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Diocese Launches Best Practices Initiative

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Jim Lundholm-Eades recalled a meeting in his parish during which participants spent 90 minutes talking about how many pieces of fish to fry at the church's Lenten fish dinners.

"That's an hour-and-a-half I'll never get back in my life," he admitted frankly. "If that's what we call engagement, no wonder people stop coming to meetings or don't want to be engaged."

Lundholm-Eades is the Director of Programs and Services for the Leadership Roundtable, an organization that promotes best practices in the financial and human resources

DISTINGUISHED PANEL: Officials from the Leadership Roundtable joined Bishop Mark L. Bartchak for a gathering with clergy and community leaders on Friday, June 8 at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Pictured (left to right): Geoffrey Boisi, chairman and chief executive officer of Roundtable Investment Partners, LLC; Kim Smolik, chief executive officer of the Leadership Roundtable; Bishop Mark; Jim Lundholm-Eades, director of Programs and Services of the Leadership Roundtable; and Robert Gasser, Executive Committee co-chair and treasurer of the Board.

management of the Catholic Church throughout the country.

Specifically, the group encourages the involvement of lay individuals, many of whom can offer invaluable expertise in addressing the temporal matters all parishes and dioceses face.

It is a blueprint that is hardly surprising to any Catholic who realizes that the Church is at its best when people in the pews work in unison with clergy and religious. So where do we start?

"We have to talk about things of substance," Lundholm-Eades insisted. "We have to invite the laity to get engaged in things that really matter, and they will! They always respond to that. Having the laity and the clergy working together is the power of the Church."

Lundholm-Eades made his remarks at a gathering hosted by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak on Friday, June 8 at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson.

The Bishop invited dozens of clergy and community leaders to attend the three-hour presentation, which featured various officials from the Leadership Roundtable discussing the model for best practices.

In addition to Lundholm-Eades, the panel included Kim Smolik, Chief Executive Officer; Robert Gasser, Executive Committee Co-Chair and Treasurer of the Board; and Geoffrey Boisi, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Roundtable Investment Partners, LLC.

"We haven't even begun to stick our heads up high enough over

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Young People Take Lead In Cancer Fight

Photos And Text By
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The words "You have cancer" are surely among the most frightening words a person can hear.

Sadly, too many individuals in our parish families have received that diagnosis, including members of the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes in Altoona.

Even one of the parish's youngest members has not been immune.

Dominick DeVecchis was diagnosed with osteosarcoma – a

rare form of bone cancer – at the age of six.

The condition required a surgical implant in the boy's leg and 32 weeks of chemotherapy.

Now, more than three years later, Dominick enjoys remission from the cancer.

His family, friends, and fellow parishioners celebrated his life at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9 at Mansion Park in Altoona.

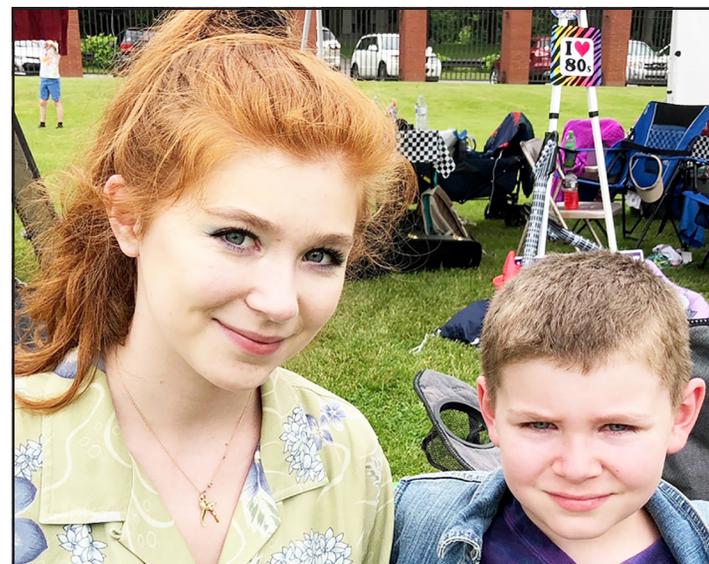
Sponsored in many communities throughout Central Pennsylvania and around the country, Relay is a team fundraising event during

which participants take turns walking around a track. Each team sets up a themed campsite near the track and showcases its theme as part of the opening ceremony.

Once again this year, family and friends sponsored a team in honor of Dominick, and a separate parish team – Team Lourdes – honored the memory of parishioners who lost their battle to cancer and celebrated those who have survived.

Notable this year was the leadership of the parish team. When the usual adult captains – both cancer survivors – announced that they would be unable to oversee the effort,

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Riley and Dominick DeVecchis

Diocesan Mission Is Vital To Fulton County

FORMING CLERGY AND LAITY

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Tucked away in the mountainous, rural region of Fulton County, our Catholic faith lives and breathes evangelization at St. Stephen's Church in McConnellsburg. It is the only Catholic Church in Fulton County and the home base for the outreach mission that was established in 1988.

Through the works of only two Sisters of the Carmelite Community of the Word—Sister Margie Monahan and Sister Martha Burbulla—the Catholic mission helps those in dire need with rent and utilities assistance, food and lodging, clothing, and special projects to benefit children and their families. More than 1,645 individuals and families have received aid since July 2017.

A story of Faith, Hope & Charity.

Two brothers and one pair of shoes.

"We often receive calls from schools for help with students who are in need of clothing, coats or shoes. This past December, a teacher called us about two brothers who shared shoes. One would wear a semi-good pair and the other wore a worse pair and they would trade off each day. It was very cold. With help from the Mission, both boys received new shoes and boots. The teacher said they were so happy to receive them. We hear of many children who have very little and not very good lives at home. God truly blesses them through us and us through them. They have taught us that acts of kindness can do so much," said Sr. Margie.

Your support today of the Fulton County Catholic Mission will help the Sisters continue their works of service. They are an instrument of God's love to all in need. By drawing the poor and fragile close, we are also provided the moments to encounter the God we seek.

Your gift can be mailed to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648;

placed in your parish offertory; or made online at www.dioceseaj.org

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO A LIFE OF SERVICE AS A DEACON?



All those interested in learning about the Formation, Ministry and Life of the Permanent Diaconate, are invited to join Deacon Michael Russo, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, at a special get together on Saturday, August 18th at the Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Married men are expected to attend with their wives. **Space is limited. Reservations are required.**

To make reservations contact:

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate

(814) 693-9870 or email: jnoonan@dioceseaj.org

www.dioceseaj.org/diaconate/



In The Alleghenies

SCHOOLS

Hollidaysburg: Second grade students from the Altoona and Hollidaysburg campuses of Holy Trinity Catholic School participated in May Crowning during an all-school Mass on Friday, May 18 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

Dressed in their First Holy Communion attire, the students presented flowers before a statue of the Blessed Mother and sang Marian songs. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak was the celebrant of the Liturgy with various priests from Altoona and Hollidaysburg concelebrating.

FUNDRAISER

Johnstown: The St. Vincent de Paul's Youth Conference at Divine Mercy Catholic Academy East took part in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on May 19 raising \$522.00 for the Saint Vincent DePaul (SVDP) Johnstown Soup Kitchen. Funds were presented to SVDP Executive Director Sonny Consiglio. In addition Bishop McCort Catholic High School students collected \$650.00 through a dress down day for the Walk.

ADDICTION RETREAT

Duncansville: Saint Jude Retreat Ministries will host a one-day, life-changing retreat for men and women facing challenges with addictions and emotional distress, personally or through association by family, spouse or friend.

The event will be held from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, July 12 at the Comfort Inn, 130 Patchway Road in Duncansville. Check-in is at 8:30 PM and you must be pre-registered by July 10 by calling George Matthews at (814) 207-7557 or by e-mail: stjude-retreat@yahoo.com.

There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be accepted to help defray the cost of lunch and beverages. The ministry is funded through donations only.

Saint Jude Retreat Ministries is a non-profit, charitable organization. It is a Catholic faith-based, God-centered ministry and spiritual organization, reaching out to those in despair. All religious communities are welcome.

The professional staff includes a former clinical supervisor and behavioral health therapist for UPMC in Pittsburgh and Saint Francis Medical Center, with over 40 years of experience.

Diocesan Deacons, Candidates, And Wives Attend Annual Diaconate Retreat

The Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and their wives gathered at the Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA for their annual retreat from June 3-7. The retreat master was Father Bernard Ezaki from the Diocese of Allentown. Father Ezaki's retreat theme was "Rediscovering the Beauty and the Power of the Rosary."

He discussed how the Rosary

is not just a series of repetitive prayers but a format that cultivates mental peace and the interior space for meditation on the moments in the life of Christ that encapsulate the mystery of the Incarnation, the person of Christ, and the beautiful relationship that has been built between our God and His creation.

In addition, he discussed how this devotion is very Christocentric

and nourishes our interior and spiritual life in a way that non-meditative prayer does not. He concluded his retreat presentation by introducing homily tips and ideas for the deacons. The retreat concluded with Music Director Joe Gaunt and some members of the Saint Benedict parish choir in Johnstown leading the deacons and their wives in a spirited Evening Prayer service.



PERMANENT DIACONATE RETREAT: The Permanent Deacons of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese and their wives attended their annual retreat held on June 3 to 7 at Antiochian Village in Bolivar. Pictured (left right) are First row--Anne Dalla Valle, Anne Gibson, Lori Nevling, Joan Cammarata. Deacon Scott Little, Janine Anna, and Carol Albarano. Second row--Deacon John Roth, Deacon Michael Russo, Casey Lang, Janis Komula, and Deacon Sam Albarano. Third row--Deacon Gene Neral, Deacon Kevin Nester, Deacon Ron Kolonich, Derek Lang, Mark Komula, Deacon Ted Janisko, Barbara Condor, Deacon Michael Condor, Carol Papinchak, Deacon Thomas Papinchak, and Deacon Joseph Dalla Valle. Fourth row--Jerry Nevling, Deacon David Lapinski, Deacon Philip Gibson, Deacon Thomas Boldin, Deacon Charles Ahearn, Shirley Boldin, Father Bernard Ezaki, Cindy Gibboney, Deacon Donald Gibboney, Deacon Gary Gill, and Deacon Thomas Beavers. Fifth row--Karen Janosik, Deacon Bruce Becker, Deacon James Janosik, Deacon Thomas McFee, Cathy McFee, and Deacon Samuel Cammarata.

Pope Says Hope Is A Fundamental Human Right

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The theory that well-being will automatically flow down to everyone from the riches of the few is "a lie," Pope Francis said.

The beatitudes show the way, he said, because they show that holiness doesn't concern just the soul, "but also the feet -- for going toward our brothers and sisters, and the hands -- for sharing with them."

May the beatitudes "teach us and our world to not be wary of or leave at the mercy of the ocean waves those who leave their land,

hungry for bread and justice; may they lead us to not live in excess, devoting ourselves to the advancement of everyone, kneeling with compassion before the weakest," he said June 15.

This approach, he said, comes "without the easy illusion that, from the lavish table of the few, well-being automatically 'rains down' for everyone," he said.

The pope's remarks came in an address to people taking part in a national congress of an Italian federation of expert artisans and craftsmen known in Italian as "maestri."

Pope Francis reaffirmed how important work and making a living are for each person, but he noted how so many are still exclud-

ed from today's "economic progress" and are, therefore, deprived of future prospects and hope.

"The first and most fundamental human right, for young peo-

ple most of all," is hope, he said, "the right to hope."

A community that does not concretely promote jobs and cares little for those who are excluded from employment opportunities "condemns itself to atrophy" and will see increasing inequalities, the pope said.

On the contrary, a society that is guided by a spirit of subsidiarity, that seeks to bring to fruition the potential of every man and woman "of every origin and age, will truly breathe with full lung power and be able to overcome even the biggest obstacles."

To do this, work and life must be lived "like a mission" and love for one's brothers and sisters "must burn inside us with 'spiritual fuel,' which, unlike fossil fuels, never runs out, but increases with use," he said.

Grief Book A Valuable Gift

The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has published **The Grief Book** to help people deal with the loss of someone special in their lives. The book is titled "Out of the Darkness...Into The Dawn: A Journey Through Grief."

The book assures the grieving that God is present in their lives; it explains the stages and phases of grieving process; helps those affected to adjust to the change in relationships; differentiates anger from guilt; explains the difference between real and unreal guilt; and offers practical suggestions for dealing with the holidays.

It can be purchased by contacting The Family Life Office, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, 5379 Portage Street, Lilly, PA 15938, or by calling the office at 814-886-5551, order online at familylife@dioceseaj.org or go the diocesan website www.dioceseaj.org.

The cost of the book is \$3.00 each for 1-49 copies; \$2.50 each for 50-99; and \$2.00 each for 100 plus.

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the fence to see what the potential is," Bishop Mark told the audience. "The most important value for me is, especially as I look out around this room and see the great wealth of persons, your expertise, your experience, and your love for the Church, and if we learn better ways that we can connect all of that, we're going to be far better off proactively – not just reactively."

In a moment of great candor with the crowd, the Bishop admitted that he spends about 70 percent of his time in a reactive mode.

"It's tiring, it drains the energy out of my soul, it limits me physically, and I don't want to live that way," he confessed. "We can do better because we know what to do, but we have to put it all together and that's why, with the help of these folks who have come, we can start looking at how we're going to shape our future."

One could argue that many pastors experience that same exhaustion in trying to balance the spiritual and temporal duties of their ministry. In fact, Lundholm-Eades noted that clergy spend about 40 percent of their time in meetings.

One resource the Leadership Roundtable offers is the Toolbox for Pastors. The week-long program covers essential management topics critical to the pastoral role such as Developing a Vision, Risk Management, Human Resources, Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils, and Internal Financial Controls.

Participants, according to Lundholm-Eades, often come away with the realization and relief that they are not alone and that they can rely on the expertise of others. This allows the pastors to focus on the mission of the Church.

"This is about the salvation of souls," he stressed. "It's not about profit or anything like that. It's about salvation of souls that we manage money for mission, we manage the human resources for mission, and our stewardship is for mission, and that connection is very important."

Bishop Mark shared with the group one example of how parishes and the diocese could benefit from the expertise of the laity.

Concerns, he explained, were raised about the condition of cemeteries leading up to Memorial Day last month. In one particular case, it was discovered that a parish



ENGAGED PARTICIPANTS: (Above): Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka, Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Johnstown and Bishop's Vicar for Religious, makes a point as Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Malachi Van Tassel, President of Saint Francis University, looks on. (Below): Marty Kooman (left) and Pat Labriola, members of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Altoona, write thoughts during the meeting.



contracted with an outside company for cemetery lawn care more than 20 years ago, but nothing was in writing, and there was no formal procedure in place to ensure that the work agreement was being fulfilled.

"Those are the kind of things that go on, so why can't we put our heads together, assemble a committee, and figure out the standards and best practices for cemeteries?," he asked.

Kim Smolik, Chief Executive Officer of the Leadership Roundtable, emphasized that this is the time for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to invite people to something to which they can add value.

"This is a trailblazing kind of meeting," she remarked. "We hope to bring the story of this meeting and what happens after to the rest of the Church and the country as an example of what can happen when your leader – Bishop Mark – brings

you together and invites you to bring your skills, your talents, your heart in a bigger way into the Church."

Smolik and others on the panel lauded Bishop Mark for hosting the meeting and clearly establishing his vision.

The Bishop, obviously, is eager for the synergy that greater lay involvement will bring and, ultimately, the benefits parishes and the diocese will enjoy.

"Do you want to get our act together?," he posed. "Do you want to be in on this because that's what this is all about, and that's the only reason, and I think it's a great reason for me to call you together. I owe that to you. I respect you that much that in order to get it right, I need your attention. I need to put this out before you, and I need to ask for your contribution so we can work through all of these different areas."

Vocation View



By
Father
Matthew Reese

Diocesan
Director Of
Vocations

Recently, I read an article about the status of priestly vocations in the Diocese of Wichita. In the past two years that Diocese ordained a staggering number of 20 priests! The numerical statistics of the Diocese of Wichita are comparable to our own Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. So, that begs the question: what do they have that we do not?

One thing that they have that we do not have here are numerous Perpetual Adoration Chapels. I have had the privilege of being the Pastor of a parish that does have one: St. Patrick's in Johnstown. Now that I am the Diocesan Vocation Director I can say with certainty that it bears fruit in inspiring young men to discern a possible calling to the priesthood. I have two young men with whom I am discussing the possibility of a priestly vocation. They prayed in that Adoration Chapel regularly. Silent prayer is very powerful in helping one to listen to the will of God.

Now the tough reality is figuring out how to provide these opportunities within our Diocese. Security of the Blessed Sacrament is of the utmost importance. Security and safety of the people who would frequent these Chapels, especially overnight, would need to be addressed. Yes, we can make a list of possible concerns that we should consider, but at some point we must trust in Divine Providence and not obsess about all the human errors that could occur.

One thing the article that I read stated very well is that the work of seeking vocations to the priesthood should not risk the possibility of becoming "gimmicky." Rather, we should stick with those practices that have proven to bring about spiritual growth and spiritual fruits, like Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – especially for the intention of increasing vocations to the priesthood within our Diocesan Church. Maybe we can follow Wichita's example and establish some Adoration Chapels throughout the Diocese specifically for the intention of praying for more Diocesan priestly vocations. It certainly can never hurt to pray more!

Father Matthew Reese is the Diocesan Director of Vocations. E-mail him at vocations@dioceseaj.org or call him at (814) 695-5579.

Prevention Resources For Underage Drinking

Summer is a great time for families and friends to get together in celebration, enjoying the great outdoors and many regional festivals. Summer can also put youth and young adults at risk of engaging and or experimenting in underage drinking. The following article provides information for parents and caregivers start talking to their children early about the dangers of alcohol. This following article is the copyrighted property of National Catholic Services, LLC (National Catholic), all rights reserved, and is republished here with National Catholic's permission. It originally appeared on the VIRTUS Online™ website for continuing education for adults at www.virtus.org.

Alcohol Abuse - The Statistics And The Risks For Children

The Following Article Is Provided By Virtus

Five girls, ranging in age from 13 to 15, gathered at a park where they drank a bottle of vodka.

One of the teens passed out, and the other girls called an adult for help. Paramedics arrived and transported three of the girls to the hospital. All the girls recovered. Law enforcement officers are investigating how the girls got the vodka. "Oakley teenagers treated for alcohol poisoning Saturday," East Bay News (Nov. 17, 2013).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in the United States" is alcohol. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) reports that "when anyone under the minimum

legal drinking age of 21 drinks alcohol," it is referred to as underage drinking.

Underage drinking is illegal, and it "is a widespread public health problem," in this country.

The NIAAA reports that approximately 5,000 individuals under age 21 die from "alcohol-related car crashes, homicides, suicides, alcohol poisoning, and other injuries such as falls, burns, and drowning."

In 2008 alone, over 190,000 people under the age 21 were treated in emergency rooms for alcohol-related injuries. The 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that "25 percent of youth aged 12 to 20 years drink alcohol and 16 percent reported binge drinking."

According to the 2011 Monitoring the Future Survey, 70 percent of high school seniors and 33 percent of eighth graders have experimented with alcohol.

Young people who abuse alcohol are more likely to have impaired judgment compared to those who do not. They are prone to making poor decisions, which can result in risky behavior such as driving while intoxicated, sexual activity, or violence. Young people who drink are also more likely to become victims or perpetrators of physical or sexual assault. In addition, recent research has shown the human brain continues to develop well into a person's twenties. Alcohol use at a very young age can significantly affect brain development.

To help prevent underage drinking, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) offers, 'A Family Guide To Underage Drinking

Prevention' (www.samhsa.gov/underage-drinking) it includes the following tips:

- Parents should partner with the parents of other children within their child's network to make sure parties and other social events do not involve underage drinking.

- Collaborate with other parents to create a culture in schools and your community that supports and rewards an adolescent's decision not to drink alcohol.

- Parents should serve as positive role models for adolescents by not drinking too much; not drinking and driving a car, boat, or when operating other machinery; and by consulting a professional if they have alcohol-related problems.

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The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has returned to using the Virtus® training platform and is now available as a link on the diocese website: www.dioceseaj.org under the Youth Protection section.

For inquires on youth protection and safe environment efforts within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown please contact Cindy O'Connor at (814) 695-5579, extension 2621 or via email at coconnor@dioceseaj.org.

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Support For Survivors

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

- * 24/7 Hotline Services
- * Crisis Intervention
- * Case Management
- * Individual Counseling
- * Legal Advocacy and Accompaniment
- * Medical Advocacy and Accompaniment
- * Prevention and Awareness Education Programs
- * Sexual Assault Response Team (emergency medical care, emotional support, and medical/ legal examination)
- * Professional Trainings
- * Information and Referrals to other community services

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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

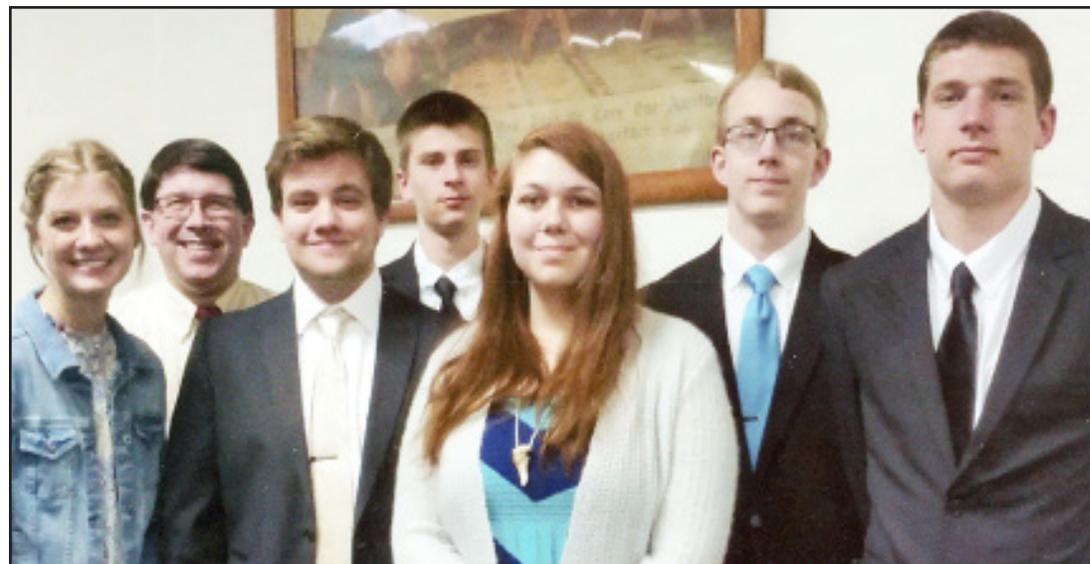
-- Pennsylvania State Police Headquarters (717) 783 - 5599 or your local Pennsylvania State Police Station

-- 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.



CONFIRMATION CLASS: Members of the Confirmation class at All Saints Parish in Boswell pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Kaylea Thomas, Hunter Smith, Kirsten Riek, and Michael Hanik. Pictured second row (left to right) are: Matt Marafino, Confirmation director; Carson Barron, and Isaac Yahner.



SAINT CLEMENT CHURCH: Members of the Johnstown Saint Clement Parish Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Devynn Kreiger, Emma Piro, and Alexandra Schiffhauer. Middle row--Madison Rozich, Ashley Gacka, Alexandra Gehlman, and Alex Sutt. Back row--Darius Hinton, Anthony DeLisa Christopher Hasse, and Matthew Boschele. Absent from the photo is Savannah Reitz.



PRINCE OF PEACE CONFIRMATION: Members of the Prince of Peace Parish Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Bethany Barnosky, Mackenzie Mays, Isaac Born, Tanner Pershing, Alexis Christoff, Grace Shaffer, and Christian Hoover, catechist. Back row--Deacon Gary Dill, John Saxon, Tyler Dumm, Zachary Malicky, Ben Vasil, Hannah Abel, Cameron Stivanelli, and Father Donal Dusza, pastor.



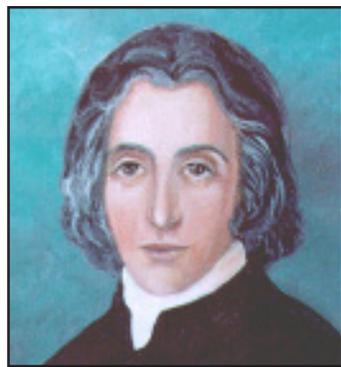
CONFIRMED: Four students, members of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish in Windber, have been Confirmed. Pictured (left to right) are: Chloe Csiko, Morgan Weaver, Kaitlynn Saucedo, and Mikaela Cominsky.



GRADUATES: The graduating seniors at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bedford were honored at a Mass. They pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Emily Kline, Father Richard Tomkosky, pastor; Teresa Custer, and Autumn Creighton. Back row--Caden Baker and Joseph Patterson, altar servers. Absent from the photo are Samantha Elliot and Sarah Ryan.



FIRST COMMUNION: Rylee Lane of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in Ashville, made her First Communion. Pictured with her are Donna Stoy, director of Religious Education; and Father Robert Reese, pastor.



A Prince In The Service Of The Great King

The Servant Of God Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin 1770 - 1840

Italian Sister Beatified

By Francis Niyguna
Catholic News Service

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS) -- An Italian Consolata sister murdered in Somalia in 2006 will be beatified in Piacenza, Italy, May 26. Sister Leonella Sgorbati and her bodyguard were gunned down as they left the children's hospital where she worked in Mogadishu.

fect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, will be the main celebrant at the beatification Mass in the Piacenza cathedral.

Sister Sgorbati's death in September 2006 came amid rising tensions in the Muslim world over a speech then-Pope Benedict XVI had given in Regensburg, Germany, quoting a Christian emperor's criticism of Islam.

However, most Muslim leaders in Somalia condemned the killing, emphasizing that Sister Sgorbati was dedicating her efforts to the So-



SISTER LEONELLA CONSOLATA

Prayer For Father Gallitzin's Intercession

O God, light of the faithful and shepherd of souls, who sent Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin to serve God's people in the Allegheny Mountains, feeding your sheep by his words and forming them by his example, pour out your Spirit to sow seeds of truth in people's hearts and to awaken in them obedience to the faith.

May the Gospel continue to be preached and the Sacraments bring power and grace to the faithful. By the example of this man of faith, Demetrius Gallitzin, may your people advance in the path of salvation and love.

Confident of your faithfulness to us, we humbly ask you, our God, to grant us the favor of (name your intention).

May Christ's saving work continue to the end of the ages, and may we feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature. We pray this, as did your priest Demetrius Gallitzin, through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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mali people. She was 65 at the time, had worked in Africa for 35 years and had been in Somalia since 2001.

Before her move to Somalia, where she aimed to set up a nurses' training school, Sister Sgorbati served as superior general of the Consolata Missionary Sisters in Kenya, 1993-1999.

She wanted to make a contribution to health services in Somalia, which had experienced chaos since 1991, when warlords overthrew President Mohamed Siad Barre. Somalia's conflict remains one of Africa's longest civil wars.

"I know there is a bullet with my name on it. I don't know when it will arrive, but as long as it does not arrive, I will stay (in Somalia)," Sister Sgorbati said in a March 2006 television interview in Italy.

According to the Consolata Missionary Sisters' website, her last words were: "I forgive, I forgive, I forgive ..."

Beatification is the step before canonization and follows the formal recognition of Sister Sgorbati's martyrdom by Pope Francis in November 2017.

Masciangelo Awarded Prince Gallitzin Cross



JOSEPH MASCIANGELO

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak presented the Prince Gallitzin Cross Award to Joseph Masciangelo, a member of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon after a noon Mass on Wednesday, June 6 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

Masciangelo was unable to attend the Prince Gallitzin Cross Awards Banquet on Saturday, June 2 and receive the award with the other 2018 honorees. Father Mark Reid, administrator of Most Holy Trinity, and a group of parishioners attended Mass and watched Bishop Mark present the Cross to Masciangelo.

He is extremely active with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. He is also chair of the of the

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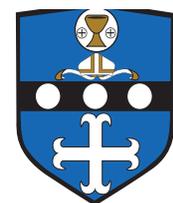
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Some are asking: "Where does my money go and does it make an impact?" All parishioners should be informed of the Diocese's mission, the intentions to use donated resources, and the capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.

The 2017 campaign message was *Answering God's Call to Love and Serve our Neighbors*. The current is *Making Christ a Home in Your Heart*. **Both are asking you to do something—to act.**

In Bishop Mark's words: "Action is a necessary part of our relationship with Christ and resources are needed for this to happen.

Making a sacrificial gift requires faith in God and trust in His word to accomplish great things."

"In our Diocese, we are accomplishing great things. I see it at the Baptism of an infant, the First Holy Communion of a child, the Confirmation of a teenager. I hear about it from newlyweds and from young married couples with children of their own. They all tell me how they need our help in being formed in the Catholic faith so that it can be shared with others."

If you have already supported the Catholic Ministries Drive—**THANK YOU** for your generosity! If you have not, please consider a gift today.

Sincerely,

Pam Seasoltz
Director of Stewardship and Development

Where does my money go and does it make an impact?

FINANCIAL FACTS ABOUT THE 2017 CMD CAMPAIGN AND ALLOCATIONS

- + In 2017, the total cost to operate our ministries was **\$2,906,355**.
- + The 2017 CMD target was **\$2,341,744**.
- + Donations were **\$2,095,769** (A shortfall of **\$245,975**).
- + 27 parishes reached their goal and received refunds of **\$319,929**.
- + **THE BOTTOM LINE: \$1,775,840** was allocated to the ministries in 2017. This is **\$1,130,515** less than what it cost to operate them.
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Mandeville Diocese, Jamaica

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Evangelization
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14 Ministries Need Your Support

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In 1795, prince, priest, and missionary, Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin came to the Allegheny Mountains to answer a sick call and stayed for 45 years 'evangelizing' to settlers.

Evangelization still remains the Diocese's mission 223 years later. Today, all 87 parishes tend to active and non-active Catholics with evangelization teams, small prayer groups, and outreach ministries.

This fall, as we experience ARISE Together In Christ, a parish-centered journey to foster one's personal spiritual growth with Jesus, Father Gallitzin's seeds of evangelization continue to grow and prosper in our Diocese.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Your support creates hope for faithful leaders

Catholic Campus Ministry marks the crossroad of church and higher education. Promoting and sustaining the well-being of the whole Catholic person with academics is happening at Penn State Altoona, Penn State University Park, Juniata College, Lock Haven University, and Pitt at Johnstown. Each year, thousands of students learn that their Catholic faith is a living classroom.

Campus Ministry offers students involvement in daily mass, music ministry, worship and volunteer service groups, and special projects like tending to the poor at home and abroad. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is especially important as they are seeking and accepting spirituality while experiencing significant life changes (vocations, lifestyle, and relationships).

Campus Ministry is an extra credit class to keep students active in their faith. It is also a lifelong scholarship that will go with them wherever their degree and the Lord takes them.



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"To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests. But carrying the burdens of the weakest and the poorest among us," says Pope Francis. "It is in the poor and outcast that we see the face of Christ."

OUR DIOCESE BY THE NUMBERS 2016-2017

SERVING 8 COUNTIES

Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Fulton, Huntingdon, Somerset

Diocese Population
652,258

Catholic Population
100,000

Registered Households
34,207

87 Parishes
58 Active Diocesan Priests
53 Religious Priests
38 Active Deacons
43 Retired Priests

1,521 Diocesan Employees
4,009 Volunteers
568 Structures

5,002 Elementary Students
(14 SCHOOLS)
2,176 High School Students
(4 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS)
6,709 Religious Education Students

850 Baptisms
992 Eucharist
961 Confirmation
401 Matrimony
1,401 Funerals
2 Holy Orders

Mount Aloysius Names O'Leary First-Ever Lacrosse Coach

Mount Aloysius College Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Jane Grassadonia has announced that Danielle O'Leary has been named the Head Coach of the College's first-ever Mount Aloysius Women's Lacrosse program.

O'Leary joins Mount Aloysius from Hollins University, Roanoke Va. where she was the head lacrosse coach for the past six years. O'Leary ran all facets of the Lacrosse program at Hollins including recruiting, scouting and game management. O'Leary's holistic approach to collegiate-level coaching fits in well with the Mount Aloysius coaching philosophy; her lacrosse teams performed well both on the field and in the class room. Twice O'Leary's teams were named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association Honor Squad for having a complete team GPA over 3.0.

While at Hollins, O'Leary also served as the Senior Woman Administrator; a role that she will



DANIELLE O'LEARY

continue at Mount Aloysius.

A 2010 graduate of New England College, O'Leary was a two sport performer for the Pilgrims. She was a defensive standout for their women's lacrosse team, starting in 61 of her team's 66 games during her four-year career. Along with her lacrosse career, O'Leary also was a four-year member and regular contributor of the Women's Hockey team at NEC. As a senior, O'Leary was recognized for her contributions on the athletic field and in the classroom. She was team captain for lacrosse and was named the 2010 New England College Female Student Athlete of the Year.

Looking forward to serving as the Inaugural Coach of the Mount Aloysius Women's Lacrosse Team, O'Leary said, "I want to thank Dr. Jane Grassadonia and Director of Athletics, Ryan Smith for this opportunity. I am excited to be a member of the Mount Aloysius College community and want to start contributing to the mission and goals of the Athletics Department and College. Starting a lacrosse program in its inaugural year has been

Mount Aloysius College was recently named one of 100 Best Value College's in the US. They are also a College of Distinction, a Pennsylvania College of Distinction and three separate academic areas of Mount Aloysius—Business, Education and Nursing—have also earned College of Distinction status.

For more information about Mount Aloysius College contact the Admissions Office at admissions@mtaloy.edu or call them at 886-886-6383.



BISHOP HONORS JUBILIARIANS: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak and his Vicar for Religious, Conventual Franciscan Father Anthony Francis Spilka, hosted their annual social and dinner for men and women religious celebrating jubilee anniversaries on Wednesday, June 6 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Pictured (left to right): Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Terence Henry, 50th anniversary of Religious Profession; Bishop Mark; Father Spilka; and Third Order Regular Franciscan Brother Damien Koehler, 50th anniversary of Religious Profession. Other religious marking jubilees this year include Benedictine Father Ananias Buccicone, Pastor of Queen of Peace Parish in Patton, 25th anniversary of Ordination; Third Order Regular Franciscan Father David Kraeger, 50th anniversary of Ordination; Third Order Regular Franciscan Brother Shamus McGrenra, 50th anniversary of Religious Profession; Benedictine Father Thaddeus Rettger, Pastor of Saint Bernard Parish in Hastings, 50th anniversary of Religious Profession; and Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Ivan Lebar, 60th anniversary of Religious Profession.



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CONFIRMATION: Members of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Windber, Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: Steven Buckovich, Michael Buckovich, Katelyn Kaiser, Chyenne Papinchak, Marideth Tokarsky, and Connor Page.

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FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Members of the Johnstown Saint Clement Parish First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: Front row-- Ryann Miller, Brynne Weslager, Anna Cannizzaro, Sarah Swank, Karlie Stifler, Hannah Pfeil Back row--Mandy Vigna, director of Religious Education; Paxton Novack, Aiden Felosky, Dominic Facciani, Nathan Riek, Mary Koval, Catechist, Father William E. Rosenbaum, pastor



SAINT KATERI COMMUNICANTS: Members of the Penns Valley Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: Kyus Kilmer, Henry Beherec, Father George I. Jakopac, pastor; Kylie Wert, and Ben Spielman.



TYRONE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Members of the Saint Matthew Parish First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Shannon Maceno, teacher; Isaac Weber, Gavin Brasher, Jackson Beckwith, Genevieve Naylor, Lola Woomer, Parker Wilson, Brendan McNelis, Quinton Hoover, Krista Franks, teacher. Second row--Father Jozef Kovacik, pastor; Tyler Mock, Elias Hunter, Gavin Tuskovich, Connor Zupon, Zachary Silva, Keegan Hewitt, Emanuel Luebbert, Owen Hoover, and Gia Patton, director of religious education.



ASHVILLE CONFIRMATION: Members of the Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Asheville, Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Rob Pettenati, teacher; Christopher Wyland, Austin Nadolsky, and Donna Stoy, director of Religious Education. Back row--Matthew Kenner, Father Robert Reese, pastor; and Ryanna Hockenas.



CARROLLTOWN CONFIRMATION CLASS: Members of the Saint Benedict Parish Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: First row---- Kaylee Schall, Anya Lallemand, Brianna Johnson, Abby Kehn, Morgan Chappell, Abigail Farabaugh, Jamie Erter, Olivia Conrad, Chasity Marana, and Zoe Panaro. Second row- Jared Gwizdak, Eric Gobris, David Wallen, Brett Eckenrode, Eric Farabaugh, Michael Carretti, Juliana Snedden, and Megan McGowan. Third row- Robert McGowan, teacher; Daniel Plouse, Nathan Phillips, Bryce Lauer, Nathan Lamb, Liam Wholaver, Zachary Farabaugh, Zachary Venesky.

Word of Life



The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

Peace Is A Gift Easily Destroyed By Gossip

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Peace is a gift that can easily be destroyed through petty gossip and speaking ill of others, Pope Francis said.

People who receive and give the sign of peace "should be men and women of peace" and not ruin "the peace made by the Holy Spirit with your tongue," the pope said June 6 during his weekly general audience.

"Gossip is not a work of the Holy Spirit, it is not a work of the unity of the church. Gossip destroys the work of God. Please stop gossiping," the pope said.

Continuing his series of audience talks on confirmation, Pope Francis spoke about the gift of the Holy Spirit that Christians receive in the sacrament.

When a person is anointed with oil, that gift "enters us and bears fruit so that we can then give it to others," the pope explained.

The gift is not meant to be tucked away and stored "as if the soul was a warehouse."

While it usually is the bishop, who is a successor of the apostles and guarantor of the unity of the church, that confers the sacrament of confirmation upon person, his role does not exclude the bishop from the Christian duty of charity and love.

"Some may think that in the church there are masters -- the pope, the bishops, the priests -- and then the workers who are something else," he said. "No, the church is everyone. And we all have the responsibility of sanctifying one another, of caring for others. The church is 'us.' Everyone has their job in the church, but we are all the church."

During the sacrament of confirmation, he continued, the bishop tells the candidate, "Peace be with you," which is "a gesture that expresses the ecclesial communion with the bishop and with all the faithful."

However, that gift can be lost if Christians start saying mean things about each other once they leave Mass.

"Gossip is war," the pope said. "Poor Holy Spirit! (Imagine) the work he has with us with our habit of gossiping!"

Pope Francis urged the faithful to preach the Gospel with deeds and words "that edify and not with words of gossip that destroy."

Like the parable of the talents, he added, the Holy Spirit's gift is a seed that bears fruit when it is shared with others and not "when it is buried because of selfish fears."

"When we have the seed in hand, it isn't meant to be stored in a closet, it is meant to be sown. All life must be sown so that it bears fruit and multiply. We must give the gift of the Spirit back to the community," the pope said.



ONE MORE TIME: Volunteers at the Saint Vincent DePaul Society Family Kitchen serve a hot lunch to one of the agency's guests. The photo was taken in 2002 as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approached. People in the Altoona and Johnstown areas continue to benefit from the kitchens.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Members of the Saint Andrew Parish, Johnstown, First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Franklin Cooper, Anessa Rapp, Rylee Kohan, Katie Kibler, Emma Cypher, and Forrest Roberts. Second row--Arleen Seeholtz, teacher; Father Angelo Patti, pastor; and Maureen Clark, director of Religious Education.



SACRED HEART PARISH CONFIRMATION CLASS: Members of the Sacred Heart Parish, Altoona, Confirmation class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Madeline Koehle, Brittney Brennan, and Regan Baker. Back row: Owen Kravetz, Cody Becker, Seth Bender, Mitchell Barton, Evan Barret, Bridgid Fox, Ben Ardizzone, and Jacob Zang.



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Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle

Readings At Funeral Mass, Sunday Shopping

Q. Are there restrictions as to which scriptural readings may be used at a Catholic funeral Mass? My dad has told me that he wants Matthew 25:31-40 to be read when he dies. He has always liked that reading and has lived his life accordingly. Is there any reason this passage could not be used at his funeral? (Northampton, Pennsylvania)

A. The Order of Christian Funerals is the ritual book approved for Catholic funerals in the United States. In it is offered a selection of 45 different scriptural passages for the first and second readings of the Mass and for the Gospel.

In most parishes, it is customary for the pastor or a member of the parish staff to meet with the family of the deceased to decide which of the readings will be selected for the

funeral Mass. Often, the family also has input as to what musical pieces will be played and sung. Many parishes publish a booklet containing some of the more popular scriptural passages, so that the family can read and reflect before making their selections.

The passage that your father favors -- in which Jesus welcomes into heaven those who have been kind to the needy, saying, "I was hungry and you gave me food" -- is, in fact, one of the suggested readings.

Other scriptural passages that are frequently chosen include: Wisdom 3:1-9 ("The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God"); Romans 6:3-9 ("Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life"); Romans 8:31b

-35, 37-39 ("If God is for us, who can be against us?"); and the Gospel of John 14:1-6 ("In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places").

I have often found that, in planning a funeral, sensitive attention to the desires of the family can go a long way to comfort people in their time of sorrow.

Q. I am a sports professional and have various opportunities for endorsement deals. Can you tell me whether it's all right to be sponsored by a brand whose stores are open on Sundays? (I know that Sunday shopping is a grave sin.) (Naples, Florida)

A. First, I admire the question. It shows a special sensitivity to the importance of spiritual values. The morality of Sunday shopping depends, in my mind, on what you are shopping for. I can see how you might need a carton of orange juice, a newspaper or a bottle of Advil on a Sunday; but skis or a new tennis racquet don't seem to present the same urgency, and they could well wait until Monday.

A sporting goods store (which I presume is what you're talking about), by staying open on Sunday, could be forcing its employees to forfeit a day of worship, family time and suitable relaxation. I would be hesitant, though, to say that Sunday shopping is necessarily a grave sin. If you were to skip Mass in order to shop, that might indeed be a grave sin -- and I would question those who spend several hours every Sunday doing the family shopping for the week when a different day could work just as well.

In your own situation, the ideal would be to tell the company trying to recruit you that you find their policy of Sunday openings objectionable; coming from a professional athlete, that might have an impact. Alternatively, I suppose, you could take the job and work from the inside to change the company's business practice -- but I see that as being unlikely.

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



CARROLL STUDENTS EARN CREDITS: Shields School of Business professor Dr. Tricia McFadden poses with participating Ebsensburg Bishop Carroll High Catholic High School students at Business Day 2018. Pictured (left to right) are: Drew Cruscicel, Nick Moschgat, Jared Delauter, E.J. Murcieak, and Nathan Butterbaugh.

High School Students Earn Credits

The SFU Professor in Residency Program is giving students at local Catholic high schools an opportunity to receive college credits, without leaving their classroom. The cooperative educational endeavor enables the Shields School of Business to provide valuable business education outreach to regional Catholic high schools such as Bishop Carroll, Bishop McCort, and Bishop Guilfoyle.

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course," said Dr. Randy Frye, Dean of the Shields School of Business. "The active learning course covers a variety of hot business topics such as entrepreneurship, investments, and careers in business. We love the opportunity to work with our valuable partner Catholic high schools in such a collaborative arrangement."

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FEAST June 8



A bitter dispute followed the 1140 election of William Fitzherbert as archbishop of York, England. Local Cistercian monks and others challenged the election, accusing William of simony and incontinence. He was finally consecrated in 1143, but later suspended by the pope. After he was deposed in 1147, he led an exemplary life for six years in Winchester. Once his chief opponents died, another pope reinstated him in York in 1154, but he died within a few months, perhaps of poisoning. William was well liked by the people, and conciliatory toward his enemies.

Now Showing

Clever Humor Keeps 'Ocean's 8' On Pace



Clever humor keeps this elaborate crime caper on pace as a recently released ex-con (Sandra Bullock) and her longtime partner (Cate Blanchett) bring together an eccentric fashion designer (Helena Bonham Carter), a jeweler (Mindy Kaling), a con artist (Awkwafina), an experienced fence (Sarah Paulson) and a computer hacker (Rihanna) to pull off a heist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's annual gala. Their target is a unique diamond necklace they must manage to convince Cartier's to loan to a movie star (Anne Hathaway) for the event. Grown viewers willing to treat larceny as nonchalantly as do director and co-writer Gary Ross and his script collaborator Olivia Milch will also get an eyeful of glamor. Less easily sloughed off than the principal theft is a subplot involving the revenge-driven frame-up of the selfish art dealer (Richard Armitage) whose cowardice sent Bullock's character to the slammer in the first place. A vengeance theme, a bedroom scene involving handcuffs, brief nonmarital sensuality, drug use, a couple of profanities, at least one rough and several crude terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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(Continued From Page 1.)

the youth and young adults of the parish stepped up to the plate.

Co-captains Allison Gressler, and Kayley Burke knew each other from various Our Lady of Lourdes gatherings and from past Relays. Gressler is a recent college graduate, and Burke is a recent high school graduate.

"Everyone has been very supportive of the whole entire thing," Burke commented. "As young adults, it's something new to take on this and organize a team."

She noted all of the help offered by parishioners, including the donation of food and water.

"It feels pretty good just knowing how many people in our parish have fought and overcome cancer and even the ones who have lost their battle, it's just very important for us to keep the fight on in their honor," remarked Gressler. "This can be an overwhelming task and being involved in something so big in a parish or anywhere in life can be such a task, but I feel you just step up and you're guaranteed such a backbone of support that it ends up being so worth it in the end."

For Burke, the cause is especially personal. A classmate passed away from cancer, and her cousin is currently fighting the disease.

"Just being able to be here to support and try to make a difference, it's just really nice to be able to do this," she added.

As always, next to the Team Lourdes campsite was the Team Dominick tent. It is a sign of the unity this parish family shares in supporting each other during the most challenging times.

"We're very close to the people in our parish," stated Riley DeVecchis, Dominick's older sister. "Every time we have the Relay for Life tent, Our Lady of Lourdes is always right beside us."

Riley credited faith and the support of others in helping Dominick and the entire DeVecchis family during the boy's ordeal. She recalled parishioners flooding him with cards of encouragement during his chemotherapy treatments.

"Our parish and the whole community really pulled together and supported us in whatever it was that we needed," recalled Riley. "That's why things like Relay for Life are so

awesome because it kind of gives us a time when we can thank those people and we can share in (Dominick's) recovery with them."



NEW LEADERSHIP: Youth and young adults of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Altoona took over leadership of the parish Relay for Life team this year. Pictured in front of the Team Lourdes tent are co-captains Allison Gressler (left) and Kayley Burke.



RELAY FOR LIFE: Parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Altoona walk the track of Mansion Park in Altoona on Friday, June 8 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Coming Up On Proclaim!

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

July 1 — Bill Hiergeist, Executive Director of the Independent Catholic Foundation, and Dan Turcovsky of the Knights of Columbus discuss the two organizations' expanded efforts to support seminarians.

July 8 — Dolores Spinos, a member of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Windber and 2018 Catholic Charities honoree, explains her commitment to serving others.

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SISTER M. HELEN HEMMER, IHM

Sister Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary M. Helen Hemmer died on Friday, May 18, 2018 at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton.

She was born October 6, 1927 in Syracuse, NY, and given the name Elizabeth. She was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Helen O'Connor Hemmer. She entered the IHM Congregation on September 8, 1946 and made her temporary profession of vows on May 8, 1949 and her final profession of vows on August 2, 1952.

Sister Helen was a teacher in a number of schools over her career and served as principal of Holidaysbug Catholic School from 1978 to 1980. She also served as principal at Saint Matthew Elementary School in Wilmington, DE, from 1966 to 1970.

She also served as a staff member in the Diocesan Office for Religious Education in Scranton, from 1970 to 1973; IHM religious education consultant from 1974 to 1978; certified nursing assistant at Marian Convent in Scranton from 1982 to 1984; assistant to the curator of the art gallery at Marywood College in Scranton from 1984 to 1986; coordinator of religious education for the Archdiocese of Baltimore from 1986 to 1989; and consultant for spiritual formation from 2008 to 2009.

Sister Helen was a consultant for William H. Sadlier, Inc.



SISTER MARY LAMBERT ROSSI, IHM

Sister Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mary Lambert Rossi, a member of the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary died on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton. She was born on March 4, 1930, in Pittsburgh, PA, and given the name Erma. She was the daughter of the late John P. and Mary Tavaletta Rossi.

She entered the IHM Congregation on September 8, 1951 and made her temporary profession of vows on August 2, 1954 and her final profession of vows on August 2, 1957.

Sister Mary Lambert served as a teacher at the following schools: Epiphany Elementary School in Sayre, PA, from 1954 to 1960; Holy Name of Jesus Elementary School in Forty-Fort, PA, from 1960 to 1967; St. Clare Elementary School in Scranton, PA, from 1967 to 1968; and St. Aloysius Elementary School in Cresson, PA, from 1968 to 1978.

St. Paul Elementary School in Cranston, RI, from 1978 to 1979; St. John the Baptist Elementary School in Pittsburgh, PA, from 1979 to 1986; St. Mary of the Mt. Elementary School in Pittsburgh, PA, from 1986 to 1988; and St. Rita Elementary School in Baltimore, MD, from 1988 to 2006.

She also served as an associate chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, MD, from 2006 to 2007; and as a volunteer at Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke Elementary School in Baltimore, MD, from 2006 to 2017.

In 2013, Sister Mary Lambert was recognized by the Dundalk Council #2942 of the Knights of Columbus, as an outstanding Catechist for her many years of service to the people of God.

From 2017 until the time of her death, Sister Mary Lambert 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 elementary education from Marywood College.

She is preceded in death by a brother, Frank. She is survived by a two sisters, Joan Lantz, and Mary Ann Petkunas both of Pittsburgh, PA; nieces and nephews; and grandnieces and grandnephews. She is also survived by the members of the

IHM Congregation.

Memorial contributions may be made to support the retired IHM Sisters c/o the IHM Sisters Retirement Fund, IHM Center, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA

Carmelite Nuns Plan July Novena

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns of the Loretto invite the public to participate in a novena for the special Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to be held July 8 to 16th at the monastery.

After Vespers during these days, the nuns will recite special Novena prayers for all petitions that have been recommended to them, asking for the powerful intercession with Our Lord of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and her daughter Saint Therese of the Child Jesus of the Holy Face.

Those who desire to share in the graces and blessings of these spiritual exercises and in the private prayers of the Carmelite Nuns may send their petitions to Mother Prioress, Carmelite Monastery, P. O. Box

57, Loretto, PA, 15940.

At 4:00 PM each Sunday Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held followed by the veneration of the relic of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus of the Holy Face.

Loretto Carmel had its beginnings when four daughters of St. Teresa, three Americans and an Englishwoman, left the Carmel of Hoogstraet in Belgium to become the first women religious in the United States. It was in 1926 that our two Mother Foundresses, Mother Marie Joseph of the Divine Heart and Sister Marie Genevieve of the Holy Face, came to the U.S. at the invitation of Bishop John Joseph McCort.

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Community Spirit Blossoms At Monastery Gardens

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Those who garden say it feeds their soul.

Thankfully, the fruits of their labor can also feed the less fortunate.

Such is the case at the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Monastery Community Gardens.

Tucked alongside Saint Bernardine Monastery in Hollidaysburg, the gardens are once again a happening place this summer.

Volunteers are busy weeding, watering, and watching tomatoes, peppers, and other vegetables grow.

The entire harvest is donated to food pantries and soup kitchens in Bedford, Blair, and Cambria Counties.

“That’s what I hold deeply in my heart – that this is all going to the needy of our area,” stated volunteer Dotty Caminiti, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Altoona. “And good, healthy vegetables – we do not put any chemicals in here, so they are organic vegetables that we donate.”

Caminiti was among the dozen or so volunteers on hand for the annual garden blessing on Saturday, June 9 by Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Eugene Kubina, also a gardener at the site.

This year’s festivities were especially significant because not only did Father Kubina bless the land, but also a new sign, which was an Eagle Scout project, and a new high tunnel donated in memory of Lisa Belsey Pufka. The tunnel currently shelters rows of tomato plants.

Another high tunnel houses cabbage and onions, which were planted in early April and are already

being picked and distributed.

The vision of using the community gardens to feed others was inspired by Jim Yeager, a member of Saint Michael Parish in Hollidaysburg. Several years ago, Yeager used his plot to grow vegetables to donate to the less fortunate.

“Our purpose here is to grow, baby, grow,” Yeager told the group after the blessing. “And we’re going to grow, baby, grow, and feed this community and any other community that needs help from us.”

The location also offers individuals and families the opportunity to plant for their own consumption.

Members of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Altoona, Dan Langenbacher, Jr., and his wife, Amy, are the parents of 11 children. Tending to their plots is a true family affair.

“We all spend our time over here at some point either weeding, picking rocks, helping plant,” Dan Langenbacher noted. “It’s definitely a family project. Everybody gets involved.”

The Langenbachers, five year veterans of gardening at the site, keep some of their harvest and donate some.

“Knowing that somebody isn’t able to eat, that you’re able to provide something for them, it gives you a good feeling,” admitted Amy Langenbacher.

Vegetable plants are not the only things growing.

The site also has a flower garden planted by volunteers from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hollidaysburg.

“(The flower garden) serves as a pollinator for the vegetables, so it attracts all the different insects that then go and help the vegetables grow,” explained volunteer Jane Sheffield.

The posies also cheer up the homebound or those in the hospital,



BOUNTIFUL HARVEST: Cabbage and onions planted this spring inside a high tunnel at the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Monastery Community Gardens are being picked and distributed to area food pantries and soup kitchens. The gardens feature many other organic vegetables that benefit the less fortunate.

she added.

“It’s just a pleasure to be here,” Sheffield said. “It’s sometimes extremely hot, but most of the time there’s a nice breeze. It’s a wonderful community project, and we’re thrilled to be part of it.”

Caminiti said volunteers are always welcome during the main work hours of Monday and Wednesday evenings (5:00 p.m. until sundown) and Saturday mornings (8:00 a.m. until Noon).

Drivers are also needed to deliver vegetables to the food pantries and soup kitchens.

Those interested in offering their time and talent are invited to contact Caminiti at (814) 330-0866.

“We will teach you if you don’t know anything about gardening,” Yeager said. “We will mentor you. Once you leave, you’ll have a better understanding of why we do this.”



GARDENER: Dan Langenbacher, Jr., tends to his garden at the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Monastery Community Gardens. The Langenbacher and his family grow vegetables for themselves and to donate.

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