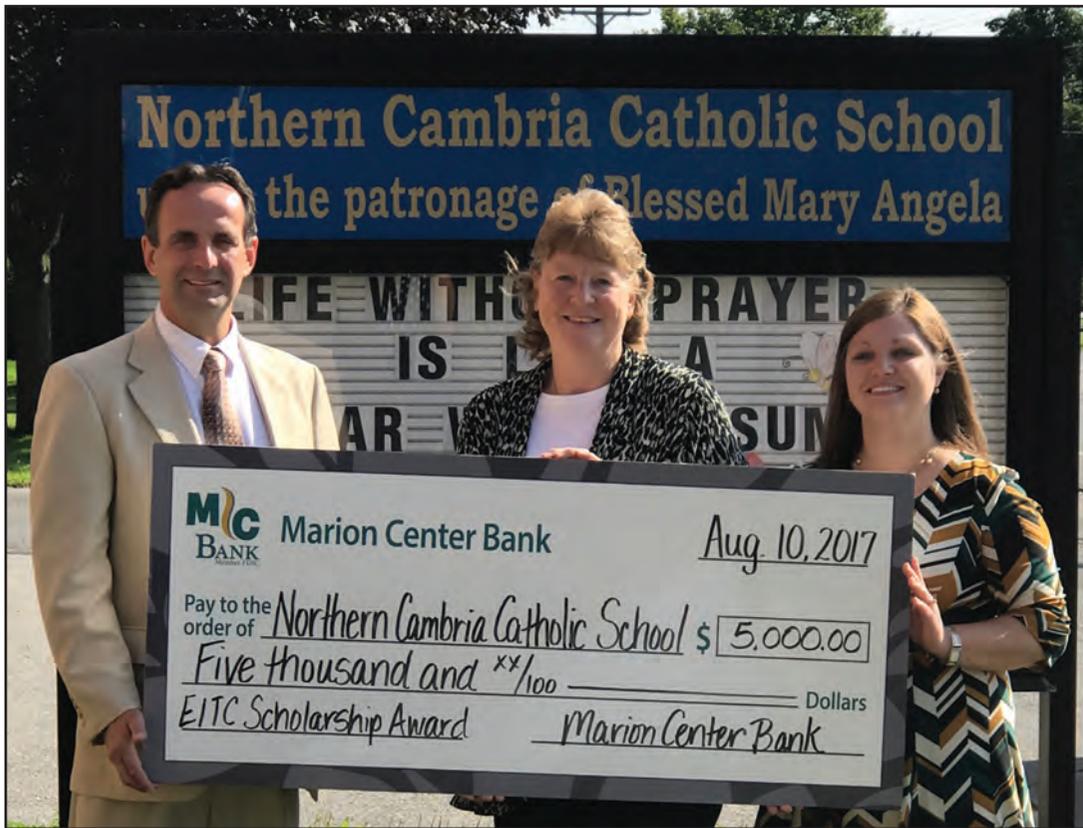
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# In The Alleghenies



**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:** Marion Center Bank presented Northern Cambria School, Nicktown, with a check for \$5,000.00 on Thursday, August 10. Marion Center Bank was approved for tax credits under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program for the 2016 - 2017 and 2017 - 2018 fiscal years. As part of the program, the Bank was approved to distribute funds to approved scholarship organizations. Pictured are (left to right) George Karlheim (Marion Center Bank President and CEO), Theresa Burba (Northern Cambria Catholic School principal), and Tina Gaston (VP/Community Office Manager of the Marion Center Bank - Clymer office).

## Faithful Cautioned

The Diocese has received an inquiry concerning the public announcement of traditional Catholic Masses offered at Saint Andrew the Apostle Anglican Church in Northern Cambria. This Church is not in full communion with the Catholic Church. Additionally, it is not otherwise affiliated with the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, established in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI to bring members of the Anglican Church into full communion with the Catholic Church.

This means that, with due regard to C. 844 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law, Catholics are not to receive the sacraments in this Church.

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### Prayer

#### Solemn High Mass

**Patton:** To commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the implementation of the Moto Proprio Summorum Pontificum of Pope Benedict XVI on the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross, a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 14 at Queen of Peace Church.

An ensemble group comprised of members of the Saint Vincent Camerata, known as the Camerata Scholars will be executing the Sacred Music.

Benedictine Father Ananias Buccicone is pastor.



**FATHER JUDE PETERS**  
O.C.D.

## Father Peters Will Preach Saint Theres Novena

Discalced Carmelite Father Jude Peters will preach the annual Solemn Novena to Saint Theres of the Child Jesus and

the Holy Face, to be offered at the monastery of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Loretto, Saturday, September 23 through Sunday, October 1.

A native of Uniontown, Father Peters is a graduate of Saint Francis University, Loretto, and is provincial superior of the Washington Province of the Discalced Carmelite Friars, with residence at the Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians at Holy Hill WI. Father Peters has preached the Saint Theres Novena on six previous occasions.

The Novena has been an annual tradition since 1927 when the Nuns were still occupying their provisional monastery in Altoona. The Novena devotions will take place twice daily: A service of Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 p.m., and Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Roses will be blessed and distributed at both services on Sunday, October 1, the feast of Saint Theres.

Those desiring to share in the graces and blessings of the Novena but who are unable to attend in person may send their petitions to Mother Prioress, P.O. Box 57, Loretto PA 15940.

### "Prayer Group Fall Schedule" Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament



**Mon, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, Praise & Worship, 7pm.**  
**Wally Zapotoczny—Witness Talk.**

**Mon, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Andre McCarville, Penn State Altoona Catholic Campus Ministry.**  
**"Evangelization: Beyond Setting a Good Example."**

**Mon, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, Praise & Worship, 7pm. Karen Wood.**  
**"Prayer Ministry: How to Pray for Others."**

**Mon, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, Healing Mass, 7pm.**  
**Fr. Bill Kiel—Celebrant.**

**Mon, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Festival of Praise, 7pm.**

**Mon, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, Praise & Worship, 7pm.**  
**Jeanine Chestney—Witness Talk.**  
**All meetings end with prayer ministry for healing and other concerns.**

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## Point Of View

I hate dishwashing.

Laundry, I love: transforming jumbled heaps of tumbled clothes into neat, folded piles. Sweeping is satisfying. Wiping counters, even scrubbing sinks, brings simple pleasure.

But I cringe at crusty pots and pans. Any night of the week, I'd trade for any other chore. Yet life in a household requires rolling up sleeves and doing whatever dirty work needs to be done.

Even in the house of the church. Turns out the saints agree.

"Regard all utensils of the monastery and its whole property as if they were the sacred vessels of the altar," reads the Rule of St. Benedict.

I watch the priest at Mass as he wipes the chalices and ciboria, the cups and plates used for Communion. I've heard grumbles from the pews about "waiting for the dishes to be done," but I love this quiet moment we all spend watching the washing up.

This act reminds me that God is found in the smallest moments of care. Our habits of devotion depend on details: the daily prayers and gestures that deepen in meaning as we repeat them over time.

And honestly? I love the reminder that caring for the vessels of the altar is an act of reverence. It nudges me to see cleaning up after family meals as an echo of the Eucharist.

God comes to us in food and drink -- and we are transformed. If we are a eucharistic people, it means we care about



## Faith At Home

By Laura Kelly Fanucci

### The Sacred Act Of Dishwashing

**Maybe all it takes to see the holiness of our work is fresh eyes. The wisdom of saints, a preschooler's joy, the pastor's faithful service. All of them teaching what I keep trying to learn: that the humblest, dirtiest acts of our days can be the most sacred.**

the crumbs, the last drops and the dishwashing, too.

"God walks among the pots and pans," said St. Teresa of Avila.

Saints help us learn the patient, plodding secrets of the spiritual life: That small acts hold great love, that no task is too ordinary for God, that faithfulness is the repetition of love.

They teach me to quiet my grumbling about dishes, too.

Over our kitchen sink I hung a print of St. Therese of Lisieux doing the dishes, lifting a plate to heaven as the steam rises like incense. I look to her while loading the dishwasher and muttering to myself about cereal-crusting breakfast bowls.

In this least-loved task of my day, can I follow her lead and do small things out of love?

I need practice. Conversion takes patience. But three meals a day come around without fail, so there is always more to wash.

Always another chance to see our daily work and daily bread with Christ-like eyes.

"Wash the plate not because it is dirty nor because you are told to wash it, but because you love the person who will use it next," said St. Teresa of Kolkata.

My 3-year old loves to wash dishes. He wields the sink sprayer like a fireman's hose, sending shimmering water across the counter. He digs out clean cups from the cupboards so he has more to dunk in the soapy bath.

When I watch him play in the water and light and see the gleam of wet cups and billowing bubbles, I remember that beauty and boredom are both in the eye of the beholder. What I see as drudgery, he sees as delight.

If I can borrow just a teaspoon of his joy, my perspective shifts. I see the gift of hot water running through a faucet. The privilege of plates heaped with food. The abundance of a house full of family to feed.

Maybe all it takes to see the holiness of our work is fresh eyes. The wisdom of saints, a preschooler's joy, the pastor's faithful service. All of them teaching what I keep trying to learn: that the humblest, dirtiest acts of our days can be the most sacred.



## Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein  
Put God Back In The Picture

I grew up in the 1960s.

I am part of the generation that experienced nuclear bomb drills in elementary school: exercises that sent us scurrying for cover under our desks.

I am a survivor of the first generation to have a war broadcast into our living rooms, in full color, every evening.

I was around when the March on Washington took place in 1963 and the Voting Rights Marches from Selma to Montgomery in 1965. I remember where I was when I heard the news of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

All of those events -- the escalating tension over the possession of nuclear weapons, the long -- running Vietnam war and the Civil Rights Movement were all a part of the fabric of my childhood. These issues loomed large on the American landscape.

And, 50 years later, they still do.

Only the names involved have changed.

Instead of Russia and Cuba, think of North Korea. Vietnam has been taken passed over by Afghanistan. Selma and Montgomery have yielded to Charlottesville.

As Yogi Berra said "It's déjà vu all over again."

And I don't like it one little bit.

When we grappled with these issues half a century ago, we were assured that we were going forward into a future that was better and brighter. We were promised that collectively we would learn from our mistakes. When our President resigned, we were told that "our long national nightmare is over," and we believed what we were told.

What has become of those assurances? Why have those promises been broken? Why does it feel as if the nightmare continues?

Perhaps we became too complacent as the clock continued to tick and the calendar advanced from one month to the next, from one year to another. Maybe we believed that we had found all of the answers that we were looking for. We became lulled by a feeling that as bad as things had been, they would never be that bad again. We truly came to believe that happy days were here again. At least, that's what we wanted to believe.

Then came September 11, 2001. Our complacency was shattered. Our feeling of security was rocked. We saw ourselves fragile and vulnerable. Never again could we sing the words "Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears."

Out of all of this, we have had to face the truth of what George Santayana said: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

And, most tellingly, we forgot that we are one nation, under God, and that only with God's help can the dreams, the hopes and the promises we aspire to be fulfilled.

Only when we invite God back into the picture will we be a great country, at peace with ourselves, and at peace with the world we live in.

We forget that truth at our own peril.

# Mexico City Archdiocese Clarifies Number Of Abuse Cases Reported

**MEXICO CITY (CNS)** -- The Archdiocese of Mexico City said it reported six cases of priests accused of sexually abusing minors to prosecutors between 2010 and 2017, following a change in Mexico's Religious Associations Law requiring such crimes to be brought to the authorities' attention.

"Cardinal Norberto Rivera left it clear that, starting with the implementation of (the law in 2010) -- which requires religious leaders and their representatives to inform the corresponding authority about the probable committing of crimes -- he had knowledge of the probable commission of six acts, presumably criminal, after being told by his vicars," the archdiocesan publication **Desde la Fe** said in an Aug. 10 article. "He instructed (the vicars) to report them immediately to the corresponding authorities."

The article followed news that Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera was interviewed by an investigator from the federal attorney general's office over criminal complaints of covering up 15 cases of abuse. Cardinal Ri-

vera's lawyer, Armando Martinez Gomez, said the complaints were filed by a pair of former priests.

Father Hugo Valdemar Romero, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Mexico City, said the accusations were brought to "create a scandal of such a level that the pope would accept (the cardinal's) resignation" more quickly. Cardinal Rivera turned 75 June 6 and, in accordance with canon law, submitted his resignation to Pope Francis.

During his 22 years as head of one of the world's most populous dioceses, Cardinal Rivera has fended off accusations of inaction on cases of clerical sexual abuse and, for years, defended Father Marcial Maciel Degollado, founder of the Legionaries of Christ, who later was found to have abused seminarians and fathered children.

Alberto Athie and Jose Barba -- the latter a scholar and early victim of Father Maciel -- asked the federal attorney general's office to investigate 15 cases of clerical sexual abuse, which they said were reported to the Vatican, but not Mexican judicial officials.

The pair took the case to the attorney general's office June 3, saying Cardinal Rivera's own words prompted the complaint. Cardinal Rivera told reporters in December: "I have absolutely not protected any pedophile. In fact, here in the archdiocese at least 15 priests have received not only a trial, but sentences."

The **Desde la Fe** article -- which called the complaint "an orchestrated farce" -- said Cardinal Rivera had "failed to specify that not all of the cases mentioned had to do with the crime of pederasty."

Athie told Catholic News Service the attorney general's office told him of its investigation and provided him with a file number.

"This is the first time in the history of the country that an authority has committed to really open an investigation into a cardinal or a bishop," Athie said.

The attorney general's office would not say if there was an ongoing investigation, but said all complaints presented must be reviewed to determine if a formal investigation should be started.

## 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

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### Blair County

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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.

# Oklahoma Set To Welcome World For Beatification Of 'Ordinary' Native Son

By Rhina Guidos  
Catholic News Service

## WASHINGTON (CNS)

-- Catholics in Oklahoma have been preparing for a long time for this moment. Many, like Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, had faith it would come, but there's still a sense of awe, to think that a farm boy, one of their own, is about to take a step toward official sainthood.

On Sept. 23, Oklahomans will get a front row seat to the beatification of Father Stanley Rother, an ordinary man from an ordinary town, who died extraordinarily as a martyr in Guatemala while serving in a mission. He knew well the dangers of the Guatemalan highlands, where government forces tortured and killed anyone suspected of dissent during the most politically tumultuous moments in the country's history.

However, Father Rother refused to abandon the community he so loved from 1968 until his 1981 assassination. Like many of the poor and persecuted he served, he died long before he

had to at age 46, shot in the head in the parish rectory.

"People are justly proud of this native son, but one wouldn't expect something like this, such a recognition to be accorded to somebody from Okarche, Oklahoma," said Archbishop Coakley in a phone interview with Catholic News Service.

Okarche (pronounced oh-car-chee) is a small farming town with a lot of windmills, said Archbishop Coakley, and one that's increasingly receiving visitors and pilgrims wanting to learn more about the tranquil setting that was home to Father Rother. He left it behind because he wanted to serve the church in a place where priests were needed and, in the late 1960s, priests were needed in the remote highlands of Guatemala, where the Oklahoma City Archdiocese had a mission in the town of Santiago Atitlan.

"We weren't talking about the peripheries 30, 35 years ago when Father Rother was killed but certainly he had that missionary spirit," said Archbishop Coakley. "He had a heart for the people there. He recognized their dignity, he recognized that they were precious in the Lord's sight."

Some say Father Rother arrived "knowing 10 words in Spanish," but the agricultural skills he imported from Okarche and his kindness endeared him to the locals. Archbishop Coakley has visited Santiago Atitlan on a couple of occasions, once during a pilgrimage and also for an event honoring Father Rother.

"The devotion of the locals to Padre Aplas, as they call him, is amazing," he said. "He's venerated and honored as the beloved shepherd who laid down his life for them. We were there for the very special day of the anniversary of this death so there was a large festive Mass, a colorful event, processions.

"For many, many years, his heart has been enshrined in the back of the church, where people approach reverently and pray



CNS Photo/Archdiocese Of Oklahoma City Archives

## FATHER STANLEY ROTHER

... evidence of their esteem for him, their appreciation for him. Their devotion to him is really everywhere."

Though his heart, physically and otherwise, was left in Guatemala, the rest of his remains returned to Okarche. For years, people stopped by to pray at his grave at the Holy Trinity Cemetery in town, said Archbishop Coakley, even before he was declared a martyr by the Vatican in late 2016. His remains have since been exhumed as part of the beatification process and moved to a chapel in Oklahoma City, where the ceremony declaring him Blessed Stanley Rother will take place.

Though Oklahoma is not a predominantly Catholic state, there's a lot of interest outside of Catholic circles, particularly with the upcoming beatification. Archbishop Coakley said he has tried to meet with local groups eager for information about the event and recently gave a presentation to religious leaders of various faith traditions who wanted to know more about the priest and the significance of his beatification.

"Some of them undoubtedly

plan to attend the beatification," he said. "It's touching people well beyond our Catholic community."

Two of Father Rother's siblings as well as a delegation from Guatemala will attend the ceremony at the Cox Convention Center. Guatemalans from Santiago Atitlan will participate in the liturgy, which will include the prayers of the faithful in their local dialect. A large banner that will be unveiled at the time of the beatification will display elements of Guatemalan culture, said Archbishop Coakley.

He said he wants Catholics to understand that a martyr and a holy person such as Father Rother can come from an ordinary beginning.

"There was nothing exceptional about him," said the archbishop about Father Rother. "But he was extraordinarily faithful to his calling, to his vocation, to grace. He's a witness to all of us that God chooses the humble, the lowly, as he always does, to accomplish great things for those who allow themselves to be used by God."

And God gave him the extraordinary gift of martyrdom

because of Father Rother's fidelity and generosity, the archbishop said.

"Ultimately, if God calls a young man from Okarche, Oklahoma, to be a saint, to be beatified, to be a martyr, it reminds us that all of us, no matter our beginnings, our circumstances, are called to holiness as well," he said.

Because of Father Rother's sacrifice, Guatemala no longer needs help from Oklahoma, Archbishop Coakley said.

"In the aftermath of Father Rother's death, the church's holy words proved to be true, that the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians," said Archbishop Coakley. "The church (in Santiago Atitlan) really began to flourish after Father Rother's death and they've seen a number of vocations from the parish and, ultimately, the local diocese thanked us for our service there but said that they could now staff the parish."

In addition to the beatification, the archdiocese also is in the midst of its first capital campaign, which includes raising \$55 million -- half will go toward a shrine honoring Father Rother.

"We have a master plan, an architect, we have a conceptual design. ... We're just beginning our fundraising for it," said Archbishop Coakley.

For now, the archdiocese is squarely focused on the September beatification, which has interest beyond Oklahoma, the archbishop said.

"He is being lifted up and being offered to the whole church as a witness of holiness and fidelity to the Gospel, a witness to pastoral charity, to inspire all people," he said. "We need these kinds of heroes in light of the many challenges that priests have had to deal with the last 15 years or so. This is good news that we have a holy heroic priest being lifted up and honored to remind us that all of us are called to holiness."

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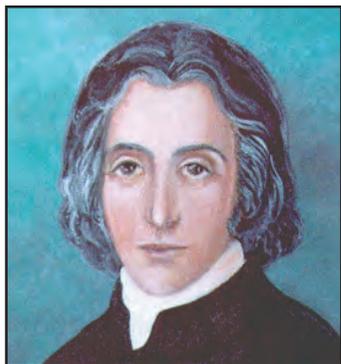
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## Blessed Romero Could Be Canonized Next Year

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- The archbishop officially promoting Blessed Oscar Romero's cause for sainthood said he hopes the process will conclude within a year and Catholics

around the world will honor St. Oscar Romero, martyr.

"Keeping alive the memory of Romero is a noble task, and my great hope is that Pope Francis will soon canonize him a saint," Italian Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, the postulator of the Salvadoran archbishop's cause, said in a homily Aug. 12 in London.

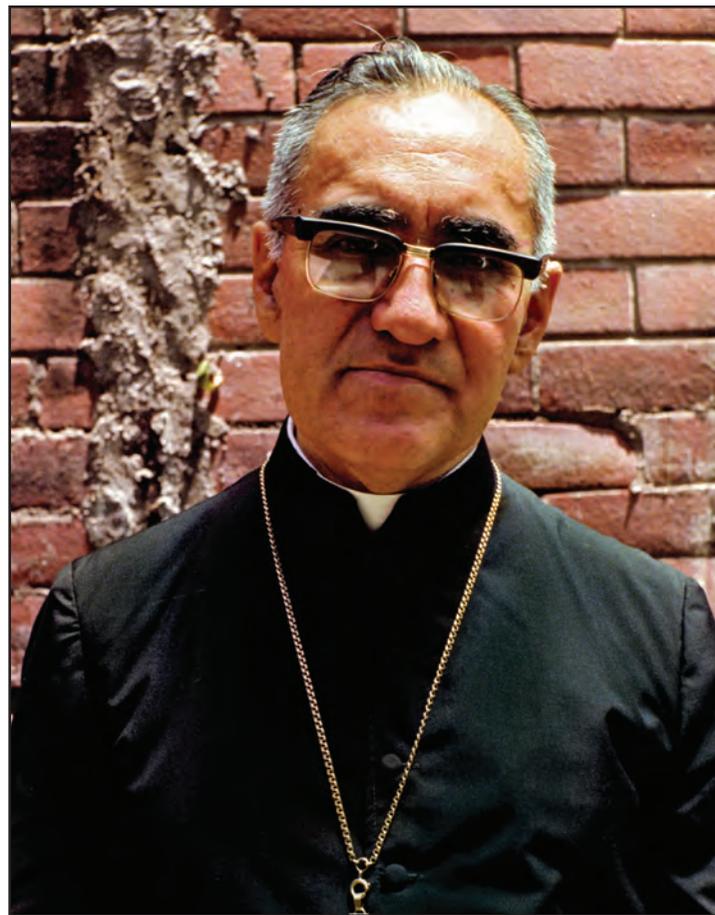
In an interview with Vatican Radio's English program, Archbishop Paglia was more specific: "We could hope that in the next year perhaps it is possible" that the Congregation for Saints' Causes will have completed its review of an alleged miracle attributed to Blessed Romero's intervention and present its findings to the pope. Recognition of the miracle would clear the way for canonization.

Archbishop Paglia, in addition to promoting Blessed Romero's sainthood cause, is president of the Pontifical Academy for Life and chancellor of Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

The biggest hurdle in the sainthood cause was obtaining recognition that Blessed Romero, who was shot while celebrating Mass, was a martyr, Archbishop Paglia said in London. Some church leaders, including some who worked in the Roman Curia, had insisted Blessed Romero was assassinated because of his political position.

But, Archbishop Paglia said, "The essence of his holiness was his following the Lord by giving himself completely for his people."

Still, he told the congregation in London celebrating the 100th anniversary of Blessed Romero's birth, "Romero was not a Superman. He was afraid of dying, and he confessed that to his friends on a number of occasions. But he loved Jesus and his flock more than he loved life. This is the meaning of martyrdom."



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### BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO

"Love for Jesus and the poor is greater than love for oneself: This is the power of Romero's message," Archbishop Paglia said. "A simple believer, if overwhelmed by love, becomes strong, unbeatable."

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# Word of Life



## The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis  
God Gives Hope

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- While the world reels from terrorism, natural disasters and division, God weeps with those who suffer and offers the hope of a future full of joy and consolation, Pope Francis said.

Recalling the victims of a terror attack in Barcelona Aug. 17, a devastating landslide Aug. 16 in Congo, and "many other" tragic global events, the pope urged Christians to meditate on God's tenderness when "they report sad news, which we are all at risk of becoming accustomed to."

"Think of the faces of children frightened by war, the cry of mothers, the broken dreams of many young people, the refugees who face terrible journeys and are exploited so many times," the pope said Aug. 23 during his weekly general audience.

Continuing his series of audience talks on Christian hope, Pope Francis said that in moments of suffering, Christians can find comfort in knowing they have a heavenly father, who "weeps tears of infinite pity for his children" and "has prepared for us a different future."

Reflecting on a reading from the Book of Revelation in which God proclaims that he "makes all things new," the pope explained that Christian hope is based on "faith that God always creates new things" in history, in the cosmos and in everyday life.

Christians must not look downward "like pigs" as if "we were forced into an eternal wandering without any reason for our many labors," he said. Rather, they must trust in God's promise of a "heavenly Jerusalem," a place "where there is no more death nor mourning nor weeping or pain."

God did not create human beings "by mistake, sentencing himself and us to hard nights of anguish," the pope said. "He created us because he wants us to be happy. He is our father and, if right now we are experiencing a life that isn't what he wanted for us, Jesus assures us that God himself is working on our salvation. He works to save us."

Christians, he added, are called to be "people of spring rather than fall" and must always hold on to the hope that "our most beautiful days are yet to come."

"Don't forget to ask yourselves this question: Am I a person of the spring or the fall?" the pope told the pilgrims. "Am I of the spring, which awaits the flowers, awaits the fruit, awaits the sun that is Jesus? Or fall, which always has a face cast down, bitter and, as I have said at times, a sourpuss?"

Like the wheat that grows even when surrounded by darnels, the kingdom of God continues to grow even amid "problems, gossip, war, and sickness," Pope Francis said.

"Creation did not end on the sixth day of Genesis, but continued tirelessly because God always worries about us," he said. "Yes, our father is a God of newness and surprises. And on that day, we will be truly happy and we will weep, but we will be weeping with joy."



**ONE MORE TIME:** Six Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden, and two lay women made up the faculty of Saint Patrick School, Johnstown, in the 1961 - 1962 academic year. A campaign was being conducted that year to build a new school for the Moxham neighborhood parish.

On Friday, my cable went out. An ominous error message appeared on the screen, sticking like glue.

I scheduled a technician to come out and waited nearly the entire "window" for him or her to arrive. An hour into the service visit, the technician said he was "confused," couldn't fix the problem without the help of his supervisor and left.

No one showed up during my rescheduled repair "window" yesterday. So, I scheduled a third appointment -- the day after a very long, unplanned dentist visit (you can imagine my frame of mind -- oh, how I prayed for patience).

As the minutes ticked by, I felt more, well, ticked, and began to suspect that I'd be stood up again by tech repair persons unknown. Then, Allen arrived with a co-worker, tools and unlimited patience.

He stared down the error message still inhabiting my television screen, and after several hours he and his colleague found a solution to the problem, vanquished the error message and left me with cable intact. Hooray!

While I waited and Allen and his colleague worked, I thought about how much we rely upon people who have skills in fixing things that are broken. Plumbers, electricians, road re-



## Living Well

By Maureen Pratt  
Simple Fixes

pair workers, mechanically gifted men and women -- without these unsung heroes, we would be forever stuck in elevators, surrounded by darkness and plagued with potholes.

Their work is absolutely necessary, appreciated and increasingly plentiful, due to many older workers retiring and fewer individuals stepping into their shoes.

The job prospects for electricians, for example, are estimated to grow 14 percent between 2014-2024, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

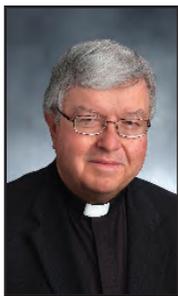
Yet, says the bureau, "many employers report difficulty finding qualified applicants." The bureau reports similar situations for other repair-centered professions such as plumbers, physicians and surgeons, veterinarians, elevator installers and repairers, roofers and ironworkers (who, among other things, repair bridges and other important parts of society's infrastructure).

None of these professions requires a college degree. Training through apprenticeship and/or trade schools can lead to full-time (and fulfilling) employment.

Having seen plumbers, electricians and, most recently, a cable repairman at work, I can say that the work is hard and exacting. There's no "extra credit," no "A for effort." Lights either work or they don't. An elevator cab either rises and lowers or not. A building stands -- or falls.

Yet for the worker there can be tremendous satisfaction when pipes don't leak, the lights go back on and the television works. And, from my perspective as one who benefits from the repairs, there is a certain heroic quality to those who put things back on track.

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## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
The Annulment Process

**Q.** I have been divorced for three years and need to proceed with getting an annulment. My ex-husband is getting remarried next month, and I am getting married again next spring (eight months from now).

I did not pursue this before because I had been led to believe that my ex-husband would have to sign something, and I knew that he would never give up that control. (Now, from a recent column of yours, I understand this is not so and that is such a relief.)

But I do have a few questions. I no longer live in the diocese where I got married: Can I just go to the priest in my current parish and get the application form, and where do I submit it?

And is it true that if I get an annulment, then my children will have been born out of wedlock? And how long does the annulment process take? (Richmond, Virginia)

**A.** You may file for an annulment either in the diocese

where the marriage took place, or in the diocese in which you now reside or in the diocese in which your husband now resides.

You would be well-advised to consult your parish priest right away and ask him which of the dioceses he thinks might be able to process the case more quickly.

There is some variation on this, depending on the size of the marriage tribunal staff and the number of cases that are pending. In many dioceses, once the paperwork is submitted it could take upward of a year for the testimony to be evaluated (including that of the witnesses), any necessary follow-up questions to be asked and a decision to be rendered.

**Parishes are generally not permitted to schedule a wedding until an annulment has been granted.**

Saint Gregory  
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This patrician prefect of Rome is counted among the doctors and Fathers of the Church. After his father's death, he gave family estates to the church, founding seven monasteries, including the one he joined in his family home in Rome. Following ordination, he served as papal nuncio in Constantinople, 579-586, then was an abbot in Rome until 590, when he became the first monk elected pope. Gregory I reformed the clergy, sent missionaries to England, promoted monasticism and chant, wrote prolifically, and assumed civic duties in Rome in the face of natural disasters and the warring Lombards. He is a patron saint of choirboys, musicians, singers and England.

So your time frame already may be a bit ambitious if your hope is to get married in a Catholic ceremony. (And parishes are generally not permitted to schedule a wedding until an annulment has been granted.)

Ask your parish priest for the necessary forms. He will either have them or ask the diocese to send them to you.

Finally, as to the legitimacy of your children, not to worry -- the church's Code of Canon Law speaks to this: Canon 1137 says that "children conceived or born of a valid or putative marriage are legitimate," and Canon 1061.3 explains that a "putative" marriage is one that had been entered into in good faith by at least one of the parties.

*Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at ask-fatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.*

## Living Well

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I once heard someone criticize farmers for being "stupid" and "slow." This was said over a meal, an irony that I immediately pointed out. Just how stupid or slow could you be to provide food that sustains, that "repairs" hunger?

Those who are "educated" might think they are "beyond" seemingly simple professions that provide services. Yet we all benefit from their services.

With the ever-increasing cost of college (and the sometimes questionable rate of return for our dollars), repair-oriented professions that don't require a university education are certainly worth serious consideration for those who want to make a positive difference in many lives. Far from being lowly, the honest work undertaken improves the quality of life for many and is a real blessing.

Oh, yes, the actors in television programs might seem glamorous, and the work of news broadcasters and commentators might seem vital. But without people like Allen to fix what's broken, we'd never even know their names.



## For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola  
A Reponse To Fear

Sometimes it seems as if the world, and especially our nation, has gone mad.

And the anxiety that many of us feel isn't helping matters. Yet somehow, we feel not just a compulsion to be anxious, but an obligation, as if worrying can hold back the apocalypse.

So many things are going wrong, from nuclear fears with North Korea, to white supremacists and neo-Nazis in our streets, to environmental degradation. And how about that Russia investigation? And fears of future Russian interference. The White House staff seems to exit through a revolving door faster than we can learn how to pronounce "Scaramucci."

On social media, we are beset by activist friends who have article after article they want us to read. It's almost as if people are screaming their fears at us.

Here's something you need to worry about -- a national park in peril, a dangerous pesticide suddenly removed from regulation, an iceberg the size of Connecticut being cut loose somewhere, civil rights protection collapsing.

Do something!

Or at least, that's the subliminal -- and not so subliminal -- takeaway. We're asked to sign petitions, call our representatives, attend a rally.

Activism, of course, is necessary for the triumph of good.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men (or people) do nothing." The origin of this quote is debatable, but Edmund Burke, John F. Kennedy and a host of good people used it often enough to convince me that in times like these, we can't sit around, shake our heads and do nothing.

However, in times like these, sometimes our biggest temptation is to "do" anxiety.

The publication **The Atlantic** weighed in on the subject Aug. 17 in an article titled, "Constant Anxiety Won't Save the World." It acknowledged what we're all noticing: People are increasingly on edge, sleepless, scared.

But being aware is one thing. Simply caving in to anxiety is quite another.

Here's my modest proposal, one you won't find in secular journals and in many Facebook postings. I believe the place to begin is prayer. Not just prayer for this weary world and nation, although that's needed, but a deeper place of prayer to align us with God, whose Son promised a peace that the world cannot give.

Of course, we don't just turn our problems over to God and walk away. As St. Teresa of Avila told us, we are God's hands and feet on this earth. We need to be activists, but healthy ones.

We begin in prayer. We also end there.

One of my favorite quotes is from the Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, martyred by the Nazis for opposing fascism in World War II. I've quoted him before, but it bears repeating: "Prayer does not replace any deed. But it is a deed that cannot be replaced by anything."

So, start with God. And then move to what most calls you to action. I have worked in opposition to the death penalty, so I frequently write letters and make calls on behalf of death row inmates.

I have my senators' and congressman's numbers in my phone contacts, and call their offices frequently. I've attended rallies and stood up for refugees. I've contributed money to new causes this year. Do what you feel God is calling you to do.

Then relax. Exercise. Socialize. Laugh. Don't become addicted to social media, political websites, cable news.

I try to do my part to be an involved citizen, and then I try -- oh, how I try -- to leave the anxiety to him who told us "my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

# Bishops Form New Body To Address ‘Sin Of Racism’ That ‘Afflicts’ Nation

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Saying there is an “urgent need” to address “the sin of racism” in the country and find solutions to it, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has established a new Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism and named one of the country’s African-American Catholic bishops to chair it.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president, initiated the committee Aug. 23 “to focus on addressing the sin of racism in our society, and even in our

church, and the urgent need to come together as a society to find solutions.”

He appointed Bishop George V. Murry of Youngstown, Ohio, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Catholic Education, to chair the new ad hoc committee.

“Recent events have exposed the extent to which the sin of racism continues to afflict our nation,” Cardinal DiNardo said in a statement. “The establishment of this new ad hoc committee will be wholly dedicated to engaging the church and our society to work together in unity to challenge the sin of racism, to listen to persons who are suffering under this sin, and to come together in the love of Christ to know one another as brothers and sisters.”

The naming of members to serve on the new body will be finalized in coming days, the USCCB said in an announcement. It added that the committee’s mandate “will be confirmed at the first meeting, expected very shortly.”

“I look forward to working with my brother bishops as well as communities across the United States to listen to the needs of individuals who have suffered under the sin of racism and together find solutions to this epidemic of hate that has plagued our nation for far too long,” Bishop Murry said in a statement.

“Through Jesus’ example of love and mercy, we are called to be a better people than what we have witnessed over the past weeks and months as a nation. Through listening, prayer and meaningful collaboration, I’m hopeful we can find lasting solutions and common ground where racism will no longer find a place in our hearts or in our society.”

The new ad hoc committee also will “welcome and support”

implementation of the U.S. bishops’ new pastoral letter on racism, expected to be released in 2018. In 1979, the bishops issued a pastoral on racism titled “Brothers and Sisters to Us,” in which they addressed many themes, but the overall message then as today was “racism is a sin.”

Creation of a new formal body that is part of the USCCB -- formed on the USCCB Executive Committee’s “unanimous recommendation” -- speaks to how serious the U.S. Catholic Church leaders take the problem of racism in America today.

It is the first ad hoc committee the bishops have established since instituting the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty in 2011 to address growing concerns over the erosion of freedom of religion in America. The federal government’s mandate that all employers, including religious employers provide health care coverage of artificial contraceptives and abortifacients was one of the key issues that prompted formation of the committee.

Chaired by Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, that body was elevated to full USCCB committee status during the bishops’ spring assembly in Indianapolis this past June.

In addition to the Executive Committee’s recommendation, the USCCB said, the decision to initiate the new Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism also was made in consultation with members of the USCCB’s Committee on Priorities and Plans.

The formation of the ad hoc committee also follows the conclusion of the work of the Peace in Our Communities Task Force. The task force was formed in July 2016 by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, who was then USCCB president. He initiated it in response to racially related shootings in Baton Rouge, Louisiana,



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**BISHOP MURRY:** Bishop George V. Murry of Youngstown, Ohio, responds to a question from a Catholic News Service reporter Wednesday, August 23 outside the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops headquarters in Washington. Bishop Murry was responding to questions after being named chair of the U.S. bishops’ new Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism.

as well as in Minneapolis and Dallas.

To head it he named Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of Atlanta, one of the nation’s African-American prelates who was the first black Catholic bishop to be president of the USCCB (2001-2004).

The task force’s mandate was to explore ways of promoting peace and healing around the country. Archbishop Kurtz also wanted the bishops to look for ways they could help the suffering communities, as well as police affected by the incidents.

On Nov. 14, 2016, during the USCCB’s fall general assembly, Archbishop Gregory told the bishops to issue, sooner rather than later, a document on racism. “A statement from the full body of bishops on racism is increasingly important at this

time,” said the archbishop.

He said the president of the bishops’ conference and relevant committees need to “identify opportunities for a shorter-term statement on these issues, particularly in the context of the postelection uncertainty and disaffection.”

He also urged prayer, ecumenical and interfaith collaboration, dialogue, parish-based and diocesan conversations and training, as well as opportunities for encounter.

The bishops’ 1979 pastoral, now in its 19th printing, declared: “Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father.”

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# Bishop At Forefront Of Initiative

## Says Racism Demands Church's Attention

By Rhina Guidos  
Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS) --** By creating a committee to deal with racism, the country's Catholic bishops are standing up for the American value of equality and for a Gospel that refutes the hatred and violence the country witnessed Aug. 11 and 12 during white supremacist demonstrations in Charlottesville, Virginia, said the bishop who will lead the effort.

"When I watched it, I was just appalled. I couldn't believe that that was going on in the United States and that there was so much disregard for people," said Bishop George V. Murry of Youngstown, Ohio, a Jesuit and the chair of the newly formed Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, during an Aug. 23 interview with Catholic News Service. "I was happy that the bishops responded so quickly, and that many people across our country responded so quickly to say: 'This is not who we are. This is not America.'"

When something such as Charlottesville occurs, a response is needed, said Bishop Murry. He made the comments shortly after a news conference announcing the formation of the ad hoc group, which is moving quickly to put together a national summit of religious leaders and others to participate in the effort.

"Unfortunately, it's not only Charlottesville," said Bishop Murry. "There have been other instances of discrimination and lack of caring, of outright hate for people who are African-American or other people of color, immigrants, newcomers. What the bishops are saying is we need to look at this in a concerted organized way because this is having a negative effect on the life of our country."

By forming the committee, the bishops have placed racism as a priority they must address

and quickly. The last two U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' ad hoc committees dealt with religious liberty and marriage, established in 2011 and 2008, respectively.

Bishop Murry said that with this particular effort, the bishops are saying: "Whether you're Catholic, Muslim, or Jewish, or Protestant, we are Americans and we have American values and one of those values is equality. And when people are denied their opportunity to be equal and are not treated as equal, we need to speak out and stand together as Americans and call for American values, one of the most important being equality."

During the news conference, Bishop Murry said the church in the U.S. will get the message out through its network of parishes, schools, Catholic charities and all Catholic organizations "that this is an urgent issue that demands our attention and it is a very serious issue because of the fact that racism is contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

When a reporter from the EWTN network asked during the news conference about Confederate statues being taken down, the reason that the rally and subsequent violence started in Charlottesville, he said: "I am much more interested in the underlying issues. ... What I want to focus on is our responsibility as men and women of faith to respect each other."

That's what the Gospel calls Christians to do: to love and respect one another, he said.

"We're here today because of our confidence that Christ wishes to break down these walls created by the evils of racism, be they on display deep within the recesses of our hearts," he said during the news conference. "For too long the sin of racism has lived and thrived in our communities and even in some of our churches."

As a pastor, he has met many who have experienced



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**BISHOP GEORGE V.  
MURRY**

racism and prejudice, he said, and as an African-American, he, too, walks that path. He recalled an instance when he was a seminarian and someone thought he was the gardener because he is black.

"He didn't think that an African-American could be a seminarian, so he just assumed that I was a gardener. And there have been others instances that have happened over the years," he told CNS.

Faith helps during those moments. The experiences have helped him comfort others, he said.

"There is no way that a person can be disregarded and disrespected and not feel it," he said. "You do feel it. It has a deep ... it's a deep wound but it is faith in Jesus Christ that helps us overcome that."

Faith helps people forgive, he said, or at least deal with the situation better.

"I and others have had experiences where you can't talk it out with someone and you simply have to realize that Jesus died in expiation for our sins," he said. "All of us are sinners and God is willing to forgive us. We need to forgive each other."

The work of the committee will address some of those issues, he said, adding that he is aware that it's not a quick fix, nor will it end racism. But the

Catholic Church has spoken against racism for a long time and will continue to be part of efforts to eradicate it, he said.

"I do not have any sort of unrealistic expectations that America is going to become dramatically different in two weeks, but I think that it is the role of the church to be a moral voice and that's what the church is doing right now," he said to CNS. "It is speaking out and saying that all men and women are created in the image and likeness of God."

Bishop Martin D. Holley of Memphis, Tennessee, said he was encouraged by the announcement of the ad hoc committee in light of the recent "appalling" incidents of violence and hatred throughout the country.

"We must end the racism, violence, bigotry and hatred that continue to create division between us," he said in a statement.

Sister Patricia Chappell, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, who is executive director of Pax Christi USA, said inserting the word "racism" in the name of the committee is a good and

positive step forward and recognizes the problem.

She said she hoped the bishops would involve Catholic groups that have long worked at the grass-roots level with communities of color in addressing the issue, including the National Black Catholic Congress; Latino organizers for the fifth national Encuentro in 2018, for which preparations are well underway; as well as Catholic American Indians and Asian and Pacific Islanders. She said she also wished to see it become a standing committee with the USCCB, which would make it more of a permanent nature since racism will not go away soon.

But she said people need to be willing to engage in painful conversations, including talking about white privilege and the racial oppression people of color.

"If not, we will never be able to move and dismantle institutional racism," she said. "As Catholics, we have to be willing to have the hard conversations and be honest with each other, and through prayer, mutual dialogue, reflection and action, we certainly can build the beloved community."

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# What Does The Church Say About Racism?

## Quotes From The 1979 Pastoral Letter Of The U.S. Bishops 'On Racism In Our Day'

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** -- Here are some quotes from the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter "Brothers and Sisters to Us: U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Racism in Our Day," approved Nov. 14, 1979, by the bishops:

"Racism is an evil which endures in our society and in our church. Despite apparent advances and even significant changes in the last two decades, the reality of racism remains. In large part it is only external appearances which have changed."

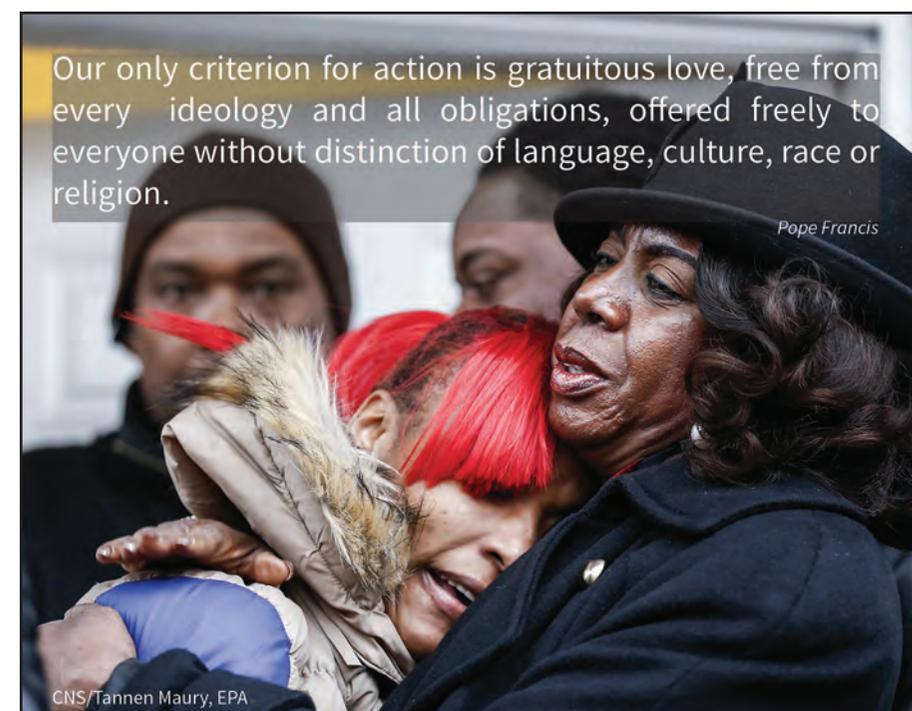
"We wish to call attention to the persistent presence of racism and in particular to the relationship between racial and economic justice. Racism and economic oppression are distinct but interrelated forces which dehumanize our society. Movement toward authentic justice demands a simultaneous attack on both evils."

"Mindful of its duty to be the advocate for those who hunger and thirst for justice's sake, the church cannot remain silent about the racial injustices in society and its own structures."

"Racism is the sin that says some human beings are inherently superior and others essentially inferior because of race."

"Racism is apparent when we note that the population in our prisons consists disproportionately of minorities; that violent crime is the daily companion of a life of poverty and deprivation; and that the victims of such crimes are also disproportionately nonwhite and poor. Racism is also apparent in the attitudes and behavior of some law enforcement officials and in the unequal availability of legal assistance.

"Finally, racism is sometimes apparent in the growing sentiment that too much is being given to racial minorities by way of affirmative action programs or allocations to redress long-standing imbalances in minority representation and government-funded programs for the disadvantaged. At times, protestations claiming that all persons should be treated equally reflect the desire to maintain a status quo that favors one race and social group at the expense of the poor and the nonwhite."



"Racism has been part of the social fabric of America since its European colonization. Whether it be the tragic past of the Native Americans, the Mexicans, the Puerto Ricans or the blacks, the story is one of slavery, peonage, economic exploitation, brutal repression and cultural neglect."

"Crude and blatant expression of racist sentiment, though they occasionally exist, are today considered bad form. Yet racism itself persists in covert ways. Under the guise of other motives, it is manifest in the tendency to stereotype and marginalize whole segments of the population whose presence perceived as a threat."

"Today's racism flourishes in the triumph of private concern over public responsibility, individual success over social commitment, and personal fulfillment over authentic compassion."

"The new forms of racism must be brought face-to-face with the figure of Christ."

"How great, therefore, is that sin of racism which weakens the church's witness as the universal sign of unity among all peoples! How great the scandal given by racist Catholics who make the body of Christ, the church, a sign of racial oppression! Yet all too often the church in our country has been for many a 'white church,' a racist institution.

"Each of us as Catholics must acknowledge a share in the mistakes and sins of the past. Many of us have been prisoners of fear and prejudice. We have preached the Gospel while closing our eyes to the racism it condemns. We have allowed conformity to social pressures to replace compliance with social justice."

"Let the church speak out, not only in the assemblies of the bishops, but in every diocese and parish in the land, in every chapel and religious house, in every school, in every social service agency and in every institution that bears the name Catholic."

"Let the church proclaim to all that the sin of racism defiles the image of God and degrades the sacred dignity of humankind which has been revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation. Let all know that it is a terrible sin that mocks the cross of Christ and ridicules the Incarnation. For the brother and sister of our brother Jesus Christ are brother and sister to us."

"Racism is not merely one sin among many; it is a radical evil that divides the human family and denies the new creation of a redeemed world. To struggle against it demands an equally radical transformation, in our own minds and hearts as well as in the structure of our society."

"We strongly urge that special attention be directed to the plight of undocumented workers and that every effort be made to remove the fear and prejudice of which they are victims."

"For a century and a half the church in the United States has been distinguished by its efforts to educate the poor and disadvantaged, many of whom are not of the Catholic faith. That tradition continues today in -- among other places -- Catholic schools, where so many blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asians receive a form of education and formation which constitutes a key to greater freedom and dignity. ... No sacrifice can be so great, no price can be so high, no short-range goals can be so important as to warrant the lessening of our commitment to Catholic education in minority neighborhoods. More affluent parishes should be made aware of this need and of their opportunity to share resources with the poor and needy in a way that recognizes the dignity of both giver and receiver."

"Domestically, justice demands that we strive for authentic full employment, recognizing the special need for employment of those who, whether men or women, carry the principal responsibility for support of a family. Justice also demands that we strive for decent working conditions, adequate income, housing, education, and health care for all. Government at the national and local levels must be held accountable by all citizens for the essential services which all are entitled to receive. The private sector should work with various racial communities to ensure that they receive a just share of the profits they have helped to create."

and nonviolent resistance to evil. Pope Francis dedicated his Jan. 1, 2017, World Day of Peace Message to "Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace," a profound challenge in our day.

Q: How does the church's teaching about war apply to nuclear weapons?

A: The use of nuclear weapons is morally problematic due to their disproportionate and indiscriminate destructive power. The church today is working for a world without nuclear weapons. Quoting the Second Vatican Council, the catechism teaches: "Every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against God and man, which merits firm and unequivocal condemnation." A danger of modern warfare is that it provides the opportunity to those who possess modern scientific weapons -- especially atomic, biological or chemical weapons -- to commit such crimes" (2314).

Q: Is a government allowed to unleash a pre-emptive military or nuclear strike when it fears attack on itself or an ally is imminent?

A: This question is both simple and complex. The simple part concerns a pre-emptive nuclear strike. The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, quoting Vatican II, declares: "(T)he magisterium has made a moral evaluation of the phenomenon of deterrence. 'The accumulation of arms strikes many as a paradoxically suitable way of deterring potential adversaries from war. ... This method of deterrence gives rise to strong moral reservations. The arms race does not ensure peace. Far from eliminating the causes of war, it risks aggravating them.' Policies of nuclear deterrence, typical of the Cold War period, must be replaced with concrete measures of disarmament based on dialogue and multilateral negotiations" (508). The first use of nuclear weapons is highly problematic. As far back as the 1983 Peace Pastoral, the U.S. bishops raised serious moral questions regarding a first use of nuclear weapons.

The more complex question is the use of pre-emptive conventional forces. "Fear" of attack is not enough. There must be concrete evidence of an imminent threat. The "the damage inflicted by the aggressor ... must be lasting, grave and certain" (Catechism, 2309). Given human frailty, e.g. the failures of intelligence prior to the Iraq war, prudence would suggest that we be reticent to launch a pre-emptive attack. It is certainly unjust to launch a "preventive" attack against a gathering or vague threat. As then-Cardinal Ratzinger, now retired Pope Benedict XVI, noted before the Iraq war, the "concept of a 'preventive war' does not appear in the Catechism of the Catholic Church." We must always remember that we have an obligation "to work for the avoidance of war" (Catechism, 2308).



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**NORTH KOREA CRISIS:** North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is seen in North Korea in this undated photo.

## Peace And The Just Use Of Force

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** -- In light of the escalation of tensions between the United States and North Korea, Stephen M. Colecchi, director of the U.S. bishops' Office of International Justice and Peace, answered these questions about Catholic Church teaching and war.

Q: Does the Catholic Church have any formal criteria for when war is justified?

A: Yes. Over the centuries, since the time of St. Augustine, the Catholic Church has developed a "just-war tradition" that allows for defense. It may be helpful to refer to the "just use of force," since modern wars are so much more destructive due to modern weaponry. We have a prior obligation "to work for the avoidance of war" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2308). The use of force must always be a "last resort." The catechism teaches:

"The strict conditions for legitimate defense by military force require rigorous consideration. The gravity of such a decision makes it subject to rigorous conditions of moral legitimacy. At one and the same time: The damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave and certain; all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective; there must be serious prospects of success; the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition. These are the traditional elements enumerated in what is called the 'just-war' doctrine" (2309).

Q: According to the church, are there limits to what is acceptable once war has been declared?

A: Absolutely, the tradition rejects "total war," in which anything goes. The church lifts up the principles of proportionality and discrimination. The use of armed force must not bring about greater evils than legitimate defense requires, and the use of force must not indiscriminately kill combatants and civilians alike. "Noncombatants, wounded soldiers and prisoners must be respected and treated humanely" (2313).

Q: Why doesn't the church just say that war is wrong?

A: Pope Francis captured the essence of the church's teaching on war. "War always marks the failure of peace, it is always a defeat for humanity. Let the words of Pope Paul VI resound again: '... War never again, never again war!'" (Sept. 7, 2016). We must build peace. In the famous works of Blessed Pope Paul VI, "If we want peace, we must work for justice." In a fallen world in which violence occurs, "governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self-defense, once all peace efforts have failed" (Catechism, 2308). At the same time, we should not underestimate the power of nonviolence

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## You'd Have To Be Nuts To Enjoy 'The Nut Job 2'

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** -- Much of the action in the animated children's comedy "The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature" (Open Road) unfolds at a frenzied pace. Yet, for all the sound and fury, this is in the end a bland film, unlikely to please any but the least discerning viewers.

Perhaps that's because the folks behind this sequel (the original launched in 2014) were too focused on 3-D special effects to waste time giving their characters much personality. Ironically, those effects turn out to raise the main objection to the picture from a parent's perspective since -- together with the many menacing situations to which the plot gives rise -- they may be too scary for little kids.



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**THE NUT JOB 2:** Animated characters appear in the movie "The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature." The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating, PG - 13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

The less-than-dynamic duo at center stage here is made up of squirrels Surly (voice of Will Arnett) and Andie (voice of Katherine Heigl). They're obviously destined for each other from the start. But, of course, before true love can prevail there must be a conflict for them to resolve.

In this case, it concerns the fact that Surly, his unspeaking sidekick Buddy the rat and the rest of the gang from nearby Liberty Park have long been living off the abundance of an abandoned nut shop. Andie considers this a lazy and unnatural way of life, and is pleased when the negligence of one of her fellow animals causes an explosion that destroys the derelict building.

Trooping back to their original habitat, the critters suddenly find themselves pitted against their city's corrupt, never-named Mayor (voiced by Bobby

Moynihan). Hizzoner plans to bulldoze Liberty Park and turn it into a profit-making amusement concern.

As Surly organizes the resistance to this greed-driven project, huge earthmoving machines bear down on the small creatures. Later, an unmoored Ferris wheel lumbers through the Mayor's creation, "Liberty Land," rapidly and spectacularly destroying his handiwork. Grownups with jittery tykes in tow, take note.

Amid all the chases and the animal-human combat, director and co-writer Cal Bruner's script (penned with Bob Barlen and Scott Bindley) makes respectable -- if hardly original

-- points about protecting the environment and the value of friendship and teamwork. It's all perfectly acceptable for a wide swath of age groups.

Still, to paraphrase an old candy bar ad, sometimes you feel like a nut; this time, not so much.

The film contains cartoon violence, including explosions, recurring peril and mild gross-out and scatological jokes. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

### Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

**September 10** -- Jeanne Thompson, Diocesan coordinator of Christian Initiation, looks ahead to the Diocese's Catholic Life Conference Day of Reflection scheduled for later this month.

**September 17** -- Bishop Mark and Tony DeGol, Secretary for Communications, discuss racism, the Church's response the creation of a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism.

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### Lucy M. Grimme

Lucy M. Grimme, 91, of Altoona, died Wednesday, August 16 at Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg. She was the mother of Father D. Timothy Grimme, pastor of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Altoona.

She was born June 30, 1926 in New York, NY, daughter of the late John B. and Lily (Medinsky) Jorkasky. On July 3, 1946, she married Robert C. Grimme in Altoona, and he preceded her in death on June 2, 1985.

Surviving are two daughters: Michaelene Miles (Wayne) of Lodi CA and Maureen Haller of Altoona; three sons: Patrick (Rose) Grimme and Father Grimme, both of Altoona, and Shawn Grimme, with whom she resided; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Benita Jorkasky of Altoona; and a brother, John Jorkasky of Oakdale CT.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Daniel R. Miles.

Lucy was a 1943 graduate of Altoona High School. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Altoona, and of the Nocturnal Adoration Society. She was a former member of Holy Rosary Parish, Altoona, where she was an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and a member of the Legion of Mary.

Lucy enjoyed bowling, crocheting, cross stitch and crossword puzzles.

The funeral Mass for Lucy M. Grimme was celebrated Saturday, August 19 at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Church, Altoona, by her son, Father D. Timothy Grimme. Committal was at Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Cemetery, Altoona.

### Sister M. Cordia Grimes C.S.J.

Sister Mary Cordia Grimes, 98, died Wednesday, August 23, at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden, in her 80th year as a member of the Congregation.

The daughter of the late Patrick J. and Agnes (Cain) Grimes, Sister Mary Cordia entered the Congregation from Saint Titus Parish, Aliquippa. Born into an Irish Catholic family of six children, Sister Mary Cordia was one of three girls who became Sisters of Saint Joseph.

For more than 35 years, Sister Mary Cordia ministered as a teacher in the dioceses of Altoona - Johnstown, Greensburg, and Pittsburgh. She ministered locally at Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Johnstown (1943 - 51, 1971 - 75), Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona (1952 - 57), and as assistant principal at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg (1961 - 63).

In 1977, Sister Mary Cordia transitioned from teaching children to caring for senior sisters. As coordinator of Saint Bernard Convent in Mt. Lebanon, she opened a large residence for retired and semi-retired sisters and remained there for eight years. For the next decade, she served as Motherhouse Coordinator of the Infirmary. In recent years, she volunteered at the Motherhouse and Villa Saint Joseph.

Sister Mary Cordia is survived by nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews, the Associates, and the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden. She was preceded in death by brothers, John, Patrick and Joseph, and sisters, Brigid and Ursula.

The funeral Mass for Sister Mary Cordia Grimes C.S.J. was celebrated Monday, August 28, in the Motherhouse Chapel. Committal was in the Sisters Cemetery on the Motherhouse grounds.

Donations in the name of Sister Mary Cordia may be sent to the Sisters of Saint Joseph Memorial Fund, Development Office, 1020 State St., Baden, PA 15005 or made online at [www.stjoseph-baden.org](http://www.stjoseph-baden.org).

**The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.**

-- Wisdom 3: 1 - 3



**Sister M. Evelyn Howard  
I.H.M.**

Sister Mary Evelyn Howard of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary died Sunday, August 13 at Our Lady of Peace Residence, Scranton. She was 89.

The former Catherine Lucille Howard was born June 26, 1928 in Johnson City NY, the daughter of the late John and Mary (Will) Howard. She entered the IHM Congregation on September 8, 1947, and made her temporary profession of vows on May 8, 1950, and her final profession of vows on August 2, 1953.

Sister Evelyn served locally at Saint Agnes School in Lock Haven, from 1950 to 1954.

From 2008 until the time of her death, Sister Evelyn was a prayer minister at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton.

She received a bachelor of science degree in education and a master of science degree in English from Marywood College, Scranton.

She was preceded in death by a brother, John; and five sisters, Lois, Rita, Juanita Leighton, Mary Scott, and Betty Wasser.

She is survived by a sister, Elaine Dusold of Cary NC, and by the members of the IHM Congregation.

The funeral Mass for Sister Mary Evelyn Howard I.H.M. was celebrated Wednesday, August

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# Pope Says Vatican II Liturgical Reforms ‘Irreversible’

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** -- The Catholic Church must continue to work to understand the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council and why they were made, rather than rethinking them, Pope Francis said.

“After this magisterium, after this long journey, we can affirm with certainty and magisterial authority that the liturgical reform is irreversible,” Pope Francis told participants in Italy’s National Liturgical Week.

The pope’s speech to the 800 participants Aug. 24 was the longest and most systematic talk he has given as pope on the theme of the liturgy since Vatican II.

Instead of reconsidering the council’s reforms, he said, priests and liturgists should work on “rediscovering the decisions made” in reforming the liturgy, “internalizing its inspirational principles and observing the discipline that governs it.”

The National Liturgical Week is sponsored by the Liturgical Action Center, which organizes liturgical training as well as national, regional and diocesan conventions to “disseminate and promote liturgical pastoral guidelines proposed by the Italian bishops’ conference,” according to its website.

After congratulating the organization on its 70th anniversary, Pope Francis said the church

has lived through “substantial and not superficial” events throughout its history, including with the Second Vatican Council and the subsequent liturgical reform.

Citing the Second Vatican Council’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, “Sacrosanctum Concilium,” the pope said the reform responded to “real needs and the concrete hope for a renewal,” which would offer a living liturgy where the faithful were no longer “strangers or silent spectators.”

For this reason, he added, the church must continue to rediscover the reasons for the reform and “overcome unfounded and superficial readings, partial revelations, and practices that disfigure it.”

Reflecting on the week’s theme -- “A living liturgy for a living church” -- Pope Francis said the liturgy is “alive” through the living presence of Jesus. Liturgical signs, including the altar, direct the gaze of the priest and the faithful to “Christ, the

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living stone, who was discarded by men but has become the cornerstone of the spiritual edifice in which we worship.”

“The liturgy is life for the entire people of the church,” he said. “By its nature, the liturgy is ‘popular’ and not clerical, because it is -- as the etymology teaches us -- an action for the people, but also of the people.”

The liturgy, he continued, unites church members through prayer, and it “gathers in prayer all those who seek to listen to the Gospel without discarding anyone; it summons the great and small, rich and poor, children and elderly people, healthy and sick, just ones and sinners.”

“In the image of the ‘immense multitude’ celebrating the liturgy in the sanctuary of heaven,” Pope Francis said, “the liturgical assembly overcomes through Christ every boundary of age, race, language and nation.”

The liturgy is “not an idea to understand,” but rather a “source of life and light for our journey of faith,” he said. Therefore, the rites and prayers become “a school of Christian life” for the faithful “by what they are and not by the explanations we give them.”

“This is still the commitment I ask of you today: to help ordained ministers as well as other ministers -- cantors, artists, musicians -- cooperate so that the liturgy may be the source and culmination of the vitality of the church,” the pope said.



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**ADDRESSES LITURGICAL GATHERING:** Pope Francis speaks during an audience with participants in Italy’s National Liturgical Week in Paul VI hall at the Vatican Thursday, August 24. The pontiff told the assembly “After this magisterium, after this long journey, we can affirm with certainty and magisterial authority that the liturgical reform is irreversible.” The National Liturgical Week is sponsored by the Liturgical Action Center, which organizes liturgical training as well as national, regional and diocesan conventions to “disseminate and promote liturgical pastoral guidelines proposed by the Italian bishops’ conference.”

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