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Sister 'Margie' Carried Out Vocation With Customary Exuberance

By Tony DeGol

No one could top Sister Margie Monahan when it came to Back to School shopping.

Father Matt Baum, administrator of Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg, Fulton County, will never forget the time Sister recruited him to join her and Sister Martha Burbulla for a trip to the Walmart in Hagerstown, Maryland.

As director of the Fulton

County Mission, Sister Margie was stocking up for the Mission's annual backpack/school supplies distribution, and she had determined that the Hagerstown Walmart had the best prices.

"So there we were, a priest and two nuns cleaning out all the shelves in the Walmart with about four large carts of school supplies," Father Baum remembered fondly. "I'm pretty sure it took half-a-dozen cashiers to get us rung up!"

That story is just one of many that illustrates the exuberance with which Sister Margie approached her ministry in Fulton County and, indeed, carried out her vocation.

A member of the Carmelite Community of the Word, a diocesan community of religious sisters, Sister Margie passed on Monday, October 8 at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown following a brief illness. She was 66 years old.

(Please see obituary on page 15.)

Sister Margie served as director of the Fulton County Mission for 29 years.

The Mission was established to be a Catholic presence in a region of the diocese where there was much need. Thanks to Sister's leadership and vision, that goal was realized.

Sister Martha, also a member of the Carmelite Community of the Word, served alongside Sister Margie for the past 20 years. She credits Sister Margie with working with various agencies to secure key collaborations and funding to assist residents – regardless of their faith tradition.

"Sister was a good one for seeing the needs and seeing what we can do to help," recalled Sister Martha. "She was always busy. We have a very significant number of volunteers. She was



REMEMBERING SISTER MARGIE: Carmelite Community of the Word Sister Margie Monahan waits in line at Walmart after stocking up on items for the Fulton County Mission's annual backpack/school supplies distribution. Sister Margie, who passed on Monday, October 8, served as director of the Mission for 29 years.

the one who knew everybody. Everybody knew Sister Margie."

Besides the school supplies distribution, another wildly successful outreach launched by Sister Margie was the Christmas gift program. Each year, countless people or groups from throughout the diocese donated toys, clothes, and other items for children and families. Just like Santa's elves, volunteers joined the sisters to wrap the gifts every December.

Sister Margie's generous spirit extended further.

"She had such a reputation in

town for helping that she would regularly get calls from the public school asking for help for a needy student," Father Baum mentioned. "I remember one time she told about getting a call for a boy who didn't have a pair of shoes to wear without holes in them, and countless little ones who were lacking winter coats. Everyone knew you came to Sister Margie to get help with those things."

Besides her ministry with

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Young People To Senior Age Enjoy ARISE Renewal Initiative

Photo And Text By
Tony DeGol

Spiritual renewal knows no age limit.

Just ask the 100 and 103 year old ladies participating in ARISE Together in Christ.

The two are among roughly a dozen people joining in weekly small group faith sharing at Garvey Manor Nursing Home in Hollidaysburg during this first season of the diocesan renewal initiative.

ARISE is happening in most parishes throughout Altoona-Johnstown and in other venues such as nursing care facilities.

Ron and Darlene Harella are involved at their parish of

Saint Catherine of Siena in Duncansville. The couple reached out to Patty LeFevre, activities assistant at Garvey Manor and offered to lead a small group there since Darlene's mother is a resident.

"This is a faith sharing session, so everybody that wants to can share what we talked about in the readings and how it affects their life," said Ron.

"They're interested, and they like the discussion of the faith," added Darlene. "It brings back many memories of childhood and when they worked. It just refreshes the memories."

During a recent session, for example, there was much reminiscing about religious sisters

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Group Carries Diocesan Effort To Haiti

Photo And Text By
Tony DeGol

Anyone who is apprehensive about new experiences can probably relate with Patty Troutwein these days.

A member of Saint Patrick Parish in Newry, Troutwein is getting ready for her first mission trip to Haiti.

"I have a little anxiety, I guess, because it's totally new, and I don't do new things easily," she admitted.

Although this will be her first visit to the island nation, she already enjoys a powerful connection to the good people who live there.

For the past several years, Troutwein and some of her fellow parishioners have been making quilts to send to Haiti as part of the Carmelite Community of the Word's Hands and Hearts Haiti Ministry. The CCW is a diocesan community of religious sisters.

"When we heard that children were sleeping on the floor without a blanket, we said that's just not fair," she recalled.

Every year, the women make an increasing number of quilts and have a lot of fun along the way.

"We have got a fellowship of Christian ladies that's just wonderful," Troutwein said. "We get together every week, and we laugh, talk, share prayers, and quilt."

Accompanying Troutwein on the journey in January will be folks from the CCW and elsewhere in the diocese.

Mary Beth Schmidhamer will be making her seventh trip to Haiti.

"The first time I went, I fell in love with the place," the parishioner of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus in Altoona noted. "To know that the things we are gathering and packing are things that they need and they're going to use, it's just in my blood."

Each year, items such as toiletries, school supplies, furniture, blankets, and even bicycles are collected throughout Altoona-Johnstown and sent to the CCW Incarnation Center in Gallitzin. Sister Marilyn Welch, administrator general of the community,



LOADING BOXES: Millie Bodenschatz, a member of Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg, helps load a sea container with items that will be sent to Haiti as part of the Carmelite Community of the Word's Hands and Hearts Haiti Ministry. Bodenschatz and others from throughout the diocese routinely donate their time and talent to support the annual effort.

and her team of volunteers spend weeks organizing and packing the goods to be loaded onto a sea container.

Schmidhamer, Troutwein, and others gathered at the Incarnation Center on Friday, October 5 to load the container – the culmination of yet another year's worth of generosity from throughout the diocese, said Carmelite Community of the Word Sister Cindy Burns.

"And I really mean that when I say this is a diocesan effort," she stressed. "We have people bringing things from Johnstown, Newry, Altoona, State College, everywhere throughout the diocese. I'm just so proud of everybody."

The packed sea container will travel to Haiti, and when the local delegation arrives in January, the items will be unloaded and distributed.

The Hands and Hearts Ministry sprung out of a bond between the CCW sisters and the Little Sisters of the Incarnation in Haiti.

"When our group goes there, it isn't just to give them monetary goods or physical things," added Sister Cindy. "It's to pray with them, it's to be sisters together. That's the really big connection.

The visits were begun to connect with them on a spiritual and friendship level. That relationship is still the core of why we do this."

Sister Cindy reminded that Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere.

"They don't have anything comparable to what we have here," she continued. "We have to share with them. Jesus said reach out, feed the hungry, take care of the poor. That's really what we're trying to do. The Little Sisters don't have every resource to help the poor they work with. They need help, and it's our responsibility to help them."

Seeing the poverty first hand is an eye opener, Schmidhamer revealed.

"We come back from there thinking we are so blessed because we have so much," she added. "And when we come back, we come back richer than when we left. It's something you really have to experience."

Despite the anxiety of a new adventure, Troutwein realizes it will be the experience of a lifetime.

"I'm excited about it," she stated. "I expect to see a lot of beauty, a lot of caring, and a lot of love."



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In The Alleghenies

Saint Francis Musical Will Aid Dorothy Day Food Pantry

Good Grief!! Come join Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang as the Saint Francis University Fine Arts Department presents 'You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown' November 8-10 in the John F. Kennedy Auditorium on campus. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. on November 8-10 and an afternoon matinee at 2:00 p.m. on November 10.

Tickets are available only at the door prior to each performance. The production is free for Saint Francis University students, staff and faculty. General admission is \$5.00

or a jar of peanut butter to be donated to the Dorothy Day Food Pantry in honor of Charlie Brown's sandwich.... if you don't understand, you will when you see the show.

"Charlie Brown" (1967) was an acclaimed Off-Broadway production. John Gordon turned the comic strip into the dialog and has become an ever-loving, popular community theatre/high school production.

The production is under the direction of Bonnie M. Resinski with Andrea Mulligan returning as musical director.



CAST: Members of the cast are: Adam Russell, Erin Ivey, Drew Crusciel, Rosie Stock, Jonathan Kirk, Kyrsten Kowalczyk and Ryan C. Fife

Mass Will Honor Veterans

Father William E. Rosenbaum, pastor of Saint Clement Parish in Johnstown, will be the celebrant of the First Veteran's Day Appreciation Mass at the 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass on November 10.

It is hoped that the Mass will become an annual observance.

This Mass will honor veterans, those who have lost their lives defending our freedom, and the men and women on ac-



Special Collection

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has requested that a special col-

lection be taken up in all parishes in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in support of those impacted by the recent hurricanes. Thousands of people lost their homes and their places of employment due to the recent storms that have impacted especially Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

This special collection may be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of October 27-28 or the weekend of November 3-4. The Bishop asks that the faithful please be generous. All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA, which administers the funds directly to those in most need. Bishop Mark also requests that the faithful remember those impacted by hurricanes in prayer.



INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTES: Allan Duman and Jerome Nevling, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, were instituted as Acolytes by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak during a Mass on Saturday, October 13 at Saint Mary Parish in Hollidaysburg. The candidates may now assist at the Altar. It is the final milestone before their scheduled ordination next spring. Pictured (left to right): Lori and Jerome Nevling; Bishop Mark; Allan and Joanna Duman; and Deacon Michael Russo, director of the Permanent Diaconate.

Coming Up On Proclaim!

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

November 4 -- Michelle Johnston of Catholic Charities updates the Bishop on the agency's great work and announces a new program to serve children.

November 11 -- On this Veterans' Day, two veterans of the Vietnam War -- Deacon Chuck Ahearn of Saint Mary Parish in Hollidaysburg and Deacon Jim Janosik of Saint Mary Parish in Nanty Glo -- recall their experiences in service to our country.

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Vocation View

By Father Matthew Reese

Diocesan Director Of Vocations



When a young man comes to me considering the possibility of entering the seminary, I inevitably receive practical questions about finances. There are essentially three classifications of seminarians: college seminarians, who have never received an undergraduate education and/or degree; pre-theologian, who may already have an undergraduate degree but needs further credits in Philosophy classes; and theologian, who has an undergraduate degree and is working towards a graduate degree. Each classification is handled with slight differences in financial support.

A college seminarian is asked to approach paying for his education the same way any college student would. He would have to obtain grants and student loans, etc., to cover the expenses of tuition, room, and board. One significant difference from any other college student though must be understood: seminarians cannot be employed at secular jobs while they are in seminary formation. Therefore, they have no income for the duration of their education. This rule applies to all three classifications of seminarians. College seminarians, if they persevere, however earn their degree and become theologians, and their financial support is handled differently.

For both pre-theologians and theologians, our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown makes an investment into their education. They are still asked to obtain grants specifically tailored for seminarians that may be provided by different organizations, like the Knights of Columbus. The remaining amount is assumed by the Diocese. College seminarians who have moved on to become theologians may have their loans deferred until the completion of their education, and providing they are later ordained, they may have those debts assumed by the Diocese, so long as one remains in good standing and active ministry within the Church.

So all of this begs the question: how much does it take to educate a seminarian per year? Without any applied loans or grants, it takes an estimate of \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00 per year to educate a seminarian. Many people may say, "Yeah but no seminarian pays that out of their own pocket." Factor into the equation that no seminarian has any income from a job. If he leaves the seminary he is responsible for assuming his own debt. A "second career" seminarian may have had to literally sell almost all of his belongings to enter seminary. A young man out of high school has no financial background to stand on yet, certainly that is something that anyone who went to college right out of high school can understand.

What is the purpose of telling you all of this? We all want priests for our future church. It costs money to educate them, as it would cost money to educate anyone. I have already had conversations with those interested in priesthood who truly have no money and wondered if becoming a priest would even be possible. It would truly be a shame if young men will not become priests because they cannot afford it.

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

ARISE
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and others who introduced them to the Catholic faith at home, at Catholic schools, or at religious education classes.

Any resident can join with the group at any time, Ron stressed, whether it is to engage in faith sharing or to just listen.

"And the goal is to bring us all closer to Jesus," he noted.

Hilda Gordon belongs to Saint Mary Parish in Altoona and currently resides at Garvey Manor. After initially hearing about ARISE through her parish, she was thrilled to learn about the opportunity at Garvey.

"There are a lot of questions that you have and never get the answers, but you can get them here," she said.



ARISE AT GARVEY: Residents at Garvey Manor Nursing Home in Hollidaysburg gather for small group faith sharing as part of the ARISE Together in Christ renewal initiative. Season one of ARISE is happening at most parishes in the diocese and at other venues such as Garvey Manor.

Carmelite Sister for the Aged and Infirm Ann McCartney, coordinator of Pastoral and Palliative Care at Garvey, stressed that the

benefits of ARISE are critical at any age. She realizes that some of the residents participating in the opportunity may come from a generation that did not openly share their faith, but the response has been positive.

"Renewal and being a part of the church is important all the way through a person's life," Sister Ann said.

Daily Mass is celebrated at Garvey Manor, and the Rosary is prayed regularly. ARISE, however, offers yet another dimension of the Catholic faith to residents.

"Through our activities program, we're able to host it here and get that out to all of our residents through our activities calendar and open it up to our whole facility," said Activities Director Barb Hileman stated. "Depending on how the group would grow, we would look at different locations to host it in our facility."

The theme for this first season of ARISE Together in Christ is "Encountering Christ Today." Besides parishes and nursing facilities, ARISE is also happening in Catholic schools, religious education programs, Catholic ministry on college campuses, and in prison ministry.

Ye Old Christmas Shoppe 2018

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1001 Harvey Ave., Greensburg PA 15601

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Nov. 9 Friday 10 AM-4PM

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Training Is a Safeguard For Prevention

Sharing your time, talent and treasure with your parish or school requires you to also spend time completing paperwork, applying for clearances and to complete mandatory trainings. We understand your desire to volunteer a few hours here or there; to be more involved in your child /grandchildren's school, to help the youth of your parish by teaching religious education once a week, or by simply volunteering for parish/school events and activities. We appreciate your commitment and recognition to the importance of volunteering.

The questions that we at the Diocese are frequently asked are:

Why do I have to complete this training?

Why is there so much paperwork?

Why does it seem the Diocese makes it so difficult for someone to volunteer?

All of these questions are valid and certainly understandable.

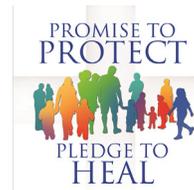
However, the collective answer to all of these questions is: *The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown takes the responsibility of providing a safe environment, and the training for youth protection, very seriously.*

Training is a safeguard for prevention. This training is not an uncommon required standard practice among organizations that serve and support vulnerable populations including children, youth, senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Training is required for all clergy, religious orders, staff and all volunteers. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown requires both youth protection awareness and mandated reporting training. Train-



By Cindy O'Connor



ing does not only provide information on how to protect youth and the vulnerable, but how to protect ourselves as well.

Over the past several months we have offered several live workshops that provided clergy, employees and volunteers an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion. The workshops provided a venue to learn how to create safe environments within our parishes and schools, and how to recognize, respond and report suspected child abuse and neglect. Each participant, at the conclusions of their training, was asked to complete a survey. Their feedback was consistent and extremely positive.

Both trainings continue to be offered online as an option for completion. Useful information is located on the diocese website at (dioceseaj.org/youth-protection).

We applaud the many faithful who took time out of their busy schedules to complete the training. It

is a necessary commitment from each of us to the education and prevention of child abuse to learn to recognize the warning signs and to report.

Moving forward, new training materials will be offered by Virtus and will be presented to our youth and families and all religious education classes within the next few weeks.

For inquiries on training, 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.



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.

Assistance And Resources For Victims And 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.

For information on Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance and Service Agencies within the eight counties of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown (Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset) please refer to:

Bedford County: Your Safe Haven Inc. (800) 555-5671 or (814) 623-7664

Blair County: Family Services, Inc. (800) 500-2849 or (814) 944-3585

Cambria/Somerset Counties: Victim Services, Inc. (800) 755-1983 or (814) 288-4691

Centre County: Centre County Women's Resource Center (877) 234-5050 or (814) 234-5050

Clinton County: Clinton County Women's Center (570) 748-9509

Franklin/Fulton Counties: Women in Need/ Victim Services (800) 621-6660 or (717) 264-4444

Huntingdon/Mifflin/Juniata Counties: The Abuse Network 24-Hour Hotline (717) 242-2444. Toll-Free PA Hotline (888) 810-2444; Mifflin County Office (717) 242-0715; Juniata County Office (717) 447-1885 and Huntingdon County Office (814) 506-8237 or (717) 242-2444

Catholic Charities Inc. of The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown: Victim Assistance Coordinator (814) 944-9388, extension 204.

Young People Want Transparency, Credible Answers, Says Bishop



(CNS photo/Paul Haring)

LEAVE SESSION: A youth delegate and bishops leave a session of the Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment at the Vatican October 11.

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Even in far-off Rarotonga in the Cook Islands, a bishop said a young person asked him what the church is doing to prevent clerical sexual abuse.

The young people in his diocese watch the news and read it on the internet, he said, and they are “under pressure from their peers on this topic.”

“They need credible answers as they are deeply shamed and are uncomfortable associating with such a church,” he told the synod on October 10. “The youth are asking us church leaders to be transparent and for our church to be up to date. It is my dream that this synod will give the youth both of these.”

Bishop Mark O’Toole of Plymouth, England, made a

similar point on October 11, telling the synod, “credibility and authenticity are crucial.”

“In God’s holy people, we find all we need to help heal the wounds of this present crisis,” he said. “Mothers, including consecrated women who are spiritual mothers among us, can help us to be tender and loving to the young, whilst also protecting the little ones from the wolves, and so ridding the church of this evil,” said Bishop O’Toole.

Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, Northern Ireland, whose church has faced its own turmoil because of abuse, told synod members he is “convinced that the Spirit is already actively at work preparing us for a new springtime of growth and abundance in faith.”

The document, the archbishop told the synod on October 10, “lacks the punch and fire that the Spirit brings,” not to mention the fact that “baptism is only mentioned three times in the entire document and confirmation is not mentioned at all.”

Archbishop Martin said he sees many signs that young Catholics are open to the work

of the Holy Spirit, including the countless hours many of them spent trying to defeat the recent Irish referendum to legalize abortion.

“Every day I pray for vocationThe baptismal call to holiness as the one vocation all Christians share has been a recurring theme at the synod.

Archbishop Mario Delpini of Milan told the synod Oct. 11, “by ‘vocation’ one should understand precisely the choice God made before the creation of the world calling men and women to be saints, to be his children and co-heirs with Jesus of the glory of the Father.”

Then, he said, “the choice of a state of life” -- whether marriage, the single life, priesthood or religious life -- “is the result of the freedom of each person in the context of his or her life.” Bishop Lucas Van Looy of Ghent, Belgium, told the synod on October 11 that recognizing the role of the community, when the time comes to decide whether or not to ordain a young man to the priesthood, “not only the opinion of the professors in the seminary or the superiors is important, (but) also the parish priest, the catechists, the cook, the men and women who serve the community should be heard.”

Regarding the synod’s discussion of “accompaniment” or “spiritual mentoring,” the bishop insisted that that is a shared responsibility and means knowing a young person and his or her daily life.

Sister Margie (Continued From Page 1.)

the Fulton County Mission, Sister Margie was very active at Saint Stephen Parish – the only Catholic Church in the county.

“At the parish, she had a heart for the sick, and always kept good track of everyone who was sick, what their health issue was, and how they were doing,” said Father Baum. “She knew who was in rehab for what and who had what illness. She made sure that they all got cards and knew how she cared.”

Saint Stephen parishioner Debbie Leese enjoyed a beautiful friendship with Sister Margie.

“We talked frequently,” Leese recalled. “She was a big part of my life and my spiritual life.”

Leese is especially grateful for the support Sister Margie offered after Leese’s mother passed more than a decade ago.

Sister Margie’s unexpected passing has been especially hard on her fellow CCW sisters.

Sister Marilyn Welch, administrator general of the community, recalled special memories of Sister Margie.

“She was very proud of being a sister,” Sister Marilyn stressed. “That was her identity.”

She also had a remarkable memory for dates, anniversaries, and events, and she always

brought flowers for the sisters when the community gathered for holiday celebrations.

“She was just always giving something – flowers, prayer cards, or special books,” added Sister Marilyn.

Prior to beginning her ministry in Fulton County, Sister Margie served as a chaplain at the former Laurel Crest Nursing Home in Ebensburg.

“She organized pastoral care services at that institution like it had never been organized before,” emphasized Sister Marilyn. “She loved to sit with the dying. If there was no family there, she would stay all night. She felt it was very important that no one die alone.”

Angie Zinobile volunteers with the Fulton County Mission. She, too, has fond memories of Sister Margie such as her “iconic” brown Chevy S-10 motoring around town, her love of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and, of course, her devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots.

“She really loved this county and the people in it,” Zinobile commented. “We not only lost a person who was caring and kind, but we also lost a friend. I know that when I walk down the steps of the social hall and she’s not there saying, ‘Hey, Angie!’ my heart will be heavy for me but happy for her that she’s with her Lord.”



OZANAM HUMANITARIAN AWARD: The Saint Vincent de Paul Society honored three Ozanam award winners at a Mass and reception. Receiving the award pictured (left to right) are: Front row--Linda Legrand, receiving on behalf of the Saint Bernard Conference; Sandy Inzana, recipient from the Saint Vincent DePaul Holy Name Conference; and Marge Moschella, receiving on behalf of Saint Mark Soup Kitchen. Back row--Father John Gibbons, guest speaker; and Sonny Consiglio, executive director. The event was held on October 7 at Saint Francis University in Loretto.

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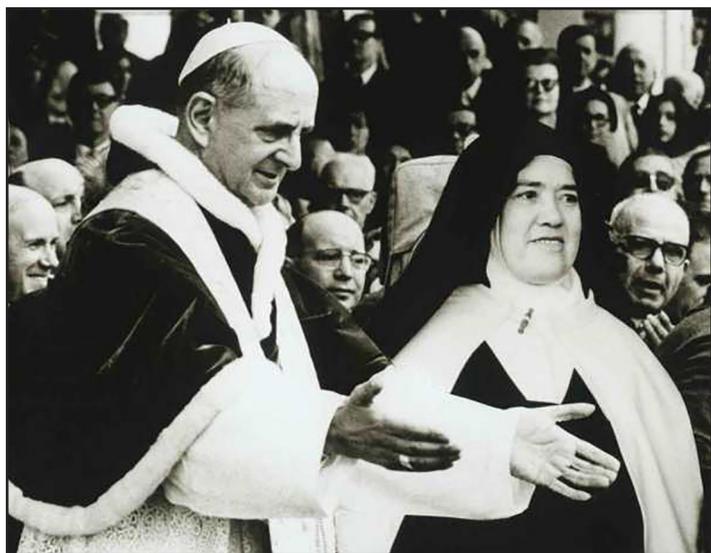
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How Saint Paul VI Inspired One Young Man To Priesthood



(CNS photo/courtesy Diocese of Brescia)

NEW SAINT: Pope Paul VI is pictured next to Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the three Fatima visionaries, during a visit to the Marian shrine in Fatima, Portugal, May 13, 1967. Saint Paul, who led the Catholic Church from 1963-1978, was declared a saint October 14.

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)
-- His voice, his outstretched hands, his boarding an air-

plane to meet the world -- those are some of the most striking things about Blessed Paul VI that moved and inspired a young man discerning the priesthood.

"I still remember his voice

when we would hear him on television," Bishop Pierantonio Tremolada of Brescia told Catholic News Service by telephone October 8.

"It was such a unique voice, very heartfelt, authoritative, the voice of a good man," said the 62-year-old bishop who grew up and was ordained in Milan -- the archdiocese Pope Paul led before he was elected pope in 1963. Once again crossing the pope's path, Bishop Tremolada has -- since 2017 -- been leading the Diocese of Brescia where the pope was born.

The bishop was among those concelebrating Mass and attending the canonization of Blessed Paul and six other men and women in Rome October 14. More than 5,000 Catholics from Brescia signed up to travel with the bishop for the ceremony.

The saint-to-be is a particularly suited example for young people, Bishop Tremolada said from his office in Brescia, because he exemplified a youthful optimism, hope, curiosity and

openness to the world and the future.

"He offers us an example with his esteem, his love for the world," the bishop said. That love was especially evident at the Second Vatican Council and in its pastoral constitution, "Gaudium et Spes" (Joy and Hope), revealing a church eager to engage with everyone and share the good news.

The document "explains Paul VI's approach very well -- not to run away, not be defensive, but wanting to know and dialogue with the world, offering it the Gospel for the good of the world," the bishop said.

This desire to contribute and speak sincerely with others "is very much in line with young people," he said.

The pope's love for the world was rooted in Christ, "being in communion with him, the conviction he is the savior," which is still "very timely" today in reaching out and responding to young people, he said.

When asked what it was about the pope that struck or

impressed him most as a young person growing up, Bishop Tremolada said it was his voice and the way he spoke "with words that were not his, but were important" and aimed at everyone.

"It was a voice that proposed, not imposed, meek but authoritative," he said.

He said, "What also struck me very much were the images of him getting on an airplane," something that had never been seen before -- not only because he was the first pope to use an airplane in 1964, but he was the first pope since 1812 to venture outside Italy.

"And his hands. The way he reached out toward people" is another image that still remains with him, he said.

"Now as a bishop, the things I would like to emulate about him are his ability to dialogue," his ability to "read" and understand the world, his great humility and the reserved, inner strength that inspired him to offer "the gift of the Gospel," he said.

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).

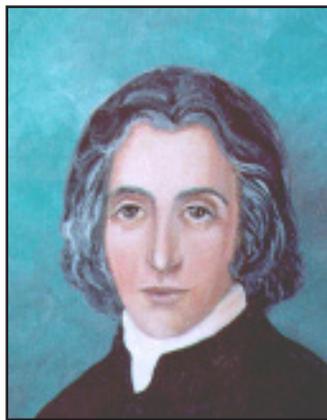
May Christ's saving work continue to the end of the ages, and may we feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature. We pray this, as did your priest Demetrius Gallitzin, through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,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

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CELEBRATE 60 YEARS: The Knights of Columbus Father O'Hanlon Council #4678 of State College celebrated its 60th Jubilee year on Sunday, October 14. Pictured (left to right) are: Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, charter member Paul Lutz, and Grand Knight Dennis Marince. Bishop Mark was the main celebrant of a Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church. The State Deputy of Pennsylvania Mark Jago and the District Deputy Anthony Zumpetta were also in attendance. The Father O'Hanlon Chapter Knights of Columbus council donated a gift of \$60,000, which was distributed among the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Vocation Fund, Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy, and the Our Lady of Victory School Capital Campaign.

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NCCS Students Having Fun With New Faith Program

Students at Northern Cambria Catholic School in Nicktown are experiencing something new this year with Faith Families. In conjunction with the schools from across the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, we are participating in the “Christ is R.I.C.H. in Me” initiative.

We are learning about how R.I.C.H. we are with Jesus Christ. Students have joined Faith Families and will learn valuable lessons and have fun activities to help us see that we are truly RICH if we follow Christ.

At our kick-off activity, we learned about Saint Teresa of Calcutta, our model of respect. Students also met with their faith families on the feast of the Guardian Angels, October 2. They learned about Guardian Angels and made an angel of their own with their hand print to remind them of their own angels. Faith and family is very important to our students and community.

Each week we have the opportunity to celebrate Liturgy. Benedictine Father Jeremiah Lang, pastor at Saint Nicholas Parish in Nicktown, and Father



PUMPKINS: Gary Farabaugh and Camryn Brown work on their 3-D pumpkins for halloween.

Donald Dusza, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Northern Cambria take turns celebrating with us. Students participate on a regular basis in the Mass by serving, reading the readings and singing.

Families had the opportunity to bring their pet to be blessed on the feast of Saint Francis of

Assisi. Father Jeremiah held a pet blessing in the evening by the shrine at Saint Nicholas Church.

Each Friday, Saint Nicholas has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the intention being NCCS. The students will pray a living Rosary during this month of October. Families and community members attend.

Teachers are busy using STREAM – Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Math - activities to teach their lessons. In September, Miss Kline’s 2nd grade class went on a STEM Career Adventure and learned about elephants. On Elephant Appreciation Day, September 21, the 2nd grade class were given the challenge to build the world’s longest elephant trunk. They accepted this challenge and built an elephant trunk of 39 feet, 6 inches. They entered it into the Rozzy Learning Company’s STEM CAREER contest and won! These kids were so excited to build the longest elephant trunk across the country.

Third and Fourth grade built tacos on National Taco Day, October 4. In anticipation of Halloween, Kindergarten and 7th grade buddied up to learn science. They designed their own 3D pumpkins and were given the task of designing a pumpkin

that was bigger than the size of their hand with a stem and used a specific theme.

If that wasn’t enough, they did the “Exploding Ghost” experiment with baking soda and vinegar. Second grade students were transformed into marine biologists who found sea turtles around the classroom and wildlife specialists whose responsibility was to track various animals,

define the tracks and measure them. These lessons are a big hit with the students and I am looking forward to more excitement to come and much more “fun” in education.

Our students are learning to code in computer classes.

Teachers at NCCS are in the process of becoming certified in the Active Shooter Program by Gittings Protective Security.

New Pastor Father Jeremiah Lange

Said Benedictine Father Jeremiah Lange, pastor at Saint Nicholas Parish in Nicktown, “The first impression I had while serving my first weekend as newly appointed pastor at Saint Nicholas Parish in Nicktown was the number of young families and children, while my second impression, or thought, “what an opportunity and responsibility.” And I think both dynamics are realized in our school, in great part due to the

effort and sacrifice put forth by our families and dedicated educators. Funding and maintaining a Catholic school in today’s world is a tremendous challenge, but if one appreciates the reality that a Catholic education is no longer a ‘luxury’ but a necessity given the toxicity of public education, it is a challenge that must be met. Thankfully, the NCCS family is more than willing and eager to do just that.”

Who We Are

In 1967, four parishes in Northern Cambria consolidated to form Northern Cambria Catholic School. Saint Nicholas joined the consolidation in 1971.

Northern Cambria Catholic School was housed in four buildings with Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Saint Francis and the Felician Sisters serving the school. In 1992, an addition was added to Saint Nicholas school building to house Northern Cambria Catholic School all in one building.

Northern Cambria Catholic School currently has students in PK – 8 from Northern Cambria School District as well as five surrounding school districts and seven area parishes. There are also non-Catholic students who attend NCCS. NCCS is fully accredited with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and has a faculty of 11 full time teachers and 1 part-time teacher, a principal and pastor.

Our Mission Statement:

“To make known to every student the person and message of Jesus Christ;

To provide a vibrant, faith-based educational community built upon Catholic spiritual and moral tradition;

To develop our young people’s spiritual, intellectual, social and physical well-being and teach them to be an active member of the Eucharistic community; and

To offer state-of-the-art opportunities while maintaining a unique and diverse learning experience.”

Current Enrollment: 102 students in Grades PK – 8

Leadership: Father Jeremiah Lange OSB, Ph.D. – Pastor

Mrs. Theresa Burba – Principal

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ELEPHANT TRUNK: Students pictured are: Hank Lieb, Maya Friedman, Ethan Farabaugh, Bryn Miller, Gabriella Buterbaugh, Andrew Farabaugh, Camden Pizarchik, Clair Stonebraker. They won first place for building the largest elephant trunk of 39 feet and 6 inches.

Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle

Judas And His Faith, Divorce And Friendship



Q. There's a question that has occurred to me from time to time, and I would appreciate your answer. I was always led to believe that suicide is a mortal sin, so someone who takes his own life cannot go to heaven.

It makes me wonder what fate awaited Judas when he hanged himself after turning Jesus in. Is he condemned to hell, or would he be forgiven for the role that he played, since Jesus had to be betrayed to save mankind? (Indianapolis)

A. Objectively, of course, suicide is a mortal sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is quite clear: "Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life. It is gravely contrary to the just love of self" (No. 2281). But among the requisites for mortal sin is also sufficient deliberation that would allow for full consent of the will. And on that, the catechism goes on to say: "Grave psychological disturbances can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide" (No. 2282).

Interestingly, the church's former Code of Canon Law (published in 1917) included -- in the list of those who should not be given Christian burial -- persons who deliberately kill themselves. But that category is no longer included in the current code (published in 1983). The church now regularly celebrates funeral Masses for suicide victims, because the church gives the deceased the benefit of the doubt as to whether psychological factors may have impeded a full and deliberative act of the will.

As for Judas, the church has never definitively said that Judas -- or any individual, for that matter -- is surely in hell. It's conceivable, I suppose, that at the

last moment Judas, filled with remorse, could have repented and sought the Lord's forgiveness. But Jesus did say: "Woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born" (Mt 26:24). So as to the ultimate fate of Judas, I don't really like his chances.

Q. I am a divorcee of five years and I am 66 years old. I have met a widower of 77 who was married for 59 years. Two of his daughters have told him that he cannot be with me at all because I am "spiritually" married in the eyes of the church. They say that we cannot even hold hands.

We are not interested in marriage -- we just want to be friends and companions. What does the church think about this? (I know that it cannot be a sexual relationship, as that would truly be a mortal sin.) Please answer quickly. This is dividing his family -- since four of his children don't see a problem, but two of them do. (City of origin withheld)

A. Actually, I can see both sides of the argument. It's fine for you to maintain a friendship with this man, and I'm sure that his companionship is comforting to you. But friendship can quickly blossom into romance, and that seems to be the concern of the "two daughters."

Why not speak with a priest and look into the possibility of an annulment for your first marriage? (Sometimes even long-standing marriages can be annulled when there were danger signs from the start.) With an annulment, you'd be free -- with the church's blessing -- for whenever life might take you.

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



Faith At Home

By Laura Kelly Fanucci

Our Minivan Is A Stereotype Of Our Daily Life

Granola bar wrappers on the floor. Cheerios stuck between seats. Baseball gear rolling around the back.

I'll admit our car is overlooked; I'd never let the house get this dirty. It's also much-maligned, as I crack jokes regularly about minivan life.

I know I'm not alone in feeling like we live in the car some days. The average American spends about an hour a day driving.

Could our hours on the road be sacred space?

If we believe God is omnipresent, there is no place where God is not. The Holy Spirit hovers over the minivan's chaos, too.

Christ can come to each of us on the road. Perhaps he shows up on our daily commute, inviting us to choose compassion over aggression. Maybe he squeezes in during the lat-

est pickup from sports practice, nudging us to welcome the sweaty teammates piling in the back as Christ himself.

But there's not a single rush hour or road traveled where God does not go with us.

Saint Frances of Rome -- wife, mother and servant of Rome's sick and poor -- is the patron saint of motorists. Legend holds that her guardian angel carried a lantern before her whenever she traveled to light the road and keep her safe.

Saint Frances is also famous for saying, "Sometimes a wife must leave God at the altar to find him in her household management."

Sometimes, then, a mom must dig through the clutter to find God in her car.

Our van is an Odyssey. (When we bought it, I begged my husband to rename his car the Iliad so we could have a

matching pair.)

But the name rings true. Within the Odyssey's walls, our family is traveling together on a long journey over years and years. Our house-on-wheels is full in this stage of life, ringing with laughter, fighting, music and even prayer.

Inside our car, we've offered morning blessings on every drive to school. We've said Hail Mary for racing ambulances with sirens screaming. We've tackled big life questions from kids in the backseat. We've navigated hard-but-good conversations between spouses in the front.

When I stop to see, I realize that it's in our van (as in our home) that we are becoming the people and the family that God is calling us to be.

Just as we gather around our kitchen table -- which I'm quick to claim as holy space in the domestic church -- we spend time together in our car each day. We share conversation, questions and the occasional snack en route to the places we are called: home, school, office, church and every stop along the way.

Sometimes on a solo drive to a meeting for work, I notice the silence: sweet, rare, fleeting. As an introvert, I secretly savor the quiet without kids in the backseat: no screaming, no squabbling over songs on the radio.

When the car is bursting with noise again, I'm better able to give thanks for the life I've been given -- because I've felt the contrast between full and empty.

The Catholic "Book of Blessings" offers a prayer for blessing a vehicle. It includes the line, "Whether they travel for business or pleasure, let them always find Christ to be the companion of their journey."

May the same be said of our families -- and our cars, too.

Fanucci is a mother, writer and director of a project on vocation at the Colledgeville Institute in Colledgeville, Minnesota. She is the author of several books, including "Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting," and blogs at www.motheringspirit.com.



Francis Borgia

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St. Francis was a husband, father of eight, a member of the court of Charles V and the Duke of Gandia. Then he experienced a conversion in 1539. And after his wife died, he joined the Jesuits in 1550. St. Ignatius recognized Francis' administrative talents and advanced him in the leadership of the society. The Jesuits elected him general in 1565. Francis consolidated the order, founding novitiates in every province. He also expanded the society's ministry throughout Europe and he introduced bases into the Americas. Francis' correspondence sparkles with wisdom. "When you remove your clothes at bedtime," he once wrote, "crave Jesus' pain when he was stripped just before his crucifixion, so that he may strip us of our evil habits of mind."

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“First Man” (Universal)



(CNS photo/Universal)

FIRST MAN: Ryan Gosling stars in a scene from the movie “First Man.” 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.

Splendid multi-dimensional profile of astronaut Neil Armstrong (Ryan Gosling) charting the events that led to his becoming the commander of the 1969 Apollo 11 space mission and the first human being to walk on the Moon. In adapting James R. Hansen's 2005 official biography, director Damien Chazelle melds an intimate portrait of the emotionally buttoned-up ex-naval aviator and engineer's inner life, including his deep bond with his strong-willed wife, Janet (Claire Foy), with a look back at the sometimes tragic, ultimately triumphant race to reach the lunar surface. Despite the universally known outcome of the story, Chazelle and screenwriter Josh Singer successfully infuse their account with suspense by reminding viewers of the radical problems NASA had to overcome and the dangers Armstrong and his colleagues constantly had to face. 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

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Sacred Heart Parish Welcomes Faithful And Their Pets For Special Blessing

Photo And Text By
Tony DeGol

Make no mistake: the Catholic faith is not going to the dogs!

The dogs did come to the Catholic faith, however, along with cats and even a chicken.

In celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, some parishes in the diocese sponsored pet blessings on or around his feast day earlier this month.

Sacred Heart Parish in Altoona welcomed pet owners and their furry friends on Saturday, October 6.

“I think it is very important to realize that those pets are God’s creatures,” said the Very Reverend Lubomir Strecok, pastor of Sacred Heart and administrator of Saint Mary Parish in Altoona. “We need to realize that they are great companions. We need to protect them and care for them.”

Dogs give unconditional love, reminded Debbie Bartley, a parishioner at Saint Mary.

Her pooch, Bella, was a birthday gift from her children not long after the passing of her mother.

Bella has been a great companion to Bartley, and attending the pet blessing was a no-brainer.

“I have always had a great love of Saint Francis of Assisi, and he loved animals,” she said. “I’ve always had my dogs blessed.”

Art and Hannah Wilkin, members of Sacred Heart, brought their Airedale, Reesie.

“She’s a member of the family and Saint Francis is my favorite saint,” stated Hannah. “The dog is always forgiving. If we don’t let her have something, she doesn’t hold it against us.”

Added Art: “She’s always happy to see us.”

Holding her 13-week old puppy, Wilson, on his leash, Phyllis Russo is reminded how much work young dogs can be. It’s all worth it when you consider how much company and fun they offer.

“My husband and I always say we don’t have to go out and get entertainment because we



PET BLESSING: Ron and Tina Johnston, members of Saint Mary Parish in Altoona, show off their beloved dogs following a pet blessing at Sacred Heart Parish in Altoona on Saturday, October 6. The parish sponsored the gathering in celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

have our own entertainment at home,” said the Sacred Heart parishioner, who also has three other dogs.

Siblings Alice and Helen Romerowicz, members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Altoona, adore their cat of 12 years, Cinnamon, and often bring him for blessings to keep him healthy.

“I think animals are great to have,” Alice mentioned. “I think they keep you company, they keep you stable, they leave the stress out of you.”

Her sister offered another benefit.

“You can talk to them, and they don’t talk back,” joked Helen while holding the fluffy feline. “You can unload all of your problems, and they just sit there and listen. They don’t have any comments one way or the other.”

Ron and Tina Johnston enjoyed bringing their dogs, Bailey and Rusty, and to the blessing.

“I’m a big fan of Saint Francis,” Tina revealed. “He’s kind of a role model.”

The Johnstons, members of Saint Mary, love taking walks and playing with their four-legged family members. Tina, a teacher, even has the dogs perform in her

school’s talent show at the end of each year.

The Compton family of Sacred Heart brought Jackie, one of their 11 pet chickens.

How hard is it to raise chickens?

“Not very,” reported young Vivienne Compton. “Just give them food, and water, and a place to sleep.”

The family also has two cats, but they stayed at home because, in the words of Vivienne, they scream.

The Comptons attended the blessing last year, too.

“It just seems like a good idea – you can keep her alive another year, I guess,” theorized Vivienne as she kept an eye on Jackie.

“I think she needs blessed,” chuckled Sacred Heart member Diana Hite, holding her dog, Gigi. “We all need blessed, don’t we? I just want her to be good and healthy.”

After reading Scripture amid the many barks, Father Strecok blessed each animal with holy water.

A Sacred Heart parishioner donated pet treats for each pet owner to take home.



May They Rest In Peace

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istered in education. He served on the staff of Saint Francis College (University), Loretto, and Saint Francis Prep, Spring Grove. He served on the Board of Trustees of Saint Francis University. For 33 years, he taught at Bishop Egan High School – Conwell-Egan High School, Fairless Hills.

He was Regional Spiritual Assistant for the Saint Katherine Drexel Secular Franciscan Fraternity, Philadelphia. At the time of his death, he was serving on the staff of Saint Francis University in the Advancement Office and Dorothy Day Outreach Center.

Brother Larry was preceded in death by a sister Nancy Krause. He is survived by his mother, Miriam T. Hilferty, brothers Michael, Daniel, James, Thomas, and Kevin Hilferty, nieces and nephews and his Franciscan Brothers.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at Saint Francis

Friary-Mount Assisi, Loretto, PA, with Franciscan Father Richard L. Davis, Minister Provincial as principal celebrant. Following the Mass, Committal took place at the Franciscan Friars Cemetery, on the campus of Saint Francis University, Loretto.

Memorial contributions may be made to support retired

Franciscan Friars c/o T.O.R. Retirement Fund, Saint Francis Friary, P.O. Box 137, Loretto, PA. 15940. Arrangements were made by Gibbons Funeral Home, 301 Church Street, Gallitzin, PA 16641 gibbonsfunerals.com



SISTER MARJORIE "MARGIE" MONAHAN, C.C.W.



BROTHER LAWRENCE J. HILFERTY, T.O.R.

Sister Marjorie R. "Margie", of the Carmelite Community of the Word, died October 8, 2018, at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center. She was 66.

Sister Margie was born October 20, 1951, in Altoona, the daughter of Martin and June Monahan. She entered religious life on January 1, 1979, with the Carmelite Community of the Word and made her final profession of vows on August 10, 1986.

Sister Margie began her ministries as a worker in the dietary department of Garvey Manor, Hollidaysburg; and served as Chaplain at Laurel Crest Manor, Ebensburg, before moving on to serve the Fulton County Catholic Mission in McConnellsburg for 29 years.

She is survived by members of the Carmelite Community of the Word and many friends. Also surviving are brothers: Donald Eugene Monahan, Houtzdale; Jeffrey Monahan, Linden, Iowa; Clyde Monahan, Hollidaysburg; and David Monahan, of Cresson. She is preceded in death by her parents, and her community sisters, Sister Mary Gainino, CCW (2003) and Sister Mary Ann Palko, CCW, (2016).

A funeral Mass was held at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, Loretto. Father John D. Byrnes, was the celebrant. Committal at Holy Name Cemetery, Ebensburg. Donations in Sister Margie's memory may be made to the Fulton County Catholic Mission, 110 S. Third

Brother Lawrence J. Hilferty, T.O.R., 67, of the Third Order Regular Franciscans of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, died suddenly Thursday morning, October 11, 2018, at Saint Francis Friary-Mount Assisi, Loretto. He was born March 12, 1951, in Germantown, PA, and was baptized at Immaculate Conception Church, Philadelphia.

He was the son of Lawrence and Miriam T. (McHale) Hilferty. He attended Saint Benedict Grade School, Philadelphia, and graduated from Bishop Mc Devitt High School, Wyncote, PA, in 1970.

On August 27, 1970, he entered the T.O.R. Community as a postulant. He started his novitiate on May 31, 1971, at Sacred Heart Monastery, Winchester, VA. Brother Larry professed his simple vows on June 1, 1972, at Sacred Heart Monastery, Winchester, and his solemn vows on June 1, 1975, at Immaculate Conception Chapel, Loretto.

In 1984, Brother Larry received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Saint Francis College (University), Loretto. He did graduate study at Villanova University, Villanova. During his long and very faithful Franciscan life, Brother Larry min-

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Knights Celebrate Vocations At Dinner And Annual Banquet

Photo And Text By
Bruce A. Tomaselli

“There are four principles in our order, the first is Charity,” reminded Father Colonel Gregory J. D’Emma, state chaplain of the Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus.

Saint Paul said you must have faith, hope, and love (charity). The greatest is love.

The retired army colonel, said, “you are told over and over. The army knows how to train people. They teach you the same thing over and, so that when the times comes, you will do it automatically.”

Love--charity, is the desire to promote the good of another person, he said.

Father J. D’Emma was the keynote speaker at the annual gathering of the Knights of Columbus Altoona-Johnstown Chapter on Sunday, October 7 at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall in Loretto. Prior to the banquet Father Alan Thomas, vicar general for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, celebrated Mass at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Father Colonel D’Emma is retired from the United States Army as a colonel after 37 years of service as an army chaplain. In a 2017 ceremony at the U.S. Army War College Chapel in Carlisle, Father D’Emma received the most prestigious award that can be given to an army chaplain.

Father Alan filled in for Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, who was called away to a meeting of the United States Catholic



OFFICIALS ATTEND BANQUET: Among the officials attending the Knights of Columbus Annual Banquet pictured (left to right) are: Father Alan E. Thomas, vicar general for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese; Father Matthew A. Reese, director of vocations for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese; Father Colonel Gregory J. D’Emma, keynote speaker and state chaplain for the PA Knights of Columbus; Joe Kadas, retired past state deputy for the Knights of Columbus; and Mark Jago, state deputy for the Knights of Columbus. The Banquet was held on Sunday, October 7 at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall.

Conference of Bishops. He said that Bishop Mark felt really bad he could not attend the event.

As he greeted those at the Mass, Father Alan said the sunshine and warmth made it a wonderful day to welcome all of the knights and their spouses. He noted that he is also a proud member of the Knights of Columbus. Also attending were Father Matthew A. Reese, diocesan director of vocations; Mark Jago, state chaplain; and a number of diocesan priests.

During his homily Father Alan said that he once had a

Muslim friend who had a problem with the Catholic faith. “He was a good, devout man who ran a halfway house on Long Island.

“He challenged me about the 50% divorce rate in America. He said that figure holds true for Christians and Catholics, too. He once told me that if we all followed Muhammad the divorce rate would be zero.

“I was caught off guard by that,” Father Alan said. “I don’t have the answer but maybe it’s because discipleship and faith take hard work and there are many failures along the way?”

“We have a long way to go,” he said. “We must work hard as disciples, and strengthen our personal life with Jesus Christ.”

Bishop Mark recorded a video message to the gathering. He said he is proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and he is proud of all the knights. “It means so much to me. I prayed for all of you and those who couldn’t make it.”

He thanked State Deputy Mark Jago and all the honored guests for being there.

“You have my gratitude for your distinguished service. As

Knights of Columbus you do so much for parishes and you do so much for our diocese.

“I couldn’t thank you enough and that’s the original reason I wanted to have this annual gathering. You are in my thoughts and prayers.”

Father D’Emma spoke of the contributions made by the knights and he urged all to pray for the active Knights of Columbus chaplains. He said there are two priests being considered for sainthood, Father Lieutenant Vincent R. Capodanno of the US Navy, killed in Vietnam, and Father Corporal Emil Kapaun who died in Korea. Both chaplains were awarded the Medal of Honor.

Father Major Charles Waters, USA, was also awarded the Medal of Honor and Father Lieutenant John Washington, USA, was one of four chaplains of the doomed ship *Dorchester*, who drowned giving their life jackets to soldiers. He said both men are from his Archdiocese of Newark. “Private Joseph William Guyton was the first American soldier killed during World War I. He was also a Knight of Columbus,” added Father D’Emma.

Said Father D’Emma, “This brotherhood is important. We need new members. We have to keep it going. All of our members must offer others the opportunity to join us.

“But one last very important thing. Your wives, they are heart and center of your lives and make it possible to do what you do.

“Love them.”

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