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The Newman Centers in Columbia, Kirksville and Rolla are helping Catholic college students make the most of these unusual times on campus.

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Surveys sent on parish collaboration in 10 counties



Bishop, pastors seeking input on models of parish reorganization, collaboration in Chariton, Cooper, Crawford, Howard, Monroe, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Ralls and Saline counties

By Jay Nies

If it's worth doing, it will be worth doing differently.

New realities call for changes in how the Church in this area carries out its mandate to baptize, teach and form disciples of Jesus Christ.

"We cannot be so bound by the past that we prevent the faith of the future from being born," Bishop W. Shawn McKnight wrote in his Aug. 21 "Making Connections" column about 10 of the Jefferson City diocese's counties.

The counties — Chariton, Cooper, Crawford, Howard, Monroe, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Ralls and Saline — include 29 parishes and missions.

"How the Church is present in these 10 counties will change," the bishop wrote. "Indeed, it must change in order for the Church to continue to be present in these 10 counties."

The diocese is conducting a brief survey that will help the bishop determine how to put the diocese's limited resources to best use in carrying out the Church's ministry in those areas.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight is urging adults, ages 18 and over, in 10 counties in the diocese to answer a survey pertaining to models for collaboration and combination among parishes and missions in those areas. Changing demographics, a decreasing number of priests and other factors are making changes necessary.

Fr. Paul Clark begins work as vocation director, seeks more help from pastors, parishioners

By Jay Nies

Father Paul Clark knows that promoting vocations in the diocese is full-time work.

For everyone. Not just the director of the Diocesan Vocation Office.

"We are all full-time vocation directors," Fr. Clark asserted. "If we truly believe what we say about Jesus Christ and His desire to call each of us to a sanctified way of life through our vocation, then we should all be eager to help the people we love listen and respond to that calling."

Fr. Clark on July 1 became diocesan vocation director in addition to his other priestly assignments.

He will spend one day a week in his office in the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center in Jefferson City. Most of his time there will be spent meeting with men who

are considering Priesthood for the diocese, and helping them with the application and discernment process.

He will also work with the Diocesan Vocation Committee to provide resources that help pastors and lay leadership promote vocations in parishes.

The rest of the week, he will serve as associate pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center parish and part-time chaplain of Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School, both in Columbia.

He understands that promoting vocations is part of all of his assignments.

"It goes back to the call that each of us is given at baptism," he said, "the fact that as a community, we stand with

"Golden opportunity"

According to the diocese's records, there are about 9,100 adults registered in the 29 affected parishes and missions, constituting 5,523 households.

The diocese is sending postcards to those households, as well as emails to those with valid addresses on file, asking them to complete the online survey.

All surveys, whether online or hard-

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Pray for deceased priests

Sept. 13 — **Fr. Joseph F. Lorenz**, St. Anthony, St. Anthony (1993)

Sept. 14 — **Fr. William L. Forst**, Columbia hospital ministry (2009)

Sept. 16 — **Fr. Leonard S. Misey**, St. Boniface, Brunswick; St. Joseph, Hurricane Branch; St. Raphael, Indian Grove (2011)

Sept. 17 — **Fr. Anthony J. Grellner**, Chaplain, St. Joseph Home, Jefferson City (1982)

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Successful applicants will have: experience in maintenance and custodial work; a strong work ethic; some mechanical/equipment repair experience; the physical ability to complete the maintenance and custodial tasks assigned; respect for the Catholic faith, heritage and practice; work with a flexible schedule; work well with the pastor, parish and school staff.

Background check and Safe Environment training required.

To apply, call Michelle at 573-636-8159 for a job description/application, and submit to: St. Peter Catholic Church, 216 Broadway, Jefferson City, MO 65101 by Sept. 11, 2020.

Communications & Outreach Coordinator

St. Peter Catholic Church & Interparish School in Jefferson City, Mo. announces a new employment opportunity: Parish & School Communications & Outreach Coordinator.

Key responsibilities: Create & manage communications & publications for St. Peter Parish & Interparish School; create & manage outreach opportunities/activities on the school, parish & community level; manage, promote & develop digital & social media presence for both the parish & school; welcome & correspond with parishioners & visitors, including those who speak Spanish.

This position is full time (30-40 hours per week) with a comprehensive benefits package. Pay will be contingent on experience and skill.

Successful applicants will have: Experience in communications/publications; experience and skill managing multiple social media platforms; a strong work ethic; respect for the Catholic Faith, heritage and practice; the ability to work with a flexible schedule, including weekends; work well with the Pastor, Parish and School staff; fluency in English & Spanish preferred, but not required.

Background check and Safe Environment training required.

To apply, call Michelle, 573-636-8159 for a job description/application, and submit to: St. Peter Catholic Church, 216 Broadway, Jefferson City, MO 65101 by Sept. 11, 2020.

La Salette priest from Jefferson City to have Mass at Fall Pilgrimage to Starkenburg shrine, Sept. 13

Father Dennis Meyer, a member of the Missionaries of La Salette, who grew up in Jefferson City and is noting his 50th priestly anniversary this year, will offer the Mass and preach the homily at the Fall Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg.

The event, modified this year to slow the spread of COVID-19, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The pilgrimage will begin later than usual: with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at noon.

Pilgrims then will carry a statue of "Seven Delores," an image that has been at the Shrine since 1895, in a Rosary procession through the Shrine grounds, stopping at each of the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

The sacrament of reconciliation will be available.

There will be no midday meal this year.

The pilgrimage will conclude with Benediction at 1 p.m. and Mass at the outdoor altar at 2 p.m.

The black granite altar, adorned with a mosaic image of the Blessed Mother, came from the chapel of the former La Salette Seminary in Jefferson City.

Fr. Meyer attended Mass in that chapel many times while he was in priestly formation.

Annual pilgrimages to Starkenburg began 1891, in thanksgiving for the letup of six weeks of heavy rain that had been threatening crops

and hampering the construction of a bell tower at nearby St. Martin Church.

Not only does the annual pilgrimage take place on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept. 15), Fr. Meyer noted that it is also close to the Feast of Our Lady of La Salette (Sept. 19).

On that day in 1846, the Blessed Mother made herself visible and spoke to two children on a mountain in France. That apparition eventually led to the founding of the Missionaries of La Salette.

The late Joseph Koenig, husband of Shirley Koenig, the recently deceased longtime lay director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, attended many pil-

grimages to the former La Salette Seminary in Jefferson City.

After the seminary closed, he helped arrange for the altar to be moved from the La Salette chapel to the steps of the Starkenburg Shrine, where it is used for outdoor Masses.

This year's pilgrimage happens to be on what have been Mrs. Koenig's birthday. Her Funeral Mass in July was celebrated outside, using the former La Salette altar.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is located in Montgomery County, 2 miles north of the Katy Trail, on Highway P.

For information, visit hisitoricshrine.com or [Valentine Hall.org](http://ValentineHall.org), or call 573-236-4390.

Administrative Assistant Needed



The Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking a bilingual (Spanish/English) administrative assistant to support the Executive Director of Faith Formation and Hispanic Ministry as well as clerical support for our Vocations Department.

This individual will be expected to take minutes of meetings, compose letters, and will organize events in coordination with our Events Coordinator. It is essential that the candidate have the ability to translate both oral and written communications. Other duties include serving as back-up receptionist for the Catholic Center.

An energetic, welcoming disposition with a solid understanding of Hispanic culture and Catholic values is required. Final candidates will be asked to take a Word and Excel skills assessment.

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Themes, patterns emerge for diocesan pastoral plan

By Jay Nies

In seven sentences in “*Evangelii Gaudium*” (“Joy of the Gospel”), Pope Francis’s apostolic exhortation on the New Evangelization, the reigning pontiff presents a clear vision for reinvigorating parish life throughout the world.

That vision focuses on looking outward and ministering deliberately and creatively to all people living within the territory of the parish — not just those who take part in parish life.

“In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach,” the pope stated in Section 28 of the document.

All parishes must undergo continuous conversion in order to become “environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented,” the pope insists.

The emerging pastoral plan for the Diocese of Jefferson City must be fundamentally welded to that vision, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight told the members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) during a three-and-a-half-hour work

session Aug. 22.

“The inspiration of our pastoral planning process must be focused entirely upon parishes and how we might sustain and help our parishes in the Jefferson City diocese make this dream become a reality,” the bishop stated.

From the ground up

The DPC is a canonically sanctioned group of lay Catholics representing parishes in each region of the diocese. Members deliberate and advise the bishop on ways to carry-out the mission of the Church more effectively at the parish level.

Last December, parishes throughout the diocese began a guided discernment process for how they will spend the next few years bringing Pope Francis’s vision for parish life closer to reality.

Groups of parishioners gathered regularly during Advent and Lent to discuss implementing in locally relevant ways the bishop’s three priorities for parishes:

- cultivating a spirituality of Catholic stewardship among all parishioners;
- instilling a proper sense of co-responsibility among ordained clergy and the lay faithful; and
- ensuring that each parish will be universally recognized



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight addresses the in-person and online participants in a Aug. 22 meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council to help develop parish pastoral plans throughout the diocese into a diocesan pastoral plan to be set into action in Advent of this year.

as a center for charity and mercy in its local community.

As the discernment process continued, each parish was directed to bring forth two or three specific, measurable, sustainable goals that the entire parish will focus on toward advancing those three priorities.

Working with other parishes in each deanery, the parishes fleshed out those objectives and submitted them to the diocese in the form of parish pastoral plans.

The diocesan pastoral planning team met each Friday afternoon through the summer to evaluate and categorize each of the plans the parishes submitted.

Out of the many, a few

The purpose of the Aug. 22 meeting was to have groups of DPC members look at all of those plans and try to recognize common themes.

Those themes are informing the development of a diocesan pastoral plan that will go into effect the first Sunday of Advent this year.

“By Advent, each parish will be able to answer the question: What two or three activities happening in the parish will show people that our parish is the kind of parish described in ‘*Evangelii Gaudium*?’” Bishop McKnight told the DPC members.

Dominic Perry of the National Leadership Roundtable facilitated the meeting, which was a combination of online and in-person participation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To help the DPC members with their work, directors of various diocesan ministries

gave brief presentations on stewardship, co-responsibility, charity and mercy, youth participation, Hispanic participation and communication.

“We must remember that the diocesan pastoral plan, as we have structured the whole process, is to identify what our diocesan resources and diocesan structures will hold themselves accountable to, in helping the parishes achieve their pastoral plans,” Bishop McKnight reminded the participants.

He believes that along the way, the diocesan pastoral plan will motivate parishes throughout the diocese to keep evaluating and refining their own pastoral plans.

Emerging patterns

Working in four groups at the Aug. 22 gathering, DPC members connected aspects from the parish pastoral plans into several possible themes for the diocesan pastoral plan, including:

- Creating a culture of welcome and hospitality;

- Actively drawing upon the God-given gifts of every member in enhancing the life of the Church;

- Using the most up-to-date communication tools and techniques to lead people to Christ and prepare them for discipleship;

- Motivating all parishioners to invest and volunteer in the work of the Church;

- Helping bolster the charitable works of entire communities;

- Bringing about greater participation among teens and young adults;

- Fostering a diocesan-wide identity based on gratitude and stewardship;

- Helping parishes become more effective in charitable outreach and social concerns;

- Strengthening faith formation and evangelization efforts, especially for the next generation of Catholics;

- Unifying communication across a variety of platforms, both personal and virtual;

- Solidifying effective youth and family ministry; and

- Creating greater awareness of the needs of marginalized communities and a desire to help them.

Moving forward

The DPC members are now working with representatives of the parishes in each of their regions in the diocese (known as deaneries) to prepare for the next gathering on Saturday, Sept. 12.

On that day, representatives of each parish that submitted a pastoral plan will meet with the DPC and members of the

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Bishop McKnight's Calendar

September

The following appointments are tentative, depending on the pandemic:

- Sept. 4** Investiture ceremony of President Dr. Mark Register, 8:30 am, Sacred Heart Chapel, Sedalia
- Sept. 9** Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Board of Directors meeting, noon, Chancery
- Sept. 11** Jubilee Retirement Trust Fund meeting, 10 am, Chancery
- Sept. 12** Diocesan Pastoral Plan meeting, 10 am, Chancery
- Sept. 17** Installation ceremony of President Dr. Daniel Everett followed by reception, 10:30 am, Fr. Tolton Catholic High School, Columbia
- Sept. 20** Investee/Promotion Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Mass, 2 pm, The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Kansas City
- Sept. 26** Stewardship Pilot Parish meeting, 10:30 am, Chancery

Bishop McKnight's September prayer intention for our Local Church

For children deprived of a safe and healthy home, that they experience the love of God through the care and concern shown by Catholics.

Intención del mes de septiembre del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Por los niños privados de seguridad y de un hogar saludable, para que experimenten el amor de Dios a través de la preocupación y el cuidado de los católicos.

Please be so kind as to make this a part of your group and private prayer.

How to help victims of Hurricane Laura

Catholic Charities USA has established an online relief fund to help people affected by Hurricane Laura. efforts — no overhead or administrative fees are removed from the donation.

For information, visit: catholiccharitiesusa.org and follow the links.

Loose Creek parish anniversary postponed

Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek has postponed its 175th anniversary celebration until next year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event is rescheduled for Oct 9, 2021.

The parish is selling commemorative books — including 715 family histories of people who settled in the town — for \$55.

Also for sale are Volumes 1, 2 and 3 of *The Growing of Loose Creek*. The complete set is \$200.

Will ship or arrange pickup.

Call 573-619-8149 or 573-680-1897 for information.

Prayers in Wardsville for end to pandemic

The Legion of Mary of St. Stanislaus Parish in Wardsville is sponsoring a prayer service for an end to the coronavirus, at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month in in St. Stan-

islaus Church, 6418 Route W.

The next two services will be on Sept. 7 and 21.

They will include the Rosary, a novena, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and hymns.

Patriotic Rosary in Freeburg

DATE: September 11
TIME: 6:30 pm

Holy Family Parish in Freeburg will host the praying of a Patriotic Rosary at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, in Holy Family Church, 104 West Oliver St.

It will include praying the Rosary and singing patriotic songs.

“Join us as we pray for our country and the many issues facing America today,” organizers stated. “Please consider being with us as we pray for healing of our nation.”

Laurie outdoor Masses

Outdoor Sunday Masses at 8:30 a.m. at the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, in Laurie, will continue to be held through September.

The Shrine is located on the grounds of St. Patrick Church, 176 Marian Drive, off Highway 5 in Laurie.

This Mass would normally be moved inside to St. Patrick’s after Labor Day weekend; however, due to social distancing and the increased congregation numbers, the Mass will continue to be celebrated outside at the Shrine.

The last Saturday-evening Mass of this year will be on Sept. 5.

Fr. Tolton lived what he preached, led many people to Christ

By Jay Nies

People who knew him eulogized Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, a former slave from north-eastern Missouri, as “an apostle to the people.”

Namely, he knew what it took to lead them to Christ.

“If ever there was an apostle on American soil, this man was it,” stated Norbertine Father A. Gerard Jordan of Chicago, a member of the Order of the Canons Regular of Prémontré.

Fr. Jordan, who serves as special assistant to the diocesan postulator for Venerable Fr. Tolton’s sainthood cause, gave an online presentation on “Twelve Gifts of Tolton Spirituality” on a Wednesday afternoon this spring.

About 40 people took part from locations throughout the United States.

The interactive discussion took place while many people in Chicago and other locales throughout the United States were sheltering in place.

“The Church is right here!” stated Fr. Jordan. “When we are back together, we will worship first, and we’re going to receive His Body and Blood to nourish us. And after that, we’re going to go forth and do the work — and the exact nature of that work is something Fr. Tolton helps us understand.”

Heart of an apostle

Fr. Tolton was born into a family of slaves and baptized into the Catholic Church in Brush Creek a few years before the Civil War broke out.

He escaped as a child into Illinois with his mother and two siblings, while the war that would claim his father’s life was still raging.

The family remained Catholic, and young Augustus gradually became aware of his priestly calling.

No seminary in the United States would accept him.

He persevered with help



Servant of God Fr. Augustus Tolton (1854-97)

from God, his family, local priests, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Franciscan friars in Quincy, Illinois, and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome.

Ordained to the Holy Priesthood in Rome inside the Basilica of St. John Lateran in 1886, he was sent back to Quincy as a missionary to his own homeland.

After weathering many difficulties, he was reassigned to Chicago, where he ministered among some of the city’s poorest and most vulnerable individuals.

He died of heatstroke at age 43 and is now under serious consideration for beatification and possibly an official declaration of sainthood by the Church.

“Fr. Tolton,” said Fr. Jordan, “was everything that an apostle was in the Book of Acts, everything that an apostle was as a student when Jesus walked, and everything that an apostle was when Jesus ascended into heaven and sent them forward to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth.”

With help from God and many others, Fr. Tolton overcame tremendous obstacles toward becoming the Roman Catholic Church’s first recognizably Black priest in the United States.

After his ordination, people were initially drawn to the spectacle of who he was and how he came to be.

“And once they got past that, they got to where they

just wanted to know him,” said Fr. Jordan. “They wanted to follow him. They wanted to hear him preach.”

“Because he didn’t preach ‘Tolton,’” Fr. Jordan insisted. “He preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

“About all of us”

Fr. Tolton persistently preached the sacraments and put them into practice beyond the church walls.

“He always was noted for his abil-

ity to be in the presence of the divine,” Fr. Jordan stated. “He loved to be around the altar, and after leaving the altar, he would go out into the community and bring the Body of Christ to people.”

Many of his parishioners lived in an intensely poor neighborhood that grew up around an old slaughterhouse.

“And just to know that he had to go in and out of these homes that had these big sewer ditches in front of them and you had the smell coming from the slaughterhouse — you’ve got to have a kind heart and a willing spirit to bring the sacraments to somebody in that kind of environment and do it with joy and devotion,” said Fr. Jordan.

But Fr. Tolton was not a “Lone Ranger,” something made evident by his favorite hymn, “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name.”

“Not ‘I praise Thy name,’ but ‘WE praise Thy name,’” Fr. Jordan noted. “His love for the hymn stems from his love for being associated with a community of faith for true worship and communion.”

He emphasized that Fr. Tolton’s ministry was all-inclusive.

“If you think this is a just about a Black priest, you’re missing something very important,” Fr. Jordan insisted.

“This is about a community that Jesus brought together because of the life that He gave a

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Catholic collegians crave community as they return to campus

Newman Centers respond with creativity, flexibility

By Eddie O'Neill

Despite having the world turned upside down over the past six months due to COVID-19, there are some things that are still sacred.

Just ask Angelle Hall, director of campus ministry at the St. Thomas More Newman Center at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

"Our welcoming Mass on the quad will still take place," she said with a smile. "We are excited as it is a tradition that means a lot to our students. It is a great way to start the year."

The Mizzou Catholic population numbers around 700 active students.

Ms. Hall noted that much of the welcoming of these new and returning students will be quite different due to the coronavirus that sent students

home this past spring.

For instance, the Newman Center's open house will be limited to 15 minutes and to just 20 people inside.

"We will have no food events this year, which is a change," explained Ms. Hall. "However, whatever the case, our students are definitely excited to make their way back to campus."

That is a sentiment shared by Tom Kasza, director of campus ministry at the Rolla Newman Center on the campus of the Missouri University of Science & Technology.

The center ministers to more than 100 Catholic students each year.

"Last spring was tough," said Mr. Kasza. "But I think we have a much better handle on how to proceed this fall. The campus has been very helpful in laying out guidelines



"Masks, on. Disinfectant, at the ready. Social distancing, engaged. The Rolla Newman Center is up and running with health and safety guidelines in place!"

— Photo and caption from the Rolla Catholic Newman Center Facebook page

that relate to clubs and groups like the Newman Center."

He said a lot of the center's O-Week (orientation week) events have been scaled back.

"In short, we have had to move everything outside," he said. "This means that our game night and movie night will now be on our lawn, and no ice-cream social.

"As well," Mr. Kasza stated, "we will have to take attendance and check temperatures at events as per campus guidelines. They want clubs and organizations to track people should an outbreak of the virus occur on campus. We are happy to do that."

The COVID-19 restrictions will continue to change how things are done at Rolla's Newman Center far beyond orientation week.

"A lot of our students make the Newman Center their hangout," he explained. "They are here day in and day out studying or just enjoying time with friends. It is their home away from home. Now, however we will have to be much more vigilant in our interactions."

Deacon Christopher Korte, director of campus Ministry at the Kirksville Newman Center on the campus of Truman State University, echoed similar concerns regarding the community of around 400 Catholic students.

But he said he's been touched by his student leaders'

changes has been inspiring.

"They are not throwing in the towel but rather making the best of what we can and cannot do this semester," he said.

He noted that when students were sent home last spring, it really put a strain on them. While they prayed the Rosary and continued Bible studies via Zoom, many of the students confided to Deacon Korte that it just wasn't the same.

"I think they quickly realized how important community is to our Catholic faith and tradition," he said. "They realized that this virtual practice of the faith wasn't as good as being in person."

He added that the students are just so glad to be back on campus.

"We all want Truman to succeed this year, both as a fruitful year spiritually and academically," he said. "But most importantly we want things to stay safe."

Special delivery



Bishop Michael J. Sis of San Angelo, Texas, displays a St. Patrick's Day card and envelope he received from Shrine of St. Patrick parish in St. Patrick this spring. The image on the specially-designed envelope honors one of the founders of the town of St. Patrick, Rose Simpson Riney, who is one of Bishop Sis's ancestors. She and her husband Richard moved to Clark County, Missouri, in 1833. Her obituary states that she helped with the construction of the original log church by tying logs together with her own hands.

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Palmyra native is Conception Seminary College's new vice rector, dean of students

Fr. Meade studied at MU, served at Our Lady of Lourdes

By Jay Nies

If Benedictine Father Pachomius Meade ever wondered what it would be like to be a dad, he's about to step into a similar role.

The Palmyra native and former associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Columbia is the newly-appointed vice rector and dean of students at Conception Seminary College in northwestern Missouri.

"I have the dual role of being an administrator and a spiritual father to these men who come here to discern a priestly calling," he stated.

"Like a father, there is a caring aspect, where you meet with them and try to form them and model what it means to be a priest, a man of integrity, a man of virtue, a man of holiness," he said.

Fr. Pachomius is one of three monks under age 40 who are stepping into leadership positions at Conception Seminary College, a ministry of Conception Abbey in northwestern Missouri.

As dean of students, he will help seminarians recognize and work to overcome any obstacles to priestly discernment, be they spiritual, academic, emotional or practical.

As vice rector, he will stand in for the rector whenever necessary and will handle many day-to-day operations at the seminary.

He will live in community with seminarians who are discerning and preparing to move on to the next phase of their formation.

"I want to see these men succeed as Catholic men and certainly as priests if that is what God is calling them to," he stated.

Toward that end, Fr. Pachomius must serve as a gatekeeper for the Church.

Holding the men accountable and giving objective feedback can be difficult, "because you'd like to just be a teddy bear," he said. "But sometimes you have to just be a bear."

They key is to maintain "a kind of firm integrity."

"This is the way it has to be for the good of God's people and for the good of their souls," he said.

Show and tell

As chaplain to the seniors, Fr. Pachomius will spend much of his time with the fourth-year seminarians at Conception.

He will meet separately with them every two weeks to discuss their progress.

He will live on their floor of the residence hall and will share meals and fellowship with them.

"Interacting with the men, you can see how they interact with their peers," he said. "That is indispensable to the job."

He will also serve as a mentor.

"How I live is as important as what I observe in how they are living," he said. "What in my modeling and Priesthood and my Christian manhood is a worthy example for them? I need to be able to offer that to them."

He believes that if Conception Seminary College does its job well, a man who graduates from there is "comfortable in his own skin, knows who he is, knows how to interact with people — men, women, children and families — and interacts with them freely."

A Conception graduate must also be a man of prayer, immediately recognizable by his bearing and how he spends his time, "but without giving pious platitudes every five seconds."

"He is a man who genuinely cares about other people and cares about their ultimate destiny, which is salvation," the priestly monk continued.

"He is as at-home with his own peers and friends as he would be with ordinary people," he said. "And he cares enough about people and about their salvation that other things will be secondary to that."

"We want him to be a man who could be readily identified as good and competent — whether as a priest or a husband and father or in charge of a business," he said.

Prayer and work

Benedictines are monks or nuns who take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, combining a life of community, contemplation and apostolic service.

Fr. Pachomius, baptized as Matthew Meade, entered Benedictine monastic life at Conception in 2001, professed final vows in 2005 and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 2009.

He discovered the Benedictines while considering whether he was being called to Priesthood for the Jefferson City diocese.

He asked for the religious name Pachomius, in honor of the fourth-century Christian monk who drew men and women together into monastic communities bound by a codified rule for living.

He has studied the ancient art of Christian iconography and has painted many icons in that centuries-old style.

Several of his icons now adorn the Conception Abbey.

He painted an iconic triptych for the sanctuary of St. Joseph Church in Palmyra, where he grew up going to Mass with his family and serving at the altar.

"Genuine and good"

Years ago, one of Fr. Pachomius's friends spoke to Cardinal John Foley, now deceased, who was head of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication.

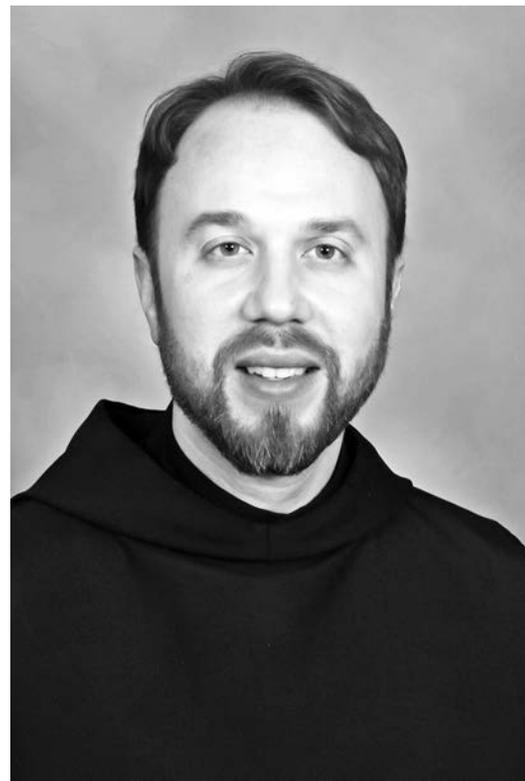
Cardinal Foley said he was pleased to get the first version of the Vatican's website up and running.

Fr. Pachomius's friend replied, "Are you kidding? It's a disaster!"

"I know," Cardinal Foley acknowledged. "But it's up and running, and it's genuine and it's good. And sometimes, that's enough to give us a start."

Fr. Pachomius believes that's a great analogy for forming college seminarians into Catholic adults and good candidates for Priesthood.

"We're starting with what is genuine and good," he stated,



Benedictine Father Pachomius Meade

"and the Lord perfects what we're setting out to accomplish."

To be a bridge

Fr. Pachomius recently completed the thesis for his doctorate in art history from the University of Missouri.

The college needs a certain number of faculty members who have doctorates in order to maintain its accreditation.

Typically, a monk would be sent to pursue an advanced degree in philosophy and theology — and Fr. Pachomius already has a master's in systematic theology.

"But at the college level especially, we have many things we're doing in a liberal-arts education," he said. "So to have someone with a degree in humanities or history is a good thing, too."

And although most of the monks at Conception pursue advanced degrees at Catholic universities, Abbot Benedict Neenan at Conception wanted Fr. Pachomius to "experience what the current state of the secular academy is."

That proved to be a great opportunity for growth and discovery for him.

He spent four years ministering at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish while pursuing a full course load at the University of Missouri.

All of his classmates were women. Some had grown up Catholic and attended 12 years of Catholic school but had stopped practicing.

Some had no faith background at all.

"But I did meet a few who were actually practicing Catholics, and it was nice to have camaraderie with them," he said.

He originally decided that in order to be less intimidating on campus, he would wear plain clothes to class and change into his monastic habit for work at the parish.

"I was kind of trying to live like 50-percent M.U. grad student and 50-percent priest," he

said.

One day, an instructor began berating the Catholic faith, the Mass and the Priesthood.

Several students laughed along.

Mindful that such a hostile learning environment would not be tolerated by any other minority on campus — "and you'd be hard-pressed to find more of a minority than a Roman Catholic monk at a state university" — he respectfully wrote to the instructor and the dean.

The problem was quickly resolved, and Fr. Pachomius decided to wear his monastic garb — which he says makes him look like "Pope Darth Vader II" — whenever he set foot on campus.

"No more 50-50," he said. "I realized that I need to be 100-percent monk and priest, and to have that integrity and be mindful of that."

He's convinced that helping seminarians work gracefully through similar situations — which they will encounter as Catholic adults and certainly if they become priests — is part of good seminary formation.

"Much of what I will be doing in my job is helping young men think through things like that and how they can be a bridge rather than a barrier to

70th anniversary for Brinktown native Sr. Anita Marie Lischwe

During her years working at a home for retired sisters in St. Louis, Sister Anita Marie Lischwe of the School Sisters of Notre Dame made a point of visiting the nearby cemetery each day and praying for those who had gone before her.

“On my visits there, I felt a warm welcome,” said Sr. Anita Maria, a Maries County native who recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of her religious profession.

One of nine children who were born to the late Joseph B. and Katherine Lischwe, she

grew up on a farm near Brinktown.

She and four of her siblings — Sister Mary Boniface Lischwe of the Medical Mission Sisters, the late Redemptorist Father Bruno Lischwe, the late Sister Michael Marie Lischwe of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, and the late Sister Tarsilla Lischwe SSND — entered religious life.

Sr. Anita Marie entered the SSND novitiate in St. Louis and professed first vows on July 29, 1950.

Now retired, she dedicated many years as a classroom

teacher with a later ministry as a licensed practical nurse.

From 1950 through 1972, she taught primary grades at nine Catholic schools across Missouri and Illinois — including the former St. Boniface School in Koeltztown, Holy Family School in Freeburg and St. Joseph School in Westphalia.

She also taught at St. Joseph School in Apple Creek, Immaculate Heart of Mary in St. Louis and St. Francis Borgia School in Washington, all in Missouri, and St. Anthony of Padua School in Quincy, St.



Sr. Anita Marie Lischwe SSND

Agatha School in New Athens, and St. Michael School in Radom, all in Illinois.

In 1972, Sr. Anna Marie undertook a new ministry as a nurse's aide at the School Sis-

ters of Notre Dame's Villa Gesu retirement home in St. Louis.

After earning her license in practical nursing (LPN), she continued ministering there through the early 2000s.

From 1999 to 2015, she served as a volunteer at The Sarah Community's Anna House and Holy Angels Apartments in Bridgeton, Missouri.

She now devotes her days to prayerful presences at The Sarah Community's Veronica House, also in Bridgeton.

She holds a bachelor's degree in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis.

In 1970, she completed a master's degree in elementary administration from Saint Louis University.

Meditating on the Mysteries



Members of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in St. Robert pray the Rosary outside the parish fellowship hall on Aug. 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They formed a circle while maintaining proper social distancing. In light of social unrest and the COVID-19 epidemic, they prayed for the nation, its leaders and school superintendents. Each participants received a pamphlet about praying the Rosary, provided by the parish's Ladies Altar and Rosary Society. Organizers hope to continue praying a community Rosary each month through the end of this year.

— Photos by Charli Hartley



Celebrating 60 years in religious life

Sister Joan Klaas, a Sister of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri, celebrated the 60th anniversary of her religious profession on Aug. 10.

She is the sister of Madonna Merz of St. Clement parish in St. Clement.

Sr. Joan worked at the St. Agatha Food Pantry in St. Louis.

She is a classmate of Sister Joyce Schramm of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, who previously served as director of Hispanic ministry for the Jefferson City diocese.

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QUESTION CORNER

Death as a consequence of sin / Distractions in prayer

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. In one of your recent columns — about Our Blessed Mother's Assumption — you wrote "Some theologians feel that, since death is a consequence of sin, Mary would not have had to die." I have never thought of sin as causing death. Can you explain this a little more? (Montvale, Virginia)

A. At the dawn of creation, the very first human beings were made to live forever and that was the divine intention and desire. The sin of Adam and Eve, however, changed that, and the whole of human history was altered by the fault committed by our first parents.

This is reflected in the teaching of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: Because of original sin, harmony with nature is broken and "creation is now subject 'to its bondage to decay.' ... The consequence explicitly foretold for this disobedience will come true: Man will 'return to the ground,' for out of it he was taken. Death makes its entrance into human history" (No. 400).

Q. I am a layman who likes to pray the Divine Office. When I am praying this (or reading other prayers), if I am distracted, should I go back and reread those sections? (Worcester, Massachusetts)

A. First, it pleases me that you have found the Divine Office a helpful resource for prayer, and I wish that more laypeople were aware of this treasure. The office consists primarily of psalms but also includes other biblical texts as well as selections from Church fathers and other spiritual masters. The central parts to the office — morning prayer and evening prayer — can each be recited in five to 10 minutes.

Next, you needn't worry that you sometimes find yourself distracted while praying. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* recognizes the universality of that problem, calling distraction "the habitual difficulty in prayer" (No. 2729).

Many of the saints have written about the struggle to concentrate while praying. St. Bernard, the 12th-century French abbot, tells of once walking with a farmer who noticed that St. Bernard was keeping his eyes cast downward and asked him why.

St. Bernard replied that he was praying and didn't want to be distracted by the sights of the countryside. The farmer boasted that he himself was never distracted while praying, so Bernard made a bargain with him.

The saint offered to give the farmer his mule if he could say the Our Father aloud in its entirety without a single distraction. The farmer began to recite with confidence; but midway through the prayer, he paused and said to Bernard, "Does that include the saddle and bridle as well?"

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (The Little Flower) offered, I think, some helpful advice. She said, "I also have many (distractions). But as soon as I am aware of them, I pray for those people the thought of whom is diverting my attention; and in this way, they reap benefit from my distractions."

It is helpful, of course, to find a quiet place to pray, though that is not always possible. (Remember that Jesus said in Matthew 6:6, "When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.")

Now, to your specific question. No, when you are distracted, you needn't go back and repeat that particular prayer. In fact, I would advise against it. I have known scrupulous people who would repeat prayers endlessly until they "got them right." Instead, when you are distracted, just pause and then move forward with renewed focus.



Papal Audience September 2, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters

In our continuing reflection on the current pandemic, we have seen how closely connected we are, dependent on one another precisely because we were created by God and share a common home. We can only emerge stronger from the present crisis if we do so together. The Church's social doctrine thus speaks of the need for the virtue of solidarity. Authentic solidarity is not just about offering help to others; it is a matter of justice; it requires

a radical change in our thinking that looks to the good of the community, defends the right to life for all, and promotes a just sharing of the earth's goods. The biblical story of the Tower of Babel shows what happens when a society seeks to build its own way to heaven, forsaking God, losing sight of solidarity with the most vulnerable, and valuing things over relationships. This destructive "Babel syndrome" is countered by the event of Pentecost, where the gift of the Holy Spirit creates a harmonious unity in diversity for the true building up of society. May the Spirit grant us the wisdom and creativity to find those forms of solidarity needed in our post-COVID world, for the healing of interpersonal and social ills, and the growth of the human family in fraternity, justice and peace.

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. My thoughts turn especially to young people returning to school in the coming weeks. Upon all of you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!

PASTORAL PLAN

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diocesan staff to review a working document developed from the themes the DPC members gleaned from their deliberations at the Aug. 22 meeting.

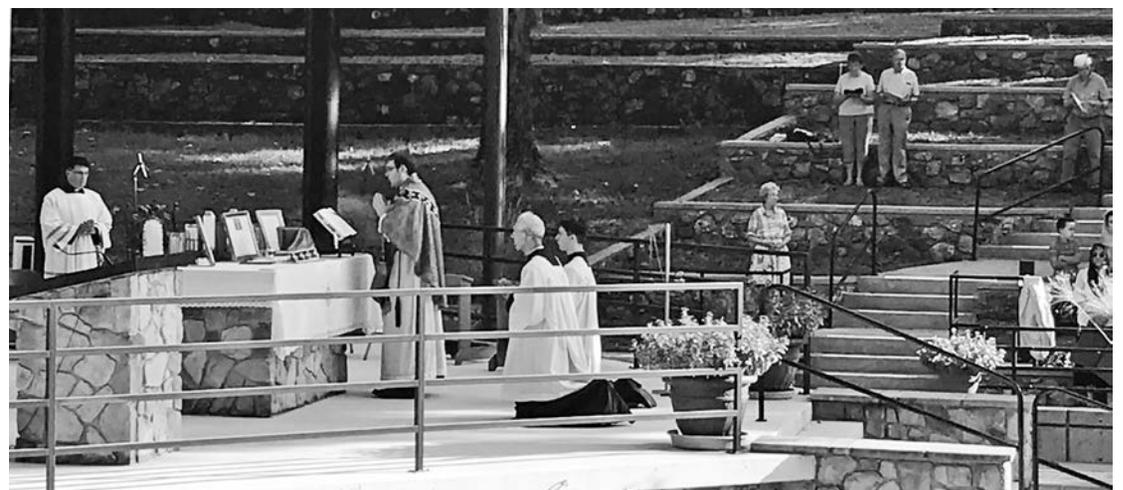
Originally planned to take place in Columbia, the Sept. 12 meeting will now be held digitally in order to safeguard the health and safety

of the participants.

In October, the priests of the diocese will respond to the diocesan pastoral plan, during their weeklong Priest Institute.

The plan will be set into action with a pastoral letter from Bishop McKnight the First Sunday of Advent.

Laus semper Jesu et Mariae!



ABOVE: Father Dylan Schrader, pastor of St. Brendan parish in Mexico, offers an evening Mass in Latin in the Extraordinary Form at the altar of the outdoor National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, in Laurie. It was Aug. 14, the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father John Schmitz, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Laurie, assisted. **LEFT:** A schola leads the singing and chanting at the Mass.

Only united can we defeat the coronavirus

By Moises Sandoval
Catholic News Service



From the beginning, we have known, or should have, that the only way to defeat the virus is to stand together — the rich, young, old, citizen, immigrant, the imprisoned or free — dealing with one another with trust and empathy.

The medical profession set a beautiful example. When New York was going

through its darkest hour, its hospitals overwhelmed, hundreds dying every night, their bodies stored in refrigerated trailers because the funeral homes and crematories had no more room, doctors and nurses in other parts of the country came to help.

Now that the battle has shifted to Florida, Texas, Arizona, California and many other states, New York is sending volunteer medical personnel to help these overwhelmed areas.

Unfortunately for the nation as a whole, unity has been too steep a mountain to climb. Early on, I read about a woman in the Midwest who said she did

not care about New York's problems. For many the first impulse after the virus arrived was to arm themselves. The demand for guns went up tremendously. In Connecticut, when the shutdowns came, the gun stores were allowed to remain open: essential industry? People were afraid their fellow citizens would come to take what they had.

Now, the loudest and angriest voices are those that would divide us further. *New York Times* columnist Ben Smith wrote recently about the contrarians on Twitter and powerful cable news programs who are against current policies for fighting the virus. Smith focuses especially on Alex Berenson, a 47-year-old with impressive credentials as a former *New York Times* reporter, novelist and now a combative voice on cable news and Twitter. Berenson told Smith:

"I believe this is the worst public pol-

icy mistake of our lifetime. It is worse than Vietnam." He added, "It is driven by media hysteria. It is driven by this belief that we can eradicate death."

Berenson, Smith wrote, said that the impact of the virus is regrettable and overstated, that lockdowns are useless, masks don't help and politicians are too worried about the deaths of old people who are going to die soon anyway.

With typical American hubris, he wrote recently that, at worst case, 600,000 Americans will die of the virus, and in a couple of years, the virus is likely to have little impact, the population having decreased by only 3%. Berenson and others like him therefore see the path as a binary choice, save lives or revive the economy.

He and other contrarians ignore

See SANDOVAL, page 14

Life lessons on hospitality

By Effie Caldarola
Catholic News Service



When my husband and I married, we had just completed a volunteer commitment with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, teaching school in the Alaskan Bush at a Jesuit boarding school in a remote village.

Then, we chose to live in the big city of Anchorage, and our first home was a tiny cabin we rented in a friend's backyard. One person could fit into the kitchen nook, the bathroom was attached to our bedroom, and the square footage of the whole place was minuscule. It was a tight fit, but for newlyweds with few possessions, it was cozy.

The problem came with the steady flow of visitors. Anchorage is the air hub for a largely roadless state. If you were traveling from rural areas to the Outside, as Alaskans call the rest of the world, you passed through Anchorage. If you were heading from almost anywhere up to Fairbanks, you passed through Anchorage. And sometimes, you just wanted to come to Anchorage.

Scores of friends, relatives and former volunteers came to our little home (and later, other homes we had) to crash, often arriving with a backpack and a six-pack. It was part of being young in Alaska, and we made countless trips to the airport.

The busiest and most challenging times for me were those very early days of marriage. No matter how dear the friends and how much fun they were, I hadn't planned on operating a bed and breakfast. But as a vagabond volunteer, I'd spent my share of time in others' homes, imposing on and enjoying their welcoming.

When I look back now, I know that my stress was probably sometimes trans-

parent. Occasionally, my hospitality was thin and I regret that.

I think of that phrase from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels."

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, as in all major faiths, hospitality is an obligation. That applies to individuals, but also to any country that maintains a standard of morality. Most countries accept a generous quota of well-vetted refugees, but even before the pandemic changed everything, the U.S. was cutting our refugee admissions drastically, a tragic turn of events.

Recently, I found out that a relative of mine had invited into her home four young refugees from Somalia. Since their acceptance into the U.S. with their mother a couple of years ago, my cousin has been assisting them, getting them into good schools and offering sustaining friendship. Then, when a crisis produced a need for temporary foster care, she volunteered, despite a pandemic and having three young children of her own.

From my cousin, and from my own memories, I've learned some lessons.

One, life is very short. Do what you can for people when you can and do it as well as you can. Then, don't spend time with regrets.

Secondly, when going through something challenging, whether illness, COVID-19 isolation or a stressful situation, my tendency can be to obsess, thinking of it as the central reality. Will this ever end? Yes, it will end and I'll move on to the next challenge. This is life. Cherish it every day and find the good in it.

Thirdly, in every aspect of life, God exists. God has a lesson for me in every circumstance, something to teach me. Be still and listen.

Lastly, we all need to know our limits. Every life has boundaries and every country has borders. But God is continually inviting us to stretch ourselves, to do more than we ever thought we could.

REFLECTION

As now the fiery sun departs

By Mark Saucier

We ventured out to visit a friend and sat on his deck, watching the sunset.

The streams of golden light pierced the cedars and glanced across the still water of the lake.

It was, like most sunsets, simply stunning.

Everyone has some memory of a sunset. Yours may have been on a beach, in the mountains or on your porch. You may have been alone or with someone you loved.

Regardless, you remember the exact blue of the sky and its cast of clouds refracting the fiery hues of the sun's descent. You haven't forgotten the awe that grandeur inspired.

There were sunrises as well. Whether a late night or an early awakening, the first peek of that glowing orb was pure joy as the purple-robed heavens ignited with a conflagration of color unique to that new day.

All the world's majesty and mystery, beauty and grace were somehow compacted into that rising or setting sun.

We remember because we were moved, humbled, but also claimed by something unbounded and eternal.

Sunrise and sunset can transport us to what feels like the very heart of it all, to the very throne of God.

But the time right before the sun appears and right after it departs has its own power, ushering us inward instead.

The "twi" in twilight comes from Old English, meaning both double and half. It is both night and day, half of the light and half of the darkness. In Sanskrit, the word for twilight ("*samdhya*") meant a holding together.

In dim light, the pupil dilates to help us see more clearly.

In the evening twilight, I find myself seeing the details of my day. I recall the people I encountered, the little things that I did or did not do for others, words I said or should have.

No matter how bad my day, I always find some gratitude in that waning light.

Morning twilight is different. Waiting for the sun, I am drawn to think about the coming day.

It begins with my plans, but something in that time between night and day urges me to consider how I might go about them in a way that helps, thanks, encourages or consoles others.

It gives me hope that after the sun comes up, my kindness may be more intentional than random.

Jesus went out to pray "early in the morning while it was still dark" and "into the hills" of an evening.

Twilight may be why.

Archbishop Rozanski installed to lead Archdiocese of St. Louis

By Jennifer Brinker
Catholic News Service

St. Louis

As he was installed as the new spiritual leader of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski urged people to recall the words of Jesus to love one another in the face of social upheavals caused by the coronavirus pandemic, systemic racism and declining civil discourse.

Archbishop Rozanski told the nearly 500 people in attendance at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Aug 25 that the iconic Gateway Arch in the city was a tangible symbol of the “Gateway to the West” as he spoke of the early inhabitants of the area who sought a better life and place to raise their families.

The same kind of hope is needed in the world today, the 10th archbishop of St. Louis said.

Archbishop Rozanski, 62, said people must be asking themselves where God is in the turmoil. “We need only to look at the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel: ‘Love one another as I have loved you,’” he continued.

“In the midst of a pandemic, a societal reckoning on the life issue of race relations and atrophied civic discourse —

and yes, the often-sinful polemics we now face within our Church — loving one another seems to be a tough thing to do these days. Yet, my friends, we are called to be a people of hope.”

“This ‘Gateway City’ provides us a rich imagery, for in order for us to live out this fundamental command to love one another it must be carried out in action. We ourselves must be gateways, not gatekeepers; gateways to healing, to evangelization, to mercy, to compassion; gateways to listening with the ears of Jesus.”

Among those attending the nearly two-hour Mass on the feast of St. Louis were his predecessor, retired Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, Cardinal Justin F. Rigali, who served as archbishop of St. Louis from 1994 to 2003, more than two dozen bishops, and many priests, permanent deacons, consecrated religious and laity.

Monsignor Dennis Kuruppassery, representing Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United

States, read the apostolic letter from Pope Francis announcing Archbishop Rozanski’s appointment to St. Louis and relieving him of his responsibilities as bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Msgr. Kuruppassery recalled the words of Pope Francis, who, when blessing the palliums earlier this year for the new archbishops, emphasized the themes of unity and prophecy. He said what the Church requires is pastors who show the miracle of God’s love and offer their lives for others.

Archbishop Rozanski moved across the sanctuary as he displayed the apostolic letter to the entire congregation.

The archbishop received the pallium, a woolen band that the heads of archdioceses wear around their shoulders over their Mass vestments. It is given to an archbishop by the pope as a sign of their unity with the pontiff in ministry to the Catholic faithful.

The presentation marked the first time a recent archbishop of St. Louis has re-

ceived the pallium in the city.

He then was escorted to the bishop’s chair, or cathedra, where the archbishop presides at Mass and other celebrations at the cathedral basilica.

There was a brief exchange with Archbishop Carlson, who handed him the crosier, the pastoral staff that symbolizes the responsibility of leading all to Christ.

The crosier originally belonged to Cardinal John J. Glennon, who served the archdiocese from 1903 to 1946, and has been presented to each archbishop since.

In his homily, Archbishop Rozanski said he was reminded of how Jesus built the Church on the rock of Peter’s faith.

“And so as a Catholic, even more as a pastor, I pledge my own fidelity, and unity and that of God’s people in this ‘Rome of the West’ to Peter’s successor among us, without whom we cannot know the Lord Who sent him, the Lord Who seeks to send us,” he said.

After receiving the “sur-

prising news” of his appointment to St. Louis, he recalled, the next person he spoke with was Archbishop Carlson, whom he thanked for his service to St. Louis, and described him as “a shepherd truly dedicated to the Lord Jesus and his people.”

The congregation responded with loud applause.

Archbishop Rozanski’s younger brothers, Kenneth and Albert, and two of his nephews, Kyle, 21, and Dalton, 15, flew from the Baltimore area to attend the Mass. The arch-

bishop’s parents, Alfred and Jean, watched the Mass from their home in Baltimore.

The visit to St. Louis was the first for Archbishop Rozanski’s family. His brothers described how their older brother was charged with watching over them when their parents were not at home.

“We used to be pretty good at playing practical jokes on one another,” said Albert Rozanski, who is six years younger than the archbishop.

They described their older brother as “very dedicated.”

“He loves what he does,” Albert Rozanski said. “I don’t know how he does it. His battery is always going. You never hear him complain or talk bad about anybody. He truly loves what he does. He is looking forward to this new experience.”

Brinker is a staff writer for the St. Louis Review and Catholic St. Louis, the newspaper and magazine, respectively, of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski of St. Louis holds the mandate from Pope Francis that proclaims him the 10th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis Aug. 25, 2020.
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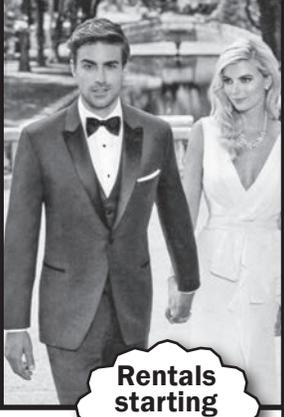
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Bishop installs Fuemmeler as Helias Catholic president, principal

By Jay Nies

Steel sharpened steel last year as the leaders and faculty of Helias Catholic High School prayed, deliberated and even argued over an official vision statement encapsulating their loftiest goals.

At last, they agreed upon “Building a community of saints and scholars for Christ.”

“When our students leave our doors, they are the leaders, the problem-solvers and the lifelong enthusiastic participants in the Church that our world desperately needs,” stated Kenya Fuemmeler, in her new role as president and principal of Helias Catholic.

Ms. Fuemmeler served for seven years as principal before also being appointed president earlier this year.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight installed her on Aug. 21, in a ceremony in the school’s St. Pius X Chapel.

He presented her with a presidential medal commissioned for her and future presidents of the school.

Joining them were Dr. Erin Vader, diocesan superintendent of Catholic Schools; Father Stephen Jones, Helias Catholic’s immediate past president and current chaplain, who is now the diocese’s stewardship director; Ms. Fuemmeler’s parents, John and Cathy Fuemmeler; and a group of students highlighting



Kenya Fuemmeler, newly installed president and principal of Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City, displays the medal Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, right, presented to her as a symbol of the office she holds.

academic and extracurricular pursuits.

Fr. Jones began with a prayer of thanksgiving, especially for Helias Catholic and all who are entrusted with leading it and guiding it.

“Pour out your blessings on Ms. Fuemmeler today, as she begins this school year as the president and principal of our school,” he prayed. “Confirm and

strengthen the servant’s heart within her. Imbue her with wisdom, hope and charity. Fill her with your divine and life-giving love.”

He also asked God to help her recognize His face in all the people she leads and serves.

Bishop McKnight thanked Ms. Fuemmeler for her leadership and ongoing service at Helias Catholic during the time she also served as interim superintendent of Catholic

schools.

He urged her not to carry out her new responsibilities alone.

“Quality leadership looks for and empowers other leaders,” he noted. “A good leader searches out the skill sets and talents that are available to a community, and knows how to facilitate their use in accomplishing the mission.”

Ms. Fuemmeler, in turn, thanked the bishop for entrusting her with this new role, and praised her colleagues who will work with her.

She spoke of continuing to build up Helias Catholic as an authentically Catholic school, focused on evangelizing young people and promoting excellence.

She lauded the students who “epitomize what it means to be a Crusader,” and the faculty and staff whose tremendous dedication allows them to be excellent teachers and “missionaries of Christ, sent to make Christ present in the lives of young people.”

“Their work is not that of a job but rather that of a vocation,” she said.

She credited her parents’ consistent example in instilling in her a heart for service.

She talked about the importance of building up the Helias Foundation Endowment, ensuring that the school is accessible and affordable to students and families for generations to come.

After the service, Bishop McKnight visited all of the classrooms while blessing the building for the new school year.

FR. TOLTON

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man through his mother — a life that he sustained because his father gave his life in the military so he could lead it — a life of joy because he had sisters who loved him — a life lived when the children bullied him and these nuns took him in and saved him — a life lived because a priest paid for his tuition and his travel to Rome.”

“It’s not about one man,” Fr. Jordan continued. “Tolton spirituality and Tolton ministry is about all of us: none greater, none lesser, not smarter.”

People recognized in Fr. Tolton the image of the Christ Who came among them as a suffering servant.

They heard Jesus in Fr. Tolton’s preaching and recognized Jesus’s presence when Fr. Tolton accompanied them on the journey of ongoing conversion.

“You don’t lead folks by getting in front of them and saying, ‘Follow me,’” Fr. Jordan noted. “No, you get on the SIDE of them and say, ‘Listen, let’s go together!’”

What was already there

Fr. Tolton did not reinvent anything in order to become an effective evangelizer.

“He simply built what was there,” said Fr. Jordan. “He

reimagined how Black folks could fit into a Church that already exists — how Black folks could be seen and heard in a Church that already exists — how Black people could flourish and grow and be a witness and an example in a Church that already exists.

“And that’s what we need to do — reimagine it so folks can see and hear the beauty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Black lives as they are lived,” he said.

In word and deed, Fr. Tolton led souls to the promise of heaven.

To do that, he preached a conversion of heart that leads to forgiveness and reconciliation and to the building-up of authentic Christian community.

For Fr. Tolton, that experience of community began within his family and spread to their neighborhood in Quincy, to their parish and to all the people who helped him become a priest.

“There is nothing like a mother’s love to give you a strong faith foundation, and that’s a true gift,” said Fr. Jordan.

“His sister is a part of that, by the way,” the priest continued. “The white priest and the nuns who journeyed with him are a part of that spirituality.”

Following in his footsteps

Fr. Jordan said learning about saints and those being considered for a declaration of sainthood is first and foremost a call to emulate them as God’s witnesses.

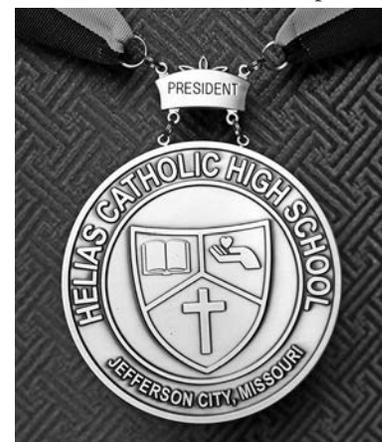
“And in accessing and examining the things that I’ve encountered while learning and loving the story of Father Augustus Tolton, I realize that it was a story of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and less about being a slave and less about being a Black man and less about being an ordained minister,” said Fr. Jordan.

What’s really valuable about Fr. Tolton’s legacy is how it continues to help people approach, receive and then become a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“He was a suffering servant who found joy in enduring his sufferings,” said Fr. Jordan. “And this is familiar to us as Christians, because the Gospel talks about the suffering of the Christ and then the joy of the Resurrection and then the joys of ascension into heaven.”

“*Twelve Gifts of Tolton Spirituality*” was part of St. Benedict the African parish’s “On Time God” online series in Chicago.

benedicttheafrican.org/zoom/



Kenya Fuemmeler, center, stands with her parents, John and Cathy Fuemmeler in the St. Pius X Chapel at Helias Catholic High School on the day of Ms. Fuemmeler’s installation as president and principal of the school.

Knights remove trees, give out food after Iowa storm

By Andrew Fowler
Catholic News Service

New Haven, Connecticut

Since the derecho storm devastated parts of Iowa, Aug. 10, local members of the Knights of Columbus have been helping out in any way possible, from moving trees to delivering food.

Paul Lee, the Knights' Iowa State Deputy, made a delivery of food and water with his family to St. Ludmila Catholic Church when they noticed a family gathered before a fallen tree in their front yard that

had split the house's top floor in half. A bulldozer later came in to finish, as Lee described, "what Mother Nature already started."

The severe storm's winds topping 100 mph caused hundreds of millions of dollars-worth of damage and destroyed more than 10 million acres of corn. The storm created an urgent need for assistance and churches like St. Ludmila's have become distribution hubs for people in need.

When Lee saw the tree

damage, he stopped the car and offered his help to the family near the church. The owner of the home, also a member of the Knights of Columbus, thanked Lee and said the cleanup that could be done was already completed by other Knights.

Iowa Knights have been helping out despite suffering damage to their own homes. Phil Buchs, for example, a Knight from St. Jude Council 1243 in Perry, continued driving supplies across the state even though his garage and

car were destroyed by downed trees.

As one Knight told Lee, "If it's not me, then who?"

"That is just the testament of Knights that even when we're impacted personally, there's still that notion of giving in service to others," Lee said. "I know my fellow brother Knights are out there putting their faith in action, doing the work they pledged to do when we became members and brothers of this order."

Knights are no strangers to helping people affected by disasters. After natural disasters, they are often among the first to help with recovery and the last to leave. Last year, the Supreme Council gave more than \$1.3 million to disaster relief, with an additional \$3.5 million donat-

ed directly by local councils and assemblies.

In Iowa, the Knights provided food for local communities and prepared and distributed more than 3,000 meals for first responders and to local homeless shelters.

They are also helping in spiritual ways, including holding candles to illuminate Masses at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids, which was without power.

Members have been working alongside other Catholic charitable organizations, such as Catholic Charities, during the recovery.

Lee expects these efforts to take time because most communication lines are down around the state, including Cedar Rapids.

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Eight-part showings of 'The Chosen' at I.C.-Jefferson City

The Alpha team of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City will host a free serialized showing of "The Chosen" series from 6 to 8 p.m. on eight Monday nights, beginning Sept. 21.

Gatherings will be held in Pleus Hall next to the Immaculate Conception parish rectory, 1206 E. McCarty St.

"Join us in watching 'The Chosen,' 'the story inside the story' of the Gospels," organizers stated. "Explore it with

us this fall as we dine as a community and watch the series together.

"Come see what characters you recognize from Bible stories, and how they are portrayed as real, relatable people," they said.

The dates are: Sept. 21 and 28, Oct. 19 and 26; Nov. 2, 16 and 23; and Dec. 7.

Anyone is welcome and there is no commitment.

Health and safety guidelines will determine in-person

gatherings.

Reservations are required to ensure that there is enough food.

Contact Jim Kemna at jim_kemna@gmail.com or 573-694-3125 for information or to register.

For more information, visit:

icangels.com/upcoming-events

'Halfway' event at Shrine of St. Patrick

DATE: September 13
TIME: 8 am

Shrine of St. Patrick Parish in St. Patrick will hold a modified "Halfway to St. Patrick's Day" celebration on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The event, which takes the place of this year's St. Patrick's Day celebration at the shrine, has been modified due to the increase of COV-

ID-19 cases that are currently being reported in Clark and Lewis counties.

Father Robert Fields, pastor, will offer Mass in the Shrine of St. Patrick, 2 Erin Circle, at 8 a.m.

The Historical Preservation Award will be presented at 9 a.m., followed by coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m., the 5K Run/Walk at 10 a.m. and the prize drawing at 11 a.m.

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VICE RECTOR

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people, to be all things to all people, with God's help," he said.

Eternal questions

Fr. Pachomius's university experience reinforced his conviction that strong Catholic minds need to create art and literature that appeals to the masses.

"We need to be standing up and engaging the culture and saying, 'No, you do not get to redefine foundational concepts or cast them in a pejorative light,'" he said.

"Sometimes, we need to do a better job of working on the culture," he stated. "We need to be writing books and movies and TV shows that are filled with fresh ideas and can compete in the marketplace."

"We need to be joining in these discussions and reframing the big questions like, 'Why are we here?' and 'What are the eternal truths that are going to save us?'" he said.

He was amazed at how applying his knowledge of art history to the images depicted in stained glass animated his parishioners at St. Peter Parish in Stanberry, where he recently served as pastor.

"Each Sunday, I highlighted one of the windows in the bulletin," he said. "It was probably the most popular thing I ever did."

He believes that good teachers and good preachers are always on the lookout for better ways to explain the mysteries of the faith to their people.

"We should be able to put it in a simple enough context without devaluing the mystery," he said.

Taste and see

He asserted that people are hard-wired to access God in ways beyond speaking, hearing and understanding.

He cited Jesus's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor as an example.



Benedictine Father Pachomius Meade, a Palmyra native and newly appointed vice rector and dean of students at Conception Seminary College in Conception, visits with a seminarian on Sept. 1 at the seminary.
— Photo by Kaity Holtman

"What do the apostles experience?" he asked. "Is it Jesus speaking words to them? Certainly. But it's also a voice from a cloud and a great light that knocks them down, and those heavenly visions of Moses and Elijah!"

"It starts with a journey up a mountain," he said. "It was hard but when they get there, it's so awesome that they want to stay there forever!"

He pondered such things while working on his doctoral thesis, which addressed artistic depictions of smell, taste and feeling in 15th-century Netherlandish depictions of the Epiphany.

Six centuries ago, the Biblical telling of the three Wise Men's arrival from the East to worship the infant Jesus inspired artwork for the altars of many churches in the Netherlands.

"In the Medieval mind, touch and taste are intertwined, especially something you touch and taste with your tongue," he said. "When you talk about a sense like that, you're talking about the Eucharist."

"Our ancestors in the faith really took seriously that prayer was multivalent and multi-sensorial," he stated. "with gestures and touching and smelling also with a strong visual aspect."

The difference could be that modern Western societies are now overly saturated with images and noise.

"Maybe sometimes, we want to go to church to have a wash from that, maybe more silence and less inundation of the senses, than those who came before us," he said.

"Nevertheless," he stated, "just as truth and goodness are attractive on their own terms, Catholics — especially pastors — must remember that beauty also attracts us to God. Providing the beauty and silence that people lack daily may be more important than any words we preach."

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Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Bring under your mantel of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

V. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

R. Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

SURVEY

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copy, need to be submitted by Sept. 18.

The 14-question survey — available in English or Spanish — is designed not to take more than a few minutes to fill out.

“Some of the questions — like the ones about age and gender — are quick,” stated Renee Hanrahan, the volunteer research consultant who will collect and analyze the information from the survey. “Some will require a bit more thought and discernment.”

Respondents will answer questions about the level of growth and engagement in their parish, preferred models of combination and collaboration with neighboring parishes, the number of recent priestly, diaconal and religious vocations from each parish, and the respondent’s own level of involvement.

The final question is open-ended, asking if there’s anything specific the respondent wants to share with the local pastor and the bishop.

“Basically, we want them to be able to think things through and give us honest, good, heartfelt answers to those questions,” said Mrs. Hanrahan.

To thrive, not just survive

Mrs. Hanrahan emphasized that this is a golden opportunity for parishioners to share their ideas and perceptions with Church leaders who are interested in hearing what they have to say.

“It’s your responsibility to provide that information for the good of the parish,” she suggested. “It’s important for the vitality of each parish to have all voices heard, so this is your opportunity!”

Bishop McKnight said the purpose of the survey is not necessarily about closing parishes. Rather, “it envisions most parishes working together, being creative in deciding Mass times and other ways to collaborate,” he stated.

He cited shifting demographics, a sharp decrease in the number of available priests and consecrated religious, and necessary maintenance to parish buildings.

“The process isn’t about ‘letting go,’” stated Father Greg Oligschlaeger, pastor of Holy

Rosary Parish in Monroe City and St. Stephen Parish in Indian Creek. “It’s about thinking differently.”

As dean of the Hannibal Deanery, he has met with Bishop McKnight and other priests about how to make the best use of what the diocese has.

He said necessary changes in how parishes are organized and how the sacraments are given present an occasion for people to help plan for the future.

“We have been given a process for discussing these matters — first at the parish level and then at the deanery level and then at the diocesan level,” he stated. “I applaud the process.”

Regarding combination and coordination among parishes, he pointed to benefits such as simply having enough available lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion each Sunday.

“You don’t always get that in some of our smaller parishes that have gotten smaller due to various factors over the years,” he stated. “You often wind up with the same people always having to do everything.”

He also cited the benefits of parish staffs collaborating and strengthening programs such as youth ministry and sacrament preparation.

“In that sense, we can work together as a parish to thrive, as opposed to just trying to have a church survive,” he said.

He has seen how drawing people into larger groups can bring new energy and vitality.

Since there are several models for parish collaboration and combination, Bishop McKnight hopes the people will help him find the best way to serve them within the current realities.

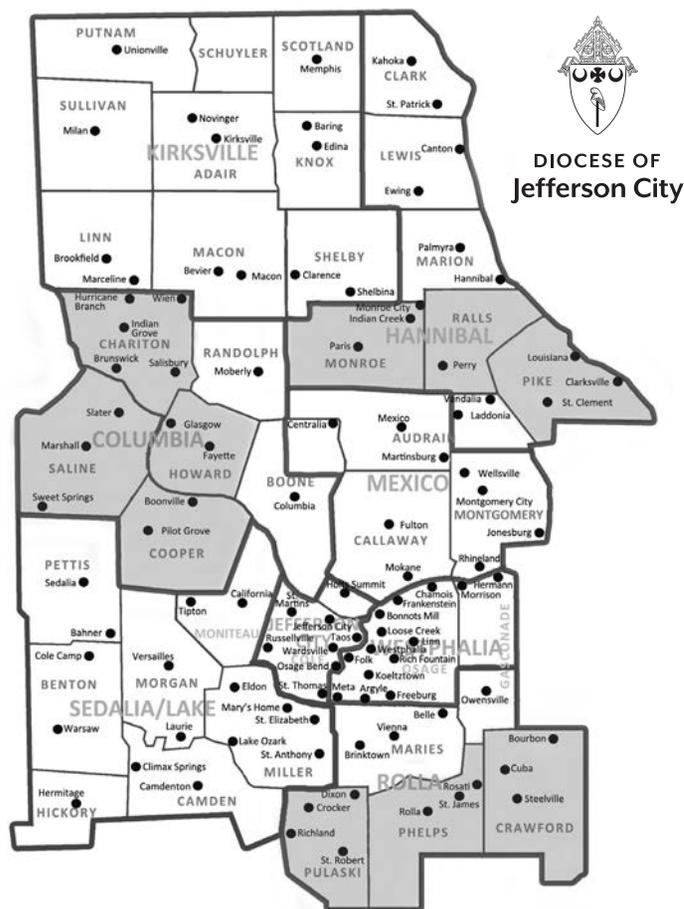
And it can’t stop there.

“These considerations that the faithful will discern in the 10 counties will eventually need to be discerned throughout the entire diocese,” Fr. Oligschlaeger noted.

He pointed to the bishop’s observation that the average age of active priests in this diocese, excluding international clergy, is over 60.

Within five years, the diocese will likely have 11 fewer priests in active ministry.

“We’re never going to stop



The shaded portions of this map show the 10 counties in which a survey commissioned by Bishop W. Shawn McKnight is being conducted to gain input on models for future collaboration among 29 parishes and missions in those counties.

praying for priestly vocations and believing that God will send us what we need,” said Fr. Oligschlaeger. “But we must also cooperate with God’s grace in making the best use of the priests that are available to us now and in the near future.”

Looking for answers

The survey results will lead to action.

Working with local pastors, his priest advisors on the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, and his lay advisors on the Diocesan Pastoral Council, Bishop McKnight will make decisions steeped in prayer and the people’s input.

“Bishop McKnight really, really wants parishioner feedback,” said Mrs. Hanrahan. “He’s asking the people to look at the current limited resources and develop fresh ideas for involving parishioners, to ensure the Church’s availability for future generations.”

She previously conducted research and numerous community needs assessments for the United Way of the Plains in Wichita, Kansas, and as director of community benefit

for Ascension Via Christi, the largest provider of healthcare services in Kansas.

She has also conducted several parish-needs assessments, using targeted surveys, data analysis and focus groups for the Diocese of Wichita.

“Bishop McKnight told me he wanted someone who has experience in gathering and interpreting parish data and care about what the people are trying to say,” she said. “As an applied sociologist, who is also Catholic and recently retired, I was eager to assist with this research effort.”

She said the more people who respond to the survey, the more reliable the data will be.

Her goal is for enough people to participate to yield a 95-percent level of confidence with a margin of error of +/- 5 percent in the results.

Statistically, that would require at least 400 adults responding to the survey.

“And if I heard back from several thousand, I would be ecstatic,” she said. “That would mean the research results would be much more valid and reliable.”

“Analysis and context”

Mrs. Hanrahan said the survey takes tangible and intangible aspects of each community into account.

“Data means little without proper analysis and context,” she noted. “I want to know the history of that parish and its community — whether they’re growing, whether parishioners are involved and whether vocations are being realized.”

Similarly, the sacramental and evangelical culture of each parish tells a great deal about whether that parish can be sustained and grown.

“If the communities around that parish are dying, the chances are good that the parish is also struggling to stay alive,” she said. “Also, if people are moving into the area but the Church isn’t growing, there may be other challenges that need to be addressed.”

“Never alone”

Bishop McKnight acknowledged that this kind of change can be frightening and difficult, and he wishes to prayerfully accompany the faithful through any transitions that take place.

“We’re never alone,” he said. “God is with us, and we never stop holding each other up in prayer.”

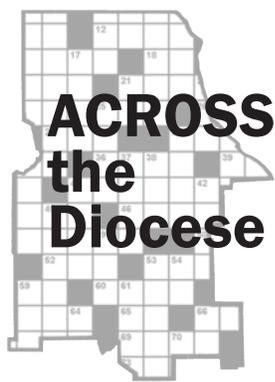
He is confident that a new springtime for the local Church is on the horizon.

He pointed to the emerging parish and diocesan pastoral plans that will promote a spirituality of Catholic stewardship as a way of life; proper collaboration among the ordained and the laity; and a universal recognition of every parish as a center of mercy and charity.

He is convinced that all of these things, sealed and strengthened with God’s grace, will help ensure a holy, vigorous and vital Catholic Church in this area for current generations and for those who will follow.

“When we open our minds and hearts in gratitude to all the greater things God has planned for us, we will realize that we really are better together,” he said.

More information can be found at: diojeffcity.org/ten-counties.



By Father Don Antweiler

ACROSS

1. Gunther Skaletz is a parishioner at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Lake Ozark, Mo. Born in Poland in 1927, he has endured poverty, war, _____, torture, escape. He was chef to a U.S. president and wrote a book. His faith has been the foundation of his amazing life.
11. One of the Three Stooges.
12. The Irish Wilderness is our State's largest wilderness area, a 16,277-_____ section of the Mark Twain Nat. Forest located along the Eleven Point River.
13. "Striving to better, oft we _____ what's well," Shakespeare's, "King Lear."
14. Parent/school org.
15. "Hee _____"; American country comedy TV show, 1969-1992, starring Buck Owens & Roy Clark.
16. Phone home extraterrestrial.
17. Still only 16 yrs. old, Skaletz was conscripted into the German army in 1944 to serve on the crumbling Russian _____. In 1945, he was taken prisoner by Soviet troops, interrogated and tortured. "Somewhere inside me, I could still hear the voice of my mother telling me not to give up."
18. Something you lose when you stand up.
20. At 15 yrs. old, Skaletz was sent to the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp, with _____ hard labor and little to eat. "What kept me alive was my strong faith, which my mother so deeply ingrained in my heart."
22. In 1981, the Ozark Trail (_____) began construction as a long-distance hiking trail through the Ozarks from suburban St. Louis to eventually connect with an Arkansas Trail. 350 miles were built by 2008.
23. At the KC airport, as Harry Truman's first trip back to Mo. as President was ending, his mother gave him some final advice: "Now you be a good _____, Harry," —from *Mr. Truman's War*.
24. "What profit would there be for one to gain the _____ world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26)
26. "...awake, _____ and harp!" (Psalms 57:9)
28. Abbr. for Citizens' Band (_____), a range of radio frequencies for the general public for two-way communications. Often used by truckers.
30. Letters on an American navy vessel.
31. Ameren_____; biggest supplier of electricity in the State.
32. Brother and spokesman for Moses (Exodus 4:14-16).
34. In East Germany, "I lived in constant _____." In April of 1947, he risked all and in the darkness of night scrambled over the border to freedom.
35. Medical scan.
36. In Feb. 2020, after a 50-yr. drought, NFL's Kansas City _____ won the Super bowl!
39. The accuracy of the Global Positioning System (GPS) depends upon the precise combination of 3 components: positioning, navigation and timing (_____).
40. A very long time.
41. The flagship campus of this State's Univ. system is in the extreme northwest corner of the State, in Fayetteville (abbr.).
43. In card games, no one wanted to be his partner. He usually bid too high and went _____.
45. Retired from management at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks, Skaletz participates in charitable work at the local hospital and in statewide _____-life activities and is very active in the local Knights of Columbus Council.
47. This youth org.'s motto: Be Prepared.
48. Edith _____; German Jewish philosopher who went from atheist to Carmelite nun; killed by the Nazis in 1942; canonized as a mar-

tyr by the Church in 1998.

50. The longest "thank you" Oscar acceptance speech at the Academy Awards was by Greer Garson in 1943. It _____ a lengthy 5½ minutes.
51. Mo. birthplace of Pres. Harry Truman.
54. "_____ missa est"; last words in a Latin Mass.
56. Pres. Lyndon Johnson encouraged Skaletz to write his life _____. He self-published it in 2006. The proceeds fund a college scholarship in honor of his wife who died of cancer in 2017.
57. Two States have this word as part of their name.

DOWN

1. "Uncertainty is the very condition to _____ man to unfold his powers," —Erich Fromm, from *Man For Himself*.
2. Though he lost his mother and a sister before the age of 2, Skaletz's stepmother nourished within him a deep faith. "The first thing she taught me was to pray. *Ora et labora* — pray and work. That was our (family) _____."
3. The Civil War Battle of _____ Ridge in 1862, just over the Mo. border in Arkansas, is considered the second major battle for control of Mo. It sealed Mo. for the Union.
4. The only man to die on the Lewis & Clark expedition is buried in this State (abbr.).
5. As Skaletz turned 12, the Nazis invaded Poland and WW II began. Polish _____ were closed; their textbooks burned. "My Jewish friends started to disappear."
6. Figures in early Christian art with outstretched arms and palms up in a gesture of prayer.
7. Politician Gingrich.
8. The Nazi Gestapo arrested Skaletz and all the _____ of the hotel where he had found work. They were harshly interrogated. "At one point, I cried 'Please, Jesus, help me.' I was severely punished for that."
9. Chemical symbol for sodium.
10. "Let their table become a snare and a _____." (Romans 11:9).

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19. Letters for Are You Ready, in texting.
21. Dir. from Westphalia to Centralia.
23. In 2012, at the mouth of a cave 150 feet up a _____ in a remote area of the Ozarks, the second-largest cave gate in the country was installed. At 64 ft. wide and 20 ft. high, the 13-ton gate will prevent people from disturbing endangered gray & Indiana bats that use the cave.
25. "An _____ of prevention is worth a pound of cure," — Benjamin Franklin.
27. "One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his _____," (Mark 14:47).
28. The Soviet KGB sentenced Skaletz & other POWs to a labor _____ to dismantle an ammunition factory, then all were loaded onto a train for Siberia.
29. At a train stop at the Soviet border, a split second leap from a boxcar sent Skaletz into the night evading gunfire. He walked his way 275 miles through Soviet occupied Poland and into Communist East Germany hiding in _____ and helped by farmers.
33. For a Jewish youth, a Bar (Bat) Mitzvah is a _____ of passage from childhood to adulthood.
37. "It has been a difficult and arduous journey, but a journey of _____, faith and perseverance. It has always been my conviction that with God, nothing is impossible," —Gunther Skaletz, from his book, *Life on Both Sides of the Wall*.
38. Cross letters.
41. King of Judea and Godly reformer. Ruled 41 years (1 Kings 15:8-24).
42. After escaping to the West, Skaletz trained and became a master chef in Switzerland; in 1962, he accepted a job in New York and at one point catered for Pres. Lyndon Johnson at his _____ in Texas.
44. Former Russian ruler.
46. I have nothing to go _____ this murder case said the detective (2 wds.).
47. _____ Rabbit was originally a trickster figure in African folklore and brought to the southern U.S. by slaves; was popularized in the Uncle Remus stories of Joel Chandler Harris (1848-1908).
49. "_____ to learn what is pleasing to the Lord," (Ephesians 5:10).
51. In medical, scientific and veterinary fields, the abbr. for Left Side.
52. @
53. The detectives said the last 3 robberies had the same _____. (*modus operandi*).
55. What's it _____ ya!

VOCATIONS

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the families of those being baptized, to say we desire the fulfillment of this person's vocation, we desire that one day they will join the saints — we desire that and we're here to support and to encourage and to celebrate that."

His position in the Chancery will no longer include visiting parishes to promote vocations as his predecessors did.

"But the resources are in place," he said. "So our goal will be to assist the pastors and the staff and leadership in parishes to start with the universal call to holiness and foster a mindset, an environment, that brings that calling to life."

Called to holiness

Every individual has a unique calling from God, a vocation, for which he or she was created in accordance with God's intention from the beginning of time.

It's the specific way God wants that person to live out the call to holiness, which everyone receives in baptism.

Just as the entire community of faith promises to help parents and godparents raise a newly baptized child to know, worship and imitate the Lord, that same community accepts responsibility for helping that child pursue his or her God-given vocation.

People discover their vocation through discernment, involving individual prayer and reflection as well as input from members of their family, friends and the local Church.

"It's not something that can be delegated or outsourced to an individual or office," said Fr. Clark.

Importance of families

Fr. Clark grew up in Edina and attended the old St. Joseph School, followed by Mary Immaculate School in Kirksville, Knox County R-1 High School in Edina, and Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, before entering the seminary.

He studied at Conception Seminary College in Conception for two years and undertook his theology studies at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis.

He spent summers as a seminarian at Ss. Peter & Paul

Parish in Boonville, St. George Parish in Linn, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Frankenstein and St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia.

He served as a transitional deacon at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia.

He was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in June of 2017.

He has served as associate pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Rolla and chaplain of the Rolla Newman Center; then as associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia and part-time chaplain at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School.

He said his own experience of discerning a priestly calling points to the importance of family involvement.

"A man's yes to the Priesthood is also a yes that comes from his family," he said. "It's not just the man making the gift of himself. His family also willingly offers him back to the Lord."

Ideally, Catholic parents and families share the journey of discerning a vocation with their children, as opposed to putting up barriers to that discernment.

"We need to focus on creating an environment where parents can see all vocations as a beautiful path to holiness," he said, "so that the desire wouldn't be for one specific calling but simply to hear and respond to their particular call to holiness."

A return to the Lord

Fr. Clark believes help for vocations will come from the work Father Stephen Jones is doing in visiting parishes throughout the diocese to promote stewardship.

"Answering a call from the Lord is so intimately connected to the idea of stewardship, it becomes a natural fruit of the heart of a steward," Fr. Clark stated.

Catholic stewardship is rooted in gratitude for all the gifts God bestows on His people.

It comes from an understanding that all good things belong to God and are given by God in order for people to serve Him and one another in

the best way possible.

All people are called to be holy, but how exactly to do that varies from person to person, because God created each individual with a unique purpose in mind.

That God-intended purpose is a person's vocation, and it can only be discovered and acted upon with God's help.

"That understanding prepares the heart in gratitude and frees it to fully respond to the call," said Fr. Clark.

New horizons

Having served for two years as the chaplain of the Catholic Newman Center on the Missouri University of Science & Technology campus in Rolla, Fr. Clark got to encourage and accompany students who were discerning their vocation.

For some, that process starts in earnest as soon as they move away from home and begin entering into new conversations with God and the world around them.

"It's always a privilege to be there to walk with them toward their vocation," said Fr. Clark. "Filling out a letter of recommendation for a student going to seminary brings me the same joy as being able to celebrate the marriage of two of them.

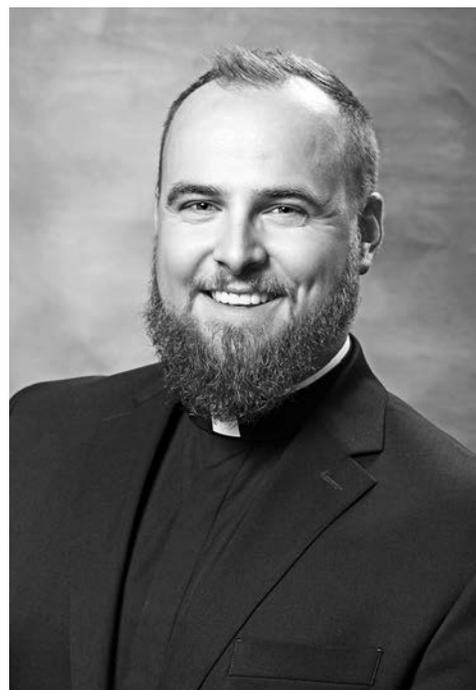
"My two years in Rolla, I got to do both of those," he stated. "There's nothing as fulfilling as saying 'yes' to our vocation, and so being able to see that 'yes' in multiple vocations is exhilarating. It's beautiful."

Fostering those responses is something he hopes to continue while ministering to high school and college students in Columbia, he said.

Happiness and fulfillment

Fr. Clark plans to work with the Diocesan Vocation Committee "to strengthen the network that covers and reaches into all of the parishes."

He pointed to a 2020 Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) report, indicating that about 70 percent of men who consider Priesthood are invited and encour-



Father Paul Clark

aged to do so by their parish priest.

"The committee helps make sure that's happening in our diocese," said Fr. Clark. "They help empower and equip a pastor and parish leaders to invite young people to be open and to believe that God wants what is good for them, that they will

be happy, that they will be fulfilled."

Several parishes have also set up their own vocation committees, using available resources to foster vocations in their communities.

"That goes back to each parish having the responsibility to be an environment where young people are encouraged to discern with open hearts," he said.

Grace to spare

Fr. Clark pointed out that although the Church desperately needs more of all of them, there's no shortcut to promoting more vocations to Priesthood, religious and consecrated single life, and holy marriage.

"What we're doing is helping to promote an observable reality in each parish," he said.

It's hard work and requires taking the long view, but its success will be self-evident.

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John & Joan Hank, 42 years
Dan & Rita Gangloff, 34 years
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Andy & Maureen Ehret, 27 years
Vince & Michelle Ebers, 22 years
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Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows

Michael & Roxanne Schulte, 20 years
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Hannibal, Holy Family — **Roy Branham, Lillian Engle**

Hermann, St. George — **Edwin L. Langenberg**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Mary E. Anderson**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Mary Ann Kolb, Fred Russler, Helen E. Vossen**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Evelyn A. Borgmeyer, Beatrice Buschman**

Kirkville, Mary Immaculate — **Cecolia "Scotty" Mihalevich**

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Laurie, St. Patrick — **Norma Lovell**

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — **Luke H. Fick**

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Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Rose M. Kempker**

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Wien, St. Mary of the Angels — **John Schiltz**

Wellsville, Church of the Resurrection — **Irene M.M. Folta**

Marriages

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Elizabeth Backes & Robbie Belew**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Lexus Chapman & Dustin Ferguson**

Baptisms

Canton, St. Joseph — **Dorothy Mae Bunger**, daughter of Craig & Melissa Bunger

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Brayden Blaskow, Rain Harrison**

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Kingston Blaise Powell**

Fulton, St. Peter — **Caroline Rose Salmons**, daughter of Alex & Kathryn Salmons

Hermann, St. George — **Sadie Amber Steiner**, daughter of Ben & Jeanette Steiner; **Gracie Ray Mueller**, daughter of Matt & Lauren Mueller

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Quinn Patricia Owens**, daughter of Jerry & Shannon Owens; **Delaney Jane Walters**, daughter of Ryan & Brittney Walters

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Gabrielle Lorelai Gerling**, daughter of Bradley & Hayley Gerling

Marshall, St. Peter — **Emilio Felix**, son of Christopher Felix & Sendy Carillo

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Cohen Walter Schulte**, son of Jermiah & Emily Schulte

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Madden William Wise**, son of Eric & Bryanna Wise

Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception — **Jayden Nicholas, Jaelyn Nichole and Jace Robert Green**, children of Jeremy & Jessica Green

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Richard Hays**, son of Richard & Millayna Hays

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Abram Matthew Holterman**

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels — **Nevaeh and Leland Ervie**, children of Brock & Candi Ervie

Birthdays

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Robert Devoy**, his 94th; **Robert Welsh**, his 94th

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Angeline Maasen**, her 90th on Aug. 23; **Leo Maasen**, his 94th on Sept. 8

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Lawrence Falter**, his 95th on Aug. 31

Marceline, St. Bonaventure — **Reta Stella**, her 93rd; **Helen Fadler**, her 92nd

Initiations

St. James, Immaculate Conception — **Randall Bonham, Rachelle Martin**, who received sacraments of initiation

Back at school at I.C. Macon



Seventh- and eighth-graders lead Immaculate Conception School's first prayer service of the new school year on Aug. 21 in Macon. "It was so good to see all of our students back in God's house," the teachers said.

— Photos from the Immaculate Conception School Facebook page

Up, down and around



Preschool students at St. Joseph School in Salisbury learn through play on their new playground equipment. "The end of the day brought A LOT of exhausted kiddos!" according to their teachers.

— Photos from the St. Joseph School-Salisbury Facebook page



Sort of the same, somewhat different



Students at St. Martin School adapt to the new social distancing realities on the first day of school.

— Photos from the St. Martin Catholic Church & School Facebook page



Ready to lead, succeed

The eighth-graders at St. George School in Hermann are ready to be great leaders and role models this year. Their class motto is "Having Courage isn't the same as having no fear ... It's being afraid and pushing forward anyway." Their class Bible Verse is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," (Philippians 4:13).

— Photo from the St. George Catholic School Facebook page

The Israelites complain against God

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

With the help of God, Moses had freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and led them toward the land that God had promised to give to them.

The journey from Egypt to the Promised Land took 40 years, because the people kept sinning against God.

One day, the Israelites were in Kadesh. Moses sent word to the king of Edom, because the Israelites wanted to travel through the king's land.

"Please let us pass through your land," Moses said. "We will not cross any fields or vineyards, nor drink any well water, but we will go straight along the King's Highway without turning to the right or to the left, until we have passed



through your territory."

"You shall not pass through here; if you do, I will advance against you with the sword," the king replied.

The Israelites traveled to

Mount Hor on the border of Edom. Instead of going through Edom, they went around it by way of the Red Sea.

The people were impatient

and worn out by the journey, and they began to complain against God and Moses.

"Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this wilderness, where there is no food or water?" they complained to Moses. "We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

God was not happy that the people were once again sinning against Him by complaining.

So He sent seraph serpents into the Israelites' camp. The serpents bit the people, and many of those who were bitten died.

The Israelites then saw the error of their ways.

"We have sinned in complaining against the Lord and you," the people said to Moses.

"Pray to the Lord to take the serpents from us."

Moses did as the people had asked, and God listened to Moses' prayer.

"Make a seraph and mount it on a pole, and everyone who has been bitten will look at it and recover," God told Moses.

Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole.

Whenever a person was bitten by a seraph, the person looked at the bronze serpent and recovered.

Read more about it... Numbers 20 & 21

1. Whose land did the Israelites want to travel through?
2. What did God do when the Israelites complained?

Bible Accent

What did the Israelites eat during their journey to the Promised Land?

In Exodus 16, we read that the people grumbled about food.

"If only we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our kettles of meat and ate our fill of bread! But you have led us into this wilderness to make this whole assembly die of famine!" the people complained.

God heard what the Israelites were saying.

"Tell them: In the evening

twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will have your fill of bread, and then you will know that I, the Lord, am your God," he told Moses.

Just as God had promised, in the evening, quail came into the Israelites' camp so they had meat to eat. In the morning, a dew covered the camp. When it evaporated, fine flakes -- known as manna -- were left behind so the Israelites could make bread.

The people ate manna for 40 years, until they came to the Promised Land.

Essay

When have you received consequences for your negative actions, and how did you show repentance?

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Puzzle

Using the hints provided, put a T next to the sentences about Moses that are true, and an F next to the ones that are false. If a sentence is false, put the correct answer on the line after the sentence.

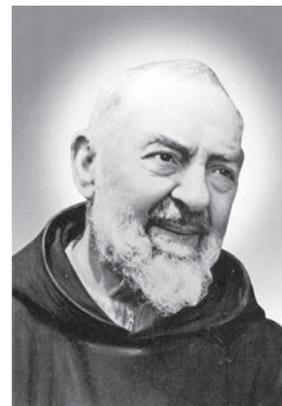


1. ___ Miriam was the wife of Moses. _____ (Exodus 2:21)
2. ___ Moses took Joseph's bones out of Egypt. _____ (Exodus 13:19)
3. ___ Moses struck a rock, and water came out. _____ (Exodus 17:6)
4. ___ Moses led the people into the Promised Land. _____ (Deuteronomy 31:3)



Answers: 1. F (Zipporah); 2. T; 3. T; 4. F (Joshua)

Saint Spotlight



Francesco Forgione was born in the Italian farming village of Pietrelcina in 1887. He took the name Pio upon entering the Capuchin order, and he became commonly known as Padre Pio after his priestly ordination in 1910. After his ordination, he

bore the stigmata, or the wounds of Christ's crucifixion. The wounds were invisible at first but became visible in 1918. St. Pio became well-known as a confessor and for his ministry of prayer and healing. He built a hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo to heal people using prayer and science, and he also built a pilgrimage and study complex. Shortly before his death in 1968, his stigmata disappeared. He was canonized in 2002, and we remember him on Sept. 23.

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For some viewers, 'Fatima' film has sparked devotion, faith

By Denis Grasska
Catholic News Service

San Diego

The producers of the movie "Fatima," which was released in theaters and premium video-on-demand Aug. 28, could not have asked for a better endorsement than the standing ovation the film received earlier this year at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima in Portugal.

But another, and perhaps more compelling endorsement, is the movie's impact on the faith of those who have seen advance screenings.

"I have a very deep and fervent belief in the capacity of film to inspire change in people," said one of the film's producers, Natasha Howes.

Dick Lyles, another producer, said some moviegoers have told him they had previously failed to recognize the importance of the Rosary, but after seeing the film, they began praying it daily.



Alejandra Howard, Stephanie Gil, Jorge Lamelas, Elmano Sancho, Lucia Moniz, and Marco D'Almeida Sierra star in a scene from the movie "Fatima."

— CNS photo/Claudio Iannone, courtesy PICTUREHOUSE

Others said they want to delve more deeply into the Fatima story.

He also said that some fallen-away Catholics have told him that they were inspired to begin attending Mass again, while non-Catholics said they wanted to know more about Catholic Christianity.

These viewers are not alone. Working on the project has affected changes in Lyles's own life.

In the early days of the project, as he was researching Fatima, he and his wife made a commitment to pray the Rosary every day, doing so together whenever possible.

Even when they are geographically separated, he said, they sometimes pray it over the phone.

It seemed like "the least we can do," he said.

Ultimately, he sees the film as something that is capable of uniting Catholics and producing "a major uptick in the morale and the commitment of Catholics around the world."

"The Church has so many controversies today," Lyles said.

"This is something ... that everybody can embrace and

Movie Ratings



Adults and
Adolescents

Fatima (PG-13)
The Secret Garden (PG)



Adults

Boys State (PG-13)
Chemical Hearts (R)
The Grizzlies (R)
Made in Italy (R)
Radioactive (PG-13)
The Secret: Dare to Dream (PG)
The 24th (not rated)
Words on Bathroom Walls (PG-13)



Limited Adult
Audience

The Burnt Orange Heresy (R)
The Rental (R)



Morally
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Palm Springs (R)
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can basically give Catholics the confidence to be Catholic," he told *The Southern Cross*, diocesan newspaper of San Diego.

"What's not to like about this story?" he added. "What's not to like about the message?"

Lyles said the Shrine of Fatima had declared the film to be both historically and theologically accurate and had praised its cinematic depiction of the Marian apparitions reported in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917.

"I think this movie brings glory and honor to God and to the Blessed Virgin Mary and speaks about issues of faith with incredible reverence," said Lyles about the project that took about 13 years from the concept stage to the film's completion.

Filmed entirely in Portugal, "Fatima" dramatizes the story of three young shepherds, 10-year-old Lúcia dos Santos and her younger cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto, and the Blessed Virgin Mary's six appearances to them between May 13 and Oct. 13, 1917.

The Fatima visionaries said that the Blessed Mother had called upon humanity to stop offending God and to pray the Rosary daily to bring about

world peace.

During her final appearance, tens of thousands of onlookers experienced a phenomenon known as the Miracle of the Sun; the sun appeared to spin in the sky and even plummet toward earth before returning to its rightful place.

While Catholics are not required to believe in private revelations, the Church has deemed the Fatima apparitions "worthy of belief"; Francisco and Jacinta Marto, who were among the casualties of the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic, have been declared saints; and the canonization cause for Lúcia dos Santos is currently underway.

Lyles described the apparitions as "probably one of the most important events of the 20th century."

"I think the world received a message from Heaven," he said, "and ... I don't think the world has totally internalized that message. I think there's still a lot of people who either haven't heard the message, or don't understand it, or don't embrace it."

That is where the new film

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“FATIMA”

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comes in.

Howes, who has worked on several Fatima-related projects, including the 2009 feature documentary “The 13th Day,” said

the makers of “Fatima” wanted “to breathe new life into a very well-known story” and to share it with “mainstream audiences” — a goal that the Shrine of Fati-

ma recognized and was willing to assist by providing an advisory team and access to historical documents.

In the new film, the miraculous events of 1917 are presented in the form of an extended flashback as an aged Lúcia (Sônia Braga), now a cloistered nun at a Carmelite convent in Portugal, recounts her experiences to Professor Nichols, a fictional academic portrayed by Harvey Keitel.

Lyles said the casting is “one of the strengths” of the film.

He especially praised the work of Stephanie Gil, who portrays the young Lúcia, and said the Spanish child actress “carried this movie.”

For more information, visit www.fatimamovie.com.

Grasska is assistant editor of The Southern Cross, newspaper of the Diocese of San Diego.

Installation ceremony



Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, right, vicar general for the Jefferson City diocese, installs Father Alexander Gabriel, left, as pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Tipton during the celebration of Mass on July 18 at the church.

— Photo by Becky Holloway

FR. CLARK

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“The fruits of an authentic relationship with Christ are always tangible,” said Fr. Clark. “From each parish, we will see an increase in involvement from the young people as they respond with generous hearts. We will see an increase in all sacraments because those tangibly are our surest source of grace and interaction with the life of Christ.”

He stated that the current vocation crisis is really a crisis of commitment.

Paraphrasing a message Father Bradley Berhorst, a fellow priest of the diocese, recently preached to the seminarians, he stated: “The ‘vocation crisis’ isn’t that there aren’t enough priests. It’s that Christ is calling each and every one of us to a relationship with Him and some of us are saying ‘no.’”

Fr. Clark said he’s wholly reliant on the power of God’s love to transform hearts that have been conformed to the values of this world.

“Christ tells us again and again throughout His ministry that He alone is enough,” the priest noted. “In fact, in the feeding of the 5,000, with 12 bushel baskets to spare,



Father Paul Clark, the diocese’s new vocation director, stands next to the baptismal font in St. Joseph Church in Edina, where he was baptized, on the day of his ordination as a transitional deacon in 2017. “As a community, we stand with the families of those being baptized, to say we desire the fulfillment of this person’s vocation, we desire that one day they will join the saints.” — Photo by Jay Nies

He shows us that He’s not just enough, He’s more than enough. There will be abundance and excess.

“That’s a huge thing for us to pray with when we think of saying ‘yes’ to a vocation or ‘yes’ to anything that God is calling us to do,” he said.

Plenty of momentum

Fr. Clark pointed to the

solid foundation set in place by his predecessors:

•Father Joseph Corel, who was vocation director when Fr. Clark entered the seminary;

•Father Gregory Oligschlaeger, who was vocation director when Fr. Clark was preparing for ordination and dealing with the last-minute doubts and obstacles;

Daily Readings

Sunday, Sep 6

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Ez. 33:7-9
Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Rom. 13:8-10
Mt. 18:15-20

Monday, Sep 7

1 Cor. 5:1-8
Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12
Lk. 6:6-11

Tuesday, Sep 8

The Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Mi. 5:1-4a or Rom. 8:28-30
Ps. 13:6ab, 6c
Mt. 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday, Sep 9

St. Peter Claver, priest (USA)
1 Cor. 7:25-31
Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17
Lk. 6:20-26

Thursday, Sep 10

1 Cor. 8:1b-7, 11-13
Ps. 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
Lk. 6:27-38

Friday, Sep 11

1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22b-27
Ps. 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12
Lk. 6:39-42

Saturday, Sep 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary
1 Cor. 10:14-22
Ps. 116:12-13, 17-18
Lk. 6:43-49

The Holy Father’s prayer intentions for September:

We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Sunday, Sep 13

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Sir. 27:30-28:7
Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Rom. 14:7-9
Mt. 18:21-35

Monday, Sep 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm. 21:4b-9
Ps. 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
Phil. 2:6-11
Jn. 3:13-17

Tuesday, Sep 15

Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor. 12:12-14, 27-31a
Ps. 10:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Jn. 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35

Wednesday, Sep 16

Ss. Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, bishop, martyrs
1 Cor. 12:31-13:13
Ps. 33:2-3, 4-5, 12, 22
Lk. 7:31-35

Thursday, Sep 17

St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop,
doctor of the Church
1 Cor. 15:1-11
Ps. 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Lk. 7:36-50

Friday, Sep 18

1 Cor. 15:12-20
Ps. 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, Sep 19

St. Januarius, bishop and martyr
1 Cor. 15:35-37, 42-49
Ps. 56:10c-12, 13-14
Lk. 8:4-15

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•and most recently, Father Christopher Aubuchon and Father Joshua Duncan, who doubled down on promoting the power of Jesus’s priestly heart and the preparation for a generous, Spirit-led “yes.”

“They all set that trajectory that I’m now able to step into,” he said. “This next step of making it more parish-focused will be easier because of what those guys have set up.”

He asked for prayers for the diocese to become a Church

made up of families that not only support and encourage a generous yes from young people but also celebrate that yes in every way imaginable.

“And as we enter more deeply into that prayer, each of us will actually become within our homes and our communities a piece of the answer to that prayer,” he said.

“This is a journey we’re all being invited to make together,” he stated. “I’m looking forward to all of that.”

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drive-thru dinner

Sunday, SEPT. 20
11am-6pm

St. Michael Church, Russellville

Serving: Rope sausage, au gratin potatoes, green beans, homemade coleslaw, homestyle bakery bread, applesauce, brownie **\$12**

Child's meal: hotdog, chips, applesauce, brownie **\$5**

Bottled drinks available \$1 - Rope sausage for sale



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Chancery closing

The diocesan chancery offices in the Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day.
The offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8.



Visitation Catholic Church, Vienna

FALL Festival

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
11 am-5:30 pm

Fresh Whole-Hog Sausage & Fried Chicken Dinner
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Sauerkraut, Coleslaw, Homemade Pies

\$12 each or 4 meals for \$40
Drive-thru or carryout only

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Refreshments - Prizes

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7-11 am

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baked potato or fries
baked beans & slaw
\$12

3-8 pm
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