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Rite Of Election Not The End Of The Story, But A Celebration Of Faith, Hope In Action

Photos And Text
By Bruce A. Tomaselli

“God recognized and chose you. God will make your name great in the enrollment book,” said Bishop Mark L. Bartchak to 45 anxious catechumens and 50 candidates at the Rite of Election held on Sunday, February 18. Bishop Mark presided over ceremonies at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown and the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

The Rite of Election and Enrollment of Names of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates is celebrated annually in the Altoona - Johnstown Diocese, and the universal Church.

“There’s a 10 percent increase in those joining the Catholic Church,” said Jeanne Thompson, ministerial coordi-

nator of Christian Initiation. “The Catholic Church is alive and growing in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.”

Each year the Diocese welcomes Catechumens (non - baptized persons), who will be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist, and candidates (baptized Christians) who will be received into full Communion with the Church at Easter.

“I truly feel called to do this,” said candidate Deron Lintz of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Johnstown. “I will be Confirmed at the Easter Vigil and I’m looking forward to it,” he added as he anxiously waited for the Rite to begin at Saint John Gualbert. “This is a step in an ongoing journey.”

Greg Costlow of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Johnstown, says he’s been waiting for this moment for the past 18 years. He has two daughters who are also in the process.



BOOK OF THE ELECT: As Deacon Sam Albarano raises the Book of the Elect, incense bearers Patrick Troy and Becca LaBar, from the Catholic campus ministry at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, take their places to join him in procession at the Rite of Election celebrated Sunday, February 18 at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

In his homily Bishop Mark related the story of a young, non - Catholic boy, named Tommy, who was visiting his cousin, a Catholic. The boys attended Sunday Mass and they both went to the religious education class that followed.

As it was near Easter, the teacher recounted the story of Jesus. The visiting cousin, who never heard the story, liked it very much; Jesus healed the sick and was very nice. But, he didn’t understand how a good person like Jesus had enemies.

The little boy thought it was terrible when he learned that Jesus suffered and died on the cross. “This brings us to the significance of the passion, death and resurrection,” reminded Bishop Mark. “‘How awful,’ said Tommy, but another student said, ‘Don’t worry, it’s not the end of the story.’ No, this is not the end of the story,” said Bishop Mark. “It is a story that continues all the way to The Kingdom.”

He said many people have helped the Catechumens and

Candidates to this point in their journey. “They shared their stories and they interested you. They told you this is not the end of the story. You responded and continued onward to conversion. It is not the end of your story.

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Community

Healthy Community Walk

Johnstown: The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul is participating in Highmark's Walk for Healthy Communities which takes place Saturday May 19, in Central Park.

"We are coming together to raise monies for a growing need in our region and we need help in our efforts to help those poverty-stricken looking for a healthier tomorrow," said Society executive director Sonny Consiglio.

"Please join us by registering to walk, sponsoring a walker, or donating today! One hundred percent of all money donated will go to the Society's Food for Families program in Cambria County," he added. "Food for Families works with Feeding America and Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank to help supply two dozen Cambria County food pantries and other agencies working to end hunger in our area.

"In turn as many as 7,000 people receive needed groceries to help feed their families.

In addition, we operate a Family Kitchen on Bedford Street in downtown Johnstown serving a lunch to all in need on a daily basis. An average of 150 people receive a hot meal per day without any charge," Consiglio said.

To make a donation or for more information go to: www.walkforahealthycommunity.org and look for Society of Saint-Vincent DePaul and join "Team SVDP" to help fight hunger.

Donations can also be made to SVDP Food for Families 945 Franklin St. Johnstown PA 15905.

Theater Trip

Hollidaysburg: Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Bishop Garvey Assembly are sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, for a performance of "Jesus."

The trip includes transportation, performance, and a family style meal at the Hershey Farm Restaurant on Wednesday, June 20, departing from Martins Grocery Store in Duncansville at 7:00 a.m. and the Bull Pen Restaurant in Tyrone at 6:30a.m.

The cost is \$120.00 per person, and will be sold as "first come first serve" until two buses are sold out.

For reservations call Ron Harella at (814) 696 - 3295.

Family Life

Day For Widowed

New Germany: A Prayer Day and Luncheon for Widows and Widowers will be held Wednesday March 21, beginning with 11:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road.

Lunch will be served in Marian Hall following Mass.

The event is being sponsored by the Diocese's Family Life Office. A \$5.00 donation is suggested, and reservations are required to attend.

The names of all deceased spouses will be remembered during Mass. Names may be submitted with registration.

Reservations are required by Thursday, March 15, and may be made by contacting the Family Life Office at 5379 Portage Street, Lilly PA 15938; (814) 886 - 5551 or familylife@dioceseaj.org.

Health

Cancer Patients Transport

Loretto: Area cancer patients will now have access to free transportation to their treatment and rehabilitation appointments. The American Cancer Society (ACS) has partnered with Saint Francis University to become the only Road to Recovery Site in Cambria County. The Road to Recovery program is nationwide and provides services in nearly every county in Pennsylvania. A 2017 Kia



CEREAL DRIVE: In January, the Student Council at Saint Patrick School, Newry, conducted a cereal food drive to benefit the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Assumption Chapel Food Pantry. The students collected over 500 boxes of cereal for this community outreach project. Since the students reached their goal of 500 boxes of cereal collected, they were rewarded with an ice cream sundae treat. Pictured are (left to right) First row: Payton Garner, Brendan Sensabaugh, Issac Lanzendorfer, Elena Brumbaugh, Anna Lanzendorfer. Second row: Jerry Milliron, Dylan Miller, Shane Conrad, Ben McLucas, Madison Bunk, Gavin Boslet, and Pete Lewis.

Soul, donated to the American Cancer Society by CNB Bank, was delivered to the university Wednesday, February 14.

"We are honored to receive this distinction and vehicle from the American Cancer Society. This will allow the university to continue our mission of service and will allow us to continue positively impacting the residents of our local community," says university president, Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Malachi Van Tassel.

Through the Center for Rural Cancer Survivorship, Saint

Francis University provides clinical and educational services to rural cancer patients. Jan Ulmer, senior manager, Mission Delivery for the ACS recalls, "When we heard about Saint Francis University's Center for Rural Cancer Survivorship, we asked if students in their Master of Cancer Care (MSCC) program would like to volunteer as drivers. Saint Francis jumped at this opportunity to help cancer patients get to their appointments."

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**ANNUAL MEN'S TURKEY DINNER SUNDAY,
MARCH 18th 11AM-3PM**

The Men are Cooking!

**BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
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ADULTS -\$10.00 CHILDREN 10 & under- \$6.00
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LENTEN FISH DINNER

Queen Of Peace Parish Center in Patton (Upper Level) All Fridays of Lent (including **Good Friday**), beginning **Friday, February 16.**

MENU Includes:
Choice of baked, fried fish or salmon patties; choice of baked potato or french fries. The dinner also includes: fresh baked rolls, cole slaw, stewed tomatoes, macaroni & cheese, haluski, dessert and beverage. Pierogies a la carte.

814-674-8983 Baked Goods Available for Sale

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Call 695-5571 for information

In The Alleghenies



Photo By Tony DeGol

CHECK PRESENTATION: First Commonwealth Bank presented a check for \$5,000 from its Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) budget to benefit the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Second Century Scholarship Fund. Michelle Dickman (left), office manager of the Meadows Intersection Branch in Duncansville, presented the check to Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, diocesan director of education, on Tuesday, February 20 at the Diocesan Administration Center in Hollidaysburg. The money will be used to assist families with the cost of a Catholic school education.

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High Schools

“Our MSCC students are enthusiastic about this opportunity, and are completing the ACS training necessary to transport local cancer patients,” says Dr. Stephen LoRusso, Master of Cancer Care professor and co-founder of the Center for Rural Cancer Survivorship. The car will have a designated parking spot in the Upper Stokes lot and will be ready to use once volunteer drivers are certified.

The Road to Recovery Program is free with no income requirements. Patients who would like transportation are to call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345. “It doesn’t matter if they have a car or are capable of driving themselves, they still qualify for a ride,” says Ulmer. “This program allows patients to save money and allows caregivers to continue working, as they wouldn’t have to take time off work to transport their loved ones.”

Mini - Thon

Johnstown: On March 17th, 2018, Bishop McCort Catholic High School will be hosting its fourth annual Mini - Thon, Saturday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m., concluding the next morning at 7:00 a.m. The school is partnering with Four Diamonds and Penn State’s Thon to raise awareness and money for childhood cancer. All proceeds go to Penn State’s Hershey Children’s Hospital to make the lives of the families and the children affected by this disease less stressful.

Four Diamonds is a foundation that provides emotional, mental, physical, and monetary support for those who need it most. This initiative was born in 1972 by Charles and Irma Millard when they heard the words, “Your child has cancer.” Bishop McCort students are helping Four Diamonds to achieve their ultimate goal, which is to ensure that no family will ever have to hear those haunting words.

In the U.S., 16,000 children are diagnosed with pediatric cancer every year. However, Four Diamonds hopes to exponentially decrease this number each year. In recent months, Bishop McCort has been rallying together for the cause through scheduled dress down days, gold rush t-shirts, themed nights at sporting events, and penny wars, along with reaching out to local businesses to join the fight. These events not only bring awareness to the cause, but also provide fun and community building within the crusher family and beyond.

Richard Denhard, guidance counselor, has been the faculty moderator since Mini-Thon’s inception at McCort in 2015. When reflecting upon the impact of Mini - Thon, Denhard remarked, “I am extremely proud of how a group of young people can come together and truly have an impact on the fight against childhood cancer. The McCort Mini- Thon participants, both past & present, can look at stories like that and say, ‘We helped with that progress.’”

The McCort Mini - Thon planning committee enthusiastically encourages everyone to become involved in some way in the Crusher Mini - Thon. Help the Crushers crush childhood cancer.

Four more information about Four Diamonds, please contact the Four Diamonds office at (717)-531-6086 or mint-honinfo@hmc.psu.edu.

Higher Education

Accreditation

Cresson: Mount Aloysius College was recently notified by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools & Programs (ACBSP) Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commissioners that its business and accounting programs have earned accreditation by the organization. Mount Aloysius College is located in Region 2, Eastern Council of ACBSP which en-



HONORED: Patty Troutwein was the recipient of the first annual Distinguished Alumnus Award presented by Saint Patrick School Newry, during a special Mass marking Catholic Schools Week. Troutwein is a teacher’s aide in the Pre - Kindergarten class at the school and is the Director of Religious Education for Saint Patrick Parish and the parish’s Christian Initiation director. RCIA Director. She helped establish the Quilters Group at Saint Patrick Parish, and was instrumental in chairing a fundraiser for a family in need of help with medical expenses. At Mass, students brought to the altar items that made their school special. Pictured are (left to right) Anson Clay, Patty Troutwein, Father Allen Zeth (parochial administrator), Payton Garner, Shane Conrad, and Alexis Young.

compasses Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

Kimberly Asonovich, assistant professor of business administration and chairperson of the Business and Information Technology Departments, expressed pride in the overall Mount Aloy-

sus business programs and the contributions from many faculty in the department.

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NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

March 16 - 24, 2018

7:00 PM (Sunday) Holy Hour with Benediction

8:00 AM Mass each Saturday morning

7:00 PM Mass each night (Mon - Thurs)

7:00 PM Stations each Friday evening

Eucharistic Adoration from 8:00 AM - 6:55 PM Thursday

Reconciliation/Confessions 11:00 AM each Saturday
Prayer intentions may be sent to:

Mrs. Ann Sutton, Parish Secretary

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Point Of View

Abraham Lincoln, in his first inaugural address after being elected president, saw the looming inevitability of civil war. In that first talk to the nation, he emotionally appealed to his divided countrymen to not become enemies nor “break our bonds of affection.”

Then he concluded: “The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.”

It surely seems we need the eloquence of another Lincoln now, for our bonds of affection are sorely tried.

Whether it is guns or school shootings, the violence directed at black men or the violence directed at police officers, the unforgiving hostility toward those brave enough to immigrate to our land or the snide references directed at those who believe in God and “traditional values,” the rifts between us are deep and broad.

A grieving teenager who lost his friends in the Florida school shooting is attacked by internet trolls as a fraud, while a gun owner who expresses his appreciation for his semi-automatic rifle is told by other trolls that they hope his daughter is shot in the face with that gun.

If this were not enough, our national enemies are shrewd enough and diligent enough to pour gasoline on our smoldering hatred with fake news and



Amid The Fray

By Greg Erlandson
Our Angels And Demons

divisive social media meant to outrage us even more. But could even they have imagined that when the news of their seditious manipulations became public, the outrage would still not be directed at them, but at each other?

An organization called Better Angels, named after Lincoln’s eloquent closing phrase, is attempting to bring what columnist David Brooks calls our “Red and Blue Tribes” together to get past the mutual hostility. One exercise, he reported in a recent column, focuses on breaking down stereotypes that each tribe has of the other: The Red Tribe is “racist.” The Blue Tribe is “against religion and morality.”

One of the founders of Better Angels says that his organization is seeking to build new bonds between citizens so that they no longer engage in politics as battling tribes seeking moral superiority rather than the best policies for society.

Our divisions, in other words, are only superficially about the topics at hand. There seems to be something deeper and more dysfunctional at work that keeps us from reaching out to each other to seek solutions.

Unfortunately, our church

at times -- and particularly these times -- seems to suffer from similar stresses. Catholics also wrestle with polarizing debates that, while not yet infiltrating down to the pews, are dividing Catholics who serve as leaders in parishes, dioceses and academia.

Many of us have become polarized over everything from definitions of marriage to the Holy Father himself. We marshal our doctrinal, scriptural and magisterial arguments, but it seems as if our divisions may ultimately be as tribal as those in our larger society. Unfortunately, our divisions are more of a scandal.

A few years ago, Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas, gave a stark analysis of the divisions in our church: “The wounds that divide us are rooted in the loss of confidence that the members of the household of the faith actually love one another.”

Perhaps we need an organization like Better Angels to bring the discordant and wounded factions of the church together. The body of Christ, the people of God, should be modeling for society how best to love one another. Apparently we again need to learn how to do this ourselves.



Another Perspective

By Monsignor Timothy P. Stein
Give Me The Crucifix

The most striking feature of my home parish church, Saint Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore, is the almost life – size crucifix displayed there.

Until I was in my teens, the crucifix stood mounted to the old high altar, against the back wall of the sanctuary, red velvet drapes behind it and a canopy above it. When the church was renovated in 1975, the crucifix was moved to the side of the sanctuary, placed above the tabernacle on the altar of reservation. The tabernacle has moved back to the center of the sanctuary, but the crucifix remains where it was placed over 40 years ago.

I remember a conversation with a neighbor, a good Protestant lady, when I was a kid, discussing some of the artwork in our church. She voiced her incomprehension about the use of a crucifix. “How can you stand to see Him hanging there, suffering?,” she asked me.

I was stumped by her question. The figure of the crucified Jesus was someone past suffering. He was depicted as someone already dead -- His eyes closed, His head bowed. He was shown as someone at peace. Clearly, He was someone who had suffered. The nails were very visible, and the wound made by the lance thrust into His heart was clearly shown. But when I looked at that peaceful man, hanging there in death, I felt a sense of peace, too. I wasn’t as aware of His suffering as I was aware of His love for me and for all people. I would look at that crucifix and think “Imagine it! He loved me enough to go through all of that for me!” I am still awed by that thought.

A crucifix is a beautiful reminder of our Lord’s own words: “No one has greater love than this; to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13). When you look at a crucifix, you know that you are a friend of Jesus. More than that: you know that you are loved.

It’s regrettable that so many churches, when making renovations following the Second Vatican Council, chose to replace the crucifix with an image of the resurrected Jesus. The resurrection and a new life in heaven, united with Jesus, is certainly the goal we are all aiming for, but we only come to that crown by embracing the cross that Jesus carried, suffered and died on. Certainly, the Lord wants us to live with Him, forever, but I don’t think He wants us to forget the price He paid for us, nor the price that we must pay in order to join Him. We need to keep the crucifix before our eyes as a powerful reminder of the cost of our salvation.

Maybe the rush to jettison the crucifix was a natural reaction to the “feel good” ethos of the 1960s. There was so much pain and suffering in that decade, commencing with the assassination of a beloved President, continuing through the drawn out agony of the war in Vietnam, that any reminder of better days ahead was hastily and happily embraced. People wanted to feel better -- needed to feel better. A shining, risen Christ, resplendent in glory, was the visible promise of better days ahead.

But in the midst of the pain that every generation must feel, the heartache that is a part of growing up and growing old, the sorrow that can never be denied or avoided, there is something even more satisfying at looking at the image of someone suffering and sacrificing Himself, for your sake and for mine, and knowing that as He took His final breath, He thought of us, with love.

Recently I had the privilege to be certified as a Mandated Reporting Trainer. This training will allow me to present workshops within our Diocese on the requirements of mandated reporting for those who wish to participate in a live training or are unable to use the on-line version that is currently recommended as part of our youth protection application process.

Mandated Reporting is a term used to describe the legislative requirement of Child Protective Services Law (CPSL). The CPSL pertains to selected groups of people who are required to report suspected child abuse as a condition of their employment or volunteer (non-paid) role. If you work with children, volunteer in a program where you are responsible for children, or have a particular type of professional license, you by law are considered to be a mandated reporter.

Mandated Reporters are held to a higher standard of responsibility than the community at large who are not required to report suspected abuse. However, regardless if you have ever been trained to be a Mandated Reporter, should you have a concern, suspicion or a belief on reasonable grounds that there may be neglect or abuse for any child(ren) under the age of 18, you are encouraged to call Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313. If you witness or become aware that there is imminent risk or danger for any



Tips For Keeping Our Children Safe

By Cindy O'Connor



child(ren), please call 911 immediately.

Simply stated: 'If you see something, say something.'

The "Train the Trainer" program was provided by the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance (PFSA) who are experts in the field of child abuse prevention. PFSA has led the way for over thirty years educating on prevention intervention, the reporting and treatment of child abuse. PFSA offers valuable advice on their website (www.pa-fsa.org) and tips on how to keep children safe within our parish communities and throughout the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown:

If you are worried about a family you know:

- Think of a reason to stop by their house (like giving some clothes your child has outgrown) and start a conversation.

- Call and let them know you are concerned and suggest you go out for coffee or invite them to your house to talk. Offer whatever means of help you feel comfortable in giving.

- Talk to a mutual friend and find out if they'd be willing to go out with the family as a group and offer support.

- Connect through the children and try to establish a relationship.

- Find some ways to interact socially, not just around a problem.

- Empathize with the parents by offering parenting suggestions based on your own experience (say things like "here's what I am trying now..." rather than "here's what works better...").

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Abusenetwork.org

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Clinton County

Clinton County Women's Center
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Ccwcsafe.org

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Franklin - - Fulton Counties

Women in Need/ Victim Services
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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

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

Reporting Child Abuse

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

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

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

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

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

In The Alleghenies

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“Achieving the ACBSP Accreditation reflects commitment and quality of our faculty and the support of Mount Aloysius Administration for our students and to our community partners who offer quality internships to our students,” she said. “Last semester we were notified that the Mount Aloysius Business Department was named specifically as a College of Distinction for Business. We are proud of the ACBSP accreditation. It reflects the depth of the program and our efforts to continued excellence into the future.”

“Mount Aloysius College has shown their commitment to teaching excellence and to the process of quality improvement

by participating in the accreditation process,” said ACBSP Chief Accreditation Officer Dr. Steve Parscale, who will present the Certificate of Accreditation at ACBSP Conference 2018 in Kansas City, Mo., on June 10. “This accreditation is evidence that Mount Aloysius College is committed to providing the highest quality business education for their students.”

Established in 1988, ACBSP is the only organization offering specialized business accreditation for all degree levels, from associate to baccalaureate to doctoral degree programs. ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the business and accounting programs offered at Mount Aloysius College

meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP.

Based on the Baldrige Education Criteria for Performance Excellence, ACBSP accreditation evaluates aspects of leadership, strategic planning, relationships with stakeholders, quality of academic programs, faculty credentials, and educational support to determine whether or not the business programs offers a rigorous educational experience and demonstrate continuous quality improvement.

Responds To Tragedy

Loretto: The Wednesday, February 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland FL hit home for Saint Francis University’s Public Health Program. Lucy Rojas, a senior Public Health student is participating in field experience with the Red Cross in Broward County, Florida. Lucy has been deployed to the Family Assistance Center, established by the Red Cross, to work as a Field Support Volunteer. The Center is providing mental health counseling, spiritual support, and general resources to those directly affected by the tragedy.

Public Health Program Director, Dr. Theresa M. Horner, spoke with Lucy immediately following the tragedy to ensure her safety and to offer campus support for the 17 victims and their families.

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Training Sessions For Coordinators, Teams

Training sessions for coordinators and team members for the “Arise Together In Christ,” renewal process have been scheduled for March and April.

Those attending are asked to register online for one training session at <http://www.dioceseaj.org/Ariseinfo/>.

Dates in March include:

- Sunday, March 11 -- Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, 205 West Market Street, Mount Union, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 11 -- Saint Rose of Lima Parish, 5514 Roselawn Avenue, Altoona, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 12 -- Resurrection Parish, 324 Chestnut Street (Entrance on 4th Avenue Side), Johnstown, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 13 -- Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, 308 Old Route 22, Duncansville, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 13 -- Holy Name Parish, 500 N. Julian Street, Ebensburg, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 14 -- Diocesan Administration Center, Hollidaysburg, Building A, information session for Catholic School principals, 9:30 - 10:30 - a.m.
- Wednesday, March 14 -- Diocesan Administration Center, Hollidaysburg, Building B, training session for “Arise Together” diocesan team, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 14 -- Our Lady of Victory Parish, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Meeting dates in April are:

- Sunday, April 15 -- Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, 205 West Market Street, Mount Union, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 15 -- Saint Rose of Lima Parish, 5514 Roselawn Avenue, Altoona, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 16 -- Resurrection Parish, 324 Chestnut Street (Entrance on 4th Avenue Side), Johnstown -- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 17 -- Diocesan Arise meetings: High School principals with their youth ministers, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.; Catholic Charities, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.; Campus and Prison Ministers, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.; Arise Team, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 18 -- Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, 308 Old Route 22, Duncansville, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 18 -- Saint Benedict Parish, 100 South Main Street, Carrolltown, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 19 -- Our Lady of Victory Parish, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Sister Linda LaMagna C.C.W. at (814) 934 - 0699/724 - 7984, or by e - mail at llamagna@dioceseaj.org

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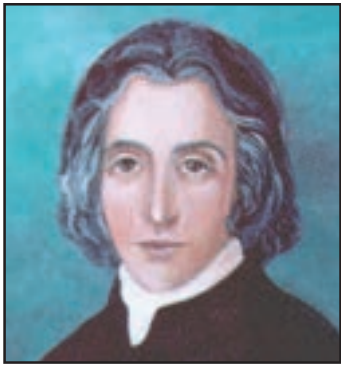
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Pope Says Paul VI Will Be Canonized This Year

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis told pastors in the Diocese of Rome that Blessed Paul VI would be canonized this year.

The pope's announcement came at the end of a question-

and-answer session with the priests Feb. 15; the Vatican released the text of the exchange three days later.

Archbishop Angelo De Donatis, papal vicar for Rome, had told the priests that they would be receiving a book of "meditations" about priesthood drawn from speeches from each pope, from Blessed Paul VI to Pope Francis.



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PAUL VI: A mosaic of Blessed Paul VI is seen in the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. He visited the shrine as an archbishop in 1960.

That prompted Pope Francis to comment, "There are two (recent) bishops of Rome who already are saints," Sts. John XXIII and John Paul II. "Paul VI will be a saint this year."

The sainthood cause of Pope John Paul I is open, he

noted, before adding, "Benedict (XVI) and I are on the waiting list; pray for us."

The cardinals and bishops who are members of the Congregation for Saints' Causes reportedly voted Feb. 6 to recognize as a miracle the healing of an unborn baby and helping her reach full term. The baby's mother, who was told she had a very high risk of miscarrying the baby, had prayed for Blessed Paul's intercession a few days after his beatification in 2014.

The theological commission of the Congregation for Saints' Causes had voted in December to recognize the intercession of Blessed Paul in the healing.

Although Pope Francis announced the upcoming canonization, he still has not formally signed the decree recognizing the miracle nor held a consistory -- a meeting of cardinals -- to set the date for the ceremony.

La Voce del Popolo, the newspaper of Blessed Paul's home diocese, the Diocese of Brescia, Italy, had reported in December that it is likely Pope Francis will celebrate the canonization Mass in October, during the meeting of the world Synod of Bishops, an institution Pope Paul had revived.

Blessed Paul, who was born Giovanni Battista Montini, was pope from 1963 to 1978.

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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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The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis
Jesus Never Abandons Us

ROME (CNS) -- If people listen to Jesus and do as he urges them, they can be certain that he will see them through even the darkest times, Pope Francis told members of a Rome parish.

"Jesus always prepares us for our trials and he never leaves us alone. Never," the pope said Feb. 25 during Mass in the Church of St. Gelasius on Rome's northeast edge.

Following his usual pattern for Sunday parish visits, Pope Francis reached the church in the early afternoon. After shaking hundreds of hands, blessing dozens of babies and posing for a handful of selfies with young people, the pope went to the parish soccer field to meet the children and teens involved in the parish catechism and sports programs.

After morning sunshine, the skies turned gray and cold, and a heavy rain began to fall.

"You're soaked!" the pope told the youngsters.

"Life is like this," he said, explaining that some days will be sunny, some rainy and sometimes storms unexpectedly blow in.

"What's a Christian to do? Go forward with courage," knowing that Jesus always is near and is always willing to forgive, he told them.

Moving indoors, the pope met with the elderly members of the parish and greeted each of them individually. He asked couples how long they had been married and asked others how they were feeling.

After hearing confessions, the pope celebrated Mass in the parish church and gave a brief, extemporaneous homily focused on the day's Gospel account of the transfiguration of Jesus.

By allowing the disciples to see him transfigured, Jesus gave them a preview of the glory that would be his after the crucifixion and resurrection, the pope said. It was a way to fortify and prepare the disciples for the trials and tribulations that were about to begin.

Remembering that vision, he said, the disciples would be able to "bear the weight of the humiliation" of seeing Jesus condemned and crucified.

In the same way, the pope said, Jesus gives all believers the assurance that he will triumph in the end. And, even in the darkest times, "he is always with us. He never leaves us alone. Never."

In the Gospel account, he said, after the disciples see Jesus transfigured, they hear God's voice telling them, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Listening to Jesus is key, the pope said. "In our daily lives, maybe we have problems or have many things to resolve. Let's ask ourselves this: 'What is Jesus saying to me today?' And let's try to listen to Jesus' voice, how he inspires us. And that way we will follow the advice of the Father: 'This is my beloved son. Listen to him.'"



ONE MORE TIME: As he processed out of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament following the Mass in which he was ordained and installed as the Bishop of Altoona - Johnstown, Tuesday, April 19, 2011, Bishop Mark L. Barchak paused to kiss his mother, Rosemary Shay. Mrs. Shay died Tuesday, February 20.

Anxiety hit me as I flew into Lima, Peru, for the first time. Would my friend meet me at the airport? What would residing in Lurigancho outside the Peru city be like? Would my Spanish hold up?

To my relief, my friend was at the gate when I arrived. As we rode to his residence, he told me where I would sleep and added, "You are going to hear noisy 'taxi motos' during the night because we live on a busy street."

It didn't take long to feel at home because of his warm reception. Having a reassuring friend does wonders in alleviating fright of the unknown. That experience of feeling welcomed and the sense of security it created ended up in a lifelong bond between us.

My grandfather came to America speaking no English. As his boat from Italy approached New York, he was greeted by the Statue of Liberty. "Seeing her," he told me, "felt like being welcomed into a new home."

That same spirit of welcome is found in Bernini's colonnades in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. Rows of rounded columns symbolize the embrace



The Human Side

By Father Eugene Hemrick
A Welcoming Spirit

of the church opening its arms to the world.

Today, growing fears of "undesirables" and the desire for greater protection are threatening our spirit of openheartedness and conviviality. This is nothing new. Wherever we go in the world, walled cities have existed for centuries. They existed because enemies existed.

In our present age and in my own backyard, the sense of the enemy is especially felt on Capitol Hill in Washington, an area walled in by barriers and police everywhere. This is due primarily to a heightened age of terrorism. How then do we create protections while not downgrading the spirit of welcome, to be cautious and yet not let caution harden hearts?

To meet this challenge successfully is to remember the spirit of welcome can never be taken away from us unless we give it away. Often when that spirit is lost, it is due to an ill disposition that has replaced the spirit of kindness.

Two primary reasons for ill disposition exist: domination and jealousy. Rather than befriending another, controlling him or her is preferred. Rather than lauding another's progress, we become jealous and we see another's gain as our loss.

Power along with economic and technological success are often portrayed as signs of greatness. When, however, greatness is seen more fully, people of all nationalities bond together as one in a welcoming spirit.



Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Scattering Ashes

Q. When I die, I would like to be cremated and have my ashes scattered in a place of peace and beauty that I have already chosen. However, when I have asked a couple of priests, they say that I can be cremated but that my ashes must be in an urn and either buried or interred in an above-ground mausoleum.

The reason they have given is that my body/ashes must be together at the end of the world. So does that mean that people who have died in explosions and have had their bodies completely incinerated cannot be reunited with Christ? (Even if embalmed, our bodies will still rot away; will bodies actually be in heaven, or only our spirits/souls?) (Minneapolis)

A. It is true, as you learned, that in the view of the Catholic Church, cremains should be buried or interred in a sacred, church-approved place. But the reason is not so much, as you suggest, that “the ashes must be together at the end of the world.”

Instead, it results from the church’s belief that the human body is an essential part of a person’s identity and that cremains should therefore be treated with the same respect as a human corpse.

Additionally, the church prefers that the cremains be accessible to the public so that the Christian community can come and remember the dead in prayer. And so, in 2016 when the Vatican issued guidelines for cremation, it clarified that the cremains should not be scattered, divided up, placed in lockers or kept at home.

And yes, it is an essential Catholic doctrine (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1017) that in heaven our bodies will be reunited with our souls -- although transformed into a glorified state, freed from any suffering or pain. Exactly how that will happen we do not know, although I feel confident that God can figure it out -- even for those whose bodies have been “completely incinerated.”

Saint Frances
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This laywoman and foundress, born a Roman aristocrat, married Lorenzo Pontiano when she was 13; they had several children. In 1409, their palazzo was pillaged by Neapolitan soldiers and Lorenzo was exiled for five years, returning home a broken man. He died in 1436. Frances, known for her great charity during epidemics and civil war, organized a ladies society dedicated to self-denial and good works. It became the Oblates of Tor de Specchi, which she directed for her last four years. She is the patron saint of motorists, perhaps because she was guarded for 23 years by an archangel visible only to her. Her last words were: “The angel has finished his work. He is beckoning me to follow.”

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Q. I am 80 years old and would like to feel like a real and responsible Catholic again, but here is my problem. In the Bible, it says that we should love God with all our hearts and minds. I believe in God and know that he is there, but I just do not experience that “loving,” “feel good” emotion.

I have a huge guilt complex about this, because it suggests that I just take God for granted. I can talk and pray to God, but it seems so one-sided. When I was a boy, I used to stop in church for a visit and just sit and marvel that I was in God’s house. But now I leave Mass feeling empty, except for knowing that I have met my Sunday obligation.

Over the years, I have spoken with four different Catholic priests to discuss this, and it was a complete waste of time. All I came away with was that I needed to have blind faith. I do have faith, but that does not remove my guilt for not properly loving God. (Terre Haute, Indiana)

A. Relax! The fact that you do not feel God’s closeness does not mean that you don’t love him. I refer you to a book called **Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light**, the record of Mother Teresa’s correspondence with her spiritual director.

Mother Teresa, who devoted her life to caring for the poor in the streets of Kolkata, was canonized a saint in 2016. Yet this book reveals that she endured many years of an intense spiritual dryness, feeling abandoned by God.

“My own soul remains in deep darkness and desolation,” noted an anguished Mother Teresa. Nevertheless, she said, “I don’t complain -- let him do with me whatever he wants.”

I’m sure that you appreciate that the Lord has given you many blessings over your 80 years. Your presence at Mass -- the great act of Christian thanksgiving -- demonstrates that gratitude.

I will pray that God will grant you the gift of inner peace, as well as a sense of his nearness. But meanwhile, don’t worry about how you feel; it’s much more important how you think and act.



For The Journey

By Effie Caldarola
An Act Of Love

Recently, I was invited by a group working with migrants and asylum-seekers to attend a hearing for a Mexican man who faces deportation.

The idea is to “accompany” someone on his journey through a complex legal system, to be a supportive presence to him and his family and to demonstrate to the system that ordinary Americans are interested and watching.

I was torn. I feared getting lost finding the Homeland Security Administration. It was a rush-hour trek 30 minutes from my home. So, being the wimpy procrastinator I am, I didn’t commit, but instead told God to wake me up if I should go.

I don’t claim a pipeline to God, but I did wake up early and a little voice of conscience badgered me to get out of bed.

After all, this voice said, it’s Lent and one goal of Lent is to stand with the poor.

We have a new hunting season in this country, and the hunted are virtually anyone who doesn’t have clear citizenship.

In a Feb. 16 essay in **The New Yorker**, Masha Gessen says the ultimate effect of our recent war on immigration “is to create a class of people who are never safe.”

The Trump administration’s abandonment of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, the “Dreamers” program for young people who grew up American after being brought here illegally by their parents, and the unleashing of Immigration and Customs Enforcement has the intent, Gessen says, of “deporting the maximum possible number of people.”

And since the people being targeted often have legitimate reasons to appeal, the courts are becoming clogged and deportations have slowed.

During the 2016 presidential primaries, candidate Jeb Bush was criticized for his 2014 statement that migration is often “an act of love.” Meaning, people often flee one country for another to keep their families safe and provide them with economic and educational opportunities.

That seems obvious. Most Americans would probably agree. We want border security, but we also want a humane system; not amnesty, but a path to citizenship.

For example, surveys show most Americans want a path to legal status for DACA recipients.

The Clinton and Bush administrations deported millions. President Obama earned the nickname “the deporter in chief” from immigration groups because of large deportations.

The difference between the Obama administration’s efforts and now is that under Obama there were clearly articulated priorities. The focus was on sending border crossers back before they became integrated into society and on banishing criminals.

In announcing his executive action on immigration in 2014, Obama said, “Felons, not families. Criminals, not children. Gang members, not a mom who’s working hard to provide for her kids.”

Whether those principles were realized is debatable. Whether they are any longer our principles is not.

The man whose hearing I attended has been in this country 25 years. Employed, he and his wife are in the process of buying a home. They are parishioners at a largely Hispanic Catholic parish. Their three American children attended the hearing, observing their father stripped of his dignity in leg shackles. He has been jailed for six months.

He has little recourse. It’s a broken system and Congress will not act.

Next week, there’s another hearing. This time, I’m committed.

Rite A Sign Of Hope

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“You were looking and found the truth in the person of Jesus Christ. You moved away from emptiness and you encountered Jesus. He hopes that His light will shine in you,” continued the Bishop. Again he said, “This is not the end of the story.”

“We thank God for you today. You are a blessing to us and the Church,” said Bishop Mark.

“I am grateful to those who got you to this point. The Light of Christ should shine in everyone of you. Pass on the Truth to another person. That is one way to show your gratitude.”

Thompson said many of the folks were in awe just to be in the Cathedral and to meet with the Bishop. “I felt so happy and I could really see they recognized and understood what this journey is on the way to becoming Catholic.

“The pastors, parish directors, administrators, and Christian Initiation teams, really go that extra mile in preparing and encouraging these people on their journey to the Church.”

She said it’s very inspiring for our communities that there is such a variety of Catechumens and Candidates. “We have young college students and entire families becoming members of the Family of God in the Catholic Church. In addition, there are Candidates and Catechumens from correctional institutions whose names are recognized and spoken as part of the ceremony.”

There was an air of cheer and calm at the Johnstown Cathedral prior to the ceremony. Jody Felosky, a catechumen, and Larisa Roth, a candidate, were filled with anticipation.

“I’m so excited about this,” expressed Felosky. “I feel closer to God.”

Roth, who will be Confirmed at Easter, was equally excited. “I feel free as though a weight has been lifted off of my shoulder.” They are both members of Saint Clement Parish in Johnstown.

“Godparents and sponsors make a huge commitment to walk with these people on the journey to becoming Catholic



CATECHUMEN: Catechumen Jung Kim from Saint Benedict Parish, Johnstown, signs the Book of the Elect as Bishop Mark L. Bartchak looks on, and Deacon Sam Albarano assists.

and to be one at the Eucharistic table,” said Thompson. “They are crucial and vital to this life-giving process. As a Church we should thank them. “This is hope in action.”

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In The Alleghenies

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The campus community came together in remembering all at a Mass and by signing a 36 x 48 poster. The poster will be sent to Lucy and placed at the Parkland Memorial. Next week, Dr. Horner plans to travel to Parkland, to visit with Lucy and help provide disaster mental health services.

The poster was a means for students, faculty, and staff to send their prayers, love, and encouragement to all involved. Dr. Horner shared, "It was very touching, although not surprising, to witness the outpouring of compassion and empathy expressed by the campus community – a personification of what it means to 'Become that Someone'."

Prayer

Lenten Mission

Loretto: The Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish will hold its third annual Lenten Mission, in honor of Our Lady of Loretto, from Sunday, March 11, through Friday, March 16,

Directing the mission will be Father Joseph Sioli, pastor of Saint Louise Parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

An opening homily introducing the mission will be given at all weekend Masses march 10 - 11. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will preside at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, with mission prayers and homily on Sunday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Priests will be available for confessions following the service.

Monday through Friday Mass will be celebrated with mission prayers and homily at 7:00 p.m. daily. Eucharistic Adoration and confessions will take place every day beginning at 6:00 p.m. until time for Mass.

Father John Byrnes, rector, and the parish family invite

all to take part in this devotion; those unable to attend are invited to sent their petitions to the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, P.O. Box 10, Loretto PA 15940.

Exposition Of Relics

Patton: "Exposition Of Sacred Relics: Treasures Of The Church," will be presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross at Queen of Peace Church, 907 6th Avenue, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday March 11.

Over 150 relics will be shown, including some believed to be as much as 2,000 years old.

The presentation will be held in the church.

For further information call Queen of Peace Parish at (814) 674 - 8983, or visit www.treasuresofthechurch.com.

Saint Joseph Novena

Loretto: The Discalced Carmelite Nuns invite the faithful to join them in their annual private Novena in honor of Saint Joseph, beginning Sunday March 11, and concluding Monday, March 19, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph.

All the intentions submitted to the Nuns will be entrusted to the powerful protection and intercession of Saint Joseph, most especially intentions for employment and happy, holy family life.

The regular montly private Novena honoring Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Therese will take place at the same time. All intentions will be included in the special Novena prayers recited by the Nuns after Vespers each day of the Novena.

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

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Therese takes place in the chapel at Carmel each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry

Junior High Youth Day

Ebensburg: Junior High Youth Day 2018 is scheduled for Sunday, March 18 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. All parishes and Catholic schools are encouraged to bring a group

of their students in grades 6 - 8 for the day.

The day will feature keynotes by APeX Ministries. APeX Ministries offers "Christian Vaudeville," including death defying juggling, humor, characterizations (skits), story - telling, audience participation, and personal testimony.

Participants will be offered the chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At 3:00 p.m., Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will close the day with Mass.

The theme of this year's event is "WWJD? (What would Jesus do?) WWYD? (What would YOU DO?) Four Simple Letters - - Two Simple Questions!"

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Inmates Built Casket For The Reverend Billy Graham

By Peter Finney Jr.
Catholic News Service

NEW ORLEANS (CNS)
-- In 1995, as inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola lowered the makeshift, cardboard casket containing the body of fellow inmate Joseph Siegel into freshly dug ground at the prison's cemetery, Siegel's body fell through the bottom of the coffin.

Then, as the pallbearers positioned the casket with care over his body and began shoveling dirt, the top collapsed.

Burl Cain, in his first year as warden at the nation's largest maximum-security prison, where all but a fraction of the 5,000 men will die without ever



CNS Photo/Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Handout Via Reuters

THE REVEREND BILLY GRAHAM

walking back through the gates, had seen enough.

Cain gathered inmates for what, by Angola standards, would be an unusual warden-prisoner talk. Many of the prisoners were skilled craftsmen, who had worked for years to set up the popular Angola Prison Rodeo.

"I told them, 'Men, you're going to die here, and we've got to do this with dignity,'" Cain recalled. "'Y'all are going to build a coffin, and it's going to be a nice coffin. When you die, you've served your sentence, and there's no reason for anybody to kick your body.'"

That event more than two decades ago led to inmates at the prison building the casket for the Rev. Billy Graham, the charismatic evangelical Christian leader who died Feb. 21 at age 99.

Cain served as warden at Angola for 21 years and is credited with changing the violent and deadly prison culture through an emphasis on what he calls "moral rehabilitation."

"I coined that term because everybody liked 'morality' and everybody liked 'rehabilitation,' and the ACLU would leave me alone," Cain said. "I couldn't say 'faith-based' and I couldn't

say 'Christian.' That would get me sued."

Cain established seminary education, sponsored by the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and built several interdenominational chapels, including a hospice chapel funded by Catholic entities and an Alamo chapel, a replica of the original Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, used often by Catholic inmates.

Cain said he was being "selfish" when he decided to open Angola to the outside world, with an emphasis on theological training.

"I realized this: Moral people don't rape, pilfer and steal," Cain said. "So, if I could get these guys to become moral, I'd have a safer prison, I could survive."

In 1997, Chuck Colson, an evangelical Christian who had served prison time for obstruction of justice in the Watergate scandal and who had begun a national prison ministry, visited Angola with Tex Reardon, who was associated with the Rev. Graham and his worldwide evangelical crusades.

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Parishes Schedule Lenten Penance Services

During the season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services at various parishes. For updates, please visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseaj.org. Please consult individual parishes for other Reconciliation opportunities leading up to Easter.

MARCH 11 3:00 p.m. – Holy Spirit (Saint Agnes Site), 3 East Walnut Street, Lock Haven 7:00 p.m. – Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, 321 St. Mary Street, Loretto (Service follows Opening Mission Prayer and Benediction).

MARCH 12 7:00 p.m. – Saint Matthew, 1105 Cameron Avenue, Tyrone.

MARCH 14 6:30 p.m. – Saint Joseph, 925 Huron Avenue, Renovo.

MARCH 15 6:00 p.m. – Saint Anthony of Padua, 2201 Graham Avenue, Windber.

MARCH 17 10:00 a.m. – Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, 2301 5th Street, Altoona .

MARCH 18 2:00 p.m. – Saint Bernard, 148 Seventh Avenue, Hastings 3:00 p.m. – Saint Mark, 416 Sixth Avenue, Altoona 5:00 p.m. – Saint Rose of Lima, 5514 Roselawn Avenue, Altoona .

MARCH 19 6:00 p.m. – Our Mother of Sorrows, 415 Tioga Street, Johnstown 6:30 p.m. – Holy Name, 500 N. Julian Street, Ebensburg 6:30 p.m. – Saint Anne, 205 Woodstown Highway, Davidsville 7:00 p.m. – Holy Family, 509 Caldwell Avenue, Portage 7:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 806 11th Street, Altoona .

MARCH 20 6:30 p.m. – Saint Mary, 1020 Caroline Street, Nanty Glo 7:00 p.m. – Good Shepherd, 867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, Port Matilda (Diocesan Penance Service with Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding) 7:00 p.m. – Queen of Peace, 907 Sixth Avenue, Patton.

MARCH 21 6:30 p.m. – Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona (Diocesan Penance Service with Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding) 6:30 p.m. – Church of the Transfiguration, 340 Second Street, Conemaugh 7:00 p.m. – Saint Nicholas, 1169 Alverda Road, Nicktown.

MARCH 22 5:30 p.m. – Our Lady of Lourdes, 2716 Broad Avenue, Altoona 6:30 p.m. – Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown (Diocesan Penance Service with Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding) 7:00 p.m. – Saint Benedict, 100 S. Main Street, Carrolltown.

MARCH 25 4:30 p.m. – Saint Mary, 312 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg.

MARCH 26 5:00 p.m. – Saint Benedict, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown.

MARCH 28 7:00 p.m. – Saint Aloysius, 7911 Admiral Peary Highway, Cresson.

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“In the 1950s, my mother would send a check for \$5 every month to Billy Graham, even though she was a school teacher and my parents were poor,” Cain said. “So, I asked Tex Reardon if there was any way he could get Billy Graham to come here -- because this prison needed him.”

Not long after that, Graham’s son Franklin visited Angola and was so impressed he set the wheels in motion for the construction of two more chapels -- one for the inmates and another, Cain said, for “the employees of our little city.”

“They wanted their own people to come build it, because it was a ministry for them,” Cain said. “They wanted the pews to be just old-timey so that it would look like an old-timey church.”

They put an old bell in the top of an imposing steeple. The

bell came from a locomotive that hauled sugar cane around the 18,000-acre Angola plantation the late 1800s, before it became a prison that was larger than the island of Manhattan.

“The Grahams wanted that steeple to be tall enough so that you could see the church from death row,” Cain said.

During one of Franklin Graham’s visits to Angola, he walked into the prison museum and saw an inmate-made casket. He was overwhelmed by the beauty and simplicity of the treated plywood. The white bedding for the inside of the coffins comes from Walmart.

“He told me, ‘This is one my Dad would want to be buried in. It’s so plain, but it’s built by prisoners. We’ve got to have these,’” Cain said.

Franklin Graham ordered six coffins, including for Rev. Graham and his wife Ruth, who died in 2007.



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CASKET: Inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola made this treated plywood casket for the Rev. Billy Graham in 2006, at the request of Rev. Graham’s son, Franklin. Rev. Graham, who died Feb. 21, led ministries that supported the construction of two chapels at the country’s largest maximum security prison. The inmates craft caskets for fellow prisoners who die. Funeral services for Rev. Graham were held March 2.

Three inmates -- Richard “Grasshopper” Leggett, Clarence “Mr. Bud” Wilkerson and David Bacon -- had the special assignment. Of the three, only Bacon is still alive. He was paroled in December 2012.

“They would pray before they started every day and ask that God would anoint their work, because this was a very

serious thing,” Cain said. “Billy Graham was a human -- he wasn’t God -- but he was one of the godliest humans on the earth. They took it very seriously. And, it was a reverent operation.”

At Franklin Graham’s request, the three inmates wood-burned their names into the outside of each casket.

Rev. Graham was laid to

rest March 2, in that Angola coffin, after lying for two days in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

Cain said the convergence of sacred circumstances -- how Rev. Graham and faith brought peace to Angola and how Angola brought peace to the Graham family -- leaves him almost speechless.

“If my mother in heaven knows what’s going on down here, she would be so proud, because when she wrote those little \$5 checks, it influenced her son to like Billy Graham,” Cain said. “She led me in that direction.”

While, because of ill health, Rev. Graham never could visit Angola, Cain sent him a key to one of Angola’s old cells. A few years ago, Cain traveled to the mountains of Montreat, North Carolina, to offer his thanks for all that Rev. Graham and his son had made possible at Angola.

“I got to spend the afternoon with him, and he said, ‘I pray for you every day, and my nurse can verify it,’” Cain said. “And then he took out that key and he said, ‘Every day, I have a devotional, and I hold that key in my hand, and I pray for you and I pray for your prison.’ No wonder we were successful.”

Tips For Keeping Our Children Safe

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If you see something happen in public:

- Use empathy – tell the caregiver the same thing has happened to you and offer a suggestion if you can.
 - Divert the caregiver’s or child’s attention by creating a distraction so things can calm down.
 - Find a person in authority (like a store manager) to intervene.
 - If it seems safe and necessary to do so, get the license number and call police.
- If you want to help families and children in general:
- Become a mentor to a child.
 - Work to make your building, street or neighborhood a safer place for kids.
 - Talk to local businesses about potential “hot spots” for conflict (like candy at the checkout aisles in stores).
 - Get involved in your community through a youth-serving group or organization.

Best practices suggest that Mandated Reporting training be provided for all staff and volunteers of family-based organizations regardless of their role. The Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown requires all employees and non-paid volunteers to be trained as a Mandated Reporter. There are two options for this training:

(1) Register for a free, self-guided, web-based training provided by the University of Pittsburgh’s Child Welfare Resource Center: <http://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/researchtraining/child-welfare-education-research-programs/act-31-line-training>.

(2) Attend a workshop provided by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Dates and locations will be published in the near future.

For inquires on youth protection and safe environment efforts within the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown or to schedule training workshops on Youth Protection Awareness and Mandated Reporting, please contact Cindy O’Connor at (814) 695-5579, extension 2621 or via email at coconnor@dioceseaj.org.

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Family - Friendly 'Early Man' Has Positive Message For Children Of All Ages

By Sister Hosea Rupprecht
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Nick Park, the creative genius behind so many Aardman Animations claymation comedies spanning more than two decades, finally makes his feature-length directing debut with "Early Man" (Lionsgate).

With its all-British cast, and despite a plot that will probably appeal more to soccer-loving Europeans than many Americans, especially in anticipation of the 2018 World Cup this summer, the film manages to bring its fun, generally family-friendly story vividly to life. It also delivers a healthy dose of slapstick comedy, as well as gags and al-

lusions that will keep the adults in the audience laughing.

Teenage caveman Dug (voiced by Eddie Redmayne) lives a contended life. But, as he tells his best buddy, Hognob (voiced by Park), it might be fun to try catching a woolly mammoth, instead of just rabbits, for food.

When he brings his idea to his tribe's Chief Bobnar (voiced by Timothy Spall), he's told that the group have always been rabbit hunters -- and that should be good enough. It's only after the tribe's valley is threatened by Lord Nooth (a French-accented Tom Hiddleston), who wants to turn it into a mine, that they are forced to show some initiative and work together to save their home.

This fish-out-of-water story finds Dug, accidentally stuck in



CNS Photo/Lionsgate

EARLY MAN: Hognob, voiced by Nick Park, and Dug, voiced by Eddie Redmayne, appear in the animated movie "Early Man." 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.

the back of a cart, traveling to the Bronze Age city Lord Nooth rules where he's surrounded by, well, bronze things, the likes of which he's never seen before.

Brought before Lord Nooth, he strikes a deal with the tyrant: a soccer match will determine the outcome. If the cavemen win, they get to go back to their valley. If Real Bronzio (as the Bronze team is called) wins, the cavemen will work in the mines.

Dug heads home with the gargantuan task of teaching a tribe that can barely catch a rabbit to play soccer.

Luckily, he's aided by Goona (voiced by Maisie Williams), a Bronze Age woman who loves and excels at the "beautiful game" but is not allowed on the "sacred turf" because of her gender. With Goona's help and the conviction that he is following in the footsteps of his ancestors, Dug improvises a potentially winning team.

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The film contains brief animated rear nudity, one crass term and some suggestive hu-

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Coming Up On 'Proclaim!'

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

March 11 - - Carmelite of the Word Sister Linda La-Magna, Diocesan coordinator for ARISE Together in Christ, updates the Bishop on the renewal initiative.

March 18 - - Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Richard Davis, Minister Provincial of the Sacred Heart Province, talks about his community's service to the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.

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A half - hour of local Church news and features

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Rosemary T. Shay

Rosemary T. (Beck) Shay, 91, died Tuesday, February 20 at Jennings Center, Garfield Heights OH. She was the mother of the Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.

She was born April 16, 1926 in Cleveland OH, and was a 1944 graduate of Holy Name High School. Mrs. Shay was a retired volunteer at Playhouse Square and a member of Saint Monica Church Ladies Guild.

Surviving are her children: Susan Gardner (David), Barbara Barron (David), Michael Bartchak, Philip Bartchak (Sharon), Bishop Mark, Matthew Bartchak (Michelle), Elizabeth Parsons (James), Laura Tobergte (Mark); grandchildren Michael Gardner, Linda Ramirez (Ed), Lisa Curtis (Doug), James Barron (Michelle), Lance Barron (Goldie), Laura Barron, Jonathan Bartchak, Andrew Bartchak, Michael Bartchak, Melissa Ricco (Nick) Erin Hillyer (Craig), Alexandria Hoefke (Steve), Victor Fontana III, Jeffrey Fontana, Beth Tobergte, Grace Tobergte; and many great - grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husbands Leonard Bartchak and Eli Shay; brother Frank Beck, sister Eleanor Coyne; and granddaughter Christine Gardner.

The Funeral Mass for Rosemary T. Shay was celebrated by her son, Bishop Mark L. Bart-

chak on Friday, February 23, at Saint Monica Church, Garfield Heights. Committal was at Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland.

Memorial donations in memory of Mrs. Shay may be made to any Catholic school in the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.

Rosemary H. Concannon

Rosemary H. Concannon, 84, of Johnstown, died Tuesday, February 20. She was the wife of Deacon John J. Concannon, a senior Deacon of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown.

She was born on March 2, 1933 in Johnstown and was married to Deacon John for 65 years.

In addition to her husband she is survived by her children :John Concannon Jr. and wife Carol (Mock), Monica Kendera wife of the late John D. Kendera, Brigid Starchok, Joseph Concannon and wife Jennifer (Stubbs), Michael Concannon and wife Brenda (Hahn), Mary Ann Ozbold and husband James, Carolyn Concannon, Thomas Concannon and wife Karen (Sida); grandchildren Jason, Michelle, Joseph (Jessica),

Stephanie, Alexander (Angela), Anthony (Emily), Justin (Laura), Christa and Emma Concannon; Angela Kendera, Philip Starchok, Marybeth (Michael) Jones, Diane (Todd) Smith, Joseph (Marcella) Ozbold; great - grandchildren Adilia, Ryan, Max, Beatrix, Evelyn, Malcom, Maribelle, Nina, Scarlett, Terah, Amber and Joseph; sister Mary Lou (David) Rutledge, sister-in-law Alice Heinrich and brother-in-law Leo Concannon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Joseph A. and Caroline (Lena) Heinrich, brothers Joseph H. and Bernard, sister Dolores Heinrich and sister-in-law Rita Concannon.

A woman of great faith, she was very involved with her church and her husband's diocesan ministry.

The Funeral Mass for Rosemary H. Concannon was celebrated Saturday, February 24 at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown. Committal was in Saint John Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Proclaim Ministry, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown, PA 15901.

Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! As for me, I know that my vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust. This will happen when my skin has been stripped off, and from my flesh I will see God: I will see for myself, my own eyes, not another's, will behold him: my inmost being is consumed with longing.

-- Job 19 :23 - 27

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2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Making Christ A Home In Your Heart

By Pam Seasoltz

Director of Stewardship and Development

Depending on where you live, your culture, your experience of life; home can mean something very different to each of us. It could simply mean a place to stay or a place to gather with family and friends.

But home to you, the faithful Catholic, can be so much more. It can be a comforting feeling of love of and for one another. Love of ourselves, our families and most importantly, our faith. It is in our faithful home where we can experience the Gospel on a real and personal level.

The 2018 Catholic Ministries Drive—Making Christ a Home in Your Heart—is Jesus' welcoming message to invite him permanently into our lives and to become real with him. By making him an enduring permanent fixture, not a guest who visits now and then, we are creating a special lifelong dwelling just for him. And, it is there we can experience the peace that only comes from God in the Church, our home.

In the joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis writes: "Sometimes...we forget that the Gospel responds to our deepest needs for we were created for what the Gospel offers us: friendship with Jesus and love for our brothers and sisters."

By participating in 'Making Christ a Home in Your Heart' you are putting the Gospel into action. To love and serve our neighbors is the ultimate request made by your heart's permanent resident, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The annual Catholic Ministries Drive will directly help those in our Diocese who are suffering emotionally and spiritually. It also supports children and adults who are seeking a closer relationship with Christ, including the formation of priests, deacons and laity.

Beginning with Announcement Weekend on March 10 and 11, followed by Commitment Sunday on March 17-18; your parish will be asking for your financial support to benefit 14 ministries concentrated in the areas of Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families; Nurturing our Youth; and Forming Clergy and Laity.

These ministries are entirely dependent upon contributions and are 100% funded by your generosity. The Diocesan target is \$2,295,812.00. You may

choose to make an annual gift, a pledge, or donate online at www.dioceseaj.org (Click GIVING button). Charitable contributions will be accepted through December 31, 2018.

Your participation in the 2018 Catholic Ministries Drive will be the lifeline for thousands of people in our immediate area needing our ministerial support—THANK YOU! By joining other faithful parishioners, you will also be a sign of hope and promise that our Catholic community is giving and inspiring for all to follow our Lord's request of loving and serving our neighbors.

Most importantly, Lent is a time for us to renew our heart to heart relationship with God. Your support of these life-giving and life-changing ministries is one of the many ways that we can experience the love of God who is always and forever a loving presence welcoming you home.

For more information about the 2018 Catholic Ministries Drive, please contact Pam Seasoltz, Director of Stewardship and Development at 814.695.5577; email pseasoltz@dioceseaj.org or visit www.dioceseaj.org.

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