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Large Crowd Attends Marriage Mass

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“No marriage could be without face-to-face human interaction,” said Bishop Mark L. Bartchak to those gathered at the Annual Outdoor Mass Celebrating Married Couples.

The Mass, coordinated by The Family Life Office, is celebrated each year at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto, located next to the Ba-

silica of Saint Michael The Archangel. A very large crowd of nearly 800 people surrounded the altar at the shrine for the Sunday, July 15 Liturgy.

As the Bishop continued his homily he told a story about Uncle Joe, who was 80 years old and getting married. His nephew asked him if it was because of his girlfriend’s youth, her wealth or her cooking. Uncle Joe replied to his nephew, “It’s because she can drive at night,” he said.

The crowd had a good laugh, but the Bishop told the story to re-

mind that marriage is not about wealth or other temporal things. “It is about appreciating the entire human person,” said Bishop Mark.

We must see that every single person is made in the image and likeness of God. “God is made manifest in the love of a husband and wife. We must appreciate the whole human being to understand how awesome God’s love is,” he said.

James and Nikki Itle of Portage have been married a year. “You often hear the first year of marriage is the hardest,” said the young couple.

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REPEAT VOWS: Bud and Bev Noel renew their commitment to each other at the Outdoor Mass for Married Couples.

ARISE Program Is A Pastoral Approach To Moving Forward

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Bishop Mark L. Bartchak remembers how he and his brothers learned to swim as children.

While in a boat on the lake with their father and grandfather, their grandfather simply picked up the boys and tossed them in the water.

It sounds scary, but by the time the youngsters poked their heads above water and looked around, their father and grandfather were in the lake with them to guide them.

The Bishop’s experience of learning to swim is not that different from what some might experience with the diocese’s upcoming

renewal initiative ARISE Together in Christ.

“Some people are not good at swimming or they haven’t learned how to swim yet, so part of this is jumping in and getting ourselves wet,” offered the Bishop.

Unlike his swimming lessons, Bishop Mark reminded, ARISE is an invitation.

“It’s not to coerce or to force anyone into those experiences,” he added.

The first season of ARISE Together in Christ small group sharing sessions will begin in October, but the effort is already yielding great news.

RENEW International, which offers the ARISE program throughout the country, has informed Bishop Mark that, per capita, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has the highest

participation rate of any other diocese in the nation.

At last check, at least 85 percent

of parishes in Altoona-Johnstown are on board. The program is also being used in Catholic schools, Religious

Education programs, college campus ministry, prison ministry, and in personal care homes.

After a flurry of orientation and training sessions this past winter and spring, the ARISE diocesan team is using these summer months to further prepare for the fall launch.

During a recent meeting, Bishop Mark offered the group a vision for the future.

The Bishop recalled the message of Pope Francis shortly after his election. The Holy Father used the Italian word, “Avanti,” which means “go forward.”

Stated the Pope: “When we stop moving, things go wrong.”

A pastoral approach to moving forward, noted Bishop Mark, is Ac-



ARISE LEADERS FROM RESURRECTION PARISH

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To make reservations contact:

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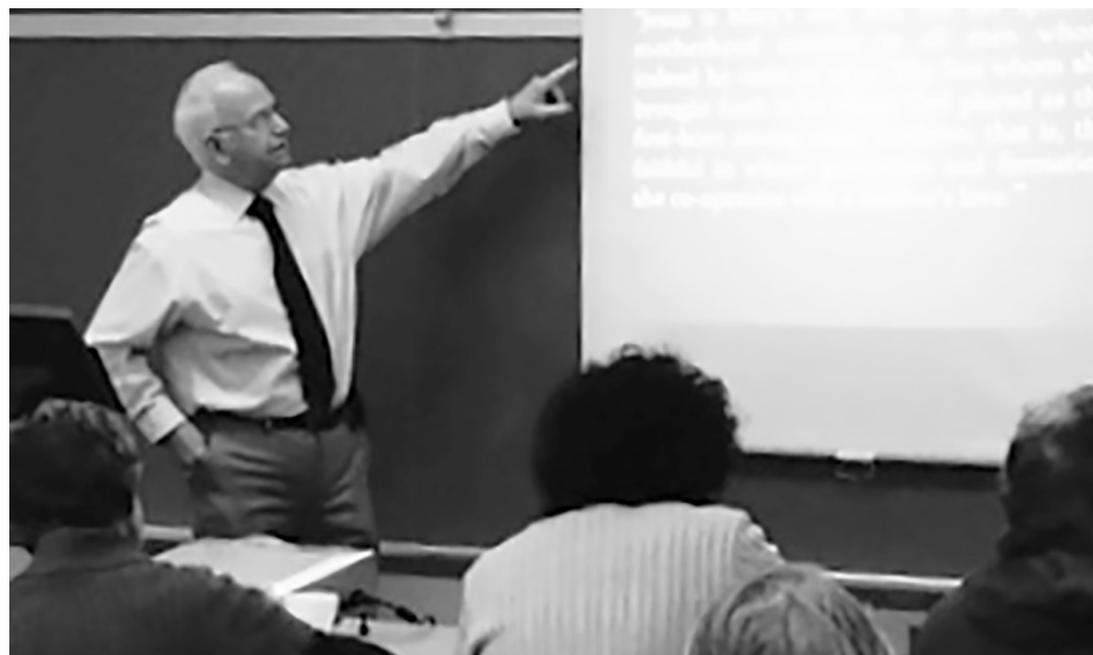
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At 55, Elizabeth admitted she went hesitantly but added that the class was comfortable and filled with the young and the old. She enjoyed it so much she continued to take classes on the *Old Testament* and attended one called *Heart of Faith* that focused on the Creed, the Sacraments, and Christian Life and Prayer.

Now, years later, she says she's hungry again and plans on re-doing the *New Testament* class, citing that every class and instructor is different.

"You're never too old to learn," she adds. "When the Holy Spirit keeps knocking on your heart to learn, you've got to open it."

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In The Alleghenies

Ladies Retreat

Ebensburg: The Sisters of Saint Ann will offer their Annual Ladies Retreat on August 10, 11, and 12 at the Mount Saint Ann Retreat Center, 1120 N. Center Street in Ebensburg.

The spiritual director is Benedictine Father Leon Hont, pastor of Saint John the Baptist Church in Summerhill; and Immaculate Conception Church in New Germany.

The retreat is open to commuters. To reserve a place please call the Sisters of Saint Ann at (814) 472-9354 or e-mail: sistersann35@gmail.com.

Healing Mass

Geistown: A Mass and healing service will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, July 26 at Saint Benedict Church. The celebrant will be Franciscan Father Bob Hilz of Loretto. It is for all in need of healing and those who assist them. *"If only I can touch His cloak, I shall be cured."* Matthew 9:21.

Anniversary Masses

Johnstown-Altoona: The Annual Wedding Anniversary Litur-

gies celebrating years of marriage will be held at 2 PM on Sunday, September 9 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona and at 2 PM on Sunday, September 16 at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

Couples celebrating 1, 5, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ years of marriage in 2018 are invited to attend. Couples must be in good standing and be certified by their parish priest.

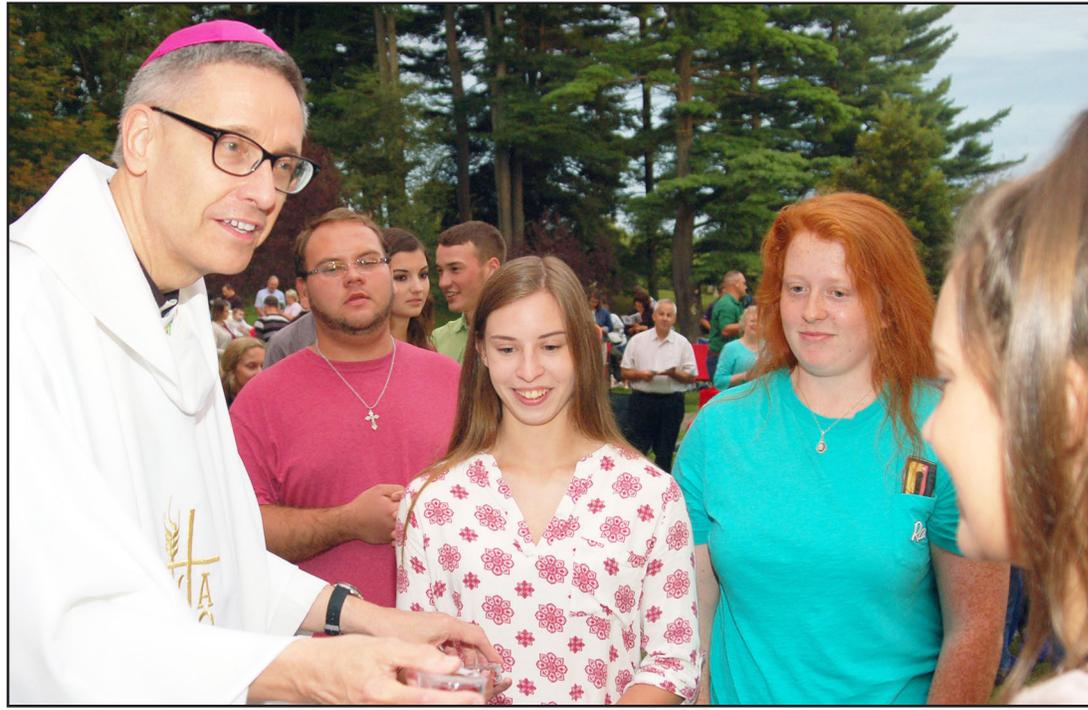
Both locations are handicap accessible. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the celebrant and homilist at each Liturgy.

Refreshments/snacks will be offered after each Mass for the wedding couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through the local parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 21.



NEWLY PROFESSED FRIARS: Franciscan Brothers Kolbe Spencer (left), and Augustine Joseph Murphy (right), professed temporary vows for three years to the Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Loretto. Also pictured is Franciscan Father Richard L. Davis, minister provincial. The rite was held at the Franciscan Friary-Assissi Chapel. Brother Spencer is the son of Robert and Eileen Spencer of Stebuenville, Ohio; and Brother Murphy is the son of David and Deniece Murphy of Modesto, CA.



Bishop To Celebrate Annual Mass For College Students

There is still plenty of summer left, but for young men and women heading off to college next month, it is time to start thinking about the upcoming academic year.

In that spirit, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will once again celebrate an outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college – and their families – on Sunday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto.

During this annual Liturgy, the Bishop will share wise advice with the young adults as they prepare for life on campus.

"I was actually in tears as I was listening to (Bishop Mark's) homily,"

stated Joanne Simanski following last year's outdoor Mass.

Simanski, a member of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Altoona, was sending her son, Michael, off to his freshman year at Seton Hill University in Greensburg.

"It was just so beautifully said – everything my husband and I would want to tell him," she added. "It touched on everything as a Catholic family that we have raised him to believe."

The Bishop will also offer a special blessing to the students and present them with a small gift.

"Being here with Bishop Mark is a great reminder of the importance

of community and expressing your faith while in college," remarked student Caroline Shearer, a member of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College, after last year's Liturgy.

Recent high school graduates entering the workforce or the military are also invited.

Those attending the outdoor Mass should bring their own lawn chairs. If it rains, the Bishop will celebrate the Liturgy inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel next to the Shrine.

The Mass is sponsored by the Campus Ministry Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.



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October 30; November 6, 13, 20, 27; December 4, 11, 18

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In Light Of Faith

By Elise Italiano

The Move Toward Mentoring

quest for mentoring. Using space in his weekly column, she wrote, "I ask the 2018 synod to consider how the Catholic Church can encourage mentorships for today's youth and young adults. We're so tired of feeling lost in a storm with no one to help us find God's light."

Or consider this from the document that the presynod delegates penned for the synod fathers: "Young people are looking for companions on the journey, to be embraced by faithful men and women who express the truth and allow young people to articulate their understanding of faith and their vocation."

Why the sudden call for mentoring? Though sociologists and church historians can provide a more comprehensive picture of this phenomenon, I think it's tied to the weakening of communal bonds and the disappearance of reliable support networks.

By and large, many young people -- including those who count themselves as engaged Catholics -- have lacked the consistent presence of adults in their lives to show them to what it means to be a mature Christian. They've also been starved for instruction in how to tackle the general expectations and demands of adulthood as well as how to navigate today's complex moral questions.

Families -- nuclear and extended -- used to be reliable and consistent "schools of love." They were the context in which emerging adults could learn, almost by osmosis, how to forgive, make lifelong commitments and discern God's will. But decades of divorce and a changing economy that has scattered people far and wide in search of work have weakened the family's foundation as a critical place of instruction for those coming of age. Moreover, young Catholics --

if they are active and registered in a parish -- can go weeks or months without being greeted by someone in the pew. This is not to cast blame. The reality is that overworked priests have a lot on their plates, and older parishioners might not be interested or able to engage young adults.

Hence, the call for more individualized and dedicated attention from a mentor.

What does mentoring look like? It will take on different forms depending upon where its place and the expectations and needs of those involved.

The church would do well to take cues from the corporate world, where employees are assigned mentors to help them hone particular skills, set personal goals and outline a path to achieve them. We can also look to our Protestant brothers and sisters, some of whom routinely pair up an older member of a community with a younger one to check in on his or her faith, relationships and well-being.

Mentoring is a low-budget undertaking. It only requires two people -- the mentor and the mentee. The mentor shares something about Christian living: maybe how to prioritize prayer in the face of a busy schedule, how to balance parenthood with professional responsibilities or how to determine if you want to spend your life with someone. There's no shortage of material to pass onto a generation starved for support.

As family life and parish life continue to change, young adults are going to need one-on-one encouragement in the spiritual life and practical tools for facing adulthood. It's up to individuals who hear that request to offer themselves as mentors, ready to accompany someone on the road to maturity.



Every so often, a new catchphrase will take hold in church circles, signaling a change of course in catechetical method or missionary outreach. Phrases like "forming intentional disciples" and "ministry of presence" come to mind as examples.

In recent weeks, the call for "mentoring" has begun to circulate with greater frequency, particularly as the church considers how it is going to attract and retain young adults moving forward and how it is going to meet the needs of its millennial members.

What's most notable about this concept is that it's coming directly from young adults themselves, not from the academy or hierarchy. It's a grass-roots request from young Catholics for meaningful support in the art of Christian living.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, offered one young woman in his diocese an opportunity to make a public re-

It has been said that the human brain does not fully develop until the age of 25. I am not a scientist so I do not know the veracity of that statement, but it becomes the premise on which this particular article is based.

When a young man or a young woman begin discerning and/or studying for a religious or priestly vocation, those who are the ones charged with their formation need to keep in mind that they still have some mental, emotional, and/or psychological immaturities. This does not by any means disqualify them from taking upon themselves preparation for and even the beginnings of a religious or priestly vocation. What it does mean is that a person who acts as their formation director must take great care to focus on the aspect of formation called "human formation."

Human Formation is a holistic approach to a person's well-being. It does not just focus on a spiritual dimension. There is a focus on physical health, emotional health, mental health, and an overall psychological stability. Questions like, "how do you deal with your family life?" or "how do you handle relationships with close friends or good acquaintances?" show how you have been formed growing up and what type of person you are when entering an order or a seminary. Why would this be important? Interpersonal relationships, whether in an order, a seminary, or later on in ministry, form the foundation of our ability to be human, or in theological terminology, "the Body of Christ on Earth."

Unfortunately, the church has honestly made mistakes in the past when human formation was sorely lacking. In today's culture we see so many young people not knowing how to handle an interpersonal relationship. Therefore, formation directors must be extra careful to assess the shortcomings, if any, of each individual and help them to address it so that they may bring about a happy, healthy candidate for a vocation.

So, who are these Human Formation Directors that I write about? They are first and foremost the ones charged with the total formation for a vocational candidate. Religious Superiors, Bishops, Seminary Rectors, etc., all play a significant role, but there are others too who play a role in human formation. Confessors, Spiritual Directors, trusted family and friends, etc., can be key in helping one know how to mature into a spiritually, psychologically, emotionally healthy adult. As odd as it may sound, human formation is as necessary, if not more necessary in certain individuals, as spiritual formation. The Church is taking very seriously those who present themselves as vocational candidates, especially when they are so young. They truly do grow up and mature in our presence!

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Summer In The Park

By Sharon Doty, J.D., M.H.R.

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Recently, my daughter, her husband and children were visiting and the 10-year old wanted to go to a local park to play. As we all know, letting young children run and play and wear themselves out is a very good thing, for the grown-ups at least. So, off we all went to the park-mom, dad, grandma, big sister and the 10 year old. The park was full of families enjoying the great weather and fishing, having picnics, celebrating birthdays and playing, playing, playing.

The first thing I noticed was how much I was tuned into who else was at the park and what they were doing. One eye was always on the grandson playing on the slides and other playground equipment, while the other was on the world around us. Then I realized that my daughter and son-in-law were doing the same thing. You see, they too went through the Protecting God's Children® program.

There were specific things we took note of when we arrived by simply looking around, such as:

- Other families with small children and whether or not they were monitoring their children
- Adults alone in the area, including what they were doing (reading, fishing, etc.)
- People sitting in cars alone just watching the rest of the world at play
- Animals in the area, that were on a leash or off
- Kids flying kites and running / playing near wooded areas or buildings in the park, and the people near them
- Nearby attractions that were closed for the day
- Buildings that were open and others that were locked up

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.

It occurred to me that this was no different than getting my bearings at an event or gathering of adults. If I were attending any event I would usually stop inside the door and look around to see where things were, what was happening, who was there and what they were doing. It's just not something I thought to apply in this situation before.

It has been a long time since I was in a busy park with lots of different activities going on. Taking note of those things when we arrived made a huge difference in our experience of the time at the park. I knew where everything was and what was going on so I really could turn my attention to having fun with the grandchildren (and the grown up kids, too.) When a couple of young girls who were about three and 4 years old came over to join us, I already knew to whom they belonged and waved to the mom in case she was concerned. No worries, she was right behind them.

As parents and other responsible adults, taking care to notice these things at the beginning of any kind of summer adventure can save us a lot of upset in the future and preserve a wonderful time with the kids in our care. In my experience, because I took note of everything, I knew when the older

Updated Training Options: Protecting God's Children, Youth Protection and Mandated Reporting

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has returned to using the Virtus® training platform and is available as a workshop or can be completed online. To take the online training please visit the diocese website at www.dioceseaj.org and choose the Youth Protection section, there are links to both Virtus and Mandated Reporting training.

For any new volunteer or employee that would prefer to attend a workshop for the youth protection awareness and mandated reporting training please register online at www.virtusonline.org. You will be prompted to create an account and select a training

couple loaded up their chairs and put their fishing tackle away and drove off. I was aware of the young man and the dog that finished their walk in the park and headed home. I noticed when the kids with the kite came back away from the trees and bushes to run and play. And I did all that while talking to my children and watching my grandchildren play. We had a great time on a lovely Sunday afternoon. Everyone in that park was safer because I had my eye on the whole of it. Imagine if everyone were on the same exact page.

All of us who have been trained through Protecting God's Children® for Adults can bring this level of responsibility and care to every event and location that includes children. Raising our level of awareness of what's happening around us creates a safe environment wherever we go.

We all know to watch our own children. Even so, our responsibility is to all God's children, so stepping up our efforts to pay attention to all that is happening around us is a way to we can do that easily and effectively.

Writer's note: Please keep in mind that if you do have a concern about an individual or situation in the park, please do not hesitate to contact 911 or the local non-emergency line in your area.



date from the following options. All trainings are four hours and will begin at 8:30 am until 12:30 pm.

- **Wednesday, August 8th, 2018** at St. Patrick's School Building (Classroom 102) located at 625 Park Avenue (Moxham), Johnstown, PA 15902. Please RSVP by August 3rd.
- **Thursday, August 9th, 2018** at the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Administration Office (Building A) located at 927 S. Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Please RSVP by August 3rd.
- **Saturday, September 8th, 2018** at the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Administration Office (Building A) located at 927 S. Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Please RSVP by August 31st.
- **Saturday, September 22nd, 2018** at St. Patrick's School Building (Classroom 102) located at 625 Park Avenue (Moxham), Johnstown, PA 15902. Please RSVP by September 14th.
- **Saturday, October 13th, 2018** at the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Family Life Office located at 5379 Portage Street, Lilly PA 15938. Please RSVP by October 1st.

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Cardinal DiNardo

with the bishop and the priests in exercising a wisdom service — in liturgy, in word and in charity — to build up the Body of Christ in the Holy Spirit. The diaconate indeed has become a beautiful manifestation of the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church in this country.

Appreciation

I want to express my gratitude to all those priests, deacons and laypeople who have shown great dedication in teaching and forming our diaconate community, to all the families, especially the wives, who have sacrificed greatly and collaborated with their husbands and fathers in supporting this ordained ministry, and to the members of the faithful who have received this ministry well and support it in their parishes. The role of the bishop and of priests, especially pastors, is what gives definition and harmony and support to those who have accepted the of-

office of the diaconate as a permanent identity of their spiritual journey.

One of the traditional places of the deacon in the liturgy is the role of proclaiming the Gospel and distributing the chalice containing the Precious Blood of Our Lord. The early Church saw this as a sign of what the deacon's life must always be, in the liturgy at church and in the liturgy of their lives and pastoral service. May this beautiful sign continue to resonate in the Church.

The deacon's life witnesses and proclaims the Gospel. The deacon pours out his life, like Christ the Servant, as a living chalice of charity, emptied out for others and filled with the Lord Jesus.

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Arise

companiment.

To illustrate his point, the Bishop reflected on the Emmaus story.

In the story, the risen Christ appears with two disciples walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The pair did not recognize Jesus on their journey until they sat down for a meal and He broke the bread. "Their eyes were opened," the story goes, and the two realized they were in the presence of the risen Lord.

"It is Jesus Christ who enables and embodies this logic of the Emmaus story," remarked Bishop Mark. "He walks alongside the disciples, He listens, and He teaches, and, ultimately, gives them His very body."

Continued the Bishop: "When we're gathering together in small faith sharing groups, there's going

to be moments when people are going to be very vulnerable because a particular topic about our faith is going to make them think in the same raw terms as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They're going to be vulnerable at that moment, but at the same time within the group there's also the strength to bear each other up on that journey. The others around the table become the person of Jesus for that person who finds himself or herself so vulnerable, so lost, so confused."

Carmelite Community of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna, diocesan coordinator for ARISE Together in Christ, welcomed the Bishop's message of Accompaniment.

"It pulled us together as a team to focus our attention on really wanting people to experience a relationship with Jesus Christ, an intimacy with God," she said.

Those participating in ARISE

should not view the opportunity as just a program or a series of meetings, Sister Linda stressed, but as an invitation to seek and find God at the deepest levels.

In that spirit, participating parishes will offer a formal invitation to parishioners in August, she mentioned. The parishes will have sign-up weekends on September 15-16 and September 22-23.

Also during these summer months, the diocesan team will be traveling to outlying parishes for Eucharistic Holy Hours for small group leaders — including one this past week at Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg and one scheduled for August 30 at Saint Joseph Parish in Williamsburg.

"The idea is to let the ARISE teams know that the diocesan team is praying with them for the success of ARISE," Sister Linda remarked.



DIOCESAN TEAM: In preparation for the upcoming renewal initiative ARISE Together in Christ, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has stressed to the diocesan team the importance of accompanying the faithful through their faith sharing journey. Pictured (left to right) are members of the ARISE diocesan team: Amy Kanich, Kim Kline, Mike Kline, Penny Nester, Bonnie Pfeffer, Deacon Kevin Nester, Sister Celeste Ciesielka, CCW, Bishop Mark, Ron Stellabotte, Donna Stoy, Very Reverend Mark Begly, VF, Kathleen Kruike, Chris Ringkamp, and Sister Linda LaMagna, CCW.

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Marriage Mass

They disagreed with that statement. "We liken it to the description of being at the top of the roller coaster before the big dip at the beginning. The first year of marriage begins the

best ride of your life."

Said Nikki, "Even though the first year of marriage is a big adjustment in your life, keeping God involved in every step helps keeps the boat level." The couple are members of Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Cresson. "Through our strong faith backgrounds that our families have provided us, we can build our marriage on, and grow closer to God and each other every day," Nikki added.

"Faith is very important to a marriage, most definitely," said Bev Noel of Saint John Vianey Parish. She and her husband, Bud, come to the special Mass each year. "Church has made our marriage better and brought us closer together," said Bud. They've been married 60 years and really enjoy the outdoor Mass. They said the shrine is just beauti-

ful.

Bishop Mark continued that marriage is a mission of walking with each other. "We are all on mission to share God's love and mercy. Jesus wants us to share His Gospel, the Good News."

That Good News is of great benefit to Dennis and Carol Marince of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College. "Church is a big part of our marriage," they agreed. Dennis said they stay close to the Church and also attend retreats. "The church supports our spiritual life and our life together."

The disciples went out two-by-two Bishop Mark said, never alone. "Jesus is saying like Uncle Joe, we all need someone to drive at night. He said that people were not created to be alone.

The Bishop offered a special blessing for married couples.

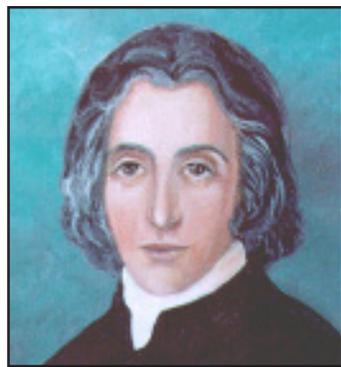
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Pope Francis Issues Decrees Advancing Sainthood Causes Of Two Young Teens Who Heroically Lived Christian Virtues

By **Juno Arocho Esteves**
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis issued decrees advancing the sainthood causes of four candidates, including two young teenagers who heroically lived the Christian virtues.

At a meeting July 5 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the pope signed a decree recogniz-

ing the heroic virtues of Alexia Gonzalez Barros, who offered her sufferings from a malignant tumor for the church.

Gonzalez was born in Madrid in 1971. Her parents were members of Opus Dei and passed on their faith to their five children. She made her first Communion in Rome and the following day attended the weekly general audience May 9, 1979.

She ran up to St. John Paul II as he greeted pilgrims and received

a blessing and a kiss from the pope.

Several years later, her life dramatically changed when doctors discovered a tumor that gradually paralyzed her. Throughout her illness, she offered her sufferings for the church and the pope and would often pray, "Jesus, I want to feel better, I want to be healed; but if you do not want that, I want what you want."

She died Dec. 5, 1985, at the age of 14.

Pope Francis also recognized the heroic virtues of Carlo Acutis, a young teen who used his computer skills to catalogue eucharistic miracles around the world before his death at the age of 15 due to leukemia.

According to the website of his canonization process, Acutis placed the Eucharist "at the center of his life and called it 'my highway to heaven.'"

Before his death in 2006, Acu-

tis offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the church.

The other decrees signed by the pope recognized the heroic virtues of:

-- Pietro Di Vitale, an Italian layman and a member of the Third Order of St. Francis. He was born in Sicily in 1916 and died in 1940.

-- Giorgio La Pira, the former mayor of Florence and a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic. He was an advocate for peace during the Cold War and despite his stature in the international community, he lived in a small cell in the Basilica of St. Mark in Florence. He died in 1977.

Recognizing the heroic virtues of a person is one of the first formal steps toward canonization, or sainthood. In most cases, a miracle attributed to that person's intercession is needed for beatification, the next step toward sainthood.

Prayer For Father Gallitzin's Intercession

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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.

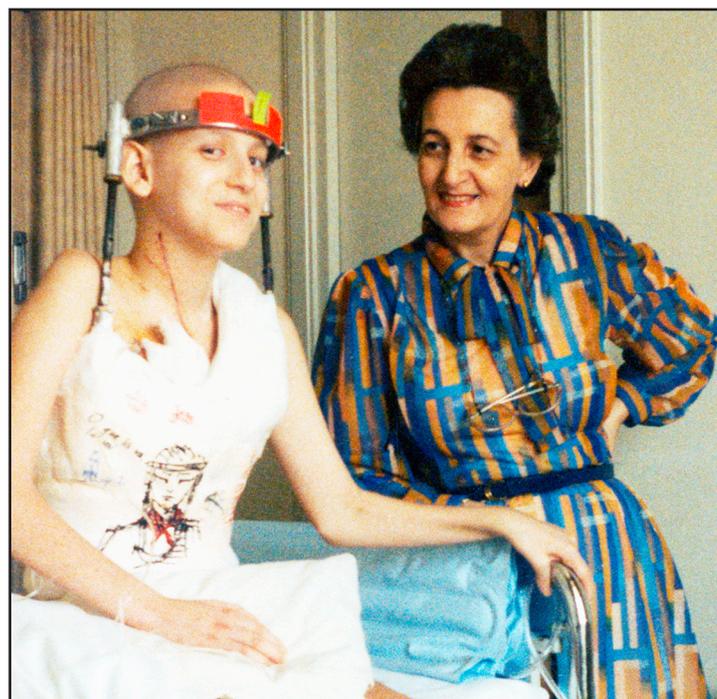
Confident of your faithfulness to us, we humbly ask you, our God, to grant us the favor of (name your intention).

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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ALEXIA GONZALEZ BARROS

Diocese Restates Political Policy

By **Catholic News Service**

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (CNS) -- Montana's two Catholic dioceses have reiterated their respective policies on political involvement, saying that support for or opposition to a particular candi-

date by any representative of the diocese is not permitted.

The dioceses posted statements on their Facebook pages after four Montana Catholic priests were strongly criticized locally and nationally for wearing clerical attire to President Donald Trump's Montana rally July 5. They garnered national attention because they were seated in the front row behind Trump's podium.

Two of the priests were from the Great Falls-Billings Diocese, headed by Bishop Michael W. Warfel, and two were from the Helena Diocese, which currently does not have a bishop, since Bishop George L. Thomas was named to head the Diocese of Las Vegas. Msgr. Kevin O'Neill is diocesan administrator.

Msgr. O'Neill reiterated his diocese's policy: "Religious leaders should avoid taking positions on candidates or participating in political party matters even while acting in their individual capacity. Although not prohibited, it may be difficult to separate their personal activity from their public role as a church leader."

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CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Members of the First Communion Class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Sara Glass-Knopp, Xavier Rhodes, Ella Rose Heverly, and Bella Jones. Second row--Ronan Chirdon, Alexander Doyle, Deklan Barr, and Shannon Hoyne. Third row-- Benjamin Wilson, Connor Kosminiski, Jack Cousey, Tyanna Pattillo, and Jace Ritchey. Fourth row--Kathy Hughes, catechist; Holly Butler, Colin Butler, and Olivia Butler, altar servers; Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, rector, Corey Craw, catechist; and Christina Laraia, director of Religious Education. Members of the Confirmation Class pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Christina Laraia, director of Religious Education; Christopher Ball, Elizabeth Stitt, Paige DeGennaro, Sarah Patterson, Cassidy McKnight, and Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, rector. Back row--Katie McCloskey, Ian Brannan, Benjamin McCloskey, Caleb Crawford, Quintin Simanski, and Zoe Wilson.



SAINT CATHERINE PARISH FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Members of the Saint Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, First Communion Class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Sophia Decker, Annettalee Serenko, Carter Hartman, and Brenden Newfield. Second row--Heather Bianconi, catechist; Monsignor Robert J. Saly, pastor; and Debbie Terchanik, director of Religious Education.



SAINT MICHAEL CONFIRMATION: Saint Michael Parish, Saint Michael, celebrated Confirmation. Members of the class pictured (left to right) are: First row--Michael J. Barton (catechist), Megan Jennings, Jordan Burda, Chloe Valinsky, Alyssa Penrod and Pauline Minor (catechist). Second row-- Anthony Stigers, Quinn Spangler, Jeremy Weis, Victoria Koeck and Ericka Frombach. Third row--: Devyn Miller and Dylan Miller.



CONFIRMATION: Members of the Saint Patrick Parish, Johnstown, First Communion class pictured (left to right) are: James Gettys Micah Haney, Jr., Jace Craig, and Father Walter J.Moll, pastor.

Bishop's Appointments & Announcements
 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown



DEACON JOHN ROTH, appointed to Diaconal Service at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Mount Union and Saint Mary Parish in Shade Gap, under the pastorate of Reverend Joseph W. Fleming, effective July 6, 2018.



FIRST COMMUNION: Members of the First Communion class at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bedford, pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Caden Leppert, Lola Wilson, Father Richard Tomkosky, pastor; Lina Yanoshak, and Zoie Ulanowicz. Back row: Andrew Yanoshak, altar server; Marie Jorkasky, teacher; Chris Kline, teacher; and Dominic Yanoshak, altar server.



CELEBRATE FIRST COMMUNION: Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown celebrated First Holy Communion. Members of the class pictured (left to right) are: First row-- Father David Peles, pastor, Mrs. Laura Bernardo, catechist, Jackson Albright, Sophia Thompson, Madelyn Havener, Sicilia DiPaola, Jenna Jordan, Jordan Woodard, Teigen Errett, Jason Paronish, and Brenda Burket, catechist. Second row-- Blais Shontofski, Drew Weaver, Drew Zucco, Sabastian Podlucky, Noah Vivian, and Michelle Robatin, Sacramental Preparation director. Third row-- El-lie Shaw, Connor Bennett, Ella Brotz, Bryan Orr, Sydnee Sorg, Santino DiPaola, Hannah Hostetler, and Matthew Zimmerman. Fourth row--Warren Timmons, Jocelyn Winger, Brady Niel, Catherine McAneny, Lorenzo Smith II, Izabella Langerholc, Jacob Regan, Michaela Funyak, and Benjamin Jones. Absent from the photo are Father Peter Crowe, parochial vicar, Deacon Michael Russo, and Maliyah Wadley.

Priest Says Supreme Court Nominee Is A Good Guy

By Steve Larkin
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Judge Brett Kavanaugh is a pretty good guy, according to Msgr. John Enzler, his former pastor and the current president and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington.

He first met Kavanaugh, whom President Donald Trump nominated to the Supreme Court, when he was around 12. Msgr. Enzler was then the pastor at Little Flower Parish in Bethesda, Maryland, when Kavanaugh began serving as an altar boy.

Since then, the two have stayed in contact. Msgr. Enzler went to some of Kavanaugh's games when he played sports at Georgetown Preparatory School, officiated his wedding, and might have baptized his children.

Msgr. Enzler said that he'd baptized a lot of babies and couldn't be sure that his two daughters were among them.

They still see each other on occasion.

"He comes to my Sunday evening Mass about once a month," Msgr. Enzler told Catholic News Service July 11.

Kavanaugh also volunteers with Msgr. Enzler at St. Maria's Meals, a program which provides

and serves hot meals to low-income individuals and families.

"The John Carroll Society (a group of Catholic lawyers and professionals which Kavanaugh belongs to) comes about once every other month to help out," Msgr. Enzler said. He explained that different groups and organizations assist at each meal.

Kavanaugh also coaches the girls' basketball team at his parish and tutors at the Washington Jesuit Academy and J.O. Wilson Elementary School.

"His faith really shines through in who he is," Msgr. Enzler said.

In addition to his volunteer work, Kavanaugh also serves as a lector at his church, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington.

In his acceptance speech July 9 after Trump announced his nomination, Kavanaugh said that "members of the vibrant Catholic community in the D.C. area disagree about many things, but we are united in our commitment to serve."

Msgr. Enzler also praised Kavanaugh as a man.

"This is your neighbor next door. He's a great husband, a wonderful father to his daughters, and has lots and lots of friends. He's very intellectual, of course, but you wouldn't know it by his demeanor."

Politics has never been a part of their relationship.

"We talk about sports. We



FIRST COMMUNION: Members of the Saint Michael Parish, Saint Michael, First Holy Communion class pictured (left to right) are: First row-- Kaylee Roberts, Jesse Richards, and Taylor Snyder. Second Row: Logan Tokarsky, Jaclyn Yauneridge, Michael Zeigler, Natalie Stohon and Braydon Smith. Third Row: Maria Stiffler, Blake Shilcosky, Rayna Koch, Noah Eppley, Nicoletta Brezovec and Wyatt Drobnick. Back Row: Pauline Minor, catechist, Father Brian Warchola, administrator; and Laurie Sloan, director of Religious Education.

don't really talk about politics," Msgr. Enzler said.

The priest said that Kavanaugh has been a good friend for as long as they've known each other. He talked about how, when Kavanaugh was at

Georgetown Prep, it was clear that he "loved being with his buddies."

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The Pope Teaches

By Pope Francis

Humble companions: Ecumenism Document Sees Healing In Difference

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- A new document driven by a fresh approach taken by the official Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue commission reflects a major development in ecumenism where difference is not cause for suspicion or reproach, but is used as an enriching opportunity for mutual listening, learning and conversion.

This notable change is seen in the first agreed statement from the newest and third phase of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, known as ARCIC III. The statement, "Walking Together on the Way: Learning to Be the Church -- Local, Regional, Universal," was released to the public July 2 after seven years of joint meetings and consultations.

In their introduction, the Catholic co-chairman, Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham, England, and the Anglican co-chairman, Anglican Archbishop David Moxon, the archbishop of Canterbury's representative in Rome, wrote that the document sought to develop the issues of authority and ecclesial communion "in a new way."

Understanding how the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion structure authority and exercise authority in communion on the local, regional and global levels are key for understanding how each body discerns its teaching and practices on critical issues in ethics and moral theology.

It is also key for understanding and addressing questions, debates or divisions experienced internally within the churches. Which means the document also seeks to inform, enrich and help not just the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion on an ecumenical level, but also in dealing with their own internal debates and tensions.

This first agreed statement from ARCIC III "represents a sig-

nificant methodological and substantive step-forward for Anglican Roman Catholic formal ecumenism," and it is also "in service of ecclesial reform within both Anglican tradition and Catholic tradition," Paul Murray, professor of theology at Durham University in the United Kingdom and Catholic member of ARCIC, told Catholic News Service.

The commission members representing the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion focus on their "respective felt difficulties within their own ecclesial cultures, processes, structures and associated ecclesiologies, and ask how these difficulties might be helped by a process of receptive learning from relative strengths in the theology and practice of the other communion," he said.

This "receptive learning" lies at the heart of what has been called "receptive ecumenism," that is, a method in which the churches stop asking what the other needs to learn from them and begin asking what they need to learn from the other. It is more about self-examination, inner conversion and discerning what the Lord is calling for rather than convincing or judging one's partner in dialogue.

This method has its roots in how St. John Paul II saw dialogue as not simply an exchange of ideas or a removal of obstacles, but an "exchange of gifts."

"This implies more than ceasing to judge the other tradition as mistaken or problematic but discerning what is graced" and can be "gratefully received," the document said in its introduction.

The document marks the start of a new phase that emerged after the official Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue experienced a six-year hiatus.



UGI AIDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND: UGI Energy Services, LLC, donated \$5,000 to the diocesan Second Century Fund, which provides scholarships that enable students to receive education in a Catholic elementary school. Attending the presentation and pictured (left to right) are: Rep. John McGinnis, R-79th District; Pam Witmer, UGI Energy Services vice president of Government Relations; Sister of Charity Donna Marie Leiden, retired diocesan director of Education; Jaelyn Nawa, UGI Energy Communications Specialist; and Rhonda Seymour, vice principal of Holy Trinity Catholic School, Hollidaysburg Campus. The scholarships are awarded through the PA Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) Program. The Altoona-Johnstown Diocese is committed to maintaining the tradition of excellence in education by providing a unique blend of learning, Christian formation in Gospel values, community service, and discipline to both Catholic and non-Catholic students. For more information about PA Tax Credit Program that turns PA tax liability into student scholarships visit www.dioceseaj.org/catholic-s.



BIBLE CAMP: Saint Joseph Parish in Bellwood held a Bible camp with the theme: "A Scripture Safari Adventure." Participating in the camp pictured (left to right) are: First row--Anthony Luke, Alexis, Hetrick, Blake Shura, Cameron Hoffer, Timothy Knob, Eva Gulvas, Emma Snowden, Mollie Gerhart, and Emily Caldwell. Second row--Marcela Vallarino, Bella Vallarino, Dean Hoffer, and Curtis Shedlock. Third row--Sara Caldwell, Molly Caldwell, Carmelite Community of the Word Sister Linda LaMagna, Meghann Knob, Ben Knob, Lauren Anderson, Karly Diebold, Sofia DelGrosso, Zach Amato, Hannah Anderson, Alexis Schratzmeier, and Kathy Tomchick. Absent from the photo is Wyatt Anderson. Adults assisting and absent from the photo are: Tanya Hoffer, Bridget Shedlock, Connie Wharton, and Fran Fulure. Father Alan Thomas is the pastor of Saint Joseph Parish. The children studied The Visit of The Magi, The Call of Simon the Fisherman, The Healing of a Paralytic, The Doubting Thomas, and The Ascension of Jesus. Along with reading the Bible stories the children sang, played games, arts and crafts, and enjoyed snacks which highlighted the story read each day.

Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle

Origin Of Word 'Mass', Potential Deacons

Q. In all of my 78 years (and with 16 years of Catholic education), I have never heard where the word "Mass" comes from to describe the Eucharist. (It seems like an odd word.) (Gambrills, Maryland)

A. The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word "missa." When Mass used to be celebrated commonly in Latin, the people were dismissed with the words, "Ite, missa est" -- which could be translated literally as, "Go, it has been sent."

This imperative had the same root as the English word "mission," and it indicated the Christian's responsibility to

carry the fruits of the Eucharist out into the world in one's daily activities. It highlighted the fact that the dismissal at the end of Mass was not so much a conclusion as a starting point.

In the current English translation of the liturgy, there are four acceptable options for this dismissal rite. The one that I prefer personally -- because I think it best indicates this continuing mission -- is, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

Q. One of my friends wants to become a permanent deacon; but he has a dilemma, and none of us seems to know the answer. He's in his late 50s now, and

more than 20 years ago he had a vasectomy after having three children. We all know that was a sin, but is it so immoral that it would prevent him now from pursuing his dream? (City of origin withheld)

A. Your question is interesting, and the answer a bit more complicated than I would have thought. But first, for readers who might benefit from it, a primer on the permanent diaconate.

The office has its roots in the early history of the church. In the sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, we read of seven men "filled with the Spirit and wisdom" who were chosen by the apostles to assist in the work of the church. Permanent deacons evidently had a large role in the early centuries of the church, but they seem to have disappeared during the Middle Ages.

The office was restored by Pope Paul VI in 1967 following the Second Vatican Council, and a 2016 study estimated the number of permanent deacons in the United States alone at more than 18,000. Permanent deacons undergo a program of preparation in Scripture, theology, canon law, homiletics and liturgy; they are usually married and are authorized to baptize, preach, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services.

In addition, they often play an even wider role in such areas as jail ministry, work with the poor and homeless, hospice and bereavement service, and marriage preparation.

Now, to your specific question. Your friend's eligibility for the permanent diaconate would largely depend on the bishop of his diocese. The church's Code of Canon Law lists as among those who are "irregular for receiving orders" a person who has "mutilated himself" (Canon 1041). The Archdiocese of Cincinnati, for example, lists on its website as one of the prerequisites for admission to the diaconate, "never having undergone an effective vasectomy."

But a dispensation from such an irregularity is within the competence of a diocesan bishop. A bishop, after examining the totality of a man's qualifications, could conceivably decide that the candidate had repented from his earlier sin and confessed it, led a life of virtue since then and is now a suitable candidate.

Support For Survivors



The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is committed to the safety and protection of children and youth, and to supporting the victims and survivors of sexual abuse. The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) and trained professionals serving local agencies greatly assist with the needs of victims of sexual assault and their loved ones in the healing process.

In an effort to educate the public and raise awareness of the support available in our community, the diocese continues to refer victims and survivors to the resources provided by PCAR and the local centers to help spread the word. The diocese's collaboration with these agencies is limited to our mutual desire to help those who are suffering and is not an endorsement of other policies or positions the agencies may hold.

No one should suffer alone. If you need of help, please take advantage of the contact information on this page. Please join the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in praying for all those who have been affected by sexual abuse in our society. May God grant them healing and peace.

PCAR partners with a network of rape crisis center programs to bring help, hope and healing around issues of sexual violence to all 67 counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To find services within Pennsylvania call PCAR at 1-888-772-7227.

A Healing Prayer

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who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love
them.
Soothe their restless hearts with
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We ask this through Christ, our
Lord. Amen.*



Anthony Mary
Zaccaria

1502 - 1539

Trained as a medical doctor in northern Italy, Anthony also was drawn to teaching religion to the poor. He decided to switch vocations and was ordained a priest in 1528. In 1530 he and two Milanese noblemen founded an order of reforming priests, the Clerics Regular of St. Paul, more commonly known as Barnabites, after their first headquarters at the Church of St. Barnabas in Milan. Despite church opposition, the order won praise for its care of plague victims, and was formally approved by the pope in 1533. Anthony was elected the first provost general but resigned to open a second house in Vicenza. He fell gravely ill while giving a parish mission and died at his mother's home. He was canonized in 1897.

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There's plenty of humor and action in this fast-paced sci-fi adventure. Approaching the end of a sentence of house arrest, Scott Lang aka Ant-Man (Paul Rudd, who also co-wrote the script) is anxious to focus on serving his time and raising his young daughter, Cassie (Abby Ryder Fortson). Instead his predecessor as size-shifting Ant-Man, Hank Pym (Michael Douglas), and Pym's daughter, Hope (Evangeline Lilly), aka the Wasp, draw him into their quest to rescue Hope's mother, Janet (Michelle Pfeiffer), the original Wasp, from her decades-long captivity in the Quantum Realm, a kind of subatomic limbo. To achieve this, the trio will have to do battle both with a petty gangster (Walton Goggins) out to profit from Pym's technological breakthroughs and a victim (Hannah John-Kamen) of Pym's past misdeeds. Altruism and family bonds are showcased in director Peyton Reed's Marvel Comics adaptation, which also sends a clear message about ends not justifying means. But viewers of faith will be less impressed that the central romance between Scott and Hope comes in the wake of his split from Cassie's mom (Judy Greer). Possibly appropriate for older teens. Much stylized violence, acceptability of divorce, a couple of uses each of profane, crude and crass language, several milder oaths, occasional wordplay. 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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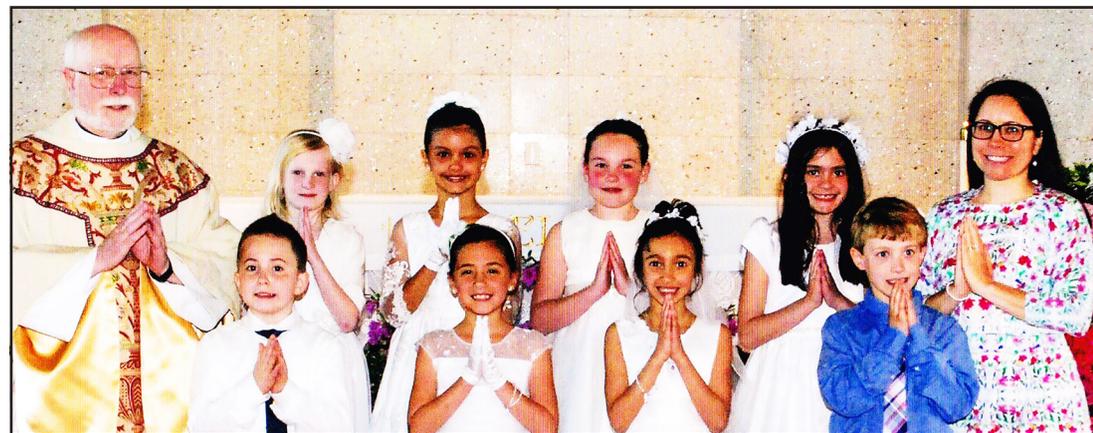
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FIRST COMMUNION: Members of Our Lady of Victory Parish First Communion class are: Mitchell Adams, Jacob Andreyo, Owen Badger, Ryan Bloom, Benjamin Bock, Ethan Bonislowski, Avalina Brannen, Cecilia Bri-gnati, Ellie Callahan, Stella Concepcion, Lauren Craft, Lanen Crum, Reagan Dare, William Davis, Henryk De-Lattre, Isabella Doliana, Lily Fitzgerald, Samantha Flynn, Joseph Fong, Sean Garey, Faith Gravine, Cade Hagan, Benjamin Herickoff, Roman Italia, Gretel Jackson, Tristyn Kim, Evan Koehle, Kathryn Laskowski, Patrick Leous, Dillon Lieb, Elizabeth Lingle, Samantha Lozinski, Michael MacNeely, Charles Malerich, Grace Manno, Emma Marshall, Ryan Marusa, Kennedy McConnell, Rachel McElhinny, Sydney Mikesic, Madison Mikita, Dylan Miller, Addison Miska, Deseray Mobley, Sam Morningstar, Liam Myers, Aedian Nelson, Jackson Pase, Isabella Pelka, Claire Peters, Dante Peterson, Michael Petrarca, Nichole Plaza, Jackson Pase, Max Radio, Kalia Roberts, Mia Roe, Kalena Rokita, Pete Rossman, Thomas Ruffing, Oliver Showers, Valerie Simonetti, Sofia Skillings, Avery Sponsler, Addison Stocker, Mackinzie Stocker, Ella Summers, Dean Sunderland, Allison Swauger, Michael Szy-manski, Nikolas Taylor, Jacob Tran, Noah Vljajic, Grant Waltz, Grace Wede, Noah Williams, Nicholas Wrbican, Thomas Zaritski. Also pictured are: Father Neil Dadey, pastor; Father Jonathan Dickson, parochial vicar; Father Antony Sudherson, HGN; Deacon David Lapinski; Benedictine Father David Griffin; and James Holy, director of Religious Education.



CELEBRATE FIRST COMMUNION: Members of the First Communion class at Holy Spirit Parish in Lock Haven pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Liam Darwin, Kassandra Williams, Macia Owens, Luke Nonemaker, and Amanda Heck, second grade teacher at Lock Haven Catholic School. Pictured (left to right) Back row--Father Joseph Orr, pastor; Caitlin Hanna, Leah Wian, Evelyn Nestor, Claire Campbell. Absent from the photo is Connie Wolfe, teacher.

Coming Up On Proclaim!

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

July 29 -- John Livingston and Alli Pearson of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Johnstown explain how they and fellow parishioners reached out to others in South Carolina earlier this summer.

August 5 -- As the new academic year approaches, Mount Aloysius College students Michaela Gresko and Rachel Cain discuss how Catholic campus ministry can enrich students’ faith.

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Cornfield Chapel Protest Marks One Year Anniversary

By Catholic News Service

pel will draw people of all faiths to prayer and reflection about how land and other natural resources ought to be used.

COLUMBIA, Pa. (CNS) -- The Adorers of the Blood of Christ held a prayer service and reflection July 8 to mark the first anniversary of the opening of a chapel in a cornfield that symbolizes their opposition to the building of a natural gas pipeline on their property in Lancaster County.

It also marked the first anniversary of the religious sisters' federal lawsuit challenging construction of the pipeline.

The chapel was built right along the proposed path of the pipeline by Lancaster Against Pipelines, a community group dedicated to opposing its construction. Made of four posts and several cross boards, the simple chapel is located just outside of the pipeline right of way. Several benches are available for people to sit, pray, reflect and talk.

The Adorers hope that the cha-

In addition to building the chapel, the Adorers have sued Williams/Transco, the company that would lay the pipeline, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which approved the company's request to do so. The religious order said approval of the pipeline violated the sisters' right to practice their faith under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and they asked that it be rerouted.

The Adorers argue that the presence of a fossil fuel pipeline on their property against their will would violate their deeply held religious convictions about the sanctity of the earth. In an October 2005 Land Ethic, the Adorers state that they honor the sacred nature of earth and all creation, seek to reduce fossil fuel reliance, and oppose environmentally destructive practices, such as hydraulic fracking.



CELEBRATE SACRAMENTS: Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson celebrated First Communion and Confirmation. Members of the First Communion class (above) pictured left to right are: First row--Mary Catherine Prostejovsky, catechist, Kendall Lee McConnell, Luke James Michina, Haylie Anne Keith, Brett Owen Stoudnour, and Abigail Ann Hill. Second row--Callen Joseph Gides, Marissa Ann Noll, Chloe Marie Gailey, Amelia Rose Plazek, Makayla Marie Bianconi, and Father Matthew Reese, administrator. Third row--Deborah A. Baker, director of Religious Education; Peyton AnnLouise Rabatin, Kennedie Rose Gottshall, Isabelle Ann Stohon, Kealan Michael Smith, Isabella Marie Bianconi, and Shelly Bossler, catechist. Members of the Confirmation class (below) pictured left to right) are: First row: Jonathan Paul Mazur, Rebecca Jean Watt, Emily Lauren Harvey, Alexis Marie Eckenrode, Jada Mei Graham, Rebecca Lyn Catherine Tubo, and Jacob Alan Vinglas. Second row--Sydney Garnett Cannonie, Mia Frances McCarthy, Madeline Sue Murphy, Macy Elizabeth Sral, Jason Thomas McElheny, Patrick Anthony Nagle, Chase Daniel Heiss, and Brayden Isiah Williams. Third Row--Joshua Michael Fogle, Matthew Leonard Garrett, and Michael Anthony Matri.



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Permanent Deacons Fill Vital Role In The Life Of The Church, Says Cardinal Daniel DiNardo

By Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo

Editor's Note: This year marks the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the Permanent Diaconate in the United States. In honor of the milestone, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will celebrate a Mass on Monday, September 17, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The faithful are invited. In observance of the anniversary, The Catholic Register is spotlighting the Permanent Diaconate through a special series of stories. The following was written by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The article is reprinted with his permission.

Icons of Christ the Servant

Permanent deacons have filled a vital role in the Church

During the Second Vatican Council the diaconate as "a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy" was re-established, as outlined in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, No. 29. The sacred order of deacons is one and is exercised both by those who are to be ordained priests and by those who live and exercise it permanently. This enlargement of the diaconal office has been a great gift to the Church and remains an important legacy of Vatican II. The entire Church is a ministry, a service, a diakonia, and deacons epitomize this in their very persons. They are to be personalized "icons" of Jesus Christ the Servant.

The Church is a "Sacrament of Communion" and is missionary. In fact she is mission to the core. This mandate stretches the Church in all her hierarchy and in all her members to reach, serve and accompany all persons, from the center of the Church to the peripheries, in their joys and struggles, their doubts and their hopes, their injuries and accomplishments. How good it is that we have individuals who name this accompaniment in their lives and titles.

Called to Serve

Fifty years ago Pope Blessed Paul VI gave a positive reply to a request of the bishops of the United States to restore a permanent office of deacon in our country. One of the



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many reasons the bishops presented to the pope then was to enrich and strengthen the many and various diaconal ministries already at work in the United States with the sacramental grace of the diaconate.

Perhaps no one then fully envisioned how vast and ever-expanding the diaconal office would be in succeeding years. With the growth of the numbers of men who entered this ancient but now renewed apostolic

office, there also came a growing deepening of the formation necessary to prepare for diaconal ordination and ongoing training and formation after ordination. This desire and need for formation resulted in a National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States originally approved by the bishops' conference of the United States in 2003 and confirmed by Rome in 2004 for a five-year term. It subsequently was reaffirmed by Rome and is now being reworked and renewed.

It should be noted that a permanent deacon is a member of the clergy because he is an ordained minister, but he is ordained not for priesthood but for service! He certainly is bound in love to priesthood and priests and especially to the office of bishop, but he is a distinctive member of the diaconate, and this is how he lives out the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Making Their Mark

After 50 years, the presence of deacons in our parishes, Church institutions, educational works and justice and peace ministries is no longer a novelty. In an archdiocese like my own, in fact, that presence is an expectation.

Because their work and activity is so varied, and because that work rests on a distinctive "deacon" identity, those who are deacons need a human, pastoral, academic and spiritual formation. They need a confidence born from a deep relationship with

the Lord Jesus, disciplined by theology and knowledge of the faith of the Church in Jesus Christ, training in preaching and practical skills, and a human face that reflects well and wisely the face of Jesus. The human face of the deacon is a bridge, not an obstacle, to his servant leadership. I can speak from experience in my own local Church of the excellent work of our permanent deacons, more than 400 in number. They certainly are represented in our parishes, where they are involved in liturgical life and preaching, in their care for the bereaved and their presence at wake services, their catechetical endeavors in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and in some cases their full-time work as parish administrators and finance initiatives, and in their dedicated work (frequently with their wives) in the preparation of couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

They particularly have been involved in hospital visitation and chaplaincy at medical facilities. I am especially proud of their work in prisons and in ministries for those just released from incarceration. They are involved in a number of social-justice programs, pro-life groups and ecumenical collaborations. In our archdiocese, the tagline for deacons is their "availability." They also work in teams to prepare candidates for the diaconate and act as mentors for those in formation. The deacons collaborate

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