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## 'Faithful servant of the Church'

Standing on May 16 in the St. Alphonsus Liguori Chapel in the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis, transitional Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne holds a chalice he received from the archdiocesan archives that he will use in the celebration of the Eucharist after he is ordained a priest at 10 a.m. on June 2 in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The liturgy is open to the public. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

## Transitional Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne hopes to share God's love as a priest

By Sean Gallagher

When transitional Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne is ordained a priest on June 2 by Archbishop Charles C. Thompson in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, he will be welcomed into a large brotherhood of priests serving across central and southern Indiana.

The next day, then-Father Dufresne will elevate a chalice in a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis—a chalice that is a reminder that this brotherhood extends beyond space and time to include priests who

served the Church faithfully and died long before even his parents were born.

The chalice that Deacon Dufresne will lift up was first used almost 100 years ago by Father Leo Creeden, an archdiocesan priest ordained in 1920 and who died in 1940.

Father Creeden's chalice then passed to Father Charles Noll, ordained an archdiocesan priest on June 9, 1940, three months after Father Creeden died. Father Noll served the Church in central and southern Indiana until his death in 1981, eight years before Deacon Dufresne was born.

At some point, the chalice made its way to the archdiocesan archives, which for several years now has given chalices to transitional deacons preparing for priestly ordination on the condition that it will return to the archives when they die.

"Choosing a chalice from the archdiocesan archives was important to me," Deacon Dufresne said. "It is a reminder that I am called to continue the priestly ministry in central and southern Indiana which began long before me, and will, God willing,

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## Texas archdiocese, bishops offer healing, support after shooting

HOUSTON (CNS)—In response to the May 18 school shooting at a Houston-area high school, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said the archdiocesan community would



Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo

"unite to support and offer healing to those affected."

"As a society, we must strive for a way to end such acts of senseless gun violence in our schools and communities," he added in a May 18 statement.

The cardinal said he was "deeply saddened," and that his prayer and the prayers of Catholics in the archdiocese are with the "victims and families of those killed and injured in this horrific tragedy."

In a separate statement as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Cardinal DiNardo said: "Our community and our local Church joins an ever-growing list of those impacted by the evil of gun violence. I extend my heartfelt prayers, along with my brother bishops, for all of those who have died, their families and friends, those who were injured, and for our local community."

The school shooting, occurring just three months after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman High School in Parkland, Fla., took place when a male shooter opened fire at Santa Fe High School on the morning of May 18 killing 10 people, most of them students. Another 13 were reported injured.

A suspect taken into custody was identified as 17-year old Dimitrios Pagourtzis, and another person of interest also was detained and questioned. Explosive devices also were found at the school and off campus.

The shooting was the deadliest in Texas since a gunman attacked a rural church late last year, killing more than two dozen people.

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## Power of God, prayer thrusts Andretti into latest race of his life

By Sean Gallagher

During the course of his 30-year racing career, 55-year-old John Andretti has achieved success around the world in multiple forms of motorsports: open-wheel racing, stock cars, sports cars and dragsters.

The nephew of racing legend Mario Andretti and cousin of current champion Indy Car team owner Michael Andretti, John sees his family's tradition being carried on in his son Jarett, 25, a dirt sprint car and road race driver.

In fact, when the green flag drops on May 27 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the 102nd running of the Indianapolis 500, John will be on his way to Kokomo, Ind., where Jarett will

compete in a race that evening on the dirt at Kokomo Raceway.

During the past 16 months, though, John has been in the race of his life as he has battled colon cancer and the continuing side effects of chemotherapy.

Even in this, he counts himself as a champion. Yet it's not because he is cancer-free at present. It's because his going public with his cancer battle has led so many others to be screened for colon cancer.

"People came and told me, as recently as today, that the only reason they did it was because of me," Andretti said.

Through it all, the faith that was instilled in Andretti by his family as he grew up in St. Malachy Parish in

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Professional race car driver John Andretti stands at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2009 in Indianapolis on the opening day of practice for the 93rd running of the Indianapolis 500. Andretti recently spoke at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis about the role his Catholic faith has played in his struggle with colon cancer since January 2017. (Submitted photo)



Pope Francis blesses the faithful with holy water as he celebrates Mass marking the feast of Pentecost in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on May 20. The pope at his "Regina Coeli" announced that he will create 14 new cardinals on June 29. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

## The Holy Spirit changes hearts, Pope Francis says on Pentecost

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Christians should begin each day invoking the Holy Spirit, praying that the Spirit will lead them and the Church closer to God and closer to any person in need, Pope Francis said on Pentecost.

Celebrating Mass on May 20 in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope said the Bible, especially the Acts of the Apostles, makes it clear that the Holy Spirit brings a real power to change individuals and the Church.

"The Spirit frees hearts chained by fear," the pope said in his homily. "To those content with half measures, he inspires whole-hearted generosity. He opens hearts that are closed.

"He impels the comfortable to go out and serve," the pope continued. "He drives the self-satisfied to set out in new directions. He makes the lukewarm thrill to new dreams. That is what it means to change hearts."

People often vow to change, but lack the power to do so, he said.

The power of the Holy Spirit is different, Pope Francis said. "It does not revolutionize life around us, but changes our hearts. It does not free us from the weight of our problems, but liberates us within so that we can face them."

The change occurs because the Holy Spirit brings God's forgiveness, he said. "From guilty, he makes us righteous and thus changes everything.

"By the working of the Holy Spirit, joy is reborn and peace blossoms in our hearts," the pope said, before offering a special prayer for peace in the Holy

Land, especially in Gaza where violent protests led to the deaths of 60 people in early May.

The pope prayed that the Holy Spirit would "blow upon our world the soothing warmth of peace and the refreshing cool of hope."

In a week that included Pope Francis' three-day meeting with the bishops of Chile to discuss the sexual abuse scandal, a meeting that ended with all the bishops offering the pope their resignations, the pope said, "Frequently, even in the bleakest of times, the Spirit has raised up the most outstanding holiness! Because he is the soul of the Church, who constantly enlivens her with renewed hope, fills her with joy, makes her fruitful, and causes new life to blossom."

Pope Francis prayed that the Holy Spirit would "blow upon us, blow into our hearts and make us breathe forth the tenderness of the Father! Blow upon the Church and impel her to the ends of the Earth, so that, brought by you, she may bring nothing other than you."

After the Mass, Pope Francis went to the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square to lead the recitation of the "Regina Coeli" prayer and to announce his decision to create 14 new cardinals from 11 nations on June 29.

But first he prayed for Mary's intercession that the Church would experience "a renewed Pentecost, a renewed youthfulness that gives us the joy of living and witnessing to the Gospel and a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory." †



## Public Schedule of Archbishop Charles C. Thompson

May 25-June 7, 2018

May 25 — 7 p.m.

Commencement of Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School seniors, at Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School, Indianapolis

May 27 — 9:30 a.m.

Mass at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, in the Fan Zone on the Cooper Tire Stage

May 27 — noon

Invocation for the 102nd Indianapolis 500 Race, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

May 29 — 7 p.m.

Confirmation of youths of St. Jude Parish, Indianapolis, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis

May 30 — 12:30 p.m.

Archdiocesan parish life coordinators meeting, Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

May 30 — 3 p.m.

Archdiocesan Finance Council meeting, Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

May 30 — 7 p.m.

Confirmation of youths of St. Pius X Parish, Indianapolis, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis

May 31 — 10 a.m.

Leadership Team Meeting, Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

May 31 — 7 p.m.

Confirmation of youths of St. Matthew the Apostle and St. Lawrence parishes, both in Indianapolis, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis

June 2 — 10 a.m.

Priesthood ordination of transitional Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis

June 2 — 4 p.m.

Mass of Solemn Profession of Vows, at The Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, Terre Haute

June 3 — 10:30 a.m.

Mass and reception at St. Joseph Parish, Shelbyville, in celebration of its 150th anniversary

June 4 — 3 p.m.

Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting, Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

June 5 — 11 a.m.

Meeting of the archdiocesan deans, Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

June 5 — 5 p.m.

Mass at the Sarto Retreat House Chapel, Evansville

June 7 — 10 a.m.

Leadership Team Meeting, Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

June 7 — 11:30 a.m.

Legal Review Meeting, at the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, Indianapolis

June 7 — 7 p.m.

Catholic Theological Society of America Convention, at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott

(Schedule subject to change.)

## Church is a mother, not a bachelor, pope says at morning Mass

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Without its feminine dimension, the Catholic Church risks becoming an old boys' club and incapable of love, Pope Francis said.

The Church must "remain female" and "have this attitude of a wife and mother" who nurtures her children, the pope said in his homily on May 21 during a morning Mass commemorating the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

"When we forget this, it becomes a masculine Church. Without this dimension, it sadly becomes a Church of old bachelors, who live in this isolation, incapable of love, incapable of fruitfulness," the pope said.

The feast, which was decreed by Pope Francis in March, is celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

According to the decree, the pope approved the Marian feast day after "having attentively considered how greatly

the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety."

In his homily, the pope reflected on the need for the Church to maintain its feminine nature as wife and mother, like Mary.

Without this dimension, "the Church loses its true identity and becomes a charitable organization or a soccer team or something, but not the Church," he said.

Like a mother, the Church also goes "along the path of tenderness" and knows how to convey wisdom through the language of "caresses, of silence, of the gaze that knows compassion," the pope said.

All Christians in some way are called to "go along the same path," being someone who is "gentle, tender, smiling, full of love," Pope Francis said. †



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# Chile's bishops offer resignations after meeting pope on abuse

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Every bishop in Chile offered his resignation to Pope Francis after a three-day meeting at the Vatican to discuss the clerical sexual abuse scandal.

“We want to announce that all bishops present in Rome, in writing, have placed our positions in the Holy Father’s hands so that he may freely decide regarding each one of us,” Bishop Juan Ignacio Gonzalez Errazuriz of San Bernardo said on May 18 in a statement on behalf of the country’s bishops.

The unprecedented decision was made on the final day of their May 15-17 meeting with Pope Francis.

Auxiliary Bishop Fernando Ramos Perez of Santiago, secretary-general of the Chilean bishops’ conference, said the pope had read to the 34 bishops a document in which he “expressed his conclusions and reflections” on the 2,300-page report compiled by Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta and his aide, Father Jordi Bertomeu, during a visit to Chile to investigate the scandal.

“The pope’s text clearly showed a series of absolutely reprehensible acts that have occurred in the Chilean Church in relation to those unacceptable abuses of power, of conscience and sexual abuse that have resulted in the lessening of the prophetic vigor that characterized her,” Bishop Ramos said.

After reflecting on the pope’s assessment, he added, the bishops decided to hand in their resignations “to be in greater harmony with the will of the Holy Father.”

“In this way, we could make a collegial gesture in solidarity to assume responsibility—not without pain—for the serious acts that have occurred, and so that the Holy Father can, freely, have us at his disposal,” Bishop Ramos said.

Shortly after the announcement, Juan Carlos Cruz, one of three survivors who met privately with Pope Francis in April,

tweeted, “All Chilean bishops have resigned. Unprecedented and good. This will change things forever.”

The bishops will continue in office unless or until the pope accepts their resignations.

The document in which Pope Francis gave his evaluation of the situation of the Church in Chile was leaked on May 17 by Chilean news channel Tele 13. The Associated Press reported that the Vatican confirmed the document’s authenticity.

The pope wrote in the document that removing some Church leaders from office “must be done,” but that “it is not enough; we must go further. It would be irresponsible of us not to go deep in looking for the roots and structures that allowed these concrete events to happen and carry on.”

In it, the pope said that “the painful situations that have happened are indications that something is wrong with the ecclesial body.”

The wound of sexual abuse, he said, “has been treated until recently with a medicine that, far from healing, seems to have worsened its depth and pain.”

Reminding the bishops that “the disciple is not greater than his master,” Pope Francis warned them of a “psychology of the elite” that ignores the suffering of the faithful.

He also said he was concerned by reports regarding “the attitude with which some of you bishops have reacted in the face of present and past events.”

This attitude, the pope said, was guided by the belief that instead of addressing the issue of sexual abuse, bishops thought that “just the removal of people would solve the problem.”

In an accompanying footnote, the pope said the bishops’ behavior could be labeled as “the Caiaphas syndrome,” referring to the high priest who condemned Jesus saying, “Better for one man to die for the



Bishop Juan Ignacio Gonzalez Errazuriz of San Bernardo, Chile, and Auxiliary Bishop Fernando Ramos Perez of Santiago, Chile, attend a press conference in Rome on May 18. Bishop Gonzalez said every bishop in Chile offered his resignation to Pope Francis after a three-day meeting with him at the Vatican. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

people than that the whole nation perish” (Jn 11:50).

The act of covering up cases of abuse, he added, was akin to the Latin American saying, “*Muerto el perro se acabo la rabia*” (“Dead dogs don’t bite”).

The document’s footnotes included several details from the investigation made by Archbishop Scicluna, who is president of a board of review within the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; the board handles appeals filed by clergy accused of abuse or other serious crimes.

The pope said the report confirmed that, in some instances, the bishops deemed accusations of abuse as “implausible.”

But Pope Francis said he was “perplexed and ashamed” after he received confirmation that undue pressure by Church officials was placed on “those

who carry out criminal proceedings,” and that Church officials had destroyed compromising documents.

Those actions, he said, “give evidence to an absolute lack of respect for the canonical procedure and, even more so, are reprehensible practices that must be avoided in the future.”

Following the document’s release, Cruz applauded the pope’s evaluation of the abuse crisis and of the bishops’ behavior toward survivors of sexual abuse.

“This is the pope that I met during my conversations in the Vatican,” Cruz told the Chilean news site, *Emol*, on May 17. “I hope all [the bishops] resign, and that the Church in Chile begins to rebuild with true shepherds and not with these corrupt bishops who commit and cover up crimes, as the document states.” †

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## Editorial



Girls pray during a May 18 vigil after a shooting left 10 people dead and 13 people injured at Santa Fe High School in Texas. As details emerged about the shooting at the Houston-area school, the student whom authorities said confessed to the attack was being held in isolation as officials identified the victims. (CNS photo/Trish Badger, Reuters)

## Another school shooting leads us back to ‘Why?’

The scene has become all too familiar, and again we must ask ourselves: Why?

News outlets report an “active shooter” in a school, the school is placed on lockdown, and a community of parents, friends and neighbors—and a nation—waits frantically to see how the situation is resolved.

This latest scene played out at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas, on May 18 and, tragically, we are overwhelmed with sadness, heartache and grief because of a high school student’s actions that left 10 people dead and 13 others wounded. The shooting occurred just three months after a similar incident took place at Marjory Stoneman High School in Parkland, Fla., where a former student entered the school and shot and killed 17 people and injured 14 others.

We now mourn for the families in Santa Fe who have lost loved ones, for the students affected who no doubt will never forget the day they saw friends killed and injured, and for a community that we hope and pray can come to grips with an unthinkable evil.

As a nation, we again must unite to offer our support, but first and foremost, we must storm the heavens with prayer, asking God to lift this community up and shine his light on this darkness as they cope with such a heinous crime. We know the healing process will take time. And sadly, it may never come for some who had their world shattered by a troubled teenager.

We must also ask our Creator to help us understand why these senseless acts of violence are being committed by and to young people.

And though the conversations may be heated and uncomfortable, we must continue discussions about mental health, gun control and school safety.

“As a society, we must strive for a way to end such acts of senseless gun violence in our schools and communities,” said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston after learning of the May 18 shooting about 35 miles southeast of Houston.

In a separate statement as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Cardinal DiNardo said: “Our community and our local Church joins an ever-growing list of those impacted by the evil of gun

violence. I extend my heartfelt prayers, along with my brother bishops, for all of those who have died, their families and friends, those who were injured, and for our local community.”

Dakota Shrader, a 10th-grade student at Santa Fe High School, was stunned by the shooting.

“Honestly, I just had the thought in my head that somebody was going to come up behind me and hurt me, shoot me, kill me. I’m still jumpy from it,” Dakota, 16, said. “I don’t know who to trust anymore, at all.

“This should be our safe place,” she added.

It should concern us that other students now view school shootings as the norm.

To Paige Curry, another Santa Fe High School student, the May 18 tragedy was not surprising.

“I was thinking it was going to happen eventually, it’s been happening everywhere,” she said in an interview with KPRC, a Houston television station.

Paige’s sentiments seem to back up a Cable News Network (CNN) report released after the May 18 Texas shooting, which notes there have been 22 school shootings (elementary school, middle school, high school and college) where someone has been injured or killed so far in 2018. That averages to more than one per week.

And geography seems to matter little, with the school-related shootings taking place in 15 states spanning the nation: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

What can we do to stop these tragedies from occurring? There is no easy answer.

But we must not be afraid to have the courage to say enough is enough, and do all we can to protect our children by making sure these acts of senseless violence cease to occur.

“Sadly, I must yet again point out the obvious brokenness in our culture and society, such that children who went to school this morning to learn and teachers who went to inspire them will not come home,” Cardinal DiNardo said in his statement as USCCB president. “We as a nation must, here and now, say definitively: no more death!”

—Mike Krokos

## Making Sense of Bioethics/Fr. Tad Pacholczyk

### Consenting to sex

Recent news articles exploring the post-#MeToo world of romance have noted the phenomenon of cell phone “consent apps,” allowing millennials to sign digital contracts before they have sex with their peers, sometimes strangers they have just met.



Many of these apps are being refined to include a panic button that can be pressed at any time to withdraw any consent given. Lawyers reviewing the practice, as might be anticipated, have urged caution, noting that consent apps are

not able to provide definitive proof of consent, because feelings may “change throughout an evening, and even in the moments before an act.”

When we look at modern views about sex, it’s not a stretch to sum them up this way: *as long as two consenting adults are involved, the bases are covered.* When it comes to “sex in the moment,” consent is touted as key, allowing for almost all mutually agreed upon behaviors or practices.

Yet this approach to sex is fundamentally flawed, and it’s often the woman who is the first to notice. Even when consenting unmarried couples scrupulously use contraception, there remains an awareness, particularly on the part of the woman, that a pregnancy could follow, and a concern about who will be left holding the bag if that were to happen.

Sex between men and women involves real asymmetries and vulnerabilities, with men oftentimes being, in the words of sociologist Mark Regnerus, “less discriminating” in their sex drives than women, eager to forge ahead as long as there appears to be some semblance of consent. Women often sense, rightly, that consent for a particular sexual act ought to be part of something bigger, a wider scope of commitment.

Consenting to sex, of course, signifies the surrendering of our self to another. Sex ultimately speaks of giving our self and receiving another in a total, rather than a fragmentary, way. This is part of the reason why this unique human activity holds a perennial fascination for us; it goes far beyond other forms of communication, exchange and bonding.

To give our self fully to another—and to receive that person fully—forms a bond with them that extends beyond the morning dawn. Human sexual union is not a mere joining of bodies, but is pre-eminently a joining of human hearts. It is, at its core, consenting to share one of the deepest parts of our self with another.

As Dr. Angela Franks has perceptively noted: “Sexuality is not simply a matter of something that I have, as though my body is another possession just like my wallet

or my car. If, as Gabriel Marcel said, *I am my body*, then sexuality has to do with my very person, which has a deep value. To use the language of Pope John Paul II, when a person is reduced to being merely an object for another’s desire, then the experience violates the core of one’s sense of self.”

In casual sexual encounters, the consent we give each other may seem sincere and genuine, expressing our desires within the moment, but this kind of consent is largely transactional and temporary.

By consenting to pre-marital or extramarital sex, we declare, in effect, that we are giving ourselves, our bodies and our hearts to each other, although in truth, our giving remains partial and conditional, and we may be out the door the next morning or the next month.

Our consent, limited and qualified as it is, amounts to little more than an agreement to use each other as long as it’s convenient, and when the break up occurs, we are hurt because we thought we had something special, even though we didn’t really want to commit to anything special.

In the final analysis, human sexual activity calls for something much deeper and more abiding than mere transactional consent, namely, the irrevocable and permanent consent of spouses.

The late professor William May described it this way: “In and through his act of marital consent ... the man, forswearing all others, has given himself irrevocably the identity of this particular woman’s husband, while the woman, in and through her self-determining act of marital consent, has given herself irrevocably the identity of this particular man’s wife, and together they have given themselves the identity of spouses. ... Husbands and wives, precisely because they have given themselves irrevocably to each other in marriage, have established each other as irreplaceable, non-substitutable, non-disposable persons and by doing so have capacitated themselves to do things that non-married individuals simply cannot do, among them to ‘give’ themselves to one another in the act proper and exclusive to spouses—the marital act—and to receive the gift of life.”

Through the enduring commitment of marital consent, a man and a woman establish the foundation for personal sexual consent. In the absence of that larger marital commitment, all other consents, even with legalized authorization or electronic notarization, ring hollow.

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## The Trinity is the central mystery of Christian belief

*“We firmly believe and confess without reservation that there is only one true God, eternal, infinite and unchangeable, incomprehensible, almighty, and ineffable, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons indeed, but one essence, substance or nature entirely simple” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #202).*

Christians are baptized “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” This is an ancient formula of the baptismal creed. It affirms that the Most Holy Trinity, one God in three persons, is the central mystery of Christian life and belief. Baptism immerses us into the mystery of God’s inner life; it marks us indelibly with what St. Augustine called “the seal of the Lord,” a permanent sign that we belong to God alone as children of the Father, members of Christ’s body, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis has urged us not to focus on abstract doctrinal formulas as we seek to better understand, and share with others, the Good News that is our baptismal faith.

Too often, discussion of the Trinity takes on the appearance of obscure theologizing. This is a serious mistake. The mystery of God’s inner life is something dynamic, powerful and life-giving (literally).

The God who is love shares himself generously both within his divine nature and in his relationship to all creation. God’s inner life, the relationship that exists among the three persons of the Blessed Trinity, flows outward with great creative force. The result is life itself, and the great miracles of creation, redemption and sanctification that we Christians profess in the creed all proceed from the Most Holy Trinity as gifts of God’s grace that are intended to unite us with him forever.

When we accept God as our loving Father, we open ourselves to the gift of his endless mercy and forgiveness. No one is denied God’s love no matter what sins he or she has committed. All of us are invited to repent, seek God’s mercy and live freely without sin, as daughters and sons of our heavenly Father.

When we encounter Jesus and accept him as our Lord and Savior,

we become brothers and sisters to him and to one another. All the things that divide us are brushed aside as we acknowledge with St. Paul that “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male or female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal 3:28).

When we receive the Holy Spirit in baptism and in confirmation, the mission of Christ and his Church becomes our mission. In the words of Pope Francis, we become missionary disciples and spirit-filled evangelizers who have the courage to proclaim the joy of the Gospel to those who are closest to us and those who are far away.

We Christians are baptized into the mystery of God’s inner life, the Most Holy Trinity. We are immersed into the ocean of unconditional love that is who God is, and through baptism and all the sacraments of the Church, we are invited to participate in God’s love and share his love generously with others.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that “God’s works reveal who he is in himself” (#236).

Similarly, “the mystery of God’s inmost being enlightens our understanding of all his works” (cf. CCC, #236). This means that there is an important connection between what we can see with our own eyes (the marvelous works of creation) and what can only be seen with the eyes of faith (the mystery that is at the center of everything that exists). By the grace of God, we can see that there is more to life than what science and human reason alone can disclose to us.

This is the source of our hope and, ultimately, our joy. We are not bound by the limits of material reality or by our own sins or the sins of the world. A loving God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—has reached out to us, embraced us and rejoiced over us. He has welcomed us into his inner circle, the mystery of his inmost being. He has set us free and adopted us as sons and daughters, as members of his body and as temples of his Spirit.

What a gift the Blessed Trinity is! May we truly be grateful, responsible and generous stewards of this divine mystery! †



## Cristo, la piedra angular

### La Trinidad es el misterio central de la fe cristiana

*“Creemos firmemente y confesamos que hay un solo verdadero Dios, inmenso e inmutable, incomprensible, todopoderoso e inefable, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo: Tres Personas, pero una sola esencia, substancia o naturaleza absolutamente simple” (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, #202).*

Los cristianos son bautizados “en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.” Esta es la fórmula antigua del credo bautismal que reafirma que la Santísima Trinidad, tres personas de un mismo Dios, es el misterio central de la vida y la fe cristianas. El bautismo nos sumerge en el misterio de la vida íntima de Dios; nos urge indeleblemente con lo que san Agustín denominó “el sello del Señor,” un signo permanente de que pertenecemos únicamente a Dios como hijos del Padre, miembros del cuerpo de Cristo y templos del Espíritu Santo.

El papa Francisco nos ha exhortado a que no nos concentremos en las fórmulas doctrinarias abstractas para intentar comprender mejor y compartir con el prójimo la Buena Nueva de nuestra fe bautismal.

Muy a menudo, el análisis de la Trinidad adquiere la forma de una

teología oscura. Esto es un grave error. El misterio de la vida íntima de Dios es algo dinámico, poderoso y dador de vida (literalmente).

El Dios que es amor se entrega generosamente dentro de Su naturaleza divina y en Su relación con toda la creación. La vida íntima de Dios, la relación que existe entre las tres personas de la Santísima Trinidad, emana como una fuerza creativa enorme. El resultado es la vida misma y los grandes milagros de la creación, la redención y la santificación que los cristianos profesamos en el credo, proceden de la Santísima Trinidad como dones de la gracia de Dios destinados a unírnos con Él para siempre.

Cuando aceptamos a Dios como nuestro Padre amoroso, nos abrimos a los dones de Su infinita misericordia y perdón. Independientemente de los pecados que haya cometido, a nadie se le niega el amor de Dios. Todos estamos invitados a arrepentirnos, a buscar la misericordia divina y a vivir libremente sin pecado, como hijos de nuestro Padre celestial.

Cuando encontramos a Jesús y lo aceptamos como nuestro Señor y Salvador, nos convertimos en

hermanos de él y entre nosotros. Todo aquello que nos divide se hace a un lado al reconocer, junto con san Pablo, que “ya no hay judío ni pagano, esclavo ni hombre libre, varón ni mujer, porque todos ustedes no son más que uno en Cristo Jesús” (Gal 3:28).

Cuando recibimos al Espíritu Santo en el bautismo y la confirmación, la misión de Cristo y su Iglesia se convierte en la nuestra. En palabras del Papa Francisco, nos convertimos en discípulos misioneros y evangelizadores llenos del espíritu que tienen el valor de proclamar la alegría del Evangelio a aquellos más cercanos a nosotros y a quienes están lejos.

Los cristianos somos bautizados en el misterio de la vida íntima de Dios, la Santísima Trinidad. No sumergimos en el océano del amor incondicional de Dios y, a través del bautismo y todos los sacramentos de la Iglesia, se nos invita a participar en el amor de Dios y a compartirlo generosamente con los demás.

El *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* nos enseña que por sus obras “Dios se revela y comunica su vida” (#236).

Del mismo modo, “el misterio de su Ser íntimo ilumina la inteligencia

de todas sus obras” (cf. *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, #236). Esto significa que existe una importante conexión entre lo que vemos con nuestros propios ojos (la maravillosa obra de la creación) y lo que podemos ver únicamente con los ojos de la fe (el misterio que es el centro de todo lo que existe). Por la gracia de Dios podemos ver que la vida es mucho más de lo que nos muestran la ciencia y la razón humana por sí solas.

Esta es la fuente de nuestra esperanza y, finalmente, de nuestra alegría. No estamos confinados a los límites de la realidad material, de nuestros propios pecados o de los pecados del mundo; un Dios amoroso—Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo—se ha acercado a nosotros, nos ha acogido y se ha alegrado con nosotros. Nos ha dado la bienvenida a su círculo interior, al misterio de su vida íntima; nos ha hecho libres y nos ha adoptado como hijos, como miembros de su cuerpo y como templos de su Espíritu.

¡Qué grande es el don de la Santísima Trinidad! Que seamos administradores verdaderamente agradecidos, responsables y generosos de su divino misterio. †

# Events Calendar

For a list of events for the next four weeks as reported to The Criterion, log on to [www.archindy.org/events](http://www.archindy.org/events).

## May 28

Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Memorial Day Mass**, noon. Information: 317-784-4439 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery and Mausoleum, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Memorial Day Mass**, 10 a.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. **Memorial Day Service**, 8:45 a.m. patriotic music, 9 a.m. Mass followed by flag ceremony, playing of "Taps" and reception. Information: [bill\\_ochsner@comcast.net](mailto:bill_ochsner@comcast.net).

## May 31 - June 2

St. Jude Parish, 5353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis. **Summer Festival**, Thurs. and Fri. 5 p.m., Sat. 6 p.m., indoor Mexican fiesta on Fri., fried chicken dinners on Sat., food tents, carnival rides, games tent, Monte Carlo room, silent auction, pony rides on football field, live entertainment, raffle tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10 for \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500 prizes. Information: 317-786-4371.

## June 1

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. **First Friday** celebration of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mass, 5:45 p.m., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, following Mass until 9 p.m., sacrament of reconciliation available. Information: 317-888-2861 or [info@olgreenwood.org](mailto:info@olgreenwood.org).

St. Lawrence Church, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **First Friday Charismatic Renewal Praise and Mass**, praise and worship 7 p.m., Mass 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-7328, [mkeyes@indy.rr.com](mailto:mkeyes@indy.rr.com).

Women's Care Center, 4901 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. **First Friday Mass**, 5 p.m., Father Michael Bower presiding, optional tour of center to follow. Information: 317-829-6800, [www.womenscarecenter.org](http://www.womenscarecenter.org).

## June 1-3

Holy Angels School and the former St. Bridget School **All-Class Reunion Weekend. Meet and Greet**, Fri., Holy Angels Parish Center, 2822 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., Indianapolis,

hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, disc jockey, 7-10 p.m., \$10 per person; **Golf Outing**, Sat., Southern Dunes Golf Course, 8220 S. Tibbs Ave., Indianapolis, noon shotgun start, \$100 per golfer; **Dinner and Dance**, Sat., Holy Angels Parish Center, 7-10 p.m., dinner, cash bar and disc jockey, \$25 per person; **Mass**, Sun., Marian University Chartrand Memorial Chapel, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, 9 a.m., followed by reception at Holy Angels Parish Center. Information, including tickets, 317-926-3324, [peck.ronald@yahoo.com](mailto:peck.ronald@yahoo.com).

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish (Little Flower), 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. **Summerfest**, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$10 minimum purchase required for ages 13 and older midway rides, bingo on Fri., silent auction, entertainment tent, food and beer garden. Information: [www.littleflowerparish.org](http://www.littleflowerparish.org), 317-357-8352.

## June 2

St. Michael Church, 145 St. Michael Blvd., Brookville. **First Saturday Marian Devotional Prayer**

**Group**, Mass, prayers, rosary, confession, meditation, 8 a.m. Information: 765-647-5462.

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **The Labyrinth: A Pathway to God**, Benedictine Sister Cathy Ann Lepore facilitating, 10 a.m.-noon, \$30. Information and registration: 317-788-7581, [benedictinn.org](http://www.benedictinn.org).

Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mt. St. Francis. **Mountfest: An Experience of Kentuckiana**, 2-8 p.m., wine, beer, food and live music unique to Kentuckiana, booths featuring local artists and artisans, Terry's Treasures flea market and garage sale in gym, drawings for \$5,000 first place, \$1,000 second, \$500 third and \$100 each fourth-eighth. Rain or shine. Information: 812-923-8817.

## June 3

St. Joan of Arc Church, 4217 Central Ave., Indianapolis. **Corpus Christi Procession**, following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Information: 317-283-5508.

Riviera Club, 5640 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis. **The**

**former St. Agnes Academy "All-Class Brunch,"** honoring the classes of 1948, 1958 and 1968, for all graduates and attendees, noon. Reservations required by May 30: 317-340-7550, [padouglass@gmail.com](mailto:padouglass@gmail.com).

## June 5

St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. **Indiana German Heritage Society St. Boniface Day Celebration**, 12:10 p.m. Mass. Information: [williamlselm@gmail.com](mailto:williamlselm@gmail.com).

Mission 27 Resale, 132 Leota St., Indianapolis. **Senior Discount Day**, every Tuesday, seniors get 30 percent off all purchases, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., ministry supports Indianapolis St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry and Changing Lives Forever program. Information: 317-687-8260.

## June 6

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Solo Seniors**, Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles, 50 and over, single, separated, widowed or divorced. New members welcome. 6 p.m. Information: 317-243-0777.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 1752 Scheller Lane, New Albany. **"How to be a Christian Consoler" Seminar**, resources for family, friends, and caregivers of those who are suffering, 6:30-8:30 p.m., free. Register by June 1, 812-945-2374, [tyost@olphna.org](mailto:tyost@olphna.org).

## June 7-9

St. Simon the Apostle Parish, 8155 Oaklandon Road, Indianapolis. **Parish Festival**, Thurs. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 3 p.m.-midnight, music by "Jeff Day" on Thurs., "My Yellow Rickshaw" on Fri., "The Doo!" on Sat., food, games, rides, \$10 admission. Information: 317-826-6000, [www.saintsimonfestival.com](http://www.saintsimonfestival.com).

St. Anthony Parish, 300 N. Warman Ave. (former Max Bahr Park), Indianapolis. **Crossroads of the Americas Festival**, Thurs. 6-10 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 4 p.m.-midnight, multi-cultural food, carnival rides, art show, soccer tournament, live music, \$25 raffle tickets, \$20,000 grand prize, \$500 second. Information: 317-636-4828. †

## Slovenian National Home of Indianapolis to celebrate 100th anniversary on June 9

The Slovenian National Home of Indianapolis will celebrate its 100th anniversary at their annual festival at Clermont Lion's Club Park, 3201 N. Tansel Road, in Indianapolis, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on June 9.

Food service featuring Slovenian dishes will begin at 1 p.m. Beer and wine will also be available, including the introduction of an exclusive Slovenian beer made possible by a partnership between the home and Flat 12 Bierwerks. Coolers are not permitted.

Live music featuring "The Arachnids" followed by the "Polka

Jammers" will begin at 2 p.m.

There will also be face painting and tattoos for the kids.

The event is open to the public.

The cost of admission is \$5; there is no charge for those 16 and younger.

The Slovenian National Home was founded as a social club for the many Slovenian Catholics who immigrated to the near west side of Indianapolis in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It still serves this purpose and has more than 700 members.

For additional information, visit [sloveniannationalhomeindy.org](http://sloveniannationalhomeindy.org) or call 317-632-0619. †

## Next Spiritual Direction Internship program set to start in September

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove, will begin a new session of the Spiritual Direction Internship (SDI) program starting in September and running through April of 2020.

The SDI program is ecumenical. It is designed for those who desire to enrich their spiritual life, to discern

whether there is a calling to become a spiritual director, and to develop the skills needed for spiritual direction.

Applicants are expected to be actively engaged in spiritual direction prior to entering the program.

For more information, contact Benedictine Sister Antoinette Purcell at 317-787-3287, ext. 3022 or e-mail [antoinettep1964@gmail.com](mailto:antoinettep1964@gmail.com). †

## Sister who served at St. Michael Parish in Bradford celebrates 60th jubilee

Ursuline Sister of Mount St. Joseph Rose Karen Johnson, who served as director of religious education at St. Michael Parish in Bradford from 1989-91, is celebrating 60 years of religious life.

She also served for 29 years in various capacities in schools in Kentucky and Missouri, for three years as assistant local superior and as director of transportation



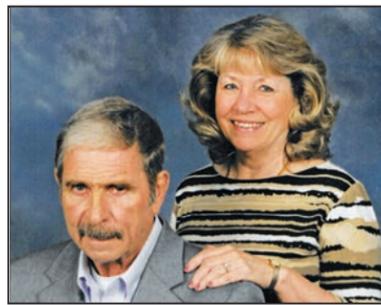
Sister Rose Karen Johnson, O.S.U.

for the Ursuline Sisters, and for 20 years as a pastoral associate and in healing ministry in Kentucky.

Sister Rose Karen is retired and resides at the order's Motherhouse in Maple Mount, Ky., where she is active in the sisters' prayer ministry.

Jubilee congratulations may be sent to 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY, 42356. †

## VIPs



**Gene and Janet (Dupps) Hurm**, members of St. Paul Parish in Tell City, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 18.

The couple was married at St. Joseph Church, in Jasper, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese, on May 18, 1968.

They have two children: Scott and Shaun Hurm.

They also have five grandchildren. †

## Conference on hospice and palliative care to be held at Marian University on June 26

A Hospice and Palliative Care Conference will be held at Marian University, Evans Center, 3200 Cold Spring Road, in Indianapolis, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. on June 26.

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson will open the conference with prayer. Afterward, presentations and discussions with palliative care professionals from Franciscan Health and St. Vincent Health will be offered. Light refreshments will be served.

This is the opening conference for a hospice and palliative care initiative

that has been established between the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, St. Vincent Health and Franciscan Health to provide education and tools to care for and offer support to those in their final stages of life.

There is no charge for the conference. While walk-ins are welcome, pre-registration is preferred and may be completed online at [bit.ly/2IQXbjl](http://bit.ly/2IQXbjl) (web address is case sensitive).

For more information, contact Keri Carroll at 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1521, or e-mail [kcarroll@archindy.org](mailto:kcarroll@archindy.org). †

## Retreats and Programs

For a complete list of retreats as reported to The Criterion, log on to [www.archindy.org/retreats](http://www.archindy.org/retreats).

### June 13

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Personal Day of Retreat**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$35 includes room for the day and lunch, spiritual direction available for \$30. Information and registration: 317-788-7581, [www.benedictinn.org](http://www.benedictinn.org).

### June 14

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, 22143 Main St., Oldenburg. **Praying with Your Smartphone**, Chris Wasselman presenting, 6:30-8 p.m., \$15. Information and registration: 812-933-6437, [oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://oldenburgfranciscancenter.org).

### June 15-21

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad. **The Image as a Window to the Spiritual: An Artist's Six-Day Hands-on Workshop and Retreat**, Benedictine Brother Martin Erspamer and Passionist Brother Michael Moran presenting, limited spots available, \$695 single, \$1,045 double. Information: 812-357-6585 or [mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

### June 22-24

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Tobit Marriage**

### Preparation Weekend

7 p.m. Fri.-11:45 a.m. Sun., \$298 includes separate room accommodations for couple, meals, snacks and materials. Registration deadline: June 20. Information and registration: Dustin Nelson, 317-545-7681, ext. 101 or [www.archindy.org/fatima/calendar/tobit.html](http://www.archindy.org/fatima/calendar/tobit.html).

### June 24-30

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Monastic Retreat: Sacramental Living so that God May Be Glorified**, \$500. Information and registration: 317-788-7581, [www.benedictinn.org](http://www.benedictinn.org). †

# On Pentecost, Irish bishops urge a 'no' vote on abortion referendum

DUBLIN (CNS)—Irish bishops used Pentecost Sunday Masses to make a final appeal for people to reject a government proposal to remove the right to life of unborn children from the country's constitution and pave the way for abortion up to 12 weeks' gestation.

Voters go to the polls on May 25 in a referendum on whether to remove the Eighth Amendment, which was passed in 1983 and gives unborn children an equal right to life "with due regard" to the life of the mother. Minister for Health Simon Harris has announced plans to allow abortion on demand up to 12 weeks, up to 24 weeks on unspecified grounds for the health of the mother, and up to birth where the child is diagnosed with a life-limiting condition that means he or she may not live long after birth.

In a message read at Masses across the Archdiocese of Armagh, Northern Ireland—which includes parts of the Irish Republic—Archbishop Eamon Martin urged worshippers to be "missionaries for the cause of life."

The archbishop, president of the Irish bishops' conference, pointed out that Ireland's Supreme Court has clarified that "if the Eighth Amendment is repealed, unborn children in Ireland will have absolutely no constitutional rights."

"A vote to repeal the Eighth Amendment on May 25 would therefore pave the way for a very liberal abortion regime in Ireland, including completely unrestricted access to abortion during the first three months of pregnancy," Archbishop Martin said.

He warned that this was a departure from the current medical and legal culture in Ireland, "where the equality of life of a mother and her unborn baby is written into our constitution."

"Women's lives are precious, to be loved, valued and protected. Their babies'

lives are precious, to be loved, valued and protected. Both lives deserve protection from the tragedy and irreversible decision of abortion," Archbishop Martin said.

He insisted that "to be against abortion is not simply 'a Catholic thing.' The innate dignity of every human life is a value for the whole of society—for people of all faiths and none. It is rooted in reason as well as in faith. To take away an innocent human life can never be simply a matter of personal choice."

The archbishop concluded his message with a direct appeal to voters: "When you go inside the voting booth on May 25, pause and think of two lives—the life of the mother and the life of her baby—two hearts beating; two lives which are both precious and deserving of compassion and protection.

"Love them both. Pray for both. Choose life for them both. Say 'no' to repealing the Eighth Amendment, and then do everything you can to ensure that our country will always provide the best possible care and support for all mothers and their unborn children," he wrote.

In Dublin, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin had asked parishes to hold a special time of prayer for the protection of life. Many parishes held holy hours, and a message from the archbishop was read at Masses.

He told Massgoers that the Church "must always be pro-life. That means that the Christian community must be a beacon of support for life, especially at its most vulnerable moments, and a beacon of support at vulnerable moments of any woman or man along their path of life.

"Christians must be pro-life when it comes to the unborn and those who are vulnerable at the end of their lives," Archbishop Martin wrote.

Reflecting on the past, Archbishop Martin said that "for too long, a mentality was common in Ireland in which single mothers



Thousands gathered in Dublin on May 12 to say "Love Both" and "Vote No" to abortion on demand. They were protesting abortion on demand in the forthcoming referendum on May 25. (CNS photo/John McElroy)

were ostracized and humiliated. This narrow moralistic culture was often sadly enhanced by the attitude of the Church."

He noted that "it was women who stood up and challenged that culture and affirmed their desire and right to be able to keep and give love to their children. We owe a debt to those women who, then and now, witness to life.

"Ireland has a great record in the care of mothers and of children. The overall ethos of medicine in Ireland has been marked by a passionate commitment to do all to protect the life of both mother and child," Archbishop Martin wrote.

He warned that "repealing the Eighth Amendment is not about permitting limited abortion. It would bring about a radical change to our broad pro-life culture. It would end any constitutional protection

whatsoever for the unborn. Proposed future legislation would permit abortion without restriction up to 12 weeks, but also permit abortion on physical and mental health grounds up to six months."

The archbishop said a decision to remove the right to life of the unborn from the constitution would be "a point of no return."

"It seems incongruous that, just as medical science allows us to understand much more about the evolution of the baby in the womb and his or her originality and unique identity, that we should simply throw out all constitutional protection of the unborn child.

"For that reason, I will be voting 'no,'" the archbishop wrote.

Voting precincts are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on May 25. A result is expected on May 26. †

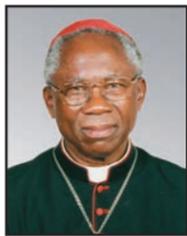
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Brownsburg and as a student at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis has led him to grow in his trust of God and the power of prayer and in gratitude for his many blessings.

Andretti reflected on his racing career, his family, his struggle with cancer and how faith tied them all together in a recent interview with *The Criterion* and on May 3 at the 10th annual Men Valuing Prayer and Service steak dinner at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

## Faith, family and racing

Growing up as the son of Aldo Andretti, Mario's twin brother, John said that while he and his family "were not the holiest of people," they still were dedicated to going to Mass each Sunday together.

"That's just what we did," he said. "We all got dressed, got in the car and off we went to church."

His parents were also dedicated to providing a Catholic education for their children. Andretti attended both St. Malachy School and Cardinal Ritter.

With his high school being only a couple of miles from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Andretti said that everyone at Cardinal Ritter could hear the race cars practicing each May.

"Kids would play hooky, going over to the race track, and yet the teachers would make sure that we [Andrettis] were in attendance," Andretti said with a laugh. "We started to figure out that we could give some passes to the teachers. That would help. If they were at the race track, then we figured we could go to the race track."

As Andretti and his wife raised their family in Mooresville, N.C., they chose to make attending Mass together a priority, managing it as best they could amid the challenges of a racing schedule.

"Families can become disconnected when going to church goes out of their lives," he said. "Families need that

camaraderie and togetherness as a unit. Faith can and should be a big part of that."

Andretti has experienced that togetherness in the motorsports community as well, a solidarity in part cemented through faith.

He noted that if the invocation prayed before the start of a race were left out, "it would be noticed immediately."

"That's what people expect," Andretti said. "They expect to hear a prayer for safety for so many people involved. I've heard it so many times in different ways. But it's important, every time."

"We have to recognize God and, in doing so, we're asking for his blessing, not only for the day to be successful for us as individuals, but also for everybody to be safe."

Andretti has reason to intensify those prayers as he travels the country to watch his son race in about 50 events per year.

His perspective on racing has now changed—and his emotions have changed as well.

"It switches from, 'Boy, I hope I have a great race,' to 'I just want to get out of here with [Jarett] being good' and then go on to the next one," Andretti said. "Obviously, as a parent you want him to succeed, but also the priority is that nothing happens to him."

## Discovering the power of prayer

The tie between racing and faith also deepened for Andretti after he went public with his struggle with colon cancer, which was diagnosed in January 2017.

Andretti said at first he wanted to keep his health challenges private, but was convinced to let the public know about his diagnosis after he was presented with a challenge. If five people would choose to get a colon cancer screening after learning about his struggles, then he would announce his condition publicly.

That happened. And not only have countless people chosen to have screenings after learning about Andretti's condition, but prayers and support for him came flooding in.

The people who were fierce

competitors to him were now the first to offer a helping hand.

"In the motorsports community, when something happens, all of that [competitiveness] neutralizes. Immediately, it goes into, 'How can we help?'" Andretti said. "The way the compassion and support came from the motorsports community was truly overwhelming. It was more than I could have imagined."

That prayerful support also came from his many fans through social media and from many notes, cards and letters. "I have so much in my office that I haven't even been able to get through it all, which gives me a lot of strength," Andretti said.

In the three weeks before going public with his condition about a year ago, Andretti found it extremely painful to eat because of the ongoing effects of chemotherapy.

Then the prayers came flowing in. "When people started praying, my life changed," Andretti said. "My pain subsided substantially. Within three days, it had gone down to almost nothing. And by the end of the week, I had no more pain. No one can explain why."

"To me, that is the power of prayer and the power of God. That is the only thing that changed."

## Finding 'silver linings'

Living with cancer has deepened the connection between faith and life for Andretti.

"I don't worry about, 'Why me?'" he said. "If tomorrow is my last day, did I



Professional race car driver John Andretti speaks on May 3 at the 10th annual Men Valuing Prayer and Service steak dinner at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

get more than I deserved out of life? The answer is a resounding 'Yes.'"

Andretti expressed his gratitude for God's blessings in his family and his racing career—and also, in a way, for his cancer.

"God's not the one who gave me cancer," he said. "Satan works to challenge your beliefs and your faith. But at the hand of God, so many things have changed. So many wonderful things have happened, because of my cancer. Not necessarily for me and my family, but for [so many] other people."

Opening his eyes to how God has worked for his and other people's good through his condition has helped him see the "silver lining" in a period of his life he could easily have said was only marked by dark clouds.

"It's God putting his hand down and saying, 'This is the difference that you're going to make,'" Andretti said. "God is the silver lining in all that we face. He's always present. And God not only allows you to see that silver lining, but to bask in it."

"I'm truly blessed. I witness silver linings every day. I look for them." †

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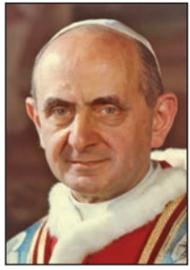
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# Pope to canonize Blesseds Paul VI, Oscar Romero in Rome on Oct. 14

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis will declare Blesseds Oscar Romero, Paul VI and four others saints on Oct. 14 at the Vatican during the meeting of the world Synod of Bishops, an institution that Blessed Paul revived.



Blessed Paul VI

The date was announced on May 19 during an ordinary public consistory, a meeting of the pope, cardinals and promoters of sainthood causes that formally ends the sainthood process.

During the consistory, Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, formally petitioned the pope "to enroll in due course among the saints" six candidates for canonization "for the glory of God and the good of the whole Church."

Each of the candidates, the cardinal told the pope, gave "a convinced and coherent witness to the Lord Jesus. Their example continues to enlighten the Church and the world in accordance with the perspective of mercy that your Holiness never ceases to indicate and propose."

Briefly giving a biographical sketch of the candidates, Cardinal Amato said that during El Salvador's civil war, Archbishop Romero, "outraged at seeing the violence against the weak and the killing of priests and catechists, felt the need to assume an attitude of fortitude. On March 24, 1980, he was killed while celebrating the Mass."

Reviewing the facts of Blessed Paul's life, Cardinal Amato highlighted how, as a high-level official in the Vatican Secretariat of State during World War II, the future pope "organized charitable assistance and hospitality for those persecuted by Nazism and Fascism, particularly the Jews."

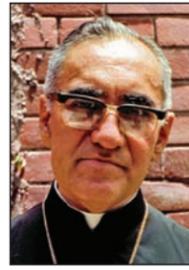
Pope Francis then certified that he had solicited the opinion of the cardinals, who agreed that "these same blesseds should be proposed to the whole Church as examples of Christian life and holiness."

Blessed Romero, the archbishop of San Salvador, was assassinated one day after calling on the government to end its violation of the human rights of El Salvador's people.

While Catholics inside and outside El Salvador recognized him as a martyr immediately, his sainthood cause was stalled for years as some Church leaders

debated whether he was killed for his faith or for his politics.

As Pope Francis told a group of Salvadoran pilgrims in 2015, even after his death Blessed Romero "was defamed, slandered, his memory tarnished, and his martyrdom continued, including by his brothers in the priesthood and in the episcopate."



Blessed Oscar Romero

In February 2015, Pope Francis signed the formal decree recognizing Blessed Romero's martyrdom; the Salvadoran archbishop was beatified three months later in San Salvador.

The Salvadoran bishops' conference and many Salvadorans had hoped Pope Francis would preside over the canonization in San Salvador, particularly because of the difficulty and expense of traveling to Rome. Others, however, argued that holding the ceremony at the Vatican makes it clear that Blessed Romero is a saint for the entire Church.

Salvadoran Cardinal Gregorio Rosa said that he hoped Pope Francis would

make a brief trip to San Salvador in January to pray at the tomb of by-then St. Oscar Romero. The pope will be in Central America for World Youth Day in Panama.

Blessed Paul VI, who was born Giovanni Battista Montini, was pope from 1963 to 1978. He presided over the final sessions of the Second Vatican Council and its initial implementation. He also wrote "Humanae Vitae," a 1968 encyclical on married love, the 1975 apostolic exhortation "Evangelii Nuntiandi" on evangelization and "Populorum Progressio," a 1967 encyclical on social development and the economy.

Speaking in 2013 to a group of pilgrims from Brescia, Italy, Pope Paul's home diocese, Pope Francis said his predecessor had "experienced to the full the Church's travail after the Second Vatican Council: the lights, the hopes, the tensions. He loved the Church and expended himself for her, holding nothing back."

And, beatifying Pope Paul in 2014, Pope Francis noted that even in the face of "a secularized and hostile society," Pope Paul "could hold fast, with farsightedness and wisdom—and at times alone—to the helm of the barque of Peter while never losing his joy and his trust in the Lord." †

# Chilean abuse survivor says Pope Francis told him God loves him the way he is

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—An abuse survivor, who had been disparaged for being a homosexual, said that Pope Francis told him that God made him that way and loved him for who he was.

Juan Carlos Cruz—one of the three survivors from Chile who met with the pope on April 27-30 at the Vatican—said his homosexuality and how it brought about further suffering was something he discussed with the pope during the private meeting.

Cruz told the Spanish daily, *El Pais*, in an interview published on May 19 that the pope had been told by detractors "that I was a pervert. I explained that I was not St. Aloysius Gonzaga, but that I am not a bad person either. I try not to hurt anybody."

According to Cruz, the pope then told him, "Juan Carlos, it doesn't matter that you are gay. God made you that way and he loves you the way you are, and it doesn't matter to me. The pope loves you the way you are; you have to be happy with who you are."

The Vatican does not comment on the content of private conversations with the pope.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says the "psychological genesis" of same-sex attraction "remains largely unexplained," and that those men and women with "deep-seated homosexual tendencies" do not choose their condition. (#2357, #2358)

"Tradition has always declared that homosexual acts are intrinsically

disordered. They are contrary to the natural law," (#2357) and under no circumstances can such acts be approved, the catechism teaches.

"They do not choose their homosexual condition; for most of them it is a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided" (#2358), it says.

The Church teaches that any sexual activity outside the bond of marriage between a man and a woman is sinful, and that "homosexual persons are called to chastity" (#2359), and to seek to fulfill God's will in their lives.

Such teachings were also evident when Pope Francis told reporters in 2013, "Who am I to judge" a homosexual person "who is seeking God, who is of goodwill."

"The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains this very well. It says one must not marginalize these persons, they must be integrated into society. The problem isn't this [homosexual] orientation—we must be like brothers and sisters," Pope Francis said during a news conference with reporters flying with him from Brazil to Rome.

In a book-length interview published in 2010, then-Pope Benedict XVI was asked whether the Church teaching that homosexuals deserve respect is not contradicted by its position that homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered."

The pope answered, "No. It is one thing

to say that they are human beings with their problems and their joys, that as human beings they deserve respect, even though they have this inclination, and must not be discriminated against because of it."

In the book, *Light of the World: The Pope, the Church and the Signs of the Times*, Pope Benedict said, "sexuality has an intrinsic meaning and direction, which is not homosexual," rather, the meaning

and purpose of sexuality "is to bring about the union of man and woman and, in this way, to give humanity posterity, children, a future."

He said it was still an open question whether homosexual inclinations are innate or arise early in life. In any case, he said, if these are strong inclinations, it represents "a great trial" for the homosexual person. †

## Little Flower SUMMERFEST

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	<b>June 1, 2, and 3</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
5pm-11pm	3pm-11pm	11:30am-5pm	

### Fun

Monte Carlo Friday and Saturday nights 6:00pm-11:00pm  
 BINGO on Friday with \$1,000 in cash prizes—(register prior to 7pm start)  
 Silent Auction and Raffle with \$5,000.00 grand prize  
 Saturday Night is Little Flower School Alumni Night  
 Family Day on Sunday with juggling, face painting, clowns, and other family friendly entertainment

### Food

Outdoor Food Court and Beer Garden  
 Wine from Barefoot Wines  
 Indoor Dinner provided by Steer In on Saturday 5-7:30pm  
 Indoor Sunday Brunch 9:30am-12:00pm

### Entertainment

**Friday**  
 Scecina High School Rock Band at 5:00pm  
 Wayne Watson Blues Kick at 7:00pm  
 The Woolly Bullies at 9:00pm  
**Saturday**  
 Martini Time at 7:00 pm  
 Bigger is Better Band at 9:00 pm  
**Sunday**  
 Silly Safari at 1:30pm and Mr. Daniel at 3:00pm

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Following are the parish festival listings as reported to *The Criterion* as of May 21.

#### May 26

St. John the Baptist Parish, Starlight, 8310 St. John Road, **Floyds Knobs**. Strawberry Festival, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken dinner and other options served 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 5K run/walk, build your own strawberry shortcake, soap box derby, kids' bounce houses, bingo, craft booths, games, Little Miss and Mister Shortcake contest, frozen drinks, live music and entertainment, raffle. Information: 812-923-5785.

#### May 31, June 1-2

St. Jude Parish, 5353 McFarland Road, **Indianapolis**. Summer Festival, Thurs. and Fri. 5 p.m., Sat. 6 p.m., indoor Mexican fiesta on Fri., fried chicken dinners on Sat., food tents, carnival rides, games tent, Monte Carlo room, silent auction, pony rides on football field, live entertainment, raffle tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10 for \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500 prizes. Information: 317-786-4371.

#### June 1-3

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish (Little Flower), 4720 E. 13th St., **Indianapolis**. Summerfest, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$10 minimum purchase required for ages 13 and older, midway rides, bingo on Fri., silent auction, entertainment tent, food and beer garden., Information: [www.littleflowerparish.org](http://www.littleflowerparish.org), 317-357-8352.

#### June 2

Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Dr., **Mt. St. Francis**. Mountfest: an experience of Kentuckiana, 2-8 p.m., wine, beer, food and live music unique to Kentuckiana, booths featuring local artists and artisans, Terry's Treasures flea market and garage sale in the gym, drawings for \$5,000 first place, \$1,000 second, \$500 third and \$100 each fourth-eighth. Rain or shine. Information: 812-923-8817.

#### June 7-9

St. Simon the Apostle Parish, 8155 Oaklandon Road, **Indianapolis**. Parish Festival, Thurs. 5-11 p.m. Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 3 p.m.-midnight, music by "Jeff Day" on Thurs., "My Yellow Rickshaw" on Fri., "The Doo!" on Sat., food, games, rides, \$10 admission. Information: [www.saintsimonfestival.com](http://www.saintsimonfestival.com), 317-826-6000.

St. Anthony Parish, former Max Bahr Park, 300 N. Warman Ave., **Indianapolis**. Crossroads of the Americas Festival, Thurs. 6-10 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 4 p.m.-midnight, multi-cultural food, carnival rides, art show, soccer tournament, live music, \$25 raffle tickets, \$20,000 grand prize, \$500 second. Information: 317-636-4828.

#### June 7-10

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St., **Greenwood**. Parish Festival, Thur. 5-11 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 2 p.m.-midnight, Sun. noon-9 p.m., food booths, rides, bingo, cake wheel, Monte Carlo, children's games, spin and win, raffles, quilt raffle, silent auction. Information: 317-888-2861.

#### June 8-9

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., **Indianapolis**. Annual Italian Street Festival, 5-11 p.m., Italian food, wine, beer, music featuring "The Woomblies," "Theotokos" and "Final Edition" on Fri., "Heartstone Crossing" and "Indy Polkamotion" on Sat., children's games and rides, Marian procession 6:45 p.m. on Sat. followed by Mass, free parking in the Eli Lilly lots on East St. and New Jersey St., free admission. Information: 317-636-4478.

Holy Angels Parish, 740 W. 28th St., **Indianapolis**. Music Festival, Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 2-11 p.m., dinners, live music, vendors, children's area, inflatables, \$7-12 food and ride tickets. Information: 317-926-3324.

#### June 14-16

St. Susanna Parish, 1210 E. Main St., **Plainfield**. Parish Festival and Car Raffle, Thur. 6-10 p.m., Fri. 6-11 p.m., Sat. 4:30 p.m.-midnight, international food, nightly food specials and entertainment, gambling tent, Texas poker, beer and wine garden, chicken bingo, kids' games, book fair, carnival rides, raffle tickets \$50 each or 3 for \$125, 2018 Ford Focus SE grand prize, \$1,500 second, \$1,000 third, \$500 fourth and fifth each. Information and raffle tickets: 317-839-3333.

#### June 15-16

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 535 Edgewood Ave., **Indianapolis**. Funfest, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, dinners in air conditioned hall with senior discount, grilled and multi-cultural foods, desserts, elephant ears, raffles, bingo, quilt raffle, inflatables, children's games, beer, Monte Carlo, live bands, pony rides. Information: 317-787-8246.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., **Indianapolis**. International Festival, 5 p.m.-midnight, authentic Latino, Asian, German and American food, live music, dance groups, carnival rides, charitable games and raffle, beer garden. Information: 317-291-7014.

#### June 16

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 316 N. Sherwood Ave., **Clarksville**. Chicken Dinner and Festival, 2-8 p.m., all activities indoor, fried chicken dinner, cakes, quilts, mini-raftles, children's area, adult games of chance, raffle, \$5,000 first, \$1,000 second, \$500 third. Information: 317-282-2290.

#### June 22

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2222 E. 3rd St., **Bloomington**. Hog Roast benefitting St. Vincent de Paul Society, 4:30-8:30 p.m., food, beer and wine, live music, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, door prizes, \$10 presale/\$12 at the door. Information: 812-336-6846.

#### June 22-23

Christ the King Parish, 5884 N. Crittenden Ave., **Indianapolis**. Summer Social, 6 p.m.-midnight, live music, 50/50 raffle, food booths, kids' zone, craft beer, \$1 entrance charge. Information: 317-255-3666.

#### June 24

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Decatur County, St. Maurice Campus, 1963 N. St. John St., **Greensburg**. Parish Festival, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken and roast beef dinners served inside and outside, mock turtle soup, raffles, live bands, kiddy tractor pull, adult and children's games, silent auction, beer and wine garden. Mass at 10 a.m. Information: 812-663-4754.

#### July 4

St. Mary Parish, 311 N. New Jersey St., **Indianapolis**. Fourth of July *Ole!* Festival, 4-11 p.m., Latino and American food, family games, beer garden, live music by "Classic Music Indy" and "Sounds of Mike Proctor," disc jockey, face painting, balloon sculpture, mimes, stilt walkers, Zumba dance exhibition, children's area, view of downtown fireworks. Information: 317-637-3983.

#### July 8

Harrison County Fairgrounds, 341 S. Capital Ave., **Corydon**. St. Joseph Tri-Parish Picnic, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., chicken dinner, homemade noodles, pies, children's area, games, booths, silent auction, Granny's Attic flea market, quilts, dinner tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children, raffle for \$5,000 first, \$1,000 second, \$500 third and \$300 fourth. Information: 812-738-2742.

St. Lawrence Parish, 542 Walnut St., **Lawrenceburg**. Chicken Fest, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., chicken dinners, \$12 adults, \$10 ages 10 and younger, grand raffle, jumbo split the pot, bid-n-buy. Information: 812-537-3992.

#### July 12-14

Holy Spirit Parish, 7243 E. 10th St., **Indianapolis**. Parish Festival, Thurs. 6-11 p.m., Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 1 p.m.-midnight, food, beer garden, bingo, carnival rides, live entertainment, Texas poker, black jack, \$10 admission refunded in food and drink vouchers, children younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Information: 317-353-9404.

#### July 13-14

St. Benedict Parish, 111 S. 9th St., **Terre Haute**. Community Festival, Fri. and Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, church tours, live music, children's games, poker, food booths, beer garden, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, raffle, \$3 admission for ages 12 and older. Information: 812-232-8421, [www.stbenedictth.org](http://www.stbenedictth.org).

#### July 14-15

All Saints Parish, Dearborn County, St. John the Baptist Campus, 25743 State Rte. 1, **Guilford**. Summer Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., \$12 chicken dinners

Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., food stand, quilts, Last Supper religious exhibit, games, kiddie land, country store, beer garden, \$10,000 raffle. Information: 812-576-4302.

#### July 19-21

St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., **Indianapolis**. Mid-Summer Festival, Thurs. 4-10 p.m., Fri. 4-11 p.m., Sat. noon-11 p.m., food, carnival games and rides, bingo, raffles, casino games, beer tent. Information: 317-241-6314.

#### July 22-28

St. Ambrose Parish, food booth at Jackson County Fair on S.R. 250, **Brownstown**, 2-10 p.m. Information: 812-522-5304.

#### July 28

St. Mary Parish, 777 S. 11th St., **Mitchell**. Hog Roast and Indoor Yard Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., pulled pork dinners with sides, children's games, door prizes, silent auction. Information: 812-849-3570.

#### July 28-29

All Saints Parish, Dearborn County, St. Martin Campus, 8044 Yorkridge Road, **Guilford**. Summer Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., \$12 chicken dinners Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., food stand, quilts, Last Supper religious exhibit, games, kiddie land, country store, beer garden, \$10,000 raffle. Information: 812-576-4302.

#### July 29

St. Augustine Parish, 18020 Lafayette St., **Leopold**. Parish Picnic, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. CT, fried chicken dinners, ice cream, big raffle, quilt raffle, silent auction, live entertainment, family games. Information: 812-843-5143.

#### August 3-4

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 523 S. Merrill St., **Fortville**. Summer Festival, Fri. 7-11 p.m., Monte Carlo, Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., chicken and noodle dinners, walking tacos, burger and fries, lemon shake ups, ice cream and desserts, children's games, raffle, quilt raffle, face painting. Information: 317-485-5102.

#### August 5

St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Hwy. 337 N.W., **Depauw**. Picnic and Raffle, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., country fried chicken and ham dinners, homemade noodles and pies served in an air conditioned dining room until 2 p.m., carryout available, adult and children's games, 50/50 raffle, gun raffle, live music 11 a.m.-1 p.m., drawing for \$10,000 with only 300 \$100 tickets, silent auction until 2:30 p.m., children's games, 50/50 raffle, handmade quilts, games of chance. Information or ticket purchase: 812-347-2326.

St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 545, **Fulda**. Summer Picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CT, fried chicken and roast beef dinners with homemade stuffing and desserts in air conditioning served 10 a.m.-2 p.m. CT, carryout available, soup sold by the bowl or in bulk, fried chicken sandwiches, grilled tenderloins, burgers, ice cream, homemade food items, games, live music, shaded family fun area, guided tours of church. Information: 812-357-5533.

#### August 11

Immaculate Conception Parish, 2081 E. Cty Road 820 S., **Greensburg**. Community Consignment Auction (items accepted through 8 p.m. on Aug. 10), begins 9:30 a.m. and will last 5-6 hours, farm equipment, mowers, tools, furniture, household items, building materials and more, view items at [auctionzip.com](http://auctionzip.com), lunch available. Information: 812-591-2362.

#### August 11-12

All Saints Parish, Dearborn County, St. Paul Campus, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, **Guilford**. Summer Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., \$12 chicken dinners Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., food stands, quilts, Last Supper religious exhibit, games, kiddie land, country store, beer garden, \$10,000 raffle. Information: 812-576-4302.

#### August 12

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary's Dr. NE., **Lanesville**. 175th Anniversary Picnic and Homecoming, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., chicken and ham dinners served in air conditioned dining room, drive through available 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m., \$6,000 in cash prizes, more than 30 quilts to be raffled, linen/craft booths, Granny's Attic,

games, silent auction. Mass schedule: 8 and 10:30 a.m. Information: 812-952-2853.

#### August 17-18

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., **Indianapolis**. Augustravaganza, 4 p.m.-midnight, catered dinners 5-7:30 p.m., Monte Carlo 6-11:30 p.m., bingo in Parish Center 6:30-11 p.m., \$5 raffle tickets for \$10,000 hot tub grand prize, \$2,000 first, \$1,000 second, \$500 third, \$500 American Wholesale Furniture gift card fourth and fifth, beer garden, rides, children's games, live music 8-11 p.m. by "First Time Caller" Fri. and "Mr. Zero." Fri. only: Pacers Fan Van 6-8 p.m.; Sat. only: 5K or 1 mile walk/run 9 a.m. (pre-register at [www.nativityindy.org/5k-race](http://www.nativityindy.org/5k-race)), Silly Safari 6:45 p.m., baby crawl 7 p.m. Pre-festival activities Thurs. 6:30 p.m., Cookies and Canvas for kids, beer tasting for adults 21 and older. Information: 317-357-1200, "Like" "Augustravaganza" Facebook page.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 4625 N. Kenwood Ave., **Indianapolis**. Sausage Fest, Fri. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sat. 5:30 p.m.-midnight, sausage from L.E. Kincaid & Sons, food vendors, children's activities, teen area, Sun King beer, wine garden. Information: 317-253-1461.

#### August 18-19

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 5719 Saint Mary's Road, **Floyds Knobs**. Knobsfest, Sat. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sat. only: food trucks, gambling, beer garden, "Louisville Crashers" band 6 p.m.-midnight, \$10 admission to dance, \$3 beers; Sun. only: \$10 home-cooked chicken dinners, games of chance, bingo, pull tabs, quilt raffle, kids' zone, 2018 Corvette/cash raffle 3 p.m. Information: 812-923-3011.

#### August 19

St. Nicholas Parish, Ripley County, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., **Sunman**. Church Picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., fried chicken and roast beef dinners, mock turtle soup, family games, raffle, basket booth, beer garden. Information: 812-623-2964.

#### August 23-25

St. Ann Parish, 6350 S. Mooresville Road, **Indianapolis**. Parish Festival, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 5-11:30 p.m., food, rides, games, beer garden, Annie's Attic, silent auction. Information: 317-821-2909.

#### August 25

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5692 Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. Neighborhood 5K Run/Walk 9 a.m., \$20 entry fee, Fall Festival 4-11 p.m., free up to age 20, \$2 admission age 21 and older, local music, food, beverages, kids' games. Information: 317-257-2266.

#### August 25-26

St. Mary Parish, 1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way, **Greensburg**. On Eagles Wings 5K Walk/Run Sat. 8 a.m. (register online [www.oneeagleswings5K.com](http://www.oneeagleswings5K.com)). Festival, Sat. 5:30-11 p.m., Sun. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat. only adults age 21 and older admitted, pork chop meal, live music by "Nuttin' Fancy" 7-11 p.m., beer garden, casino games, raffles, silent auction; Sun.: family day, fried chicken and pork BBQ dinners served 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., bake sale, kids' games, inflatables, casino games, bingo, concessions, raffles including \$5,000 grand prize, live music by "Keith Swinney Band" noon-4 p.m. Information: 812-663-8427.

#### August 31 - September 2

St. Joseph Parish, 1401 S. Micklely Ave., **Indianapolis**. Fall Festival, Fri. and Sat. 5-11 p.m., Sun. 3-11 p.m., American and Vietnamese food, rides, kid's tent, community barn sale, black jack, poker, beer garden, chicken bingo, silent auction. Information: 317-244-9002.

#### August 31 - September 3

Sacred Heart Parish, gymnasium, 558 Nebeker St., Clinton. Spaghetti Fest, Fri. 4-9 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., sauce prepared by Knights of Columbus #9441, air conditioned dining, handicapped accessible, adults \$8, children 12 and younger \$5, silent auction, craft booths, free parking. Information: 765-832-8468.

#### September 2

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Decatur County, St. John the Evangelist Campus, 9995 E. Base Road, **Greensburg**. Enochsburg Church Picnic, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Fireside Inn

fried chicken, roast beef dinners, mock turtle soup, games and booths. Information: 812-934-2880.

#### September 3

St. Peter Parish, 1207 East Road, **Brookville**. Labor Day Festival, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., family-style fried chicken dinner in air-conditioned hall, handicap accessible. Information: 765-647-5462.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 4773 E. Morris Church St., **Morris**. Labor Day Festival, 11 a.m., chicken and roast beef dinners, games, beer garden, \$10,000 grand prize raffle. Information: 812-934-6218.

#### September 7-8

Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School, 201 W. State St., **Madison**. Shawe and Pope John XXIII Summertime Festival, 5 p.m.-midnight, Fri. fish fry, food booth, beer tent, carnival rides, two \$5,000 cash giveaways, live music 8:30-11 p.m. Fri. by "The Louisville Crashers" and Sat. by "The Rumors" Information: 812-265-5835.

#### September 7-9

St. Mary Parish, 629 Clay St., **North Vernon**. Community Festival, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri. indoor fish fry, Sat. outdoor grilled food, Sun. indoor chicken buffet, carnival rides, live music, beer garden, kickball tournament, silent auction, \$10,000 cash raffle. Information: 812-346-3604.

#### September 8

St. Joan of Arc Parish, 4217 N. Central Ave., **Indianapolis**. French Market, noon-10 p.m., French food, live music, artisan booths, children's area until 5 p.m., historic church tours, raffle, bake sale, Mass in French at 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1840 E. 8th St., **Jeffersonville**. Street Dance, 7 p.m.-midnight, music by "100% Poly," food, beverages, kids' games, raffle, children younger than 18 must be accompanied by adult. Information: 812-282-2677.

St. Rose of Lima Parish, 114 Lancelot Dr., Franklin. **Parish Festival**, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., food, yard sale, kids' games, auction, quilt and other raffles, Mass at 4:30 p.m. Information: 317-783-3929.

#### September 8-9

St. Michael Parish, 145 St. Michael Blvd., **Brookville**. Fall Fest, Sat. 5-11 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. smoked pork chop dinner, Sun. family-style chicken dinner, air-conditioned hall, handicap accessible. Information: 765-647-5462.

#### September 9

St. Augustine Parish, 315 E. Chestnut St., **Jeffersonville**. Harvest Chicken Dinner and Raffle, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., chicken dinners, quilt raffle, bake sale, cake raffle, 50/50 raffle. Information: 812-282-2677.

St. Mary (Immaculate Conception) Parish, 512 N. Perkins St., **Rushville**. Fall Festival, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken dinners, live auction, crafts. Information: 765-932-2588.

Deming Park Lions Shelter One and Two, 500 S. Fruitridge Ave., **Terre Haute**. St. Joseph University Parish 11:30 a.m. Mass followed by community picnic. Information: 812-232-7011.

#### September 14-15

St. Malachy Parish, 9833 E. County Road 750 N., **Brownburg**. Country Fair and Hog Roast, Fri. 4-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., carnival rides, live entertainment, children's games. Information: 317-852-3195.

#### September 14-16

St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., **Indianapolis**. Fall Festival, Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 1-11 p.m., Sun. 1-6 p.m., food, live music, midway rides, kids' games, bingo, beer garden, blood drive, local vendors. Information: 317-546-4065.

#### September 15

St. Mary Parish, 415 E. Eighth St., **New Albany**. Multi-Cultural Festival, 4 p.m. with bilingual Mass

followed by festival, American and Hispanic foods, music and dancing, raffles, family games. Information: 812-944-0417.

#### September 16

St. Michael Parish, 101 St. Michael Dr., **Charlestown**. Septemberfest, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., bilingual Mass 11 a.m., fried chicken dinner and traditional Mexican food, silent auction, games of chance, Mexican music and dancing, \$500 Jay C/ Kroger gift card raffle, money and quilt raffles, bilingual. Information: 812-256-3200.

St. Louis Parish, 13 St. Louis Place, **Batesville**. Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken and roast beef dinners, food, games, raffle, beer garden, music by "Eureka Band." Information: 812-934-3204.

St. Meinrad Parish, 19630 N. Fourth St., **St. Meinrad**. Church Picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CT, cash raffle, quilts, theme baskets, country store, live music, tours of church and Saint Meinrad Archabbey, bingo, fried chicken dinners, homemade soups, German cuisine food court and homemade desserts. Information: 812-357-5533.

#### September 21-22

St. Thomas More, 1200 N. Indiana St., **Mooresville**. Applefest, Fri. 5-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., food, pancake breakfast, craft vendors, kids' games, horse rides, basket raffle, silent auction. Information: 317-831-4142.

#### September 22

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 7575 Holliday Dr. E., **Indianapolis**. Fall Fest, 3-10 p.m., food, beverages, entertainment, games. Information: 317-259-4373.

#### September 23

St. Michael Parish, 11400 Farmers Ln., **Bradford**. Ham and Chicken Dinner, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., homemade dumplings, raffles, quilts, booths, bingo, silent auction, beer garden Fri. night 6 p.m., food available for purchase. Information: 812-364-6646.

#### September 26

St. Mary Parish "Spaghetti Dinner" at Lawrence County Persimmon Festival, Main St., **Mitchell**, 2:30-6 p.m. Information: 812-849-3570.

#### September 27-29

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 5333 E. Washington St., **Indianapolis**. Fall Festival, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Sat. 3-11 p.m., rides, kids' games, live entertainment, gambling, raffle, silent auction. Information: 317-356-7291.

#### September 28-29

SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish, 5901 Olive Branch Road, **Greenwood**. Fall Festival, Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. noon-10 p.m., food, live music, rides, children's games, silent auction, Monte Carlo, art and homemade crafts area, beer and wine tent, wristband Sat., \$15,000 raffle. Information: 317-859-4673.

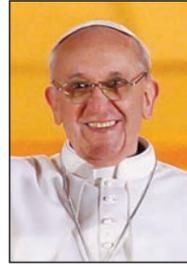


## New leadership

The Conventual Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Consolation, based at Mount St. Francis in southern Indiana, elected new leadership at its quadrennial chapter on April 16. The friars elected a new Definitory, the six friars who, along with the minister provincial, will lead the province for the next four years. Father Wayne Hellmann, second from right, was elected minister provincial. The other members of the Definitory are as follows: Father Martin Day (vicar provincial), fourth from left; Brother Nicholas Wolfla (provincial secretary), far right; and Fathers Miguel Briseño (second from left), Andy Martinez (fifth from left), John Pozhathuparambil, (left), and Mario Serrano (third from left). (Submitted photo)

# Parishes grow only when people are welcomed, heard, Pope Francis says

ROME (CNS)—After months of study and discussion, the parishes of the Diocese of Rome have recognized “a general and healthy exhaustion” with doing the same things over and over, touching the lives of fewer and fewer people as time goes on, Pope Francis said.



Pope Francis

Changing the way parishes—and their priests and involved laity—operate will not be easy, the pope said, but members of the diocese must set out to follow the Lord more closely, deal with the reality in their neighborhoods and learn how to show everyone living within the parish boundaries that they are recognized and loved.

Pope Francis addressed some 1,700 diocesan leaders, both clergy and laity, on May 14 at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In the process of identifying the “spiritual illnesses” of the diocese, the pope said, the priests and parish leaders made it clear that they are tired of being content with what they have been doing for years.

A renewed outreach, the pope said, must begin by “learning to discern where God already is present in very ordinary forms of holiness and communion with him.”

There are people in the parishes, he said, who might not know their catechism, but they see the basic interactions in their lives through a lens of faith and hope.

Calling for a “revolution of tenderness” in parishes and the diocese, Pope Francis said that while “guiding a Christian community is the specific task of the ordained minister—the pastor—pastoral care is based in baptism and blossoms from brotherhood and is not the task only of the pastor and priests, but of all the baptized.”

The pope’s speech marked his formal reception of a diocesan report on “spiritual illnesses” afflicting the city. Through a process that began in Lent, parishes identified the main challenges as “the economy of exclusion, selfish laziness, comfortable individualism, wars among us, sterile pessimism and spiritual worldliness,” according to a statement from the diocese.

The priest who summarized the findings at the evening meeting told the

pope that a lack of education in the faith was identified by many of the groups; that lack was seen regarding basic Church teachings, but also regarding how the Gospel and its values could be brought to bear on modern problems.

Pope Francis told them the process of identifying the problems had two benefits: a recognition of “the truth about our condition as being in need, sick,” but, at the same time, a recognition that even if people have failed, God is still present and is calling his people to come together and to move forward.

“Our parishes,” he said, “must be capable of generating a people, that is, of offering and creating relationships where people feel that they are known, recognized, welcomed, listened to, loved—in other words, not anonymous parts of a whole.”

To move forward, he said, Catholic communities must look at “the slaveries—the illnesses—that have ended up making us sterile.”

Often, he said, parishes are slaves to doing things the ways they always have been done, and to investing time and energy in projects and programs that no longer meet the needs of the people.

“We must listen without fear to the thirst for God and to the cry that rises from the people of Rome, asking ourselves how that cry expresses the need for salvation, for God,” he said.

“How many of the things that emerged from your studies express that cry, the invocation that God show himself and help us escape the impression that our life is useless and almost robbed by the frenzy of things that must be done and by time that keeps slipping through our hands?”

Too often, he said, evangelization also is stifled by “faith understood only as things to do and not as a liberation that renews us at every step.”

Pope Francis asked the diocesan leaders to dedicate the next year to “a sort of preparation of your backpacks” for setting off on a multiyear process that would lead to a “new land,” a place marked by new pastoral action that is “more responsive to the mission and needs of Romans today, but also more creative and liberating for priests and those who directly collaborate in their mission and in the building up of the Christian community.” †

## FESTIVALS

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### October 5-6

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 89 N. 17th Ave., **Beech Grove**. Oktoberfest, 5 p.m.-midnight, live music, authentic homemade German food, health and safety fair, kids’ zone, 50/50 raffle, \$25,000 raffle, beer garden. Information: 317-784-5454.

### October 6

St. Mary Parish, **New Albany**, serving American and Mexican food during the Harvest Homecoming Parade, corner of Spring and Eighth streets in New Albany, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Information: 812-944-0417.

### October 7

Holy Family Parish, 3027 Pearl St., **Oldenburg**. Fall Festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken and roast beef dinners, turtle soup,

homemade ice cream, children and adult games, quilt and money raffles, basket booth, bakery and craft booths, silent auction. Information: 812-934-3013.

St. John Paul II Parish, St. Joseph Campus, 2605 St. Joe Road W., **Sellersburg**. Turkey Shoot, Fall Festival and Chicken Dinner, 11 a.m., chicken dinners with homemade dumplings, booths, raffles, quilts, kids’ games, firing range. Information: 812-246-3522.

### October 12-21

Downtown Square, **Rockville**. St. Joseph Parish Cruller Shack at the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Information: 765-569-5406.

### October 21

St. Isidore the Farmer Parish, 6501 St. Isidore Road, **Bristow**. Shooting Match/Festival, 10:30 a.m. CT, food, raffle, bingo, children’s games. Information: 812-843-5713. †

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# The defining equation of a math teacher's life: making a difference

By John Shaughnessy

It's a challenge designed to make you think of someone who has made a major difference in your life—and then to thank that person in a letter.

That challenge was presented to the seniors on the boys basketball team at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, seniors who were asked to write a thank you to the teacher who has most influenced them.

For Kevin McNelis, it may have been his easiest choice in a senior year filled with decisions. He immediately focused on Ruth Roell, who has been teaching math for 43 years at the archdiocesan high school for the Indianapolis North Deanery.

"She had such an impact on me in such a short time," Kevin says about Roell, his honors pre-calculus teacher who is retiring. "Part of being a teacher is being able to teach the subject, and part is the relationships. She knew how to teach all different kids, plus she took the time to know each student personally. We became good friends."

Now consider this insight from Deacon Rick Wagner, Bishop Chatard's vice president for mission and ministry, who has known Roell in a range of roles through the years: as a student, as a fellow teacher, as the parent of two of her students, as her principal, as a friend.

"No matter what role I've known her in, she's a loving, caring individual who is always focused on the student," Deacon Wagner says. "She's here before school helping a student, and after school with a student. And when I go on retreats, I hear what students say about her, and how important she is to them. She has an incredible faith, and she's so grounded in what God has called her to do."

Such comments would bring tears to Roell's eyes if she heard them, especially since she is already emotional thinking about leaving the only place she has taught in her 43-year career.

Her tears begin to flow when she is

asked about the best part of teaching in the same Catholic school for so long.

"It's the community, all the wonderful people—students, parents, families, co-workers. It's a supportive community and a faith community, and it makes you realize how important it is to live out your faith and be there for people. Equally important is all the times I saw students develop their confidence in their math skills. When the light bulb goes on, that's the best part."

For her, teaching math has always been part of the equation of making sense of the world, of making a difference in people's lives.

"One of the things I value in life is the security of knowing there is an answer. I love the patterns of seeing how things come together."

For 43 years, her life patterns have been tied to a Catholic school, including the pattern of her family. It's where she shared the high school experience with her three children, Jeanette, Kathy and Alex. It's where one of her favorite moments unfolded when her husband Alan and their children surprised her with a birthday cake when she turned 50.

"The cake was in blue and white [Chatard's colors], and the icing was a trigonometric problem that worked out to 50. It was my favorite birthday cake ever."

The patterns of her life also lead to her favorite quote, from the Book of Proverbs: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways, acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" (Prv 3:5-6).

"I've learned I don't know everything," Roell says. "So I need to trust in the one who *does* know everything and who does know human nature. I need to trust in him."

She's also felt the need to share her faith with students during their spiritual retreats.

"I would tell them about times in my life when God was present, and how Christ can be a light in their world—how they could depend on him.



The smiles shared by Bishop Chatard High School senior Kevin McNelis and math teacher Ruth Roell reflect the connections she has made with students in her 43 years of teaching at the archdiocesan high school for the Indianapolis North Deanery. (Photo by John Shaughnessy)

"The other way I've tried to show it is the way I live. I try to be supportive and encouraging of the kids. I try to live in a Christian way. I try to live in the most peaceful way I can."

Another key pattern of her life is reflected in the poster at the front of her classroom, the one with the message, "Life is all about making mistakes and learning from them."

"Some students won't try because they're afraid of failing," she says. "In math especially, you have to fail a lot before you discover what is right."

Roell discovered long ago that one of her favorite parts about teaching is that "you can grow and adapt along the way and help the students do that, too."

She also discovered the two goals she had for teaching her students: "I want

them to have confidence in what they're doing. And by the end of the year, I want them to know I cared about them."

Roell has succeeded on both counts, says Kevin McNelis.

"I feel bad for my little brother and the younger kids who aren't going to have the experience of having her as a teacher," Kevin says.

More tributes and thank yous will undoubtedly come as Roell retires on May 25. As for her, she says she's ready to begin a new chapter of her life that she hopes will include volunteering, traveling with her husband, spending more time with her grandchildren, and even learning archery.

Still, she has a deep appreciation for these 43 years—and for the school that became a home for her.

"It's been such a big part of my life." †

## Joy, faith and family mark Terry Horton's 44 years in Catholic schools

By John Shaughnessy

Like every teacher, Terry Horton has accumulated a wealth of stories that make her laugh or touch her heart.

One of the stories that still warms her takes her back to her days as a music teacher, shortly after she had finished coordinating an all-school Christmas program that included a large neon Nativity scene.

She took the Nativity scene into the kindergarten classroom and turned off the lights. As the Nativity scene glowed in the darkness, she led the kindergartners in an impromptu singing of "The Little Drummer Boy."

"They were playing drums and trying so hard," she recalls. "In the darkness, it was such a holy moment."

The memories have come flooding back for Horton as she prepares to

retire at the end of the school year after serving for 44 years as a teacher and an administrator in Catholic schools in the New Albany Deanery.

A career that began in 1974 with her splitting time as a music teacher at Holy Family School in New Albany and Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville will soon end with her serving as the interim principal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in New Albany.

"What happens to me all the time is that I get pre-schoolers who say, 'You taught my dad!'" she says with a laugh. "I even taught a grandparent of two children here. And this morning, the football coach at Providence—Larry Dennison—came to talk to our boys. I taught him, too."

That good-naturedness is complemented by a gentleness of heart, a generosity of spirit and a joy for the gift that she says she's been given by God and

the generations of students she has taught.

"I love the kids and the joy and the energy they bring. Some of our students are the best Christians I know. They're such good examples for the rest of us. They're very forgiving, and they trust in God. And they share freely with others. It just keeps you vital and thriving, seeing that every day. It certainly gives you hope for the future."

"And just being able to share our faith is so nice. This whole Catholic school system is very nurturing. It makes for a wonderful community for everybody. It feels like family."

Horton has always created that feeling of family, says Brandy Balsler, a former student of Horton who was also hired by her to teach at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

"Just the way she loved her profession affected me," Balsler says. "I knew it was a joyful profession because she had a love for it. She's inspired me to have that same kind of love."

Balsler will never forget the day seven years ago when she interviewed with Horton for a teaching position.

"After the interview, we toured the kindergarten room," recalls Balsler, one of four teachers at Our Lady of Perpetual Help that Horton had taught. "When she called me to offer me the job, she said that she felt God was speaking to her, that she should hire me. I'll always have a special place in my heart for her. She's always there any time you need her."

No one has known that blessing more so than Sarah Blessing, a daughter of Horton who teaches fifth-grade reading and social studies at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

"She has so much respect for the students, their families and their individual needs," Blessing says. "She's very wise, too. She's not quick to judge. She'll listen to one side, and then hear the other, and then she'll make a good decision."

One of her favorite memories concerning her mother occurred when Blessing and her students were reading the book *Walk Two Moons*.

"It's about the relationship between a girl and her mother," Blessing says. "It helps you appreciate your mother. I do a Mother's Day celebration around it. We have blackberry pie, which is tied into the book, and we write poems to our mothers. I invited my mom and wrote a poem for her. It was a special bonding moment for us."

They've also become closer being educators in the same school.

"When she became my principal, our relationship reached a whole new level," says Blessing, who has been teaching for 15 years. "I had known her outside of work. Then I got to be in her life with work. And she appreciated me as a teacher so that was nice. I definitely consider my mom as one of my best friends."

Horton considers her 44 years as an educator in Catholic schools as one of the greatest gifts of her life. It's where the mother of three—including Julianna and James—has been able to share and live her faith.

"My faith gives me hope and joy in life—knowing God has a plan for us, and he will see us through, no matter what comes our way. It's wonderful to work in an atmosphere where everyone feels the same way."

That connection may not completely end. She's looking forward to retirement to spend more time with her husband of 44 years, Raymond. She's also looking forward to helping with her grandchildren. Still, there's so much joy and excitement for her in a school setting that she is keeping the door open for returning in a smaller capacity.

"I have a lot of gratitude. I just feel so blessed that I've had this opportunity. I have the feeling I'll come back and help around the school and the Catholic community in some way." †



For 44 years, Terry Horton has served as a teacher and an administrator in Catholic schools in the New Albany Deanery. Here, she shares a book and a smile with pre-kindergarten students Liam McGuire, left, Mia Wilkinson and Raegan Schoen. (Submitted photo)

# DUFRESNE

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continue long after I'm gone."

Deacon Dufresne has a keen appreciation for priestly fraternity in part because of the close relationships he has forged with archdiocesan priests and seminarians during his time in priestly formation.

Now he is looking forward to drawing close to all the faithful across the archdiocese as he seeks to help them grow in holiness through his priestly life and ministry.

## A deepening friendship

Deacon Dufresne's appreciation of priestly fraternity with the current priests serving in central and southern Indiana is rooted in part in the friendships he has nurtured with many of his fellow seminarians who have been ordained in recent years.

That is especially the case with Father James Brockmeier, associate pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus.

The two have been close friends since they were students at Marian University in Indianapolis, participating together in its San Damiano Scholars program, which seeks to form young adult Catholics for service as lay leaders in the Church. In fact, they were roommates during the 2010-11 academic year.

It was during that time that Father Brockmeier was actively discerning if God might be calling him to the priesthood. Deacon Dufresne had also thought about such a vocation, but not yet with the same seriousness his friend was considering it.

"He got to hear the stories of my going to my first meetings with the vocations director, the times in the process where I was wondering if this was really where I needed to go next," said Father Brockmeier of his friend. "He was one of those people who really helped me along through it."

Two years later, Deacon Dufresne found himself in the same place of discernment that his friend had been in when they were roommates. Now the roles of support were reversed, except that, in this case, Father Brockmeier could share his experiences of two years of priestly formation.

"In many ways, Father Brockmeier

## More about Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne

- **Age:** 28
- **Parents:** Michael and Jennifer Dufresne
- **Home parish:** St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis
- **Education:** Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio; Marian University in Indianapolis; Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad
- **Favorite Scripture passage:** Luke 24:13-35
- **Favorite saint:** St. John Chrysostom
- **Favorite book:** *Lord of the World*, by Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson
- **Favorite prayer or devotion:** the Jesus Prayer
- **Hobbies:** Fishing, playing the guitar, golf



Transitional Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne proclaims a Gospel reading during the annual archdiocesan chrisem Mass on March 27 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Deacon Dufresne will be ordained a priest of the archdiocese on June 2 in the cathedral. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

made my transition into seminary much easier than it could've been," said Deacon Dufresne. "Because he had made a similar transition two years before, I had a sympathetic friend to turn to when the transition was difficult.

"He also invited me into the fraternity of the seminary and the archdiocesan seminarians. He was a great blessing—not many already have a best friend in the seminary community on day one."

This friendship will deepen when Deacon Dufresne is ordained a priest. And although they won't spend time with each other like when they were students at Marian, they will both appreciate their close bond.

"Jeff was like a brother to me before we even started to talk about being brothers in the priesthood," Father Brockmeier said. "Our friendship won't look the same as it did when we were roommates. But he's one of those people who, when we get together, we know how to support each other. We can understand each other and where we're coming from."

## Embracing a 'daunting vocation'

Some of their conversations in the

coming months may be about Deacon Dufresne's entering into ministry as a parish priest for the first time.

Starting in July, he will begin service as associate pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, which he has called his spiritual home since 2012 when he was a student at Marian.

"It's a unique opportunity to begin my priestly ministry in a parish that already feels like home, and I am looking forward to serving the community that has done so much to welcome me as a parishioner and helped form me to be a priest," said Deacon Dufresne, who grew up in Dayton, Ohio.

He will serve with St. Monica's pastor, Father Todd Goodson, who has come to know Deacon Dufresne when his incoming associate pastor spent time in the parish during his priestly formation.

"Jeff seemed pretty solid to me from the get-go," Father Goodson said. "He's a talented young man. He loves the liturgy, and is always very attentive to it. He's a great guy. I think he's going to be a great priest."

Together, Father Goodson and Deacon Dufresne will seek to help the members of St. Monica Parish embrace their baptismal call to live out the faith and proclaim the Gospel in the secular world.

Deacon Dufresne knows that the laity of St. Monica Parish will be empowered to share Christ in the world if he is able to share Christ with them in his priestly ministry.

Although he sees being a special sacramental sign of Christ to them as "a daunting vocation," Deacon Dufresne nonetheless looks forward to seeking to be Christ's instrument for them, especially in the celebration of the sacraments.

"I hope that as I celebrate the Mass, hear confessions, anoint the sick, baptize, and minister to the dying, others will not simply experience my personality and hear my voice, but see and hear and know Christ," he said.

At the same time, he will strive to see the face of Christ in the people that he will serve. He said he began to experience this after being ordained a transitional deacon last year.

"I have been privileged to see the

faithfulness of many lay Catholics to attending Mass and serving in various ministry capacities at a time in our culture when many people do not see living the faith as a high priority," Deacon Dufresne said. "In these moments, the lay faithful show me the face of Christ, who is always faithful to his promises."

## 'A faithful servant of the Church'

Over the past several years, Dr. Richard Stern watched Deacon Dufresne become prepared to embrace the "daunting vocation" of priestly ministry.

A recently retired professor of homiletics at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad where Deacon Dufresne received his priestly formation, Stern sees this soon-to-be-priest as "a faithful servant of the Church."

"His preaching will intend to move people into a deeper spirituality and a deeper faith," Stern said. "I think it is important in Jeff's own set of values to be a competent preacher, not in the sense of being a 'star' preacher, but in providing well, thought-out homilies that intend to serve, help, and guide the people of God."

Deacon Dufresne, 28, will seek to give this guidance in many ways, especially to the growing number of young adults around his age, including Catholics, who are walking away from the faith in which they were raised and now identify with no religious belief at all.

He is hopeful about this challenge in part because of the support he has received for being open to the priesthood from many people who no longer practice the Catholic faith.

"I am convinced that the best way to draw 'fallen away' Catholics and others to the true faith is for Catholics to live their vocations faithfully with joy and charity," he said, "and I hope that I can be such a witness in my priestly ministry."

(Transitional Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne will be ordained a priest at 10 a.m. on June 2 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis. The liturgy is open to the public. To learn more about a vocation to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, visit [HearGodsCall.com](http://HearGodsCall.com).) †



Transitional Deacon Jeffrey Dufresne prays Morning Prayer with fellow seminarians on May 1, 2017, in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad. (Photo courtesy of Saint Meinrad Archabbey)

# SHOOTING

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"Sadly, I must yet again point out the obvious brokenness in our culture and society, such that children who went to school this morning to learn and teachers who went to inspire them will not come home," Cardinal DiNardo said in his statement as USCCB president. "We as a nation must, here and now, say definitively: no more death!"

He prayed that "the Lord of life" would be "with us in our sorrow and show us how to honor the precious gift of life and live in peace."

"We experienced an unthinkable

tragedy at our high school this morning," Santa Fe superintendent Leigh Wall said in a message posted to Facebook.

"As soon as the alarms went off, everybody just started running outside," 10th-grader Dakota Shradler told reporters, "and next thing you know everybody looks, and you hear boom, boom, boom, and I just ran as fast as I could to the nearest floor so I could hide, and I called my mom."

Another student told CBS News he ran behind some trees, heard more shots, jumped a fence and ran to a car wash. He said he saw firefighters treat a girl who had a bandage around her knee and may have been shot.

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Va., said in a May 18 tweet: "Please keep the victims of the Houston-area school shooting in your prayers. Pray also for their family members and friends who now begin a tragic grieving process. For those killed, grant eternal rest unto them, O Lord, and bestow grace and strength to all in their community." †



A young woman weeps during a vigil in memory of the victims killed in a shooting on May 20 at Santa Fe High School in Texas. (CNS photo/ Jonathan Bachman, Reuters)

## Mission trips build solidarity among participants and those served

By Effie Caldarola

Joe Young spent last summer on a mission trip to Magadan, a city in the Russian Far East, where an American priest ministers at a parish on the site of a former Stalinist labor camp.

“It was the most impactful summer I’ve ever had,” Young said. “It was life-changing.”

Miles away, another Joe, this one a retired attorney, traveled last year to Honduras on a medical mission trip sponsored annually by Creighton University and their campus parish in Omaha, Neb.

“This was the first mission trip I ever took,” said Joe Ramirez, who had previously been busy working and raising a family. As a translator for the project, Ramirez was struck by how useful the medical clinic was.

Ramirez’s parents were Mexican immigrants and he grew up in poverty, at one time living in “a little shack of a home” in Omaha with no running water.

“I feel an affinity for the poor and particularly the Hispanic poor because of my personal frame of reference. In Honduras, the kids looked like my grandkids and that really had an impact on me,” he said.

It’s no coincidence that both men use the word “impact” in describing how their experiences affected them. A good mission trip changes us spiritually and intellectually. And a mission trip definitely helps us to have “an affinity for the poor.”

Each year, many Catholic universities, colleges, high schools, parishes and dioceses embark on mission trips, or service trips. These brief journeys assist the underserved in South and Central America, in places overseas or in Appalachia, on Indian reservations or in impoverished inner cities in the U.S.

Sometimes, they’re called “alternative spring breaks” because that’s often when college campus ministry programs schedule them. Or they are “immersion trips” because participants live with the

people they serve and become immersed in their culture.

Usually, these trips have a specific project in mind, like assisting with a faith formation program or painting a school or church. But the actual work accomplished takes a back seat to the emphasis on building community. It’s not “us” helping “them,” but a mutual exchange that leads to solidarity.

Jesuits talk about “a faith that does justice,” and that’s the faith that enlivens participants on a service trip: a faith that is alive to questions about discrimination, poverty, barriers between people.

Jesuit Father Greg Boyle, who works with gang members in Los Angeles, often speaks of kinship, which he describes as “not serving the other, but being one with the other. Jesus was not ‘a man for others,’ he was one with them. There is a world of difference in that.”

Pope Francis exemplifies this aspect of mission trips when he washes feet during the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. He bends down before the poor, the imprisoned, men and women, and people of other faiths. He brings an attitude of openness, humility, love and solidarity.

Solidarity challenges us to leave behind any preconceptions we have about the superiority of our own culture or lifestyle. Solidarity brings us to a level playing field with the people we meet, a field where we have much to learn and gain. Although we hope to help, we aren’t there to make people become like us.

Ramirez said he found a profound meaning for mission trips in the slogan of a local charitable group: “We don’t serve them because they are Catholic. We serve them because we are Catholic.”

In a thoughtful March 6, 2017, essay in *The Jesuit Post*, an online publication of the Society of Jesus, Jesuit Brother Ken Homan talks about what he calls the “challenges and often pitfalls” of mission or service trips.

In the piece, titled “Service Trips and Selfies,” Brother Homan raises the idea that participants, armed with cameras,

can fall into the trap of becoming more tourist than servant or kin. There are terms for this: “poverty tourism” or “voluntourism.”

There’s nothing wrong with bringing back a few great pictures of the people participants have met, of course, but a successful mission trip should mainly bring back some unease and a lot of questions.

“Service trips can make us uncomfortable,” Brother Homan writes, “challenging our privilege and helping us question systems of injustice.”

Rather than returning to our affluence with a sense of superiority, we should return with discomfort about our consumerism and materialism. We should question the great income disparity in our world. We should renew our own determination to fight discrimination and injustice. We should have a greater sense of communion with the poor.

Young, who traveled to Magadan, said the best times were when he hiked, played games, baked cookies and dined with the young adults at the parish. He felt an identity with them through Christ during those ordinary times.

Ramirez, who went to Honduras, saw his own grandchildren looking up at him at the clinic. These are the moments that impact us.



Deanna Jones, a volunteer with the San Antonio-based Mi Casa Foundation, helps a girl with her homework during a mission trip in Mexico. A good mission trip changes us spiritually and intellectually. (CNS photo/courtesy Mi Casa Foundation)

After returning from a mission trip, Brother Homan had this to say: “We realized that our work was not world-changing. It would not radically alter the lives of the people we met. The communities, however, would radically alter our lives.”

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## Baptism makes us Christian missionaries who must proclaim the Gospel

By Daniel S. Mulhall

In his 2013 apostolic exhortation “*Evangelii Gaudium*” (“The Joy of the Gospel”), Pope Francis states that Christians are to go out into the world as “a community of missionary disciples” (#24).

The pope says that we can go out into the world boldly, seeking those who are lost and forsaken, showing mercy to those in most need of compassion because we have been loved by the Lord.

We can take the initiative to act because we have experienced “the power of the Father’s infinite mercy” (#24).

Pope Francis emphasizes that every Christian is called to be a missionary by virtue of his or her baptism. No longer can we think that missionaries are other people, primarily priests and religious. If you have been baptized, then you are a missionary.

As the pope says, “All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization” and have a responsibility to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed (#120).

While the turn of phrase “missionary disciple” may originate with Pope Francis, the concept is as ancient as the Church itself. Mark 6:7-13 tells how Jesus sent his disciples out “two by two” to heal the sick and preach repentance (see also Lk 9:1-6).

Jesus’ message required the hearer to share what they had seen and heard (Mt 11:4). As Pope Francis notes, the Samaritan woman “became a missionary immediately after speaking with Jesus,” and through her testimony others came to believe (#120).

The women who met Jesus following his resurrection were sent to tell the other disciples the news. Jesus sends his disciples out into the world to “proclaim the Gospel to every creature” (Mk 16:15).

The story of the early Church, as told in the Acts of the Apostles, relates the efforts of those first missionary disciples to fulfill Jesus’ command. Much of Acts reports the missionary work of St. Peter, along with St. Paul and his companions Silas, Barnabas and Timothy.

Christian tradition holds that most of the other Apostles were killed for preaching the Gospel in far-off lands. For example, the Catholics of India consider St. Thomas as the founder of the Church in that country. According to tradition, Thomas was martyred in India in 72.

Today, many people fulfill Jesus’ command by participating in mission trips where for a period of time they fulfill Jesus’ teaching to care for the needs of others (Mt 25:31-46), often times by repairing houses or cleaning up after storms.

But make no mistake about it: While these trips often require hard, dirty work, they exist for the primary reason of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ by witnessing to his love for us.

These trips are missionary journeys like those taken by St. Paul. Those who participate in these trips live out the mission given them in baptism. And in so doing, they embody the phrase often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, “Proclaim the Gospel at all times. Use words when necessary.”

(Daniel S. Mulhall is a catechist living in Louisville, Ky.) †



Diocesan youth ministry coordinator Chris Rogers, right, and others from the Diocese of La Crosse, Wis., help with flood relief efforts in Nashville, Tenn., where more than 10,000 homes and business were damaged and thousands of people displaced in middle Tennessee when torrential rains fell in early May 2010. Pope Francis emphasizes that every Christian is called to be a missionary by virtue of his or her baptism. (CNS photo/Theresa Laurence, Tennessee Register)

From the Editor Emeritus/John E. Fink

## Remembering sacrifices Catholics have made for our country

Last week's column about *The Fighting Sullivans*, plus the approach of Memorial Day on Monday, reminded me of the



sacrifices that Catholic American men and women have made in defense of our country. Catholic participation in America's wars has consistently been greater than its percentage of the population.

Even in the Revolutionary War, when Catholics were only 1.6 percent of the population—and during a time when Catholics did not enjoy all the rights of citizenship in many of the colonies—they still composed 5 percent of the Continental Army.

In a letter to Archbishop John Carroll, the first U.S. bishop, President George Washington wrote, "I presume that your fellow citizens will not forget the patriotic part which you took in the accomplishment of their Revolution, and the establishment of your Government."

By the Civil War, there were 2.2 million Catholics in a population of 31.4 million. Most of them, about 1.6 million, were

refugees from the Irish potato famine. They lived in the North, but it was questionable that they would fight for the North. They had menial jobs native-born Americans didn't want, but it was feared that, if the slaves were freed, they would compete for those jobs.

The fears were groundless. A total of 144,221 Irish fought for the Union. Michael Corcoran and Thomas Francis Meagher commanded the all-Irish 69th Brigade of the New York Infantry, which fought in every major battle of the Eastern Theater. By the end of the war, the Irish Brigade suffered 4,000 casualties, the highest of any Union brigade. About 40,000 German Catholics and 5,000 Polish immigrants also fought for the Union.

More than 50 Union generals were Catholics. The most prominent were Philip Sheridan, William Rosecrans, and Hugh and Charles Ewing. But the South also had Catholic generals, including Pierre Beauregard and James Longstreet.

Nuns played an important part in the Civil War. About 500 sisters, representing at least 20 religious orders from the North and South, nursed wounded and sick soldiers.

By the time of World War II, American Catholics numbered 21 million out of a total population of 132 million. It's estimated that between 25 and 35 percent of the armed forces were Catholics. There were also 3,036 Catholic chaplains. Of the 11,887 conscientious objectors to the war, 135 were Catholic.

It was after World War II, when Catholics took advantage of the G.I. Bill to get college educations, that they were able to enter the middle class and become more integrated into American society. Nevertheless, they have continued to serve in the Armed Forces in great numbers.

For example, the Korean War saw the heroism, among other Catholics, of Father Emil Kapaun. He was an Army chaplain who died on May 23, 1951, at age 35 in a Chinese POW camp. He was captured by the Chinese on Nov. 2, 1950, as he was giving the last rites to a dying soldier. During the next six months and 21 days, he did everything he could to minister to his fellow prisoners' spiritual and physical needs.

On Memorial Day, let's pray for all those who sacrificed their lives for our country. †

Faith and Family/Sean Gallagher

## Take a journey of faith together as families

Our 13-year-old son Raphael recently took a trip to Washington with his fellow junior high school students at



Lumen Christi Catholic School in Indianapolis.

I had to get him to Indianapolis International Airport by 4:30 a.m. on the first day of his trip because his group's flight had a 6 a.m. departure time.

Raphael learned a hard lesson about travel that day. The flight that was supposed to take off at 6 a.m. was delayed three times, and did not roll down the runway until 1:15 p.m.

As I saw Raphael off with the trip's chaperones and his fellow students early that morning, I couldn't help but think back to October 2006.

At that time, my wife, Cindy, and I took Raphael, then 19 months old, to her parents' home as we prepared to travel to the Vatican for the canonization of Mother Theodore Guérin, Indiana's first saint.

I was making the trip to report on the historic event for *The Criterion*, and we agreed that this also was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Cindy.

Because the trip involved a good amount of work for myself, though, we arranged for my parents to care for our oldest son Michael, then 3, and Cindy's parents to care for Raphael during the 10-day pilgrimage.

Dropping both boys off were bittersweet moments for us, although I recall Michael couldn't wait to have us leave because he was so anxious to start having fun at his grandparents' house.

Cindy and I both shed tears as we pulled away from her parents' home, watching her mother holding our baby and him looking out at us, knowing that we wouldn't see him again for almost two weeks.

How that baby has grown in the 12 years that followed and led up to me dropping him off at the airport.

As I considered how two journeys bookended my recent memories of Raphael, I realized that everything in between has also been a journey. Indeed, it's been a pilgrimage of faith for all of our family.

Just as Raphael experienced hardships in his trip to Washington, and Cindy and I had challenges in going to the Vatican in 2006, the journey of faith of our family—and of all families in the Church—bears resemblance to Christ's path of suffering to Calvary.

Since we are by grace conformed to Christ in our baptism, we all share in his suffering so that we also may share in the glory of his resurrection.

I don't think that I would exaggerate in saying that every day in the life of our family has had its fair share of trials. Some days, it seems that that they come hot and heavy.

But God marks those days here and there with glimpses of his glory as well. I saw that on my cell phone when Raphael was in Washington and his chaperones would send back photos of all the students smiling in front of various historic places in our nation's capital.

And that glory came shining through when I saw a smiling Raphael walk off the plane that brought him and all on the trip safely back to Indianapolis a few days later.

In the brokenness of this life, we experience only bits and pieces of God's glory. It will only be in heaven that we'll be enveloped into the fullness of it.

The promise of that infinitely beautiful moment can help all families move forward together on their pilgrimage of faith when the hardships of the journey might weigh heavily upon us. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

## Big families and the challenges, humor and love they provide

They don't know what they're missing, Or maybe they do, and they're not thrilled at the prospect. At any rate, having big



families is not the norm these days as it was in mine. Now, when we mention someone having five or six kids, we get horrified stares, but in my generation it was commonplace.

Partly this was true because Church-approved methods of birth control weren't very reliable. And most men, whose job was to provide for the family, could find employment which made this possible on one income. Now, it's sometimes hard to do on two incomes.

That situation, like any choice, was not always pleasant. Women who were home all the time with the aforementioned five or six kids would get nutsy and yell, cry, and make their husbands suffer with them when they got home from work. And men might feel the burden of having to go to work all day, every day, for about 40 years at a job going nowhere.

Still, when we think back, we naturally

remember the good times that came only with the crowd we called our family. I remember being a mean mother. I'd turn the kids outside after breakfast with orders not to come in except for the potty, so I could get the house somewhat cleaned up. And there was discipline to be doled out.

It was a mistake I kept making, but I would line the kids up and demand to know who committed the latest crime. Invariably they'd point to Peter, whom they knew would not be punished because he had a bad heart, and he would confess. So he'd be sent to his room for a few minutes, and the others would go out to play, smirking into their sleeves. If high-fives had been invented then, I'm sure they would've used them, and I'm also sure that Peter did not go unrewarded by the others for his sacrifice.

Then there were the family vacations when we'd drive all over the country, camping out and seeing the sights. The pretend bears in Disneyland scared Andy so much that the rest of the day he was whimpering and acting up. A man sitting across from us on the shuttle bus kept staring at him until one of the kids said, "He's retarded. What's your excuse?" That was one of those times when the parent

was conflicted between congratulating your child or punishing him for disrespect.

With a big family, there's never a lack of available playmates. Even if you don't count brothers and sisters, there are neighborhood kids from other big families all over the place, all too eager to play. And they stay for lunch or dinner and would probably just move in if their mother didn't finally send a sibling over to fetch them. Needless to say, big meals were also the order of the day.

There is much humor in a large family. Kids say the darndest things, and more kids say even more, all hilarious. And the more kids, the more opportunities to learn about what's acceptable in life and what isn't. Siblings tattle on each other, but they also learn empathy. And when someday they have children of their own, they understand why Mom or Dad did what they did, much as they may have disliked it at the time.

Being part of a big family was the best thing that ever happened to me. And I think my kids feel the same way.

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Emmaus Walk/Debra Tomaselli

## Encounter with clerk allows Grandma Peg's legacy to live on

As our lives unfold, someone is watching. Our actions make a difference now, and maybe forever.

"Can I help you?" The young clerk was well-dressed and presentable, with big hair and a bright smile.



"Yes, please," I said, grappling with a thick stack of papers. "I need copies of all these stories, and I'd like them spiral bound. Can you do that?"

"Sure," he said. "I'll take them."

The manuscripts spilled onto the counter where the lead story landed upright; its bold headline screaming up at us. "Is Jesus Really Present in the Blessed Sacrament?"

Suddenly, I cringed. *What if this kid wasn't Catholic? What would he think?*

I straightened the papers, keenly aware of the titles: "Does God Speak to Us?" "Blessed Mother Are You There?" "Remember, With God, All Things Are Possible."

Without comment, the young clerk gathered the stories, crossed the room

and made copies. When he returned to discuss binding options, I followed his recommendations and was quite pleased.

As we completed the transaction, I said, "I'd like to give you one of my stories." "No, that's OK," he said. "There's no need."

I insisted and he resisted. Then I looked up. Our eyes met.

Unexpectedly, the words just rolled out. "Do you believe in God?"

My question caught him off-guard. "No. ... Well, yes," he said, "but not in a religious way, more in a spiritual way." He paused. "I do think there's a power greater than us."

I nodded and waved heavenward. "Wait until you're my age," I said, "then you'll see."

At the register, I looked through my stories.

"Please, let me give you one," I said. "If you don't want it, that's OK. Just give it to someone else."

"Sure, go ahead," he said. "I'll read it." I shuffled the pages, searching for something that wasn't too churchy. Finally, "God Loves You and So Do I" surfaced.

The story describes how Grandma Peg's faith impacted me. It described how she read Scripture daily, and how it blanketed her in

peace. It recalled a time when, unbeknownst to her, I needed money and she handed me a check, saying God told her to do that.

It shared what she once penned: "Dear children, I bring you my love. Remain steadfast. Walk with me. Trust me. Obey me. Believe me. Love me. I am your Lord God." Her explanation? "Sometimes, I get messages like that," she said. "I write them down."

The story told how every communication from her included the tagline, "God loves you and so do I." It recounted how, surprisingly, on a difficult day following Grandma Peg's death, a co-worker bid me farewell, and cluelessly used that same exact phrase.

I handed the story to the young clerk. "I'll read it," he promised.

It was Grandma Peg's delight to share the faith. Nothing was more important to her. I guess she taught me that, too. Now, even beyond the grave, her legacy continues. Her life is still making a difference.

Grandma Peg would be proud. I'm sure she would.

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The Most Holy Trinity/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 27, 2018

- Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
- Romans 8:14-17
- Matthew 28:16-20

The Book of Deuteronomy is the source of this feast's first reading. Deuteronomy is the fifth book now in sequence in the Old Testament. It is one of the five books that form for Jews the basic revelation by God.



This reading describes an instruction given by Moses to the Hebrew people as

they wandered across the Sinai Peninsula, fleeing Egypt where they had been slaves and in search of the land God had promised them.

In this reading, Moses is quoted as having told the people that God in heaven created all humanity and had spoken to them. Finally, Moses said that the people must obey God's commandments.

At the time, these words were extraordinarily powerful. They revealed God. Moreover, they were God's own revelation. They marked the path toward genuine life with God. They were the way to peace and joy in human existence.

For the second reading this weekend, the Church presents a passage from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. By the time Paul wrote this letter to the Christians of Rome, a community had formed, convinced of the identity of Christ as Savior.

Still, much more needed to be pondered and learned if the full measure of life with God, in Christ, was to be attained.

Therefore, profoundly, Paul explained that faithful Christians share the divine life. They are more than creatures of God. They are God's children by adoption. Indeed, disciples are encouraged to address God as Father, indeed as "Abba," an ancient Aramaic term for fathers that was a particularly gentle and loving endearment.

As children of God, the faithful are heirs to the eternal life of God. All this, of course, is accomplished in and through the individual Christian's bond with the Lord Jesus.

St. Matthew's Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a resurrection narrative, clear and compelling. The risen Lord appears before the eleven surviving Apostles on a mountain, speaking to them in words that they understood.

For future generations, Jesus gave them all authority on Earth and in heaven, sending them into the entire world, telling them to bring all whom they would meet into the one body, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19).

In other words, Jesus ordered them to unite all people with God.

## Reflection

What is this feast all about? It tells us about God. God lives, and we hear that he loves us. In loving us, God communicates with us, meets us in our world, speaks in terms we can comprehend, provides for our needs and gives us eternal life.

God loves us so much that he gave to us and sent to us the Lord Jesus, the Son of God, as our Redeemer and teacher.

God loves us by having given us the Apostles. They were more than humans who simply met Jesus and watched Jesus. They loved Jesus. Jesus called them individually and then sent them into the world, to us, to give us the words of salvation and the mercy of God despite all that may beset us.

That we might better know God, Jesus revealed to us—and the Church continues to proclaim—the most intimate detail of God's own life, the reality of the Holy Trinity—three distinct Persons, united in the one divinity.

The Trinity reminds us that God is love in a way we cannot completely describe, too wonderful, too perfect for humans to grasp.

The feast of the Holy Trinity does not present a mystery, academic, dry and the object of useless speculation. Instead, it proclaims God's perfect, unqualified love for us, never ceasing, always willing to forgive.

This feast joyfully proclaims that God wishes us truly to live. The key is our loving God in return. †

## Daily Readings

### Monday, May 28

1 Peter 1:3-9  
Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c  
Mark 10:17-27

### Tuesday, May 29

1 Peter 1:10-16  
Psalm 98:1-4  
Mark 10:28-31

### Wednesday, May 30

1 Peter 1:18-25  
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20  
Mark 10:32-45

### Thursday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
or Romans 12:9-16  
(Response) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6  
Luke 1:39-56

### Friday, June 1

St. Justin, martyr  
1 Peter 4:7-13  
Psalm 96:10-13  
Mark 11:11-26

### Saturday, June 2

St. Marcellinus, martyr  
St. Peter, martyr  
Jude 17, 20b-25  
Psalm 63:2-6  
Mark 11:27-33

### Sunday, June 3

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)  
Exodus 24:3-8  
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

## Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

# The Church requires godparents to be good examples of faith

**Q**In 1995, I was godmother at the baptism of my brother's daughter. A few years later, it turned out that I adopted her and have raised her as my own. (She is now 27.) Then, in 2010, I served as godmother for my sister's daughter and, the following year, wound up taking custody of her as well and eventually adopting her. (She will receive her first Communion this month.)



I took my role as godmother seriously—sending both girls to Catholic schools—but it seems that they've been "cheated" out of having godmothers. I'm just "Mom" to them now, and it would be nice to have someone else take an interest in their Catholic upbringing. (Sometimes a mom's voice just becomes "white noise.") Actually, they are both fine, but I've always wondered about this and would appreciate your suggestions. (Maryland)

**A**There is wisdom in the Church's rule that parents may not serve as baptismal godparents for their own children. This ensures that someone else will serve as a proxy, looking out for the child's religious and spiritual development if the parents fail or are unable to do so.

But a godparent is much more than a "fallback"—and more than a ceremonial accessory on the day of baptism. Being a godparent involves a lifelong commitment to spiritual support, encouragement and mentoring.

For this reason, it is required in canon law that the godparent be "a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist, and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on" (*Code of Canon Law* 874.3). A godparent, then, should not be selected simply to placate family members or to honor a friend who may not be religiously committed.

There is no provision in canon law for the formal replacement of a godparent. The godparent's name has been inscribed in the baptismal registry of the parish in which the child was baptized, and history cannot be undone. But in the letter-writer's situation—and I admire her concern for her children's continued guidance—why not do this?

Choose a trusted friend or family member who is an example of religious fidelity and might be willing to step in and help guide your daughters' growth as Catholics. Additionally, when it comes time for your younger daughter to be confirmed, that same person might well be an ideal confirmation sponsor.

**Author's Note:** Recently, a reader asked whether motorists should stop to give money to those begging on street corners. While acknowledging the traffic safety concerns, I confessed that I myself find it difficult, especially as a priest, to pass someone by and so I regularly offer a few dollars. Responses to the column arrived immediately—and varied widely, as seen in the sampling below.

**Q**I disagree with your willingness to give out of "kindness." Public safety is of foremost importance and should be the priority. I consider myself a generous person, but I try to find other ways to help the homeless and the needy. (City of origin withheld)

**Q**I could not agree with you more. Even minor help could mean the difference between life and death, especially in adverse weather. I cannot obsess over how the recipient chooses to use the donation. (New York)

**Q**I disagree vehemently with your answer. My family had firsthand knowledge of a drug-addicted friend who used this method to support his habit. He would stand on the highway median with a cardboard sign and collect hundreds of dollars each day. If, as you say, you would prefer to err on the side of kindness, you could do what we do and carry granola bars and bottled water in your car. (Virginia)

**Q**In a recent column, you were asked about panhandlers. Our pastor has suggested giving out gift cards for Subway. No cash, but a nourishing meal. (Louisiana)

**A**One of the aims of this column is to generate ideas. I'm grateful for the responses, and I hope readers have learned from the suggestion of food vouchers. I know I have.

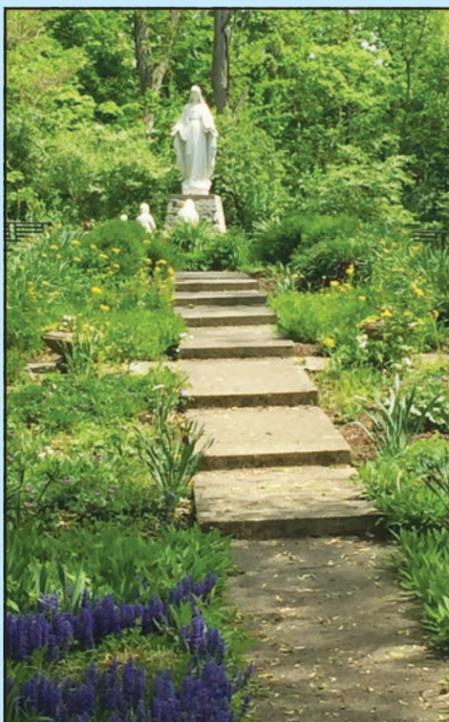
(Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.) †

## My Journey to God

# The Flower Here

By Ron Lewis

Behold our world in time of spring,  
The birds that in the treetops sing,  
The flower here,  
The waters clear  
New babies dear—  
Our Lord created everything.



(Ron Lewis is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville. Photo: The shrine to Our Lady of Fatima at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis is surrounded by the vibrant colors of spring on May 11.) (Photo by Natalie Hofer)

## Rest in peace

Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Thursday before the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in *The Criterion*. Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; those are separate obituaries on this page.

**BETTCHER, Robert E.**, 85, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, May 5. Father of Cathleen Buckland, Angela Cook, Leslie Dalton, Vicki Vandergrift, Robert Bettcher, Jr., and Louie Brand. Brother of Otto Bettcher. Grandfather of 16. Great-grandfather of 10.

**DAVEY, Andrew F.**, 88, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, May 9. Husband of Dorothy Davey. Father of Carol Beatty, Nancy Kell, Susan Tsangaris, Christopher Mally, Andrea, Brian and Kevin Davey. Grandfather of 13.

**ENGLE, Lillie W.**, 92, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, May 10. Mother of Marsha O'Connor, Barbara Peters and Dwayne Engle. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of three.

**FREIBERGER, Doris**, 84, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, May 7. Wife of Eugene Freiburger. Mother of Janice, Brent, Lane, Mark and Philip Freiburger. Sister of Ken Pearl. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of seven.

**FREIBERGER, Glenn E.**, 62, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd County, May 9. Son of Evans Freiburger. Brother of Charles and Duane Freiburger. Uncle and great-uncle of several.

**GALLAGHER, Carol**, 62, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Richmond, May 13. Mother of Kraig and Kyle Gallagher. Sister of Donna Matheny and Patricia Turner. Grandmother of two.

**KELLER, Ann C.**, 94, St. Paul, Tell City, May 9. Mother of Mary Elder, Alan and Joe Keller. Sister of Francis Kleeman. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 14.

**KRAMER, Ruth (Cooper)**, 91, Prince of Peace, Madison, May 6. Mother of Joy and Michael Kramer. Sister of Paulina Goins and Sharon Larson. Grandmother of three.

**PARADISE, Francis N.**, 87, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, May 6. Father of Debbie Andrews, Jeanne Thompson, Dennis and Mark Paradise. Brother of Margaret Harper. Grandfather of eight. Great-grandfather of 11.

**SCHLECHTWEG, John**, 85, St. Mary, Rushville, May 13. Husband of Mary Schlechtweg. Father of Mike Schlechtweg. Brother of Bill Schlechtweg. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of 15.

**SCHNEIDER, Gerald**, 65, All Saints, Dearborn County, May 13. Husband of Debbie Schneider. Father of Sandra Bellesmore, Nichole Ludwig, Ashley Oblinger and Timothy Schneider. Son of Alberta Fecher. Brother of Karen Knueven, Tammy Mullalley, Jim and John Fecher, Dan, Mike and Peter Schneider. Grandfather of three.

**WAGNER, Jacob**, 9, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis, April 28. Son of Ryan and Paula Wagner. Brother of Erin Wagner.

**WAGNER, Virgil L.**, 92, St. Gabriel, Connersville, May 14. Father of Susan Douglass, Bernadette Goins, Mary Hopkins, Therese Whitlock, Barbara Williams, David, Joe, John and Mark Wagner. Brother of Katherine McLaughlin. Grandfather of 20. Great-grandfather of 16.

**WAMSLEY, Elmabelle L.**, 89, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, April 27. Mother of Dale, Sr. and Don Wamsley, Jr. Sister of Merlyn Blanford. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 15. Great-great-grandmother of two.

**WOLFE, Thomas J.**, 74, Christ the King, Indianapolis, May 10. Husband of Linda Wolfe. Father of Anne Wolfe Buck and Rachel Wolfe. Brother of Suzanne Hering and Richard Wolfe. Grandfather of one. †



### Laetare Medal winner

Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame in northern Indiana, places the Laetare Medal on Sister Norma Pimentel on May 20 at the university's 2018 commencement ceremony. Sister Norma, a member of the Missionaries of Jesus, is the executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas and longtime advocate for immigrants and refugees. (CNS photo/Matt Cashore, courtesy University of Notre Dame)

## Sister Edward Schniedermeier taught at Roncalli, Cathedral high schools in Indy for 17 years

St. Joseph of Carondelet Sister Edward Cecilia Schniedermeier died on May 12 at the Nazareth Living Center in St. Louis, a retirement facility for her religious community. She was 91.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 15 at the chapel of Nazareth Living Center. Burial followed at the Archdiocese of St. Louis' Resurrection Cemetery in St. Louis.

Audrey Marcella Schniedermeier was born on April 14, 1927, in St. Louis. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet on Sept. 15, 1945, and professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1951.

Sister Edward Cecilia earned a bachelor's degree in Latin in 1958 at Fontbonne University in St. Louis and a master's degree in education in 1967 at Marquette

University in Milwaukee, Wis.

During her 72 years as a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sister Edward Cecilia served for 54 years as a teacher in Catholic schools in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

In the archdiocese, she ministered as a Latin teacher in Indianapolis at Roncalli High School from 1975-88 and at Cathedral High School from 1988-92. She then served as a substitute teacher in the archdiocese from 1992-2002 when she retired to the Nazareth Living Center.

Sister Edward Cecilia is survived by two sisters, Marlene Christiana of Overland Park, Kan., and Patricia Kohlberg of St. Louis.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province, 6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111-2899. †

## Hackl's generosity led to endowments to assist archdiocese, St. Luke School

Criterion staff report

Hailed for his generosity to the archdiocese and his love of God and family, Albert James "Jim" Hackl died on May 12. He was 92.

"The Catholic Community Foundation is deeply saddened by the loss of our friend, Jim," noted Elisa Smith, director of the archdiocese's Catholic Community Foundation. "He was a thoughtful and positive person who loved God and his family, and who lived a life of joy and gratitude."

Hackl also lived a life of generosity, Smith said, referring to the endowment funds that he and his wife of 67 years, Christine, established.

One of the Hackl family endowment funds was created to provide food, shelter, clothing and medical care for the poor and vulnerable. Another supports needs directly associated with Catholic education, pro-life education, the

formation of pastoral leaders, and priestly and pastoral retirement.

A third endowment provides continuing support to St. Luke Catholic School in Indianapolis.

"The impact created from these endowment funds has made and continues to make a difference in so many lives throughout the Catholic community of central and southern Indiana," Smith said. "From social justice to Catholic education, he truly saw the face of Christ in everyone."

Hackl served as president and chief executive officer of the Herff Jones Company in Indianapolis from 1968 to 1995. During his tenure as the head of the company, the manufacturer of class rings and other scholastic-related products achieved significant growth.

A member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, Hackl served as the co-chairman of the

building committee for the construction of a new church sanctuary in 1981. His Mass of Christian Burial took place there, celebrated by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, St. Luke's pastor.

"I said at the funeral, 'It's not very often that a man is buried from a church that he built,'" Msgr. Schaedel recalled about Hackl, a veteran of the Korean War. "He was extremely generous to the archdiocese and to St. Luke. He was just a gentle giant. He was very humble, very unassuming and steady like a rock. We're really going to miss him."

Besides his wife Christine, he is survived by their eight children, Elizabeth Brainard, Ellen Fagan, Dorothy Reiser, Martha Smith, Christine Walsh, and Frederick, Robert and Albert Hackl Jr. Survivors also include 31 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Marquette Manor or the Little Sisters of the Poor. †

## Pope Francis moves 12 sainthood causes ahead, including U.S. missionary's

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis issued decrees recognizing that 12 candidates for sainthood, including U.S. Sacred Heart Brother Norbert McAuliffe, lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way.

The decrees promulgated by the pope on May 19 are the first major step in the sainthood process. A miracle attributed to the candidate's intercession would be needed before beatification, and another miracle would be needed for the person's canonization.

Brother Norbert was born on Sept. 30, 1886, in

New York. After joining the missionary Brothers of the Sacred Heart, he was sent to Uganda where he founded the order's first mission in Gulu, in the north of the country. He died there on July 3, 1959.

Among the other decrees was one recognizing the "heroic virtues" of Polish Cardinal August Hlond, archbishop of Gniezno and Warsaw during World War II. He died in 1948.

A Colombian bishop, Bishop Miguel Angel Builes Gomez of Santa Rosa de Osos, who died in 1971, also

was among the candidates whose causes advanced.

The others were five priests and four religious women including one known as the "Angel of Auschwitz," Trinitarian Sister Angela Maria Autsch. Born in Germany, she entered a novitiate in Austria. Turned into the Gestapo by a Nazi informant who had heard she criticized Hitler, she was held in the Innsbruck jail before being sent to the Ravensbruck concentration camp and, eventually, to Auschwitz-Birkenau where she died on Dec. 23, 1944, just a month before the Allies liberated the camp. †



## Honoring Father Eckstein

Above, members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan honor Father Francis Eckstein on May 6 at the Batesville Deanery faith community. Father Eckstein, 87, lived at the parish and served its sacramental needs since his retirement in 2002 and recently decided to step down. The parish hosted an open house for Father Eckstein to honor him for his many years of ministry among them. At right, Father Eckstein elevates the Eucharist during a May 6 Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Milan. (Submitted photo)



## St. Elizabeth of Hungary groundbreaking

In this photo from June 25, 1972, children of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Cambridge City participate in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Connersville Deanery faith community's new parish center that was being constructed. The parish center opened in October of that year. St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Cambridge City was founded in 1852.

(Would you like to comment on or share information about this photo? Contact archdiocesan archivist Julie Motyka at 800-382-9836, ext. 1538; 317-236-1538; or by e-mail at [jmotyka@archindy.org](mailto:jmotyka@archindy.org).)

# Historians' approval moves Father Tolton's sainthood cause forward

CHICAGO (CNS)—The canonization cause of Father Augustus Tolton received important approval from the Vatican's historical consultants earlier this year, moving the cause forward.

Father Tolton, a former slave, is the first recognized U.S. diocesan priest of African descent. Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George opened his cause for canonization in 2011, giving the priest the title "servant of God."



Fr. Augustus Tolton

The consultants in Rome ruled in March that the "positio"—a document equivalent to a doctoral dissertation on a person's life—was acceptable, and the research on Father Tolton's life was finished, said Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry, postulator for the cause.

"They have a story on a life that they deem is credible, properly documented. It bodes well for the remaining steps of scrutiny—those remaining steps being the theological commission that will make a final determination on his virtues," Bishop Perry explained.

It now goes to the Congregation for Saints' Causes, he said. Once the congregation's members "approve it, then the prefect of that congregation takes the case to the pope," he added.

If the pope approves it, Father Tolton would be declared venerable, the next step on the way to canonization. The last two steps are beatification and canonization. In general, two approved miracles through Father Tolton's intercession are needed for him to be beatified and canonized.

Six historical consultants ruled unanimously on the Tolton "positio," compiled by a team in Rome led by Andrea Ambrosi, based on hundreds of pages of research completed in Chicago.

While working on the document, Ambrosi's team asked Bishop Perry why it took so long to open a cause for Tolton, who died in 1897.

"We told them that African-Americans basically had no status in the Church to be considered at that time. Some people didn't think we had souls. They were hardly poised to recommend someone to be a saint," Bishop Perry said. "And then in those days, there were hardly any saints from the United States proposed."

The fact that the historical consultants approved the "positio" unanimously is a positive sign, he said. The cause is scheduled to go before the theological commission in February 2019.

Two miracles through Father Tolton's intercession have been sent to Rome.

"We're hoping and our fingers are crossed, and we're praying that at least one of them might be acceptable for his beatification," Bishop Perry said.

Born into slavery, young Augustus fled to freedom with

his mother and two siblings through the woods of northern Missouri and across the Mississippi River while being pursued by bounty hunters and soldiers. He was only 9 years old.

The small family made their home in Quincy, Ill., a sanctuary for runaway slaves.

Growing up in Quincy and serving at Mass, Augustus felt a call to the priesthood, but because of rampant racism, no seminary in the United States would accept him.

He headed to Rome, convinced he would become a missionary priest serving in Africa. However, after ordination he was sent back to his hometown to be a missionary to the community there.

He was such a good preacher that many white people filled the pews for his Masses, along with black people. This upset the white priests in the town, who made life very difficult for him as a result. After three years, Father Tolton moved north to Chicago to minister to the black community, at the request of Archbishop Patrick Feehan.

Father Tolton worked tirelessly for his congregation in Chicago, to the point of exhaustion. On July 9, 1897, he died of heat stroke while returning from a priests retreat. He was 43.

Since the cause was opened, Bishop Perry and his team have given more than 170 presentations on

Father Tolton around the country. They also have received inquiries about the priest from Catholics in the Philippines, Germany, Australia, Italy, France and countries in Africa.

People receive Father Tolton's story well, Bishop Perry said.

"There's also the element of surprise. ... People always presume that we had black priests," he told the *Chicago Catholic*, the archdiocesan newspaper.

"There's an element of surprise at how the Church handled some of these more naughty issues of reception and acceptance," said the prelate, who is African-American. "They thought that this was pretty usual, but they were surprised to see that there were certain individuals who were not so receptive to a person like [Father] Tolton and others."

Father Tolton did not speak out publicly against the racist abuse he encountered from his fellow Catholics. Rather, throughout his ministry, he preached that the Catholic Church was the only true liberator of blacks in America.

"I think people generally are touched by his story, especially regarding his stamina and perseverance given what appears to be a different mood today. People don't accept stuff thrown in their faces anymore," Bishop Perry said. †

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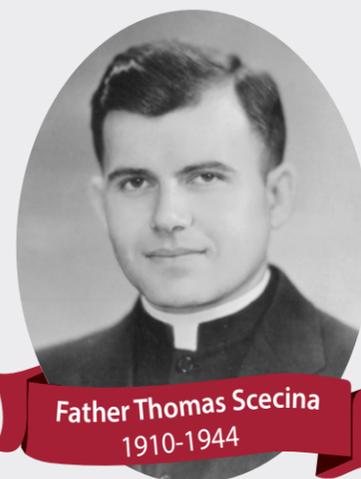
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