

At the keys for 50 years

Organist Donald Yansky has outlasted two organs while helping the people of St. Martin Parish in St. Martins worship God more fully in song.

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Time extended to obtain indulgences for souls in purgatory

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Plenary or full indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November for the souls of the faithful in purgatory can now be gained throughout the entire month of November, the Vatican said.

Also, those who are ill or homebound and would not be able to physically visit a church or cemetery in the prescribed timeframe still will be able to receive a plenary indulgence when meeting certain conditions, the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with matters of conscience, said in a notice released Oct. 23.

The tribunal also asked that priests be particularly generous throughout November in offering the sacrament of reconciliation and in administering Holy Communion to those who are infirm.

The new provisions were made after a number of bishops asked for guidance as to how the faithful could perform the works required for receiving a plenary indulgence given the ongoing pandemic and restrictions in many parts of the world limiting the number of people who can gather in one place, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, told Vatican News Oct. 23.

Traditionally, the faithful could receive a full indulgence each day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8 when they visited a cemetery to pray for the departed and fulfilled other conditions, and, in particular, when they went to a church or an oratory to pray Nov. 2, All Souls' Day.

Bishops' conferences in countries where large numbers of faithful traditionally go to confession, attend Mass and visit cemeteries during the week had asked how the faithful could be ac-

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A weathered stone sculpture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus sets apart the autumn colors in St. Peter Cemetery in Jefferson City. — Photo by Jay Nies

Anticipation abounds as Church prepares to declare Knights of Columbus founder blessed

See Page 2 for information about watching the Beatification Mass live on TV or livestream

By Jay Nies

Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki once accompanied a group of Missouri pilgrims to St. Mary Church in New Haven, Connecticut, where Venerable Father Michael McGivney and a group of laymen founded the Knights of Columbus in 1881.

The monsignor offered Mass 25 years ago in the soaring gothic edifice where Fr. McGivney's earthly remains now rest in a tomb.

The pilgrims then visited the parish hall below the church. They were surprised to find that the place where the original Knights of Columbus gathered nearly 140 years ago retains

its intended use — an ordinary hall for extraordinary fellowship.

"The Knights of Columbus is not a museum, it is not a piece of history," stated Msgr. Kurwicki, who is now pastor of St. Michael Parish in Russellville, vicar general for the Jefferson City diocese and former state chaplain for the Knights. "It is something that is living and breathing and helping the Church and people today and every day."

Msgr. Kurwicki spoke of the upcoming beatification of Venerable Fr. McGivney, on Saturday, Oct. 31, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut.

He will be the first American parish priest to be beatified, an important step toward being declared a saint.

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Nov. 11 — **Fr. Leo P. Holdener**, St. Stephen, Indian Creek (1972)

Fr. McGivney Beatification Mass on TV, livestream

DATE: October 31
TIME: 10 am

Father Michael McGivney's Beatification Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut, at 10 a.m. central time on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Visit kofc.org/beatification and follow the hashtag #McGivney for a schedule of events, livestreaming videos and more.

Events will also be aired on EWTN (ewtn.com) and the Catholic TV Network (catholicstv.org).

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 The Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking a Director of Faith Formation/Youth Ministry to provide direct support for and development of parish-based youth ministers in the outreach and evangelization to faith formation and pastoral care of their youth. This support includes training, consultation and providing resources for a comprehensive program for all parish-based youth. The Director oversees the coordination of diocesan-supported youth ministry events at the diocesan, regional and national levels. The Director will be expected to exercise due diligence and oversight for the budget assigned to this ministry.

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Fr. Coleman declared cancer-free

By Jay Nies

Legions of Father Mike Coleman's friends are sending up their sighs and sweet Hosannas.

Following cancer surgery in June and months of chemotherapy and rest, Fr. Coleman met with his oncologist Oct. 27 and announced shortly thereafter that he is cancer-free.

"I am so grateful for all the love and prayers," he stated on social media. "That has been a great joy to me the past few months."

Fr. Coleman is pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Centralia.

Father Paul Clark shared the good news over the P.A. system at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia, where both priests serve as chaplains.

"We ask that you continue to keep Fr. Mike in your prayers as he continues to regain his strength, so that soon he will be back with us," said Fr. Clark, who was baptized as an infant by Fr. Coleman in Edina.

The school shared a video of the announcement online.

Students, past and present parishioners and an army of friends ignited a ring of prayer around Fr. Coleman as soon as he announced his diagnosis this summer.

Fr. Clark led the Tolton Catholic community in giving thanks, followed by a reminder on Fr. Coleman's behalf that "God is good, all the time!" and "All the time, God is good!"

Fr. Coleman said he's working each day to regain his

strength and hopes to be back at work in a few weeks.

"Can't wait," he stated. "Love you all!"



Official Decree of Appointments

The Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, makes the following appointments:

CURIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Reverend Monsignor Gregory L. Higley, from Adjutant Judicial Vicar to Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Jefferson City, and continuing as Pastor of St. George Parish, Hermann and Church of the Risen Savior Parish, Rhineland, as well as Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, Starkenburg.

This appointment is effective October 27, 2020.

Reverend Christopher M. Aubuchon, from Director of Seminarians and residence at Our Lady of Good Counsel rectory, Kansas City, to residence at Our Lady of Lourdes rectory, Columbia and continuing on medical leave.

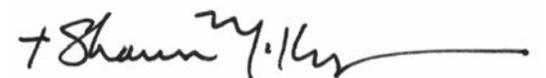
This assignment is effective November 1, 2020.

RETIREMENT

Deacon Fred F. Schmitz, from Parish Life Collaborator at St. Margaret of Antioch Parish, Osage Bend to retirement.

This appointment is effective December 31, 2020.

Given at the Chancery this 27th day of October 2020.



Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City



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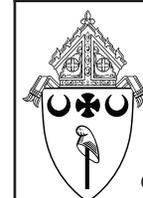
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The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking an Administrative Assistant position in their Jefferson City office at 2207 West Main Street.

The **Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General** are seeking an accomplished Administrative Assistant to support their clerical needs. This individual must have excellent skills with Microsoft Office and the ability to prioritize and switch tasks as needed. This position is also responsible for training others, holds the key position for coordinating maintenance on office equipment and will serve as a back-up administrative assistant to the Bishop as necessary. Professionalism and confidentiality are essential.

Qualified candidates should email a resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

Updated safe-environments policy draws more adults into partnership for protecting children from abuse

By Jay Nies

The Catholic Church throughout the Jefferson City diocese continues to build and strengthen its network of protection for children and all who are vulnerable.

Everyone needs to be involved.

“Full cooperation among caring, trusted adults is our most effective line of defense against abuse and exploitation of young people,” said Bishop W. Shawn McKnight. “We need every adult to be able to recognize the signs of abuse and follow appropriate protocols when ministering to young people.”

For this reason, Bishop McKnight will require all volunteers whose ministry brings them into regular contact with minors, along with all parents of Catholic grade-school students, to complete the same safe-environment training as priests, deacons, religious, seminarians, deacon candidates and adult diocesan employees.

It includes participation in

a VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children” training workshop, available in person or online, and periodic follow-up.

Volunteers who work with minors must also consent to periodic background checks through the Missouri Department of Social Services and the National Sexual Offender Registry, and sign an affirmation of the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct.

People who volunteer in a capacity that does not bring them into regular contact with children will be required to complete the VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children” training workshop, sign the Code of Pastoral Conduct and submit to a limited background check.

In addition, people who volunteer once a year for a parish event that does not bring them into contact with minors must consent to a background check and sign the Code of Pastoral Conduct.

Volunteers in these last two categories can only serve while in the presence of someone who has completed the safe-environment training for those

more difficult for adults to isolate young people and target them for abuse,” stated Connie Schepers, diocesan chancellor and director of child and youth

someone does something to them that makes them uncomfortable.

“We teach the children what safe touch is, in clear and simple terms that are directed to their age level,” said Mrs. Schepers. “We have found this to be very effective in preventing abuse.”

She noted that all parents want to know that their children are safe in the care of the adults who are teaching them or leading them in parish or community organizations.

“And if we educate the parents and those who work in the Church and

educate the children, it makes it much easier for the community as a whole to identify the people who want to do them harm,” she said.

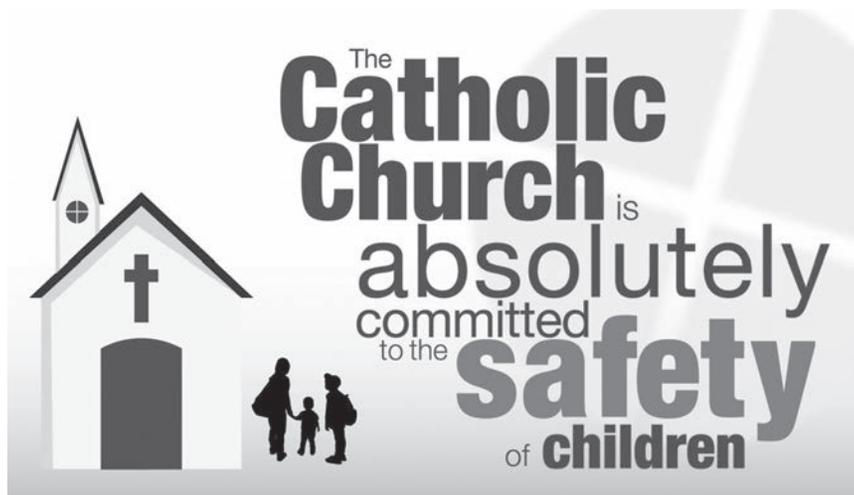
Highest standard

Bishop McKnight worked for over a year with diocesan staff and various advisory groups before updating the policy.

Among them were the Presbyteral Council, with priest representatives from each region; the Diocesan Review Board, a group of mostly laypeople that review allegations of abuse of a minor by an agent of the Church; the Hispanic Advisory Committee; and the members of his cabinet.

“Bishop McKnight listened to the advice of many people and took their feedback into account,” Mrs. Schepers said.

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who volunteer with minors.

These changes will take effect Oct. 31 for priests, deacons, religious, volunteers, seminarians, deacon candidates and adult diocesan employees.

Parents of Catholic grade-school students who are not currently serving as volunteers or employees of the Church will be required to become compliant by completing the requirements of volunteers who work with minors portion of the new policy by July 2021.

“Only by knowing what to look for and speaking up when we see the warning signs of abuse can we create a truly safe environment for our children and young people to thrive in and grow in their knowledge of Christ,” Bishop McKnight stated.

United in purpose

The policies and procedures for the diocese’s safe environment program were developed in keeping with the U.S. Catholic bishops’ *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and its Essential Norms.

“The primary goal of these policies is to provide a safe environment for our children by preventing the opportunity for the abuse of minors,” the introduction to the diocesan policy states.

The policy presents clear, uniform expectations for adults doing work on the Church’s behalf.

“These best practices for pastoral conduct help create an environment in which it is much



Bishop McKnight’s Calendar

The following appointments are tentative, depending on the pandemic.

OCTOBER

Oct. 31 Confirmation ceremonies, 10 am and noon, Immaculate Conception Parish, Jefferson City

NOVEMBER

Nov. 4 Catholic Rural Life Board meeting (video conference), 10 am and 2 pm

Nov. 5 Catholic Rural Life Board meeting (video conference), 10 am

Nov. 6 Priests’ Memorial Mass, 11 am, St. Andrew Parish, Holts Summit

Nov. 7 Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting, 10 am, Catholic Center

Nov. 10 Chair CARA Board of Directors meeting (video conference), 8 am

Nov. 12 Catholic Home Missions meeting (video conference), 11 am; DEEF Board of Directors meeting, 1 pm, Catholic Center

Nov. 15 USCCB National Collections meeting (video conference), noon

Nov. 16 USCCB Region 9 meeting (video conference), 9:30 am; USCCB General Assembly (video conference), noon

Nov. 17 USCCB General Assembly (video conference), noon; USCCB Executive Session (video conference), 2 pm

Bishop McKnight’s November prayer intention for our Local Church

For a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our parishes.

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

Young people eager to take up pope's challenge to 'run ahead'

More than 100 young people took part in Youth Summit this summer to help chart a course for diocesan pastoral plan

By Jay Nies

Young Catholics have made it clear that they want to be active in their parishes and participate fully in the life of the Church.

But "the way things are" often makes that difficult.

"They told us, 'We have a lot to offer, but our parishes don't have good ways to assess our talents and gifts,'" stated John DeLaporte, who until recently served as diocesan director of youth ministry and religious education.

Mr. DeLaporte led a virtual diocesan Youth Summit this summer as part of the process of developing a new pastoral plan for the diocese.

About 100 young people from parishes throughout the diocese took part.

"We were looking for honest feedback, and they gave it to us," Mr. DeLaporte stated.

The original intention was to invite delegations of young people from every parish in the diocese to take part in a live gathering in Columbia.

There, they were to discuss their understanding and experience of the three pillars that Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has deemed essential for the pastoral plan:

- a spirituality of authentic Catholic stewardship;
- a proper understanding of co-responsibility between laypeople and ordained ministers; and
- a universal recognition of parishes as centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy.

Efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 led to the creation of a virtual event with the same objective.

The summit's agenda was built around "Christ is Alive" (*"Christus Vivit"*), Pope Francis's 2019 apostolic exhortation to young people and the entire Church.

"In that document, Pope Francis reminds us that we need to make room for the voices of young people," said Mr. DeLaporte, "that they are a source of renewal that helps keep the Church from becoming complacent and corrupt."

"The Church needs her young people, and young people need the Church," he continued. "Part of what the Holy Father is telling us is to find

creative ways of helping them embrace their discipleship."

Mr. DeLaporte, along with Shannon Cerneka and Orin Johnson of Oddwalk Ministries, worked with Ashley Wischkirchen, diocesan director of parish communications, to produce a series of videos and written materials to send to participating parishes.

Each parish conducted an online Zoom meeting, inviting young people to discuss a series of questions.

The parish's facilitator then compiled the answers into an insight report and presented a copy to the pastor and parish pastoral council president.

Mr. DeLaporte also received copies of the reports and synthesized them into a single diocesan report.

"We shared that with the Diocesan Pastoral Council and with Bishop McKnight, so that it could influence our diocesan pastoral planning process," Mr. DeLaporte said.

Stewardship

The stewardship portion of the Youth Summit focused on young people placing their gifts and talents at the service of God and His Church.

"We asked our young people what motivates them to get involved, what gifts and talents people their age have to offer, and how the Church is assessing and using those talents," said Mr. DeLaporte.

He based the discussion materials on the four pillars of Catholic stewardship: hospitality, prayer, formation and service.

"This generation has so much talent and potential and a real love to make the world a better place," Mr. DeLaporte noted. "Every talent has a starting place, so find a way to creatively use it to advance the mission of the Church."

The young people consistently said they're especially motivated by the presence of adults who encourage them, as well as acquiring skills that can help them succeed in the



John DeLaporte, who until recently served as diocesan director of youth ministry and religious education, moderated a diocesan Youth Summit held in small groups and virtually over Zoom this summer as part of the diocesan pastoral planning process. The participants expressed interest in becoming more involved in the work and decision-making for their parishes but are mostly unsure of where they fit in.

future.

Many young people have only a vague idea of what ministries their parishes offer.

"Across the board, we don't do a very good job of communicating these things to them," said Mr. DeLaporte. "Maybe they go to church and the fall festival, but they don't have a good understanding about the ministries and activities that are going on."

A personal invitation is important to them.

"That's not an announcement from the pulpit or in the bulletin or an email from the youth minister," said Mr. DeLaporte. "It's 'someone who knows me, is involved in something and is reaching out to me personally and asking me if I'd like to help.'"

They said they're interested in helping develop ministries that are targeted at their age group, but they also value intergenerational ministry.

"So the earlier the parish can create familiarity between young people and the other parishioners will really benefit everyone when it comes time to get involved and share their talents in a specific way."

Co-responsibility

Co-responsibility refers to how ordained ministers use their leadership and authority in partnership with laypeople in a way that advances the mis-

sion and ministry of the Church.

"A priest or deacon who is attuned to that and to assessing the gifts of the community can really align those gifts and use them in the community to advance the mission of the parish," he said.

Most of the Youth Summit participants said they are entrusted with little responsibility in the life of the parish.

"Most of our young people experience parish life as a community of adults, for adults and by adults," he said. "Youth are rarely consulted and given a voice in the life of the community, especially when decisions are made."

He emphasized that none of the young people at the summit said they dislike their parish or feel any hostility or antagonism toward it.

"They weren't even saying they disagree with the decisions that are being made," he said. "And many speak of their experience of Church in warm and hospitable terms."

But they feel like they're being left out of most conversations.

To remedy this, Mr. DeLaporte suggested that each parish pastoral council include a youth subcommittee, through which consulting young people becomes standard procedure.

The final report also lists many other strategies parishes can use to nurture young leaders and make space to consult with young parishioners in the decision-making processes.

This would get more young people involved and help them know the priests, deacons and adults of the parish better.

"And we need to be working on ways to consult with young people, give them responsibility and build up their capacity for leadership," he said.

The summit's participants overwhelmingly agreed on what they value most in a pastor: his pure, pastoral presence.

"There is a real desire for relationship," said Mr. DeLaporte.

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Outpouring of support for first African American cardinal-designate for U.S.

By Rhina Guidos
Catholic News Service
Washington, D.C.

They came in tweets, news releases and Instagram posts from old friends, women religious and brother bishops in various languages congratulating Washington's Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory.

The news of the country's first African American prelate to be elevated to the rank of cardinal Nov. 28 sparked joy, as well as commentary that it was something that should have happened long ago.

"In elementary school, he asked his parents if he could become Catholic. Priests and Sisters in a Catholic school had inspired his heart. Today...look what the LORD has done...." tweeted Bishop David P. Talley of Memphis, Tennessee, Oct. 25, the day the announcement was made public.

The Archdiocese of Chicago, where the cardinal-designate chose to become Catholic as a boy after attending a parochial school (even though neither of his parents was Catholic), said it was rejoicing over the announcement and touted the cardinal-designate's experience and contributions during difficult times for the Church.

"Cardinal Gregory, who came to the Catholic faith as a student in an archdiocese grammar school, went on to become a strong leader in addressing some of the most pressing issues facing the Church and society," the archdiocese said in an Oct. 25 news release.

"In his years as president of the U.S. Conference of Bishops and beyond, he has been at the forefront of moving the Church to repair the damage of child sexual abuse and confronting racism in all its forms," the release said.

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich of Chicago pointed out the meaning of the appointment, given that it comes as the U.S.



Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory was one of 13 new cardinals named by Pope Francis Oct. 25. He is pictured celebrating the closing Mass of the Archbishop Lyke Conference in National Harbor, Maryland, in this July 6, 2019, file photo.

— CNS photo/Andrew Rozario, Catholic Standard

Fr. Anicama helping people in need during pandemic

Father Cesar Anicama, a priest of the Jefferson City diocese who is serving as a Missionary of St. James the Apostle in his homeland of Peru, distributes food baskets to families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in Villa El Salvador. Fr. Anicama is ministering at Nuestra Señora de la Paz (Our Lady of Peace) parish in Villa El Salvador, about 20 miles south of Lima, the nation's capital. This coastal city is home to about 4 million people, many of whom resettled there after fleeing the poverty of the Andes Mountains almost a half-century ago. He said he remains safe and healthy despite the pandemic, "thanks be to God." He asks the people of the Jefferson City diocese to pray "for God's healing hand to be placed on the poorest and most abandoned people, and for those who have lost loved ones."

faces increasing social strife. "While we take particular pride in this recognition of a dedicated priest, whom we are proud to claim as our own, we are also moved that Pope Francis chose this compassionate, thoughtful pastor when

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Organist Don Yanskey: helping the faithful worship for 50 years

By Jay Nies

Organist Don Yanskey has an ear for good music and a heart for good worship.

They are gifts he's been cultivating for half a century.

"Don isn't just a musician," said Father Jason Doke, pastor of St. Martin Parish in St. Martins. "He's got an in-depth knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy.

"He doesn't play the organ just to play the organ," the priest noted. "He plays the organ because we're at Mass, and we're there to give God the best we have."

St. Martin Parish honored Mr. Yanskey for his 50 years of service to the parish, at the end of Mass on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Fr. Doke blessed the church's new organ, for which Mr. Yanskey raised the money.

Mr. Yanskey chose for the recessional "One Spirit, One Church," a contemporary arrangement of "Come, Holy Ghost," the first hymn he ever played at Mass in 1970.

"I don't know if it's my favorite, but it's certainly at the top of the list," he said.

The enthusiastic congre-

gation included Cecile Jansen, who gave Mr. Yanskey his first organ lessons back when he was in fourth grade.

"She did say she's proud," said Mr. Yanskey. "She has taught many a student, but I don't know how many others have been playing for 50 years."

Fr. Doke pointed out that Mr. Yanskey has been accompanying Mass for longer than his pastor has been alive.

"I don't feel like I'm old, but they tell me that it's been a long time," Mr. Yanskey stated.

Something to offer

Mr. Yanskey doesn't remember much about his first organ lesson 52 years ago.

But the teacher told her new student's mother right off that he had something going for him.

Specifically, he exhibited a knack for recognizing notes and for playing tunes by ear after hearing them.

A year-and-a-half later, when he was starting sixth grade, Sister Mary Cecile at St. Martin School told him, "We need an organist."

"Mind you, she didn't say, 'You'll spend more long hours practicing than you can even imagine,' or 'You'll have to get to church very early,' or 'Your heart will feel like it's going to beat itself right out of your chest when you start.'

"She didn't tell me any of

that!" he said with a laugh.

Discovering those realities on his own did not deter him. He kept learning, practicing and playing.

Parishes in the Jefferson City diocese had just begun offering Masses in English instead of Latin.

"We were doing three or four songs per Mass," he said. "We did not sing the 'Holy, Holy, Holy' or the 'Gloria,' except on Christmas or Easter."

More singing and accompaniment came gradually, especially after Betty Brandt came to work at the parish and encouraged more accompanists to step forward.

"Now, we have kind of a modern-day 'High Mass,'" he said. "We sing all of those things."

To teach and lead

Mr. Yanskey's instructors helped him learn music theory and chords, while he went about exploring ways to combine them extemporaneously.

For the rest of his time in grade school, he spent part of each recess in church, practicing the organ.

"I spent almost a year learning the bass part of it — the foot pedals," he said. "I did that pretty much on my own, just adding to what I had al-

ready learned."

His mother persistently encouraged him to practice, "even at times when I thought there were better things to do," he recalled.

He continued taking lessons in high school from an instructor in Jefferson City.

"She taught me how to teach the songs I'm playing," she said. "She helped me understand that you have to be more of a leader than an accompanist."

He also picked up the bass and steel-stringed guitar and played for a while in a local band.

"I play guitar and make up the left hand as I go," he said. "I have what's on the right hand kind of memorized and make up the rest."

He takes a similarly organic approach to accompanying the hymns and responses at Mass.

"I guess I have an ear for it," he said. "I still make a lot of it up as I go."

For his first 23 years, the organ console in St. Martin Church was located in an open area behind the sanctuary.

"It was behind the altar and you couldn't see what was going on out there," he said. "You had to bend your neck to see what they were doing and know what you were supposed

to be doing."

In 1993, he helped bid on a used instrument that would serve the parish well for nearly 30 years.

It stopped working this year, so he set about raising money for a new one, which has now been blessed and paid for.

He's been spending extra time experimenting with the new organ's voices and combining them for the best effect.

"It's definitely a work in progress," he said. "Sometimes, when you're there by yourself, some of the voices may sound too strong. But when you play while there's people in church, they absorb some of that sound, and it doesn't sound as harsh."

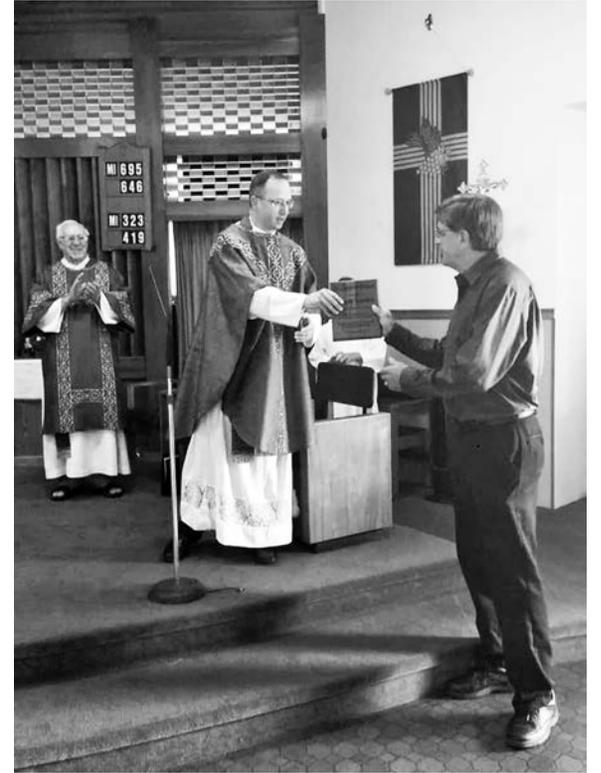
As with one voice

Mr. Yanskey has attended Mass in parishes all over the United States.

"Nowhere is there better participation than at St. Martins," he insisted. "We have a really good parish when it comes to participation."

Their consistent willingness to worship with heart and soul helps him become a better musician and accompanist.

"We're bringing the best out



LEFT: Don Yanskey prepares to draw music out of the new organ in St. Martin Church in St. Martin, where he has been serving as an accompanist for Mass for the past 50 years. **RIGHT:** Father Jason Doke, pastor of St. Martin Parish in St. Martins, presents Mr. Yanskey a plaque in recognition for his half-century of service to the parish. Mr. Yanskey began playing the organ at Mass when he was in sixth grade. — Photos by the St. Martin Catholic Church & School Facebook page

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Msgr. Makarewicz explores challenging message of pope's new encyclical

By Jay Nies

Eight hundred years ago, God sent a poor man who had been rich to help rebuild a Church and a society that were falling into ruin.

It was Francis of Assisi, a saint ideally suited to his own time and to ours.

"He put the Gospel into practice," said Monsignor Marion Makarewicz, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Ozark. "He preached the Good News with charity and his whole way of being."

The first pope to be called Francis draws abundant inspiration from his 13th-century forebear in his latest encyclical letter to the whole Church.

In fact, Pope Francis traveled to St. Francis's hometown on Oct. 3, the saint's feastday, to sign the encyclical.

Titled "*Fratelli Tutti* (All Brothers), on Fraternity and Social Friendship," the pope's letter is an urgent reminder of the bonds of kinship and solidarity that necessarily define all who follow Christ.

"The key is that we are all brothers and sisters, we are children of God," said Msgr. Makarewicz, who began studying the encyclical even before it was released in English. "We're members of one family throughout the world, and that is more important than any other human distinction."

The pope weaves St. Francis's writing and teaching into the cloth of "*Fratelli Tutti*" and gives ample exposition to Jesus's Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

In that parable, Jesus tells of a man who was robbed, beaten and left for dead. Two standard-bearers for religious virtue find excuses not to help, but a despised foreigner goes out of his way to give aid to the injured man and see to it that his needs are met.

Jesus then asks who was truly a neighbor to the robbers' victim.

"The one who treated him with mercy," a man stated, to which Jesus responded, "Go and do likewise."

Similarly, St. Francis often referred to people of all backgrounds and stations in life as his brothers and sisters. He and

the order of "little brothers" he founded went forth to treat people in need like family.

Tough times

In "*Fratelli Tutti*," Pope Francis cuts through centuries of popular piety surrounding the beloved saint, revealing a man who made himself poor in order to point people toward the riches of eternal life.

"Why a saint for the poor at that time in history?" Msgr. Makarewicz asked. "Why was he needed, and why when he started living a certain way was he so successful?"

St. Francis had a supernatural encounter with Christ, which led to a radical conversion of heart.

He renounced his possessions and aristocratic status, took a vow of extreme poverty and began ministering to the poor.

His teaching was direct, challenging, even irksome to many of his contemporaries.

They were not all that different from the people Pope Francis is writing to today.

Thirteenth-century Europe had many of the problems modern-day societies are grappling with.



Msgr. Marion Makarewicz

Wars between civilizations were being fought. Economies were changing from mostly farming to a heavier emphasis on production and trade.

Merchants were amassing great fortunes. Individual nations were growing more powerful. Migrants were flooding cities, disrupting the social order.



A stained glass window at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport, Minn., depicts the good Samaritan. The 2,000-year-old parable of the good Samaritan is the anchor of the encyclical "*Fratelli Tutti*, on Fraternity and Social Friendship."

Deadly plagues were afflicting large swaths of the population.

"The very stable social organization of the countryside and the religious life that had grown up with it was no longer able to attend to all of the needs of the people," said Msgr. Makarewicz.

"Suddenly, you had hordes and hordes of poor people who were also un-evangelized," he stated. "And that's why St. Francis and St. Dominic were so successful. They were helping people who were not being helped. They were preaching to people who were not being preached to."

Mendicant orders such as the one St. Francis founded not only preached the Word of God, they educated and, especially in the case of the Franciscans, took care of the sick and the poor.

No exceptions

Msgr. Makarewicz studied moral theology at the Academy of St. Alphonsus in Rome. He taught high school seminarians for his first 14 years of Priesthood before taking on full-time parish work.

A lifelong student of history and the teachings of St. Peter's successors, he eagerly anticipated Pope Francis's third en-

cyclical and began reading it in Italian, the first language it was released in.

The priest pointed out that papal encyclicals are addressed to the entire Church throughout the world, not specific regions.

"I think the point of an encyclical is to remind us that our own parochial concerns need to be subservient to the common good of the Universal Church," he said.

"*Fratelli Tutti* is a reminder to all that beyond every contingent difference is the fact that we are all brothers and sisters, children of One God and Father," he stated.

By highlighting the Good Samaritan, the pope illustrates that there can be no exceptions to Jesus's command to "love your neighbor as yourself."

In fact, Jesus taught that love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable.

"Pope Francis reminds us that the person who has the first and greatest claim on our love is the stranger in need," said Msgr. Makarewicz. "It is only in loving the stranger that charity finds its perfect expression."

The priest said the tendency when reading a document such as "*Fratelli Tutti*" is to look for exceptions that excuse the reader from taking difficult truth to heart.

"Within our minds, the automatic response to such an impractical and lofty ideal is to say, 'Yes, but ...,'" he said.

The first step to conversion is to ignore that impulse and simply say, "yes."

"Each of us need to look at this and ask, 'What is this teaching me that I need to know?'" said Msgr. Makarewicz.

Common good

The Pope's encyclical calls nations to task for not cooperating enough to address such scourges as organized crime, human trafficking, environmental degradation and exploitation of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

While acknowledging that globalization has helped lift people out of poverty, Pope Francis points to the resulting rise of corporations that wield more influence than most governments.

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QUESTION CORNER

Existence of purgatory / Did Mary die, and where?

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. I was raised to be a devout Catholic and have a great interest in works of theology, such as those by Thomas Aquinas. But my mother, who is also a Catholic, doesn't believe in purgatory. She thinks that God loves us so much that there wouldn't be a reason for purgatory. Is there any way I can try to prove it to her? (Charlotte, Michigan)

A. Many Protestants do not believe in purgatory, claiming that this teaching denies the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice for our sins. (Some point, too, to the fact that the word "purgatory" exists nowhere in the Bible, but that argument seems to me to lack force — the words "Trinity" and "Incarnation" do not appear either.)

Actually, a belief in a postmortem purification predates Christianity. Shortly before the advent of Christ, in the Old Testament Book of Second Maccabees (12:39-46) Judas Maccabeus was collecting the bodies of fallen comrades when he noticed that some of them had been wearing pagan amulets; so he arranged for an expiatory sacrifice and "made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." The implication, of course, is that some sins can be forgiven in the world to come.

That implication is confirmed in the Gospel of Matthew (12:32), where Jesus says, "Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come." The Fathers of the Church allude to the standard practice of praying for the dead. In the middle of the third century, St. Cyprian of Carthage told us that prayers for the departed had been said in all the churches since the time of the apostles.

This belief is codified in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name 'Purgatory' to this final purification of the elect" (No. 1030-1031). What we don't know, of course, is the exact nature of that purification, how many people undergo it, or whether it might even be instantaneous.

Q. In 1999, I traveled to the Holy Land, and one of our stops was at the Basilica of the Dormition. We were told that this is the site where the Virgin Mary died. Some years later, I visited Ephesus in Turkey and took a cab out to a little home where, we were told, Mary had lived and died. In 1967, St. Paul VI visited there, and in 1979 St. John Paul II celebrated Mass there. My question is this: On a matter of such historical importance, why hasn't the Church made a decision on the correct place where Mary died? (Georgia)

A. First, I should answer a question you didn't even ask: Did Mary die, as we know death? That question has prompted theological speculation for centuries, and the Church has never answered it in a definitive way.

When, in 1950, Pope Pius XII solemnly defined the dogma of the Assumption, he said "the Immaculate mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." That seems to leave open the question of whether Mary died first.

Some theologians feel that, since death is a consequence of sin, Mary would not have had to die. But others speculate that, since Jesus Himself chose to die, wouldn't it be fitting for His mother to

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Papal Audience October 28, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now turn to the life and teaching of Jesus. The Lord chose to begin His public ministry by being baptized in the Jordan River. It is significant that this great event took place in the midst of a community, in an atmosphere of communal prayer and repentance. Sinless Himself, the eternal Son of God was baptized by John as a sign of His loving solidarity with sinful humanity. St. Luke tells us that, after His baptism, as Jesus prayed, the heavens were opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and the voice of the Father proclaimed Him as his beloved Son. By our own baptism, we become sharers in Christ's sonship through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are thus enabled to share in Jesus' own prayer, the eternal expression of His dialogue of love with the Father. At every moment of our lives, even those in which we feel the weight of the cross and the burden of our sins, may we persevere in prayer, confident that, as Christ's brothers and sisters, beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, the gates of heaven are always open to us.

I welcome all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors who join us for today's audience. Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!



Benedictine Virtual Monastic Experience, Nov. 20-22

**DATE: November 20-22
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II Corinthians 8:12 (Phillips)



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For which imperfect candidate should I vote?

By **Hosffman Ospino**
Catholic News Service



Elections invite us to cast our vote as citizens and choose the best possible public leaders to meet the exigencies of our present time and circumstances.

Whether voting for president of the country or for school board members in our cities and towns, citizens want public leaders who are decent, hard workers, committed to the common good, respectful of human life and dignity at all times, devoted to truth and justice, knowledgeable and able to work with others. As a father of two youngsters learning life's ways, I want public leaders who inspire and give good example.

The order is tall but not impossible. Anyone with some discipline can embody these traits. We teach them in our homes and schools. We hear about them in our churches. We assure our children and grandchildren that they are attainable.

We cultivate these traits to ensure ci-

vility. We honor those who live them exemplary. When people cultivate them to bring others to Christ, explicitly proclaiming the Gospel and relying on God's grace, we speak of holiness.

Holiness, however, is not a requirement to run for public office. Neither is perfection. Candidates for public office excel at extolling their accomplishments and strengths. We also learn about their imperfections. After all, they are human like anyone else.

Acknowledging the human side of political leaders is important. Treating them as messianic characters is idolatrous. Expecting flawlessness is naive.

It is common to frame political campaigns in "good vs. evil" language. Not surprising. This motif permeates much of our literary, religious and pop culture imagination. However, such dualism becomes toxic, even dangerous, when it reduces people to one or the other.

The Catholic tradition affirms that every person is intrinsically good, and yet as finite beings we must contend with our imperfections and limitations. For which imperfect candidate should I vote?

No candidate for public office will

match the noblest expectations of religious groups, and that is fine. No one has ever done so. At the very least, we trust that candidates who subscribe to any religious tradition would draw from its wisdom for the good of all.

The U.S. political system is not a theocracy but a democracy. Not perfect, yet still a system that in principle guarantees that anyone may elect or be elected without religious litmus tests or coercive forces, secular or religious.

U.S. Catholics understand this. About 150 years ago, many in this nation doubted that Catholics could participate actively in public life. Well, we have, and have done it well.

For which imperfect candidate should I vote? The answer to this question lies ultimately in each individual's conscience, "the most secret core and sanctuary" of a human person, according to the Second Vatican Council.

In their document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," the U.S. Catholic bishops affirmed with ut-

most clarity: "The responsibility to make choices in political life rests with each individual in light of a properly formed conscience." Here the bishops treat Catholic voters as adults.

As a Catholic planning to vote as a faithful citizen, I will heed the bishops' recommendation to inform my conscience. I will also exercise my personal responsibility to study comprehensively the candidates, their actions and their platforms.

I pray for wisdom to vote for public leaders who, despite their imperfections, I can deem in good and informed conscience closest to being decent, hard workers, committed to the common good, respectful of human life and dignity at all times, devoted to truth and justice, knowledgeable and able to work with others. People I can present to my children as inspirational and exemplary on matters of public service.

Ospino is professor of theology and religious education at Boston College.

A career to consider

By **Maureen Pratt**
Catholic News Service



The ongoing pandemic has exposed significant disparities in the availability and quality of healthcare throughout the world and, on a personal level, has highlighted the

often-tough decisions people face about their or their loved ones' care, especially with regard to end-of-life considerations.

In the midst of these very real-world challenges are important ethical and moral considerations, and it is into this milieu that the Catholic medical ethicist seeks to bring moral understanding and clarity.

But, at a time when the need for ethics to inform healthcare has never been greater, some statistics reveal a stark reality: The number of trained Catholic medical ethicists is decreasing.

Nathaniel Blanton Hibner, director of ethics for the Catholic Health Association said, "The most recent survey data from two years ago found that there are about 80-90 ethicists across the United States, mostly employed by a healthcare facility or organization. The survey also showed that, among these, one-third plans to retire in the next five years, and another third plans to retire in six to 10 years."

This sharp decline in the number of medical ethicists will have significant impacts on many areas where modern medicine and Christian living intersect. Medi-

cal ethicists work in a variety of places, including hospitals, hospital systems, research and public policy development.

They might assist patients, their families and physicians in individual cases, such as with advanced care planning, or work at the organizational level of Catholic healthcare institutions, where mission (how the institution reflects its Catholic values in the work it does within its buildings and in the community) is critical.

Genetics counseling, end-of-life issues and development and testing of new drugs are some of the areas in the field of healthcare that are rapidly growing, and often have serious moral implications that can benefit from the input of a trained Christian medical ethicist.

"We are trying to promote the values that we see inherent within faith-based healthcare," said Hibner. "We're helping to navigate those difficult decisions in light of the values that we hold."

In the past, most medical ethicists have come from a variety of backgrounds, such as law, medicine, philosophy or theology, but there have been few formal training programs.

Today, people entering the field may still have had entirely different first careers, but experts advise that the growing ethical complexities in healthcare and society at large make specific training and study a must.

A master's degree or doctorate in theology with a focus in ethics is a helpful course to take, particularly if it offers clin-

REFLECTION

Life and limb

Mark Saucier

The sister of some friends had been living with cancer for years. Last week, they separated: the cancer went its way, and she went God's.

The end was no surprise, and she chose to spend her final days driving with her husband through the autumn foliage of New Hampshire.

She was an artist and no doubt felt at home in the fiery beauty of the season, but the peace and mystical reassurance of the forest might have attracted her as well.

Like Jesus in Gethsemane, among the trees seemed to be a good place to prepare for death.

Maybe it is something in our limbic brain, a faint memory that, like thousands of species today, the woods were once home to our arboreal ancestors.

Maybe it's the chlorophyll in the leaves that helps them process light into food. It can't use the green in the spectrum and reflects it back, giving leaves their color and bathing the forest in faint green light that just happens to be appealing and calming to the human psyche.

Perhaps it is easier to take one's leave among the elders of life, and trees are certainly that. The longest-living organisms on earth, many will live to be hundreds of years old.

Old Tjikko, a spruce in Sweden, was around over 9,500 years ago when we were still Stone Age toddlers.

No tree will die of old age, and we may not be meant to, either.

It's consoling to know that there is much more to the forest than meets the eye.

Despite the thick trunks and towering crowns, there may be twice that biomass hidden in the ground in an invisible network of roots and fungi.

This organic web not only provides the water and nutrients a tree needs to grow, but using the tiny fungal fibers that penetrate the roots, trees share information and provisions through it.

A tree in distress from disease or prey warns other trees to be on the alert. Healthy trees help sick or young trees by delivering needed carbon or nitrogen through the network.

Trees create a biosphere in which life is abundantly and diversely shared. Grab a handful of that sweet dark humus at the base of a tree and you are holding in your hand more life forms than there are people on this crowded rock.

Maybe my friends' sister went to the woods because she found it to be "on earth as it is in heaven."

Wardsville native celebrates 70 years of professed religious life

By Jay Nies
and Theresa B. Temmen

Seventy years into religious life, Wardsville native Sister Celine Maasen retains a clear sense of purpose and mission.

"My responsibility is to pray for everyone I come into contact with," she stated. "I think God is calling me to show people how to lead a good life."

Sr. Celine, a native of St. Stanislaus Parish in Wardsville, recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of her religious profession as a Sister of Divine Providence (CDP).

"I've enjoyed all the time I've been a sister," she said. "I don't regret a minute of it."

Sr. Celine was born Nov. 17, 1935, in Wardsville, the oldest of nine children of the late George and Margaret Maasen, and given the name Mary Louise.

She grew up on a farm and had Sisters of Divine Providence as teachers at what is now St. Stanislaus School.

"It was a public school, taught by sisters," she said. "It's much bigger now than it was. We had nine in my grade. There were three grades in each room."

Sr. Celine remembers being a "tomboy" who liked wearing blue jeans and walking around barefoot.

One day in second grade — she clearly remembers the desk where she was sitting — something told her that she would enter the convent.

"I thought, 'That's crazy. It will never happen,'" she recalled.

She credits her eighth-grade teacher, Divine Providence Sister Mary William Haug, for awakening her desire to become a sister.

Her parents supported her decision, but leaving home was terribly difficult for her.

"I had a little sister who was 2 years old," she recalled. "I spoiled her rotten."

Another sister was born after Sr. Celine entered the convent. Because it was during her canonical year of formation under the old rules, she could not leave the convent or have any visitors.

"My little sister was 3 months old when I got to meet her," she said. "That was hard, but she got to know me as Sister, and we're very close."

After Sr. Celine was in religious life for 10 years, her dad said, "I guess you made it! You're in for good!"

Fifteen years later, he teased her again: "I guess you're really in now! There's no leaving for you!"

School days

The Sisters of Divine Providence (cdpsisters.org), originally founded in Germany, had a motherhouse known as Mount Providence in Normandy near St. Louis.

Most of the CDP sisters when Sr. Celine entered became teachers or worked in hospitals.

She taught first and second grades for 25 years in Missouri, Illinois and Louisiana.

She completed her bachelor's degree in education from Harris Stowe State College in St. Louis in 1978.

She has many pleasant memories of St. Andrew School in Tipton, where she taught from 1963-64.

"The kids reminded me of me," she said, "because I was country."

She especially loved preparing the children for their First Holy Communion.

One girl in her class was so determined to see the inside of the convent, she deliberately injured herself with a piece of chicken wire.

"Her biggest joy was to go to the convent and get vinegar put on her hand," Sr. Celine recalled.

A third-grade boy on the day President John F. Kennedy was killed looked up teary-eyed at Sr. Celine and asked, "What's going to happen to his kids?"

Hands in the dirt

After teaching, Sr. Celine took up maintenance work at



Sister Celine Maasen CDP

the motherhouse in St. Louis — painting and taking care of the cars and doing grocery shopping and driving people to the doctor. She loved it.

"I cut all the grass at motherhouse and worked in the cemetery," she said. "I had to make sure it was in tiptop shape. I planted flowers — anything I could to get my fingers in the dirt!"

Those same fingers also stitched beautiful crafts to be sold at church fundraisers.

She took a correspondence class in car repair after an auto mechanic gyped her.

"I said 'never again,'" she said. "Now, I can tell you what's wrong with a car, but my hands won't let me fix it anymore."

Teaching by example

Over the years, the Sisters of Divine Providence began turning their focus more toward the needs of the poor and the homeless.

To help raise money for the ministry, Sr. Celine worked as a cook and housekeeper at a Franciscan-run women's shelter, then did housekeeping at a hotel in St. Louis.

She then took up maintenance work at St. Ann Parish and School in Normandy.

"It's a very interesting life," she told *The Catholic Missourian* in 2010.

She was convinced that one of her missions there was to be an example of how people can live simply.

"I do get to talk to the children in school and explain vocations to them," she said at the time. "I think that's what God is calling me to do right now: whatever I can to show other people how to lead a good life."

The students asked a lot of questions when she told them about the vows she took to be poor, chaste and obedient.

She told them she doesn't need to own anything; her community takes care of her needs.

When children asked if she misses having children of her own, she told them that all the children she ever taught are her family.

"I pray for them to get to heaven," she said.

Trust and awe

After retirement, Sr. Celine moved to Evergreen Place in Alton, Illinois.

She enjoys working jigsaw puzzles and word searches and making hats and scarfs for children in need.

"I love doing things for others and the poor," she said. "I trust in the Providence of God for all the things that happen in my life."

She loves to watch the deer and foxes coming out of the woods in the morning and marveling at the birds.

Her siblings include Harold Maasen of Taos; Pauline Strope of Springfield; Helen Boeckmann and Vicky Niekamp, both of Wardsville; Theresa Temmen of Folk; Bernadette Gillis of Naples, Florida; and the late Barbara Rackers and the late Bernard Maasen.

She believes God is still calling girls and young women to the religious life, and that it's a call worth answering.

She asks for prayers to help her continue to do her work and be a good example.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Protection from the Coronavirus

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

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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 mantle 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.

Pastors comment on stewardship and the Catholic Stewardship Appeal

By Jay Nies

Father Joseph Corel addressed his parishioners on the importance of supporting the work of the Diocese of Jefferson City through the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA).

“The relationship between a parish and the diocese is vital,” Fr. Corel, who serves with Father David Veit as pastor *in solidum* of St. Vincent de Paul Parish of Pettis County, recently wrote. “We are united, we are wed together. Without the diocese, the parish does not exist. Without the parish, the diocese does not exist.”

People may ask what they receive in return for a pledge or contribution to the CSA.

“But as we continue to preach and teach stewardship rather than transactional giving,” Fr. Corel wrote, “the question needs to be turned into a statement: ‘Since I am Catholic and I belong to a universal Church that is larger than my parish, I gladly give so that together we can do more for the common good in our part of the state.’”

At the same time, supporting the work of the diocese does bring dividends to every parish.

Fr. Corel pointed out that the diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools hears from the administration of Sacred Heart School in Sedalia several times per month, “and with the COVID pandemic, leadership at the chancery has been remarkable.”

Likewise, without the quick action of Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and the diocesan financial and school services, the diocese’s Catholic schools would not have received invaluable assistance under the federal Paycheck Protection Program, Fr. Corel noted.

“That had a huge direct impact on our budget this past fiscal year and the year we are currently in,” he said.

Also, the parish finance manager remains in regular contact with diocesan human resource, finance and insurance specialists, while the parish database manager and development director make frequent use of diocesan finance and

communication services.

Fr. Corel also pointed to the work of *The Catholic Missourian* in helping to create a Catholic culture among parishioners throughout the diocese.

“The CSA is one of the largest funding sources



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for the operations of the governance for our diocese at the chancery,” he stated. “I ask you to take this message to prayer.”

Trusting in God

Father Leonard Mukiibi, administrator of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in St. Thomas and St. Cecilia Parish in Meta, urged his parishioners to go a step ahead of the CSA “from understanding it as an appeal but instead understand it as the spirituality of stewardship and embrace that spirituality — that is, the trust God has invested in you and me in order to bless you so abundantly.”

Father Gregory Oligschlaeger, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Monroe City and St. Stephen Parish in Indian Creek, believes that trust is well placed.

He said most parishioners do not realize how often their parishes make use of the diocesan resources that are supported by the CSA.

“In one way or another, our parish is in contact with the diocese at least three times in a week,” he stated.

For instance, diocesan communications personnel has been helping disseminate information about COVID-19 protocols and policies and the livestreaming of Masses and building a new website for the parishes.

Parish employees often turn to diocesan personnel for guidance with bookkeeping, reports and the hiring of employees.

Fr. Oligschlaeger pointed out that the diocesan Matri-

monial Tribunal, which helps people who are seeking an annulment, does so free of charge, thanks to the CSA.

Permanent deacons receive ongoing formation, seminarians receive direction and assistance, and the diocese’s Catholic schools receive expert guidance, he noted.

Father Jason Doke, pastor of St. Martin Parish in St. Martins, observed that although most of the work of the diocese happens behind the scenes, “the diocese provides many essential services to parishes, such as

human resources management, financial services, and training of new priests.”

Larger picture

Father Mark Smith, pastor of St. Peter Parish in Marshall and the Mission of Holy Family in Sweet Springs, emphasized that an authentically Catholic understanding of stewardship involves vastly more than finances.

“Stewardship is not just giving money or tithing,” he reminded his parishioners. “It is the way of living of a disciple, recognizing all that the Lord has given and generously sharing it.

“Our Lord asks us to recognize what we have been given, take care of it, use it, multiply it, share it, and ultimately return it to God,” he stated.

Nonetheless, stewardship does include consideration of one’s material goods, along with time and talent.

“Stewardship,” Fr. Doke stated, “is not just about a tithe. Stewardship is about a gift of self in response to the gifts that God has given us.”

“All of this is part of a bigger picture — the picture of our relationship with God,” Fr. Smith added.

Prayer before an election

Lord God,

As the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned; men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to Your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear Your Word, live Your love, and keep in the ways of Your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and His Apostles and guide us to Your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DOYLE

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have shared the same fate?

Moving on to the question you did ask — where Mary spent her final years on earth — there are two strong historical traditions. One is that, following the ascension of Jesus, Mary returned with the apostles to Jerusalem and lived there for the remainder of her earthly years.

But there is other evidence that seems to show that Mary, under the protection of the Apostle John, went to a place near Ephesus (modern-day Turkey) and stayed there until she was assumed into heaven.

That second tradition — the Ephesus one — is linked to the 19th century visions of Anne Catherine Emmerich, a bedridden Augustinian nun in Germany. The Church has never pronounced formally on the authenticity of either of these sites.

Actually, there are two different Jerusalem sites: a church near the Mount of Olives, venerated by the Orthodox Church, and the one you mentioned, the Church of the Dormition, maintained by Benedictine monks.

I think that the final answer to your question is lost in history and unlikely ever to be settled. But this doesn’t stop anyone from honoring the Virgin Mary, the mother of God and our mother.

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

Rosary for Our Nation to be prayed in Cathedral

DATE: November 2
TIME: 7 pm

The Marian Prayer Group of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City will hold a “Rosary for Our Nation” at

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Senate confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

A divided Senate, in a 52-48 vote, confirmed Amy Coney Barrett as a justice for the Supreme Court the evening of Oct. 26 and soon afterward she was sworn in by Justice Clarence Thomas at a White House ceremony.

“The oath that I’ve solemnly taken tonight, means at its core that I will do my job without any fear or favor and that I will



Judge Amy Coney Barrett holds her hand on the Bible as she is sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas at the White House in Washington Oct. 26, 2020.

— CNS photo/
Tom Brenner, Reuters

do so independently of both the political branches and of my own preferences. I love the Constitution and the democratic republic that it establish-

es and I will devote myself to preserving it,” Barrett said after the outdoor ceremony.

The 48-year old, who has been on the Chicago-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit since 2017, said it was a privilege to be asked to serve on the Supreme Court. She said she was “truly honored and humbled” to be stepping into this role, which is a lifetime appointment.

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BEATIFY

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“He was a young associate pastor who met with a small group of young men — not in the upper room but in a lowly church basement,” he said. “Who could have known that in answering the call to Priesthood, one young man would help change the course of the Church in this country and around the world?”

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight said Fr. McGivney was a good and holy priest who cared deeply about his parishioners and all the souls entrusted to his care.

His passion for charity helped him forge a productive working relationship with the laypeople of his parish, which brought about the founding of the Knights of Columbus.

“We see in Venerable Father Michael McGivney not only a powerful intercessor in heaven but an ingenious model for drawing individuals and families into a deeper communion with the Church,” said Bishop McKnight.

Specifically, he galvanized those first Knights into a cohort devoted to becoming better husbands and fathers, closer friends to one another, and more knowledgeable, prayerful, active followers of Christ.

He convinced them that they could become stronger and accomplish more by working together.

“As priests and laypeople alike, may we continue to call on him to join us in prayer in times of need, while striving to emulate his zeal for putting our faith into practice through our fidelity to the sacraments and concrete acts of charity,” said Bishop McKnight.

Devoted to charity

Fr. McGivney knew firsthand of many of the social concerns of his day, as did most of the laypeople he was sent to minister to.

He was the oldest son of poor Irish immigrants. Six of his 13 siblings died in infancy or early childhood.

He left school at age 13 to work in a factory to help support his family. He entered the seminary at age 16. His father died while he was studying for the Priesthood.

Fr. McGivney was ordained

a priest in 1877.

In 1881, after receiving permission from his bishop and consulting with several Catholic fraternal societies, he founded the Knights of Columbus to protect the wives and children of working men, and to foster their faith and spiritual progress.

He also wanted to offer a Catholic alternative to secret societies, which were popular at that time.

Twenty-four men attended the first meeting.

In a mix of faith and patriotism, he named the order Sons of Columbus, after the Catholic man who verified the existence of the New World.

Charter members who were Irish-born Civil War veterans suggested substituting the name Knights.

The founding father died of pneumonia, at age 38, the following year.

The order grew from state to state, with the first Missouri council being established in 1899.

Today, with more than 2 million members worldwide, the Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization in the world.

High standards

Charles Bernskoetter served as Missouri's district deputy to the Knights of Columbus from 1994-96 and later for many years as the state director for the Fr. McGivney Guild.

That organization's purpose is to spread the good word about Fr. McGivney's holiness in life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God.

Mr. Bernskoetter said the guild continues to seek the intercession of the Knights' founder.

“We're excited that he is being declared blessed, and we look forward to the day when he is declared a saint,” said Mr. Bernskoetter, a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City.

He said Fr. McGivney's influence remains strong in every aspect of Church life, especially in the United States.

Knights and women's auxiliary members have provided

incalculable service in their parishes and throughout the world.

Missouri members of the order take their Knighthood seriously. Representatives throughout the state meet regularly to discuss ways to help members grow in faith and carry out targeted works of charity.

Individual Knights and councils work to build up the Church, promote vocations, support and defend the Priesthood and help pastors lead souls to Christ.

“We hold ourselves to a high standard, just as Fr. McGivney did,” said Mr. Bernskoetter.

Then and now

Monsignor Marion Makarewicz, a former Missouri state chaplain for the Knights, said Fr. McGivney's life and legacy rivals many of the great saints of the 19th century.

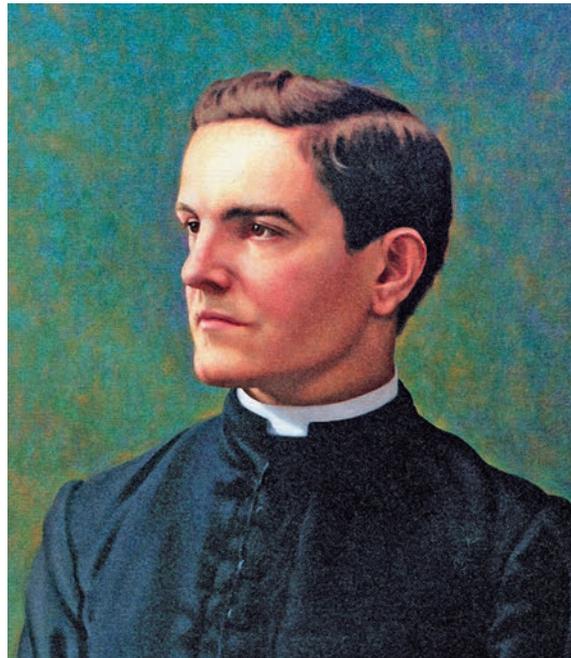
“Although it's not a competition to get to heaven, even Paul talks about winning the crown of victory,” said Msgr. Makarewicz, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Ozark. “Fr. McGivney's beatification should inspire us all to devote our lives to service and prayer, as he did.”

He called Fr. McGivney a vessel of grace chosen by Christ for a particular time and place.

“God raises up the saints that the times require,” Msgr. Makarewicz said. “We must heed their call and support them, as many followed the leadership of this humble priest. His beatification should make all of us respond to the tasks the Lord puts in front of us in response to the suffering that surrounds us.”

Msgr. Kurwicky noted that the four pillars upon which Fr. McGivney founded the Knights — charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism — remain as relevant as ever.

Knights, he said, look out for each other and pull together for the same efforts for which the order is so well known: fostering vocations to the Priest-



Venerable Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, is depicted in this undated portrait. In light of a thorough examination of his life and a Vatican-authenticated miracle attributed to God through his intercession, Fr. McGivney will be beatified (declared blessed) Saturday, Oct. 31, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut.

— CNS file photo

hood; defending human life at all stages; increasing Catholic knowledge and education; and helping families plan for and survive the worst.

“He loved the Lord, he loved the Church,” said Msgr.

Kurwicky. “The Church is stronger because of who he was and what he did. We count on his continued prayers for us.”

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Transcript shows pope's distinction between same-sex marriage, civil unions

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

When Pope Francis said gay people have a right to be in a family and that gay couples needed some form of civil law to protect their rights, he was not saying that gay couples should have a right to adopt children.

In his documentary "Francesco," director Evgeny Afineevsky presented the statements as if Pope Francis had said them one right after the other; the director used the quotes immediately following a story about a gay couple with children.

Released Oct. 21, the film gave some people the erroneous impression that

Pope Francis approved civil union laws that would equate gay couples to married couples.

Pope Francis consistently has said that gay people deserve love, respect and the protection of the law; however, he has insisted marriage can be only between a man and a woman.

Afineevsky, who a Vatican official said was never granted an on-camera interview with the pope, pulled the quotes about families and the quote about civil unions from a 2019 interview by Valentina Alazraki, correspondent for the Mexican television station Televisa.

When the Vatican, which filmed the interview, gave Televisa the footage, the quotation about civil unions had been

cut.

Catholic News Service obtained the complete transcript of the uncut interview, including the comment about civil unions. The pope, speaking in Spanish, referred to "*una ley de convivencia civil*," literally a "law of civil cohabitation," but commonly called a civil union.

The clips used in Afineevsky's film put together quotes from three separate moments of the Televisa interview, so the pope appears to say: "They are children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable over it. What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered."

At one point in the interview — in

the piece aired on Televisa and included in transcript the Vatican originally put online — Alazraki and the pope spoke about the "journey" of discernment and conversion he called for in his exhortation on the family, "*Amoris Laetitia*," and about the habit of referring to certain people as being in "irregular" situations.

"If we were convinced that they are children of God, things would change quite a bit," the pope says.

Then he brings up his response in August 2018 to a journalist who had asked what he would say to a father whose son or daughter tells him he or she is gay.

On the plane returning from Ireland,

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CARDINAL

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our nation and the world are in desperate need of healing and courageous leadership," he said.

On a more personal note, the General Council of the Adrian Dominican Sisters recalled that the cardinal-designate "credited Adrian Dominican teachers at St. Carthage Grammar School in Chicago with inspiring him to convert to Catholicism."

"Archbishop Gregory, soon to be Cardinal Gregory, has long inspired us — and continues ever more," the council said in a statement. "Archbishop Gregory's appointment is a blessing beyond measure for the entire Church. As the first African American to be elevated to the College of Cardinals, Archbishop Gregory will bring the unique gifts and perspectives of Black Americans and Black Catholicism to the global Church's highest ecclesiastical body.

"As a prelate deeply committed to social and racial justice," it added, "Archbishop Gregory

will bring his courageous voice of integrity to the pope's inner circle, speaking words of compassion and inclusivity."

Jenny Kraska, executive director of the Maryland Catholic Conference, said in news release that he is "a pastor at heart" and "his wisdom, kindness and faith" will serve him well "as he takes on this new responsibility as a special adviser to the Holy Father and a papal elector."

"As our state and nation continues to grapple with racial tension, the appointment of the first African American cardinal in history also has special significance," Kraska said, adding that "throughout his ministry," Cardinal-designate Gregory "has sought to address wrongs and bridge differences."

In the Archdiocese of Atlanta, then-Archbishop Gregory's successor as head of the archdiocese, Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, said: "Being chosen as the first African American cardinal from the

United States indicates the pope's awareness of the needs and gifts of the multicultural Catholic population throughout the United States.

"As his successor in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, I am particularly grateful for his leadership, mentoring and fraternity."

Among his accomplishments, he said, the cardinal-designate is known for

Statement from Bishop McKnight on Cardinal-elect Wilton Gregory

"I congratulate the Archbishop of Washington upon being named a Cardinal by Pope Francis. As the first African American Cardinal, Cardinal-designate Gregory symbolizes the hopes and aspirations of the Church in the United States. We are people of different races and ethnicities, and yet we are one in faith, one in the Lord."

working closely with fellow bishops, clergy and women religious, promoting Catholic education, and fostering

good relations with leaders of all faiths.

"It is clear that the talents and accomplishments of Archbishop Gregory will be a part of his legacy as a leader not only in the United States, but also as a member of the College of Cardi-

nals who attend to significant issues of dioceses throughout the world," Archbishop Hartmayer added.

ALL SOULS

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commodated given COVID-19 restrictions or in the case that a member of the faithful was ill, in isolation or in quarantine, the cardinal said.

The Vatican decided to extend the time one can receive a full indulgence to include the whole month of November, he said. Typically, only a partial indulgence is granted after the first week of November.

The full indulgence traditionally offered Nov. 2 for those who visit a church or an oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed can also be gained any day in November, he added.

Those who cannot leave their homes or residence for "serious reasons," which includes government restrictions during a pandemic, he said, also can receive a plenary indulgence after reciting specific prayers for the deceased or reflecting on a Gospel reading designated for Masses of the dead before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or by performing a work of mercy.

In all cases, one also must fulfill the normal

requirements set by the Church for all plenary indulgences, which demonstrate a resolve to turn away from sin and convert to God.

Those conditions include: having a spirit detached from sin; going to confession as soon as possible; receiving the Eucharist as soon as possible; praying for the pope's intentions; and being united spiritually with all the faithful.

The Church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory.

The feast of All Souls differs from the Nov. 1 feast of All Saints precisely because it offers prayers for the eternal peace and heavenly rest of all those who died in a state of grace, but not totally purified.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."

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ORGANIST

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of each other," he said. "The better people sing, the better I play and the more runs I put in. People say they like that."

All of that, he hopes, "brings joy to God's ears."

Mr. Yansky likes offering a mix of traditional and contemporary Catholic hymns.

"You certainly don't want to give up your roots, but I'm always open to new songs," he said. "As long as it's not in four flats. You can quote me on that!"

He often transposes songs that are written in a high key to something lower, so everyone in the congregation can join in.

"Whenever you help people sing better, you're also helping them want to sing," he said.

He maintains a great relationship with other musicians, accompanists and cantors.

"I enjoy the fellowship of people who are sharing their talents to help people give praise to the Lord," he said.

Communication is essential. So is a sense of humor. One time, he was serving as organist while a friend was leading the singing at Mass.

"We didn't have time to practice ahead of time," he recalled.

The opening hymn was "On Jordan's Bank."

"I played one version and he sang the other," he recalled. "Neither of us could figure out what the other was doing, so we did it like that through the whole song."

"It was bad," he recalled. "I think the people forgave us."

Still burning

Mr. Yansky and his wife, Betty, stay busy cultivating 500 acres of row crops and raising 66 head of cattle on their farm near St. Martins.

But not too busy.

"She always talked me into taking the time to be involved at church, even when I felt I was too busy," he noted.

He's grateful to all the people who have encouraged him and helped him improve over the years.

"I have been incredibly blessed," he said.

He still enjoys making music and helping people raise up their voices to God.

He encourages anyone with a gift for music to step up and share that talent with the Lord.

"Anyone who can do it will not regret taking the opportunity," he said. "I still derive tremendous enjoyment from it."

"Don't let it intimidate you if you hear someone in church and you can't play as well as they do," he advised. "I wasn't that good when I started. No one was."

"You start with a song here and there and you start working at it, and you learn them over time," he said.

The key is to keep improving.

"I'm still trying differ-

ent things and throwing in fourths and seconds and adding different major chords," he said. "I'm still adding something different and figuring out what my ear wants to pull out of it."

YOUTH SUMMIT

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"They want to know their priest personally and for their priest to know them. This means more to them than his liturgical style, his homiletics or his canonical or theological perspective."

Charity and mercy

The current generation of young people thrives on connecting with people through concrete acts of service.

"We know service works with young people," said Mr. DeLaporte. "They kept telling us they have a strong desire to be involved in meaningful service that puts them in contact with people in need."

Many are unaware of all the service opportunities that their parish already offers.

"If they don't know these things are going on, they think their parish isn't helping," he said. "So once again, what's missing is that personal invitation."

They specifically indicated an interest in personally reaching out to new members and people who have become inactive, providing hospitality to visitors and people with no faith affiliation, and being open and inclusive.

"They see a need for stronger catechesis on social-political issues," said Mr. DeLaporte. "When they hear about a social issue in the world, they want to know what the Church teaches on it."

Among their peers, they see a need for help handling anxiety, stress, bullying and emotional health.

"So we need to be asking: Are our young people involved and aware? Are they being called on to serve in ways that are meaningful and interactive?"

"Is the Church responding to the pastoral needs of young people? Are we aware of what

those needs are?

"Are we offering parents what they need to help young people navigate the difficulties they encounter? Are our catechetical programs helping them understand current issues in light of their faith?"

Setting the pace

Feedback from the young people was in line with what experts on revitalizing parish life are saying: that parish catechetical ministries, especially for young people, must continue to move away from a school- or group-based model and toward one that fosters intentional discipleship.

"We keep hearing that the Catechumenate Model should be the model for all catechesis," Mr. DeLaporte said. "That is, Catholics mentoring and accompanying new Catholics on the road to discipleship."

It must engage the "head, heart and hands" in meaningful and authentic ways, he stated.

He said service should be the cornerstone of every component of ministry in this diocese.

"Some coordinated experience of authentic and meaningful service in a Catholic context," he said. "Even just one of those kinds of experiences can pack a lot of evangelizing power in the hearts of young people."

Other models of ministry that embrace a discipleship approach include small group ministry; mentor-apprentice relationships between adults and young people; service, charity and social justice opportunities coupled with teaching, prayer and reflection; leadership development; and

help for young people seeking to discover their gifts and talents.

Parishes must also put greater emphasis on equipping, accompanying and collaborating with parents in raising faith-filled children in these com-

plex times. Opportunities for families need to include prayer, faith-sharing and service, Mr. DeLaporte stated.

Mr. DeLaporte reiterated a point Pope Francis makes in "Christ is Alive": "If you are to accompany others on this path, you must be the first to follow it, day in and day out," (#298).

Accordingly, parishes need to invest in adult faith-formation, intergenerational ministry, integration of young people into as many aspects of parish life as possible, doing things to make young people a priority in all aspects of parish ministry, and creating a culture in which young people are consulted and know they are being heard.

Mr. DeLaporte closed his summation of the Youth Summit with a message Pope Francis made to young people at the end of "Christ is Alive": "My joyful hope is to see you keep running the race before you, outstripping all those who are slow or fearful. ... The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. ... And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us," (#299).

"Amen!" Mr. DeLaporte added.



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By Father Don Antweiler

ACROSS

1. The State of Mo. has four ____ U.S. Navy ships, more than any other State.
7. Ltd. in the US.
10. A type of soap.
13. Part of a B.A. degree.
14. Daytona and Taladega Speedways are two prominent racetracks on the ____ stock car racing circuit.
16. ____ *Lingus* (Gaelic for air fleet); Ireland's national airline.
17. "Was not this the very end for which the United Nations came into existence: to be against ____ and for peace?" —Pope Paul VI, address to the UN in NY, Oct. 1965.
18. Prefix for cape or cargo.
19. Angel hair, manicotti and cannelloni.
21. The second ship bearing the Mo. name was a Maine-class battleship, commissioned in 1900. It circumnavigated the globe with the Atlantic fleet in 1909. It served as a ____ vessel and then a troop transport after WW I. Was decommissioned and scrapped in 1922.
24. Never mind tomorrow, let's deal with the ____ and now.
25. The third ship named for Missouri was/is the most famous, an Iowa-class battleship, commissioned in 1944 during WW II. It was the site of the Japanese surrender to the US in Tokyo ____ ending WW II. It became known as the "Mighty Mo." Decommissioned in 1992, it resides in Pearl Harbor as a WW II memorial.
27. The Vicksburg Military Park in this State commemorates a Civil War battle, which had the biggest number of Missourians facing each other in conflict — Mo. units in the Union Army against Mo. units in the Confederate Army (abbr.).
28. There have been numerous ships named specifically but not exclusively for ____ in the U.S., all the ones in Mo. sharing the honor with other States (e.g., the USS ADAIR honored similarly named jurisdictions in Iowa, Kentucky and Mo.; it was a WW II transport ship).
30. "It's hard for me to be happy because I'm always worried about something going ____," —Lisa Marie Presley.
32. Not active; motionless.
33. In the military, abbr. for Area of Operations.
34. Lower digit.
37. In most races, whoever covers a predetermined distance in the fastest time wins. In the famous ____ Mans race in France however, the time is predetermined (24 hrs.) and whoever covers the most distance in that time wins.
38. ____ *cum spiritu tuo*.
40. Board game featuring Col. Mustard and Prof. Plum.
42. "Lord, save ____! We are perishing!" (Matthew 8:25).
43. There is a ship named specifically, but not exclusively, for a city in Mo., the USS Columbia, named for cities of that name in ____ Carolina, Missouri, and Illinois. It is a Los Angeles-class attack submarine commissioned in 1995; homeport: Pearl Harbor.
47. "O God; how ____ the sum of them!" (Psalms 139:17).
49. Proceeding to the next ____ on the agenda...
52. Genetic material.
53. There have been seven ships named specifically and exclusively for St. Louis, Mo. The most ____ is a Freedom-class littoral combat ship, now built and ready to be commissioned in 2020.
56. Prefix for cure or cede.
57. "They said to him, ' ____ ' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?'" (John 1:38).
59. Choo choo ____.
60. Abbr. for education.
62. Make lace.
64. Padre ____; 1887-1968; Franciscan priest, mystic and one who bore the stig-mata, the bleeding wounds of Jesus on his body.
65. "For a charm of powerful trouble, like a hell-broth ____ and bubble," —Song of the Witches, from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.
66. Prefix for verse or late.
67. We all scream for ____ cream!
68. There is no ____ or reason to his actions.
70. Short for England.
72. In 1989, to commemorate the 75th anniv. of the end of WW II, permission was granted for a pop music video concert aboard the famous "Mighty Mo." with its full crew. Pop star Cher's resulting racy hit video with its ____ US Navy crew caused the Navy to ban any future music videos aboard active service ships.
73. "People were ____ even infants to Him that He might touch them," (Luke 18:15).

DOWN

1. Like one of the Testaments.
2. "The ____...endures death through an act of fortitude," —*Catechism of the Cath. Church*, #2473.
3. Immediate care part of a hospital.
4. The first U.S. Navy ship carrying the Missouri name was a sidewheel frigate commissioned in 1841; was accidentally destroyed by fire in Gibraltar in 1843; was one of the first ____ warships in the US Navy and made the first powered crossing of the Atlantic. It carried the US Chinese ambassador to Egypt to negotiate the first commercial treaty with China. It hosted Pres. John Tyler.
5. Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, nicknamed Francesco, was the birth name of Francis of ____.
6. "My son, should sinners ____ you..." (Proverbs 1:10).
7. "Pilate said to Him, 'What ____ truth?'" (John 18:38).
8. Raleigh, this State's capital, is said to be the Southern drawled origin of the name of the city of Rolla, Mo. (abbr.)
9. There is a ship named specifically and exclusively for our ____ city, the USS Jefferson City. It is a Los Angeles-class attack submarine commissioned in 1992; homeport: Pearl Harbor.
10. There have been three ships named specifically and exclusively for Kansas City, Mo. The third and ____ USS Kansas City is an Independence-class littoral combat ship commissioned in June of 2020. Homeport: San Diego.
11. "In the ____ 2525;" 1968 hit song by Zager and Evans; called the "bleakest" song to ever hit Billboard's Hot 100 (6 weeks as #1).
12. The Irish/Scottish Gaelic language.
15. In medicine, short for rheumatoid arthritis.
20. Pronoun for a ship.
22. The fourth ship bearing the name Missouri is a Virginia-class attack submarine commissioned in 2010. It was deployed in the ____ Atlantic with the 6th Fleet when the Russians invaded the Crimea. Its homeport is presently at the Pearl Harbor Naval Station in Hawaii.
23. "You have to go with your ____ sometimes, and how you feel," —John Lewis.
25. There have been two ships named specifically and exclusively for a Mo.-born son, the USS George Washington Carver. The first was a WW II Liberty ship. The second was a ____ submarine commissioned in 1966.
26. "Do not become haughty, but stand in ____," (Romans 11:20).
29. "A U.S. dollar is an ____ from the Federal Reserve Bank. It's a promissory note that doesn't actually promise anything. It's not backed by gold or silver," —P.J. O'Rourke.
31. "...how much more shall he clothe you, o ____ of little faith?" Luke 12:27, from Miles Coverdale's Bible, 1535 A.D.
35. In the last election, they ____ him from office.
36. Abbr. for the 19th book of the Bible.
39. A telesync (____) is a bootleg recording of a film recorded in a movie theater.
40. There is a ship named for Mo.'s only U.S. President, the USS Harry Truman. It is a Nitmitch-class super aircraft ____; commissioned in 1998, its homeport is Norfolk, Va.
41. "Thus ____ came, and morning followed — the first day," (Genesis 1:5).
44. Pope Francis's 2020 *Urbi et ____* (to the city and the world) Easter message, given as the pandemic raged, challenged us to spread the "contagion of hope."
45. The Vitae Foundation, headquartered in Jefferson City, Mo. is a national leader in the US in the fight for the ____.
46. Mai ____ cocktail.
48. Letters for ammonium nitrate, used widely as a high-nitrogen fertilizer.
50. " ____ Your Children"; —1969 Crosby, Stills & Nash hit song.
51. Abbr. before a male's name.
54. Letters for English as an Additional Language.
55. 101 for Caesar.
58. Copycat?
59. Lazarus famously "came out" of one (John 11:38-44).
61. ____-dong; doorbell sound.
63. A type of shirt.
65. "...they departed for their country ____ another way," (Matthew 2:12).
69. ____ TV; Home & Garden TV channel; over 82% of Am. TV's receive this channel.
70. Prefix for tire or treat.
71. WW II soldier.

ANSWERS on page 19

CLARIFY

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he had responded: “I would tell him first of all to pray. Pray. Don’t condemn, (but) dialogue, understand, make room for his son or daughter.”

The parent should respond, “You are my son; you are my daughter, just as you are. I am your father or your mother, let’s talk about this,” he had said. “And if you, as a father or mother, can’t deal with this on your own, ask for help, but always in

dialogue, always in dialogue. Because that son and daughter has a right to family, and their family is this family, just as it is. Do not throw them out of the family.”

In the interview with Alazraki, Pope Francis paraphrased his earlier responses, saying, “Homosexual persons have a right to be in the family and the parents have a right to recognize this son as homosexual, this daughter as homosexual.

Pope Francis speaks with Valentina Alazraki of the Mexican television station Televisa during an interview that aired in May 2019.

— CNS screenshot/
Noticieros Televisa
via YouTube



Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable over it.”

The pope explained to Alazraki how upset he was that a newspaper, reporting on his comments on the flight from Ireland, ran a headline saying that the pope said homosexuals should see a psychiatrist when he clearly meant that if parents see their son or daughter struggling with their sexuality, professional help might be a good idea.

“And I repeated it: ‘They are children of God and have a right to a family,’ and so on,” he told Alazraki.

The interview went on with a discussion about the media taking words out of context, and then Alazraki told the pope that people say he was a doctrinal conservative when he was in Argentina.

“I am a conservative,” he responded.

Alazraki pointed out that as archbishop of Buenos Aires, he opposed gay marriage.

“I’ve always defended doctrine. And it is curious about the law on homosexual marriage — it is a contradiction to speak of homosexual marriage. But what we have to create is a civil union law, that way they are legally covered. I defended that,” he said, referring to his efforts to support an alternative to legalizing gay marriage that would still protect the rights of gay couples when it came to matters like inheritance, health care decisions and visitation when one is ill.

SUPREME COURT

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Barrett is now the 115th justice for the court, replacing Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Sept. 18. She is the sixth Catholic justice on the current bench.

Thomas administered the constitutional oath to Barrett, who was to take the judicial oath in a private ceremony at the Supreme Court Oct. 27.

Reaction to the confirmation was swift and just as divided as it has been since she was first announced as President Donald Trump’s nominee just weeks before the presidential election. Congressional Democrats took to Twitter to criticize the Senate for acting so swiftly on this vote but not passing a COVID-19 relief package.

The Associated Press reported that no other Supreme Court justice has been confirmed on a recorded vote with no support from the minority party in at least 150 years, according to information provided by the Senate Historical Office.

During her nomination hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Barrett did not give direct answers on how she would vote on top issues but assured the senators that she would follow the rule of the law.

“My policy preferences are irrelevant,” she said, Oct. 13 when asked if she had intended to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, and she reiterated this same view when asked about abortion and same-sex marriage.

On the opening day of the hearings, Republican senators adamantly emphasized that Barrett’s Catholic faith should

not be a factor in questioning. And although it did not become a topic of questioning, it was mentioned even in opening remarks by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina,

He asked if Barrett would be able to set aside her religious beliefs to fairly decide legal cases, which she said she could.

“I can. I have done that in my time on the 7th Circuit,” she said. “If I stay on the 7th Circuit, I’ll continue to do that. If I’m confirmed to the Supreme Court, I will do that.”

Barrett is now the first Notre Dame Law School graduate on the Supreme Court and the only sitting justice with a law degree not from Harvard or Yale. She graduated summa cum laude in 1997 and also met her husband, Jesse, there. The Barrett family lives in In-

diana.

The oldest child of the couple’s seven children is a current student at the University of Notre Dame. Amy Coney Barrett began working at the law school in 2002 as a law professor focused on federal courts, constitutional law and statutory interpretation.

“On behalf of the University of Notre Dame, I congratulate Amy Coney Barrett on her confirmation today by the United States Senate as a justice of the United States Supreme Court,” said Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, university president, in an Oct. 26 statement.

G. Marcus Cole, the Joseph A. Matson dean at Notre Dame Law School, said the school is “immensely proud of our alumna, colleague and friend,” adding that for more

than two decades the school has experienced Barrett’s “brilliant scholarship, her devoted teaching and her thoughtful, open-minded approach to legal questions.”

He also praised Barrett’s “exemplary kindness and generosity toward everyone she encounters” and said that while the school community would miss her presence they would “look forward to witnessing these qualities as she serves on our nation’s highest court.”

New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond issued a more personal statement, pointing out that Barrett is from Metairie, Louisiana, and that her parents: Deacon Michael Coney and his wife, Linda, are members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Metairie.



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Fundraisers & Social Events

Nov. 1

Brunswick, St. Boniface & St. Raphael Parishes fall dinner, 11 am-1 pm, K of C Hall; **Holts Summit**, St. Andrew K of C drive-thru chicken dinner, 11 am-5 pm, St. Andrew Church; **Taos**, St. Francis Xavier Parish drive-thru Harvest Festival, with roast turkey & sausage, 11:30 am-5:30 pm

Nov. 6

Warsaw, K of C fish fry, with curbside takeout and limited dine-in seating, 4-7 pm

Nov. 7

Marshall, St. Peter School drive-thru dinner, with brisket & pork loin, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Mary's Home**, Our Lady of Snows Parish & School Fall BBQ pork steak drive-thru dinner, 11 am-6 pm

Nov. 8

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception Parish carryout turkey dinner, 10:30 am-1:30 pm; **Glasgow**, St. Mary Parish fall dinner, with drive-thru turkey & ham, 11 am-3 pm; **Jefferson City**, Cathedral of St. Joseph annual Christmas bazaar & turkey dinner (drive-thru only), noon-6 pm; **Starkenburg**, Church of the Risen Savior Parish fall fried chicken & whole hog sausage dinner, with drive-thru and carry-outs only, 11 am-2 pm, Valentine Hall

Nov. 9

Linn, St. George Parish chili supper, 4-6:30 pm

Nov. 10

Kirksville, Mary Immaculate School "Give Back" night, 5-9 pm, Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders

Nov. 22

Freeburg, Holy Family K of C Burger's country ham break-

fast, 6:30-11:30 am, Holy Family School cafeteria

Meetings & Conferences

Nov. 2, 16 & 23

LIVESTREAMED, Viewing of "The Chosen" series, 6-8 pm, for info and the link, email jimkemna@gmail.com or call 573-694-3125

Nov. 4

VIRTUAL, "Chant For the Contemporary Musician" session from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians annual convention, featuring Steve Angrisano, 7-9 pm, for link send email to npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com

Nov. 8

Westphalia, St. Joseph Parish "Wine & Shrine" speaking event, with Bob Gannon, 1:15-5 pm, K of C Hall

Nov. 9

Linn, "God's Miracles in Our Lives," presentation by Bob Gannon, 6:30-8:30 pm, St. George Church

Nov. 11

VIRTUAL, "God's Gonna Trouble the Water: The Healing Power of Music" session from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians annual convention, featuring Vallimar Jackson, 7-9 pm, for link send email to npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com

Nov. 14

Holts Summit, 40 Days for Life closing rally, with speaker Stephanie Jacobson, 6 pm, RSVP to 573-821-5130

Liturgical

Nov. 2

Jefferson City, Rosary for Our Nation, 7 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph; **Mexico**, Solemn

High Mass in the Extraordinary Form, in honor of All Souls Day, 7 pm, St. Brendan Parish

Nov. 8

Westphalia, Patriotic prayer service, 4:30 pm, K of C Hall

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Nov. 7-8

Jefferson City, Marriage Encounter Weekend, Best Western Plus Capital Inn, for info or to register visit jeffcityme.com

Health & Wellness

Nov. 16

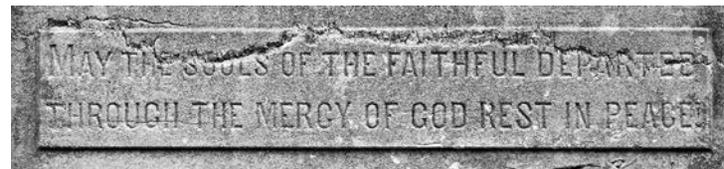
St. Robert, Blood drive, 2-6 pm, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish hall

Regarding the importance of having a Funeral Mass

By Father Jeremy A. Secrist

Holy Mother Church will soon be asking us all to pray with the Church triumphant in heaven on All Saints Day and to pray for the Church suffering on All Souls Day. And so as we continue to fight the good fight in the name of our Lord Jesus here on earth, I need to speak to you about an important but uncomfortable topic: your funeral plans.

I'm mentioning this topic not to be morbid or gloomy, but out of pastoral concern and solicitude. For some years now, I've been noticing a discernable trend — namely that when a faithful parishioner dies, some families bypass having a Funeral Mass, sometimes just opting for a prayer service at the funeral home or at the gravesite, or nothing at all. Though any offering of prayer



is a sign of love, affection and respect for one who has died, Holy Mother Church has more in mind for the final rites of us Catholics when we pass from this world.

Now, some of you might be wondering why some families might opt not to have a Funeral Mass. Some possible reasons are: our culture's unease with suffering and death; the reality of families no longer living in close proximity to each other; some family members not being Catholic, or having an animosity to the Faith; the unfortunate economic pressure from within the funeral industry itself for that which is quicker and cheaper; and finally, the loss of the value of prayer and the Sacred Tradition that has been entrusted to us.

Whether it is in this life, or once we pass from this life and await the final judgment, we are all in need of each other's prayers and the prayers of the Church! The funeral rites of the Church have great spiritual value for the loved one who has died as well as for those who are mourning. Having a Funeral Mass is a final act of love

and respect offered on behalf of the one who has died.

Let me reiterate a consistent teaching of the Catholic Church: There is inestimable value in the offering of Holy Mass. Whether there are 200 or 2 people present for the offering of a Mass, the power and merits of the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ being made sacramentally present is beyond measure.

The Funeral Mass and its associated rituals are among the most significant in the Church, as they speak on a variety of levels: for the deceased, as well as the family and friends of those who are left in sorrow. The Funeral Mass is so much more than just a remembrance of a person or just a "celebration of life" — for we pray that the merits won for us by our Lord Jesus on His cross be applied to the deceased. We pray that all their sins be forgiven and that, through God's abundant mercy, they come to share in the divine life of heaven.

The Funeral Mass — through the words of Sacred Scripture, the prayers and

rites of Holy Mass, complimented by the chants and music proper to the Sacred Liturgy — reminds us all that the grave is not the final and definitive word. Death has been overcome not just by wishful thinking, but only by the death and resurrection of Christ.

More often than not, the Funeral Mass brings comfort and strength, as well as a sense of closure to mourners, even if they are not people of faith. Our Lord Jesus desires to strengthen all those who mourn and give the gift of His peace in the midst of loss.

And so, make known to your family and friends your desire for a Funeral Mass celebrated in your parish church when the Lord calls you forth from this life.

Have a conversation about your last wishes with your parish priest. Write it down and keep a copy among the important papers that your family will review at the time of your death.

Our Catholic faith has a long and wonderful tradition of having Masses offered for our loved ones living and deceased. If you wish to have a Mass or Masses offered for a loved one, contact your parish office.

Fr. Secrist is pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City.

PRATT

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ical experience, where what is learned can meet what is happening in today's world of healthcare.

With a first doctorate in genetics, Paul Scherz, associate professor of moral theology at The Catholic University of America, is an example of someone who chose medical ethics as a second career.

Scherz said, "There were all kinds of ethical debates in the first (area). I wanted to bring the theological end into these problems and use my expertise to engage in the debates."

The field of Catholic medical ethics is not easy, said Scherz. "Moral theology questions are tough questions."

But the ability to combine ethics, faith and a heart for healthcare can be powerful.

"Catholic health care is a ministry, too," said Scherz. "It's not just a delivery of medical services."

Information about programs and careers in Catholic healthcare ethics is available at chusa.org/ethics/overview. A collaboration between the CHA, The Catholic University of America and Georgetown University offers a certificate and a master's degree in clinical Catholic health care ethics, entirely online: trs.catholic.edu/academics/online/certificate-in-catholic-clinical-ethics/index.html.

Pratt's website is maureenpratt.com.

Anniversaries

Argyle, St. Aloysius

Alvin & Carol Wieberg, 36 years
Gerald & Darla Schwartz, 31 years
Patrick & Holly Wulff, 12 years
Chris & Tiffany Shanks, 10 years

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul

Bob & Doris Stoecklein, 66 years
Roy & Pearl Holliday, 62 years
Herman & Betty Gerke, 61 years
Wayne & Sharon Lammers, 52 years
Joe & Linda Young, 52 years
Robert & Linda Horst, 47 years
Jack & Mary McCush, 47 years
Dale & Roz Gordon, 46 years
Randy & Lila Huebert, 46 years
Donald & Jill Campbell, 44 years
Eddie & Paul Wiemholt, 43 years
Scott & Dianne Jackson, 41 years
Jerry & Debra Rapp, 41 years
David & Cindy Lang, 40 years
Thomas & Cindy Larm, 38 years
Mike & Sharon Ivy, 32 years
Timothy & Susan Krumm, 29 years
Russell & Karla Lang, 28 years

Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels

Bill & Jo Ann Bauer, 55 years
Travis & Angie Otto, 20 years
Corey & Amy Neier, 11 years

California, Annunciation

J. David & Eileen Gattermeier, 55 years

Freeburg, Holy Family

Alex & Ida Dickneite, 55 years
Don & Laverne Haller, 52 years
Gary & Margie Wieberg, 46 years
Loyd & Dina Libbert, 42 years
Carl & Phyllis Sandbothe, 38 years
Ken & Barbara Welschmeyer, 36 years
Rick & Cindy Hilkemeyer, 32 years
Kevin & Christi Holterman, 31 years
Todd & Brenda Becker, 30 years
Kevin & Pam Richter, 30 years
Stephen & Julie Wieberg, 30 years
Steve & Sharon Falter, 29 years
George & Linda Iven, 29 years
Jeff & Carrie Swarthout, 26 years
Craig & Amy Reinkemeyer, 20 years
Glen & Becky Haller, 11 years

Hannibal, Holy Family

Larry & Meta Gunn, 50 years

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph

Roger & Jolyne Dunn, 57 years

Koeltztown, St. Boniface Chapel

Vince & Kathy Falter, 37 years
Dennis & Karen Meyer, 30 years

Marceline, St. Bonaventure

Jerry & Jeanine Ewigman, 65 years
Jake & Charlene Shermuly, 55 years
Roy & Joanne Palmer, 53 years
Dennis & Brenda Gladbach, 45 years
Dean & Reyna Miller, 11 years

Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception

Ron & Dianne Talley, 49 years
Randy & Nancy Hinkel, 41 years
Peter & Carolyn O'Fallon, 39 years
Raymond & Chris Welker, 36 years
Landall & Angela Wessel, 14 years

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart

Jim & Debbie Boehm, 42 years
Steve & Patty Schnieders, 41 years
Steve & Joyce Boehm, 38 years
Curt & Holly Krieg, 36 years
John & Carla Lehmen, 34 years
Butch & Jill Drennen, 31 years
Leroy & Gayla Bauer, 28 years

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle
Harold & Donna Luebbering, 40 years

Unionville, St. Mary

Clark & Melba Hackney, 45 years
Mike & Kellie Purdy, 26 years

Vienna, Visitation

Karl & Carolyn Lake, 58 years
Greg & Malinda Nelson, 33 years
Ryan & Lory Hayes, 17 years

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus

Brian & Lisa Wilbers, 30 years

Westphalia, St. Joseph

Elmer & Rita Bax, 56 years
Kenny & Theresa Rehagen, 43 years
August & Janice Boessen, 43 years
Virgil & Darlene Berhorst, 43 years
Mike & Gina Heckman, 14 years
Wes & Kelly Kampeter, 14 years
Caleb & Stephanie Dake, 13 years

Marriages

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Regan Russell & Tyler Young**

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Kayla Fick & Matthew Distler**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Emily Winkelman & Joe Reinkemeyer**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Cheryl Beck & John Sanning**

Linn, St. George — **Shelby Cleveland & Derek Peters**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Danen Horseman & Robert Groose**

Mexico, St. Brendan — **Lindsey Mueller & Gabriel Jones**

Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception — **Jessmin Skaggs & Bryan Pazdera**

Palmyra, St. Joseph — **Alexis Hudson & Clay Cunningham**

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Mackenzie Kramer & Christian Brune**

Elections

Jefferson City, Helias Catholic High School — **Jeremy Kirsch, Barb Prasad**, Advisory Board members

Monroe City, Holy Rosary — **Renee Shinn, Kristin Thompson, Dr. Rodney Yager**, parish pastoral council

Names for the People Page

Information for the People Page comes from parish correspondents and individual parishioners, as well as bulletins and newspapers. Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to editor@diojeffcity.org; faxed to (573) 635-2286; or mailed to: *The Catholic Missourian*, 2207 W Main St, Jefferson City, MO 65109-0914.

Baptisms

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Hunter Eberhardt**, daughter of Richard & Katie Eberhardt

California, Annunciation — **Emerlyn Ann Hoback**, daughter of Justin & Daniella Hoback; **Lane Michael Schuman**, son of Brian & Michelle Schuman

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Auburn Elizabeth** and **Collins Alivia Wilson**, children of Ryne Wilson & Julie Daniel

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Cyrus Irminger**, son of Travis & Tiffanie Irminger; **Aliyah Reed**, daughter of Shelton Reed & Anna Schneider

Indian Creek, St. Stephen — **Knox William Smith**, son of Sam & Talley Smith

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Juniper Joyce Anderson**, daughter of Joshua & Skylar Anderson

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Maddy Grace Carr**

Linn, St. George — **Kain Michael Peters**, son of Adam & Kaitlyn Peters

Macon, Immaculate Conception — **Nolan Thomas Main**, son of Jared & Erin Main

Marceline, St. Bonaventure — **Lehuamaoliola Lei Nami Fay-Marie Schmitt**, daughter of Peter & Ana Schmitt

Marshall, St. Peter — **Carlos Gael Reyes**, son of Carlos Reyes & Patricia Garcia

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Ava Lynn Beamer**, daughter of Zachary & Johanna Beamer

St. Martins, St. Martins — **Piper Anne Wildhaber**, daughter of Adam & Jeri Wildhaber

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Abigail Luebbering**, daughter of Brian & Katie Luebbering

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Jaxon Lee Helton**, son of Casey & Aleesa Helton; **Ave Rose Wieberg**, daughter of Curtis & Deann Wieberg

Deaths

Sister Jeanne Marie Meurer, 90 — (formerly Sister Mary Christopher) of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary who served on the Missouri State Board of Nursing in Jefferson City from 1993-96 & taught at the University of Missouri-Columbia — on Sept. 11 at The Sarah Community in Bridgeton

Sister Mary Ellen Jones, 92 — of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who previously taught at Immaculate Conception School in Montgomery City — on Sept. 9 at Nazareth Living Center in south St. Louis County

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Nancee Waibel**

Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels — **Henry J. Kleffner**

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians — **Francis E. "Gene" Vocks**

Fulton, St. Peter — **Lorene C. Brondel**

Hermann, St. George — **Clara Winkelmann**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Tracey Wetzel**

Hurricane Branch, St. Joseph — **Mary E. Speichinger**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Dean E. Burrows**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Nicholas M. Monaco**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Frederick P. Rademan**

Kirkville, Mary Immaculate — **C.A. Pack**

Laurie, St. Patrick — **Myra L. Brazie**

Marceline, St. Boniface — **Zelma Delaney**

Marshall, St. Peter — **Joe Carroll**

Mexico, St. Brendan — **Veneata Eikel**

St. Clement, St. Clement — **Diana F. Korte**

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Bertha K. Verslues**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Greg J. Backes, Jeanine G. Lutz**

Vienna, Visitation — **Frances M. Kaiser**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Gary W. Poff**

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels — **Raymond F. "Punch" Long**

Birthdays

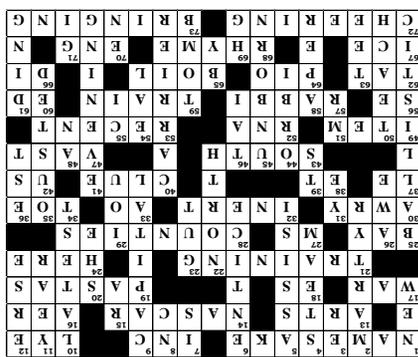
Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Lillian Falter**, her 93rd on Oct. 18

Pilot Grove, St. Joseph — **Ralph Twenter**, his 90th on Nov. 3

St. Anthony, St. Anthony of Padua — **Rose Gudeman**, her 92nd on Oct. 31

Shelbina, St. Mary — **Mary Winkler**, her 91st on Oct. 25

Crossword puzzle answers



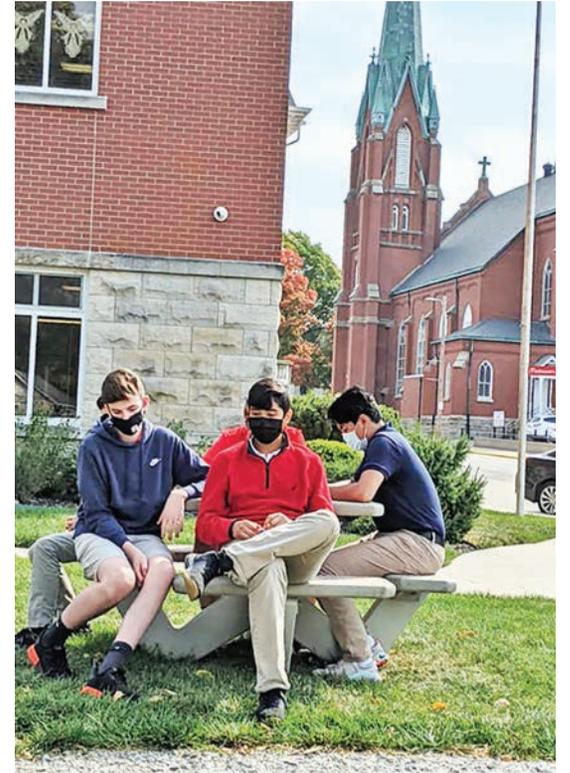
Blessing of the pets in Loose Creek



Father Anthony Rinaldo, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek and St. Louis of France Parish in Bonnots Mill, blesses pets at Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek on Oct. 3, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

— Photo from the IC Parish Loose Creek, MO Facebook page

Sunlight Rosary



Students of Sacred Heart School in Sedalia take advantage of the warm weather on Oct. 7 to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary by praying the Rosary outside.

— Photo from the Sacred Heart School, Sedalia, MO Facebook page

Cease fire!



Personnel from the Regional West Fire Protection District help students of St. Martin School in St. Martins celebrate Fire Prevention Week on Oct. 8.

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



A visit from some local heroes



Although COVID-19 kept them from getting to tour the firehouse this year, students of St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City had a fun time learning fire safety from members of the Jefferson City Fire Department on Oct. 6.

— Photo from the St. Joseph Cathedral School Facebook page

Staying safe on the farm



Third- and fourth-graders from St. Joseph School in Martinsburg participate in the Farm Safety Day hosted by the Community R6 FFA.

— Photo by Patty Fennewald

Jesus cleanses the Temple in Jerusalem

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

At the beginning of His earthly ministry, Jesus revealed His glory through signs in Cana, and His apostles began to believe in Him.

Soon after, Jesus traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover.

He visited the Temple, which was very busy and crowded, because Jews from many different nations had come to Jerusalem for the Passover.

When He entered the Temple area, He saw a surprising and disturbing sight.

There were businesspeople all over the Temple area who were selling high-priced oxen, sheep and doves for worshippers to purchase if they did not bring their own animals to sac-



rifice to God. Money-changers also were seated at nearby tables, waiting to charge people high prices to exchange their foreign currency for local money.

Jesus was very upset that such business transactions were taking place in His Father's house.

He made a whip out of cords and approached the

businesspeople and money-changers.

Jesus used the whip to drive those selling sheep and oxen out of the Temple area. He also spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

Jesus looked at the people selling doves.

"Take these out of here, and stop making My Father's house a marketplace," He demanded.

As Jesus was doing this, His apostles recalled words from Psalm 69:10: "Zeal for your house has consumed Me."

The Jews looked at what Jesus had done.

"What sign can you show us for doing this?" they wanted to know.

Jesus looked at them.

"Destroy this temple, and in

three days I will raise it up," He said.

"This Temple has been under construction for 46 years," the Jews replied, "and you will raise it up in three days?"

But Jesus was not talking about the Temple building, but rather the temple of His Body.

So, when Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day after His crucifixion, His apostles remembered what Jesus had said when He cleansed the Temple. They believed the Scriptures and the words Jesus had spoken.

Read more about it...

John 2

1. Where did Jesus go to celebrate the Passover?

2. What activities did Jesus see taking place in the Temple?

Bible Accent

What was one of the signs in Cana that revealed Jesus' glory?

In John 2:1-12, we read that Jesus, His apostles and His mother, Mary, were invited to a wedding feast in Cana.

During the feast, Mary noticed that the wine had run out. She decided to let her Son know about it.

"They have no wine," she told Jesus.

Jesus looked at His mother.

"Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come," He replied.

Mary approached the servers. "Do whatever He tells

you," she said.

Jesus walked up to six stone jars that were capable of holding 20 to 30 gallons of water.

"Fill the jars with water," Jesus told the servers.

When the servers had filled the jars, Jesus told them to draw out some of the liquid and take it to the headwaiter.

The servers offered the headwaiter the liquid they had removed from one of the stone jars. Jesus had turned the water into wine.

When the headwaiter tasted the water that had turned into wine, he was very pleased.

The headwaiter called the

bridegroom.

"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now," the impressed headwaiter said.

Turning water into wine marked the beginning of Jesus' signs in Cana in Galilee, and His apostles began to believe in Him.

Essay

What would you have done if you had seen the house of God turned into a marketplace?

Puzzle

Unscramble the words and arrange them to form a quotation from the Bible Accent.

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Sentence:



Answers: tells, do, you, whatever, he: Do whatever he tells you.

Saint Spotlight



According to legend, St. Cecilia was a Roman Christian who lived in the third century. She was betrothed to a man named Valerian, whom she persuaded to convert to Christianity. His brother, Tiburtius, also converted. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for their faith. Cecilia was as well after refusing to take part in an idolatrous act. We remember Cecilia Nov. 22.



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Director says humanity is real star of 'Francesco' documentary

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

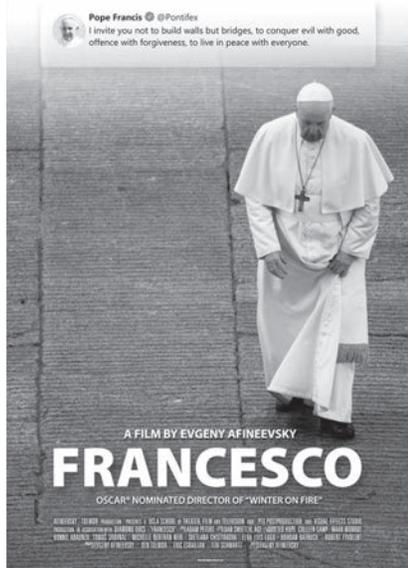
Although his film is called "Francesco," director Evgeny Afineevsky said the main character of his new documentary "is us, humanity," and Pope Francis simply is the one "trying to point us in the right direction."

Describing himself as "a Jewish boy" initially reluctant to do a film about the pope, Afineevsky said he was looking for a subject that would give him "hope and light" after he finished "Cries from Syria," a 2017 documentary about the war.

"Francesco," featuring Pope Francis, debuted at the virtual Rome Film Festival Oct. 21.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Afineevsky said it is not the film he started making in 2018, but the global crisis underscored the director's main message and provided stark and startling images to drive his point home.

The "zombie towns" created by severe pandemic lockdowns, environmental degradation, immigration and the clerical sexual abuse crisis recur throughout the film.



"It is a story of humanity, which is failing these days," Afineevsky told Catholic News Service before the film's debut.

And he sees Pope Francis as someone, "who, through the lessons of his life, has learned a lot from his mistakes and is trying to point us in the right direction."

Without setting out to do so, Afineevsky has made an allegory to illustrate the main points of Pope Francis' new encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship."

Many of the crises discussed in the encyclical are grappled

with in the film, but even more striking is the film's illustration of the power of seeing each person as a brother or sister and listening to, learning from, respecting that person and extending a helping hand.

The director said he sees Pope Francis "as an amazing, humble human being who is a perfect role model for older and for younger people" at a time when "we have lost a moral compass."

Being a perfect role model does not mean being perfect, however.

The film is punctuated by the story of how the clerical sexual abuse crisis in Chile unfolded. Afineevsky includes clips from the pope's 2018 trip to the country, his cool reception there and his remarks to reporters that survivors reporting abuse had lied.

Through interviews with Juan Carlos Cruz, one of those survivors, and with Archbishop Charles Scicluna, the abuse investigator at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the film shows how Pope Francis began to understand he was wrong and took steps to become informed, apologize and take action.

"We've seen a leader who knows how to learn and that's a beautiful thing," the director said.

The #MeToo movement showed that the same kind of learning needs to take place in the entertainment industry and

Movie Ratings



Adults and Adolescents

Pray: The Story of Patrick Peyton (PG)
The War With Grandpa (PG)



Adults

Honest Thief adults (PG-13)
Rebecca adults (PG-13)
The Trial of the Chicago 7 (R)
Yellow Rose (PG-13)



Limited Adult Audience

Antebellum (R)
The Devil All the Time (R)
Infidel (R)



Morally Offensive

Borat Subsequent Moviefilm (R)
The Boys in the Band (R)
The Broken Hearts Gallery (PG-13)
Kajillionaire (R)

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in society at large, Afineevsky said.

A willingness to listen, recognize another's pain and take steps to help also are virtues Afineevsky said he hopes to promote in relation to other pressing crises: the need to protect the environment, welcome and integrate refugees, safeguard human rights and end wars — all themes present in the words and actions of the pope and in the film.

The director interviewed more than 50 people for the film not so much to have them

explain who Pope Francis is, he said, but to have them help illustrate the qualities Pope Francis has that can help the world. He also did two sit-down interviews with Pope Francis, although he used only a few clips from those encounters.

In one of the clips, the pope insists that gay people "are children of God," who deserve love and the care of the Church. As he did in a 2014 interview with the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* and in a 2017 book of interviews with Dominique

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Exploring biblical roots of papal authority

By Brad Berhorst

I recently finished reading Joe Heschmeyer's new book, *Pope Peter: Defending the Church's Most Distinctive Doctrine in a Time of Crisis*.

While it is less directly about the nature of papal authority than it is about the biblical roots of a Catholic understanding of the papacy, if I read his introduction correctly, it was a book at least partially occasioned by questions about the nature of papal authority.

I find it, therefore, a timely treatment of the subject, which I especially liked because of its engagement with some mainstream Protestant and Orthodox thought.

To my fellow priests, I'd also add it's a good source for some real gold on the Petrine passages in the Gospels.

Fr. Berhorst, a priest of the Jefferson City diocese, is studying canon law at The Catholic University of America.

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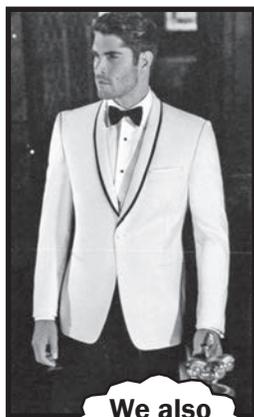
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FRATELLI TUTTI

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They are capable of causing great harm unless nations and people of faith work together to keep them in check.

The Pope points out that migration and the related conflicts and disruptions are as old as human history.

While affirming the legitimacy and necessity of national borders and authority, the Pope emphasizes that human rights come not from governments but from God.

Nations throughout the world must therefore agree to uphold those rights.

"The encyclical is very clear in saying we need to look at immigration on a global state and not just on what's good for my country or what my country needs," Msgr. Makarewicz noted.

And while clearly upholding the right to public property, the pope reminds the faithful that "the right to property is secondary to the universal destination of goods of this earth for the common good," the priest said.

In other words, as Pope Francis and his predecessors have stated repeatedly, economies must serve people, not the other way around.

These are moral, not ideological issues, the pope insists.

Free from fear

Msgr. Makarewicz said Pope Francis's insights are reminiscent of St. Therese of Lisieux,

who stated that the best way to get to heaven is to live as if you're already in heaven — namely, in communion with all humanity.

Such a way of living has overwhelming power to lead people to Christ.

"So St. Francis is the perfect model for our times," said Msgr. Makarewicz. "We might be amazed at what he was able to accomplish in his short life and the inspiration he has provided for so many generations of Christians and non-Christians alike."

Mindful that it has been subject to criticism in popular media, Msgr. Makarewicz encourages Catholics to read the entire encyclical for themselves.

He hopes prayer groups and other circles of friends and acquaintances will discuss the document and concrete ways to put the pope's teaching into practice.

He pointed out that all Christians are being called to the degree of ongoing conversion that St. Francis consented to experiencing throughout his life.

"The change we wish to happen in the world must begin with a change in our own hearts," the priest declared, "where the love of God casts out all fear and impels us to share that love with all our brothers and sisters in this world."

The full document be found by searching "*Fratelli Tutti*" at vatican.va.

PROTECTING

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She emphasized that united vigilance among all the faithful is an essential part of keeping children safe.

"Many parents simply don't know how to recognize the behavior patterns of people who are seeking to abuse children," she noted. "The training we provide helps them identify that."

She noted that when everyone agrees to learn and abide by a clear set of sensible rules, the people who think the rules do not apply to them tend to stand out.

"It's up to all of us to identify the people who continue to do things that put children at risk," she said. "We do it together."

Bishop McKnight said the People of God can settle for nothing less than the safest environments for children and young people.

"Any sacrifice or inconvenience we as adults accept

together is worth it," he said. "Jesus Himself identified with the least among us. In doing so, He held us to the absolute highest standard for youth protection."

The full text of the diocese's updated Policy on the Protection of Children and Young People can be found online at diojeffcity.org/SafeEnvironment.

FRANCESCO

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Wolton, a French sociologist, Pope Francis insisted "marriage" can only be between one man and one woman.

But he also said in the interviews and in the film that "civil unions" may be an appropriate way to protect the legal rights of gay people in committed relationships.

The film begins and ends with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square — on March 27 when he prayed in the rain for an end to the pandemic and March 13, 2013, when he greeted the crowd standing in the rain im-

mediately after his election.

"That's when he began his journey as pope and that's where we are in the journey right now," the director said.

"Through this contrast, through these images that are shockingly strong for the viewer, I want to make people understand" that, as Pope Francis often says, the crisis is also an opportunity for people to change the way they are living and interacting with each other.

Afineevsky uses another image from the pandemic lockdown as a sign of hope: people

Daily Readings

Sunday, Nov 1

ALL SAINTS
Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps. 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 Jn. 3:1-3
Mt. 5:1-12a

Monday, Nov 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Wis. 3:1-9
Ps. 23:1-3-6
Rom. 6:3-9
Jn. 6:37-40

Tuesday, Nov 3

St. Martin de Porres, religious
Phil. 2:5-11
Ps. 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32
Lk. 14:15-24

Wednesday, Nov 4

St. Charles Borromeo, bishop
Phil. 2:12-18
Ps. 27:1, 4, 13-14
Lk. 14:25-33

Thursday, Nov 5

Phil. 3:3-8a
Ps. 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Lk. 15:1-10

Friday, Nov 6

Phil. 3:17-4:1
Ps. 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Lk. 16:1-8

Saturday, Nov 7

Phil. 4:10-19
Ps. 112:1B-2, 5-6, 8a, 9
Lk. 16:9-15

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for November:
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Sunday, Nov 8

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis. 6:12-16
Ps. 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Mt. 25:1-13

Monday, Nov 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Cor. 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn. 2:13-22

Tuesday, Nov 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope and doctor of the Church
Ti. 2:1-8, 11-14
Ps. 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29
Lk. 17:7-10

Wednesday, Nov 11

St. Martin of Tours, bishop
Ti. 3:1-7
Ps. 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6
Lk. 17:11-19

Thursday, Nov 12

St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr
Phlm. 7-20
Ps. 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Lk. 17:20-25

Friday, Nov 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin (USA)
2 Jn. 4-9
Ps. 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18
Lk. 17:26-37

Saturday, Nov 14

3 Jn. 5-8
Ps. 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Lk. 18:1-8

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in cities all over the world standing on their balconies or front porches applauding health care and other essential workers.

The applause shows that people still are capable of appreciating the action of strangers, he said, and that even in a divided world, there are good things that bring people to-

gether.

Afineevsky described himself as "a nonbeliever fascinated by someone who does not put labels on people" but looks at them and embraces them as a brother or sister.

"He's saying that together we can make a difference," the director said. "It is a call to action, and that gives me hope."



Memorial to the Innocents

A Memorial to the Innocents, made up of white crosses arranged in the shape of a cross, adorns the lawn outside Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Cole Camp during October, which Catholics in the United States observe as Respect Life Month, as well as the Month of the Rosary. The memorial is a reminder to pray for an end to abortion.

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