



Pope Francis addresses U.S. bishops at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington Sept. 23.

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BRING HOPE

Pope to Congress: Stop bickering, world needs your help

By Cindy Wooden

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The past, the promise and the potential of the United States must not be smothered by bickering and even hatred at a time when the U.S. people and indeed the world need a helping hand, Pope Francis told the U.S. Congress.

Making history by being the first pope ever to address a joint meeting of Congress, Pope Francis was introduced to the legislators by the House sergeant at arms Sept. 24 as: "Mr. Speaker, the pope of the Holy See."

The pope introduced himself, though, as a son of the American continent, who had been blessed by the "new world" and felt a responsibility toward it.

In a long speech, he gave the sense that he sees the United States as a country divided, one so focused on calling each other names that it risks losing sight of how impressive it can be when its people come together for the common good. That is when it is a beacon of hope for the world, he said.

Pope Francis condemned legalized abortion, the death penalty and unscrupulous weapons sales. He called on Congress to "seize the moment" by moving forward with normalizing relations with Cuba. And, again referring to himself as a "son of immigrants" — and pointing out that many of the legislators are, too — he pleaded for greater openness to accepting immigrants.

A reporter had asked the pope in July about why he spoke so much about the poor and about the rich, but rarely about the lives and struggles of the hard-working, tax-paying middle class. The result of a papal promise to correct that was the speech to Congress and through Congress to the American people.

"I would like to take this opportunity to dialogue with the many thousands of men and women who strive each day to do an honest day's work, to bring home their daily bread, to save money and — one step at a time — to build a better life for their families," the pope

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Bishop McManus says pope's zeal is an example to U.S. bishops

By Tanya Connor

"It's been wonderful, absolutely wonderful!"

That's how Bishop McManus started his account of being with Pope Francis in Washington, D.C., as he spoke with The Catholic Free Press by telephone Thursday morning.

"The excitement in the city of Washington was palpable," he said.

It started before he got there, as strangers in T.F. Green Airport in Providence asked if he was going to see the pope and requested his prayers, he said. And the stewardess commented, "Oh what a privilege!"

At St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington, Pope Francis gave a beautiful address to the United States bishops, Bishop McManus said. He said as a bishop he found the Holy

Father's words powerful; he assured the bishops he's walking with them and recommended that they be courageous and welcome immigrants.

"His pastoral zeal really is an example to us bishops and priests," Bishop McManus said. "It was like a 12-hour retreat, just listening to his message, his emphasis on joy and hope. We get bogged down in the complexities of running a diocese, a parish."

The pope was a good example for a bishop "to stand with his priests and support them, especially when they need it most," he said.

At the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where the bishops vested for the canonization of Junipero Serra, there were "university kids all over,"

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Be shepherds concerned only for God and others, pope tells bishops

By Cindy Wooden

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Acknowledging the real challenges and burdens the U.S. bishops face in their ministry, Pope Francis shared with them his own experience as a pastor and urged them to keep their eyes focused on Jesus and their hearts open to others.

"Woe to us," he said, "if we make of the cross a banner of worldly struggles and fail to realize that the price of lasting victory is allowing ourselves to be wounded and consumed."

The 78-year-old pope met the U.S. bishops Sept. 23 in Washington's Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle for midday prayer. His speech to them, delivered in Italian, was expected to be among the longest of those he would give in the United

States.

"I did not come to judge you or to lecture," the pope said, but he wanted to address the bishops "as a brother among brothers, "one who served as archbishop of a large, diverse archdiocese and now, "in old age," is called to encourage Catholics around the world.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, president of the U.S. bishops' conference, welcomed Pope Francis, telling him, "Your humble witness that no one is beyond the healing power of Christ's mercy and love energizes the church. True to our heritage, we seek to spread the Good News so that each human life is cherished and given an opportunity to flourish."

The pope also was welcomed by

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World Capsules

Filipinos warned against promoting 'miracles'

MANILA, Philippines (CNS) – Philippine church leaders have warned the faithful against making money out of reported "miracles" and "apparitions" of Mary.

Father Melvin Castro, director general of the Confraternity of Mary Mediatrix of All Grace, noted that stories of weeping images of the Jesus' mother had surfaced in the media.

The stories followed a church declaration that a reported apparition of the Mary in the province of Batangas in 1948 has a "supernatural character."

On Sept. 12, Archbishop Ramon Arguelles of Lipa, Philippines, issued a decree declaring "with moral certainty" that the events of 1948 were "worthy of belief," ucanews.com reported.

"It's possible that some people think that this is some sort of fad that they should join in, but people should also be discerning," Father Castro said.

The priest told reporters Sept. 16 that what

was recognized by the church was the event that took place in 1948 that is "beyond any statue or picture."

Retired Archbishop Oscar Cruz of Lingayen-Dagupan, Philippines, advised the faithful to carefully consider the reports.

"Hopefully, there would be no individuals who would make money out of it by producing this item or image, medals, candles left and right for business," he said.

Archbishop Cruz explained that the church is careful in declaring as authentic so-called miracles because once these are proven false, it will negatively affect the faithful.

Evidence must be gathered and sent to Vatican officials, who in turn will send experts to conduct interviews and gather empirical data.

Father Castro said the Vatican usually respects what a local bishop says. "If the Vatican will not reject it, that's already a silent confirmation," the priest said.

Pope: It's disgraceful people forced onto streets

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – It's a disgrace that children live on the streets and young girls and women are forced into prostitution, especially in societies that claim to be highly developed and cultured, Pope Francis said.

"Every child abandoned or forced to live on the streets, at the mercy of criminal organizations, is a cry rising up to God," he said.

It is a cry of accusation "against a social system that we have criticized for decades but that we struggle to change," he said in an audience Sept. 17 to participants of an international symposium on the pastoral care of people on the street. The Sept. 13-17 symposium was sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers.

"It is troubling to see the increasing number of young girls and women forced to earn a living on the street by selling their own bodies, victims of exploitation by criminal organizations and at times by parents and family members," he said.

Such a situation "is a disgrace in our societies, which boast of being modern and having achieved high levels of culture and development," he added.

The pope said Christians must be involved in helping innocent people forced onto the streets by safeguarding their dignity and bringing "the goodness and the tenderness of God" to them.

U.S. Jesuit scientist to head Vatican Observatory

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis named U.S. Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno to be the new director of the Vatican Observatory.

He replaces Argentine Jesuit Father Jose Funes, 52, who has been on the staff of the observatory since 2000 and had been its director since 2006. The Vatican made the announcement Sept. 18.

Brother Consolmagno is a planetary scientist who has studied meteorites and asteroids as an astronomer with the Vatican Observatory since 1993.

He had been serving as president of the Vatican Observatory Foundation, coordinator of public relations and curator of the Vatican meteorite collection in Castel Gandolfo, one of the largest in the world.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brother Consolmagno was a post-doctorate lecturer at Harvard College Observatory and at M.I.T. before serving in the U.S. Peace Corps in Kenya where he taught physics and astronomy. He entered the Jesuit order in 1989 when he was in his late 30s.

His research focuses on meteorites, asteroids and the origin and evolution of small bodies in the solar system.

He was honored for his work by the International Astronomical Union in 2000 with the naming of an asteroid after him, the "4597 Consolmagno," a small, 12-mile-wide rock orbiting near the sun.

Author of numerous books on science and faith, he received the prestigious Carl Sagan Medal in 2014 for his ability to communicate accurately and clearly the discoveries of planetary science to the general public.

The same day the Vatican announced Brother Consolmagno's appointment, Pope Francis met with the observatory staff and guests taking part in a special symposium sponsored by the papal astronomers.

"The church urgently needs religious who dedicate their lives to being on the very frontiers between faith and human knowledge, faith and modern science," the pope told the group.

Chinese Catholics to protest Xi, welcome pope

HONG KONG (CNS) – Chinese Catholics in the United States planned to protest outside the Chinese consulate in New York Sept. 22, the first day of Chinese President Xi Jinping's U.S. visit.

UCanews.com reported that the immigrants – who live in New York – said they are discontent with the deteriorating religious situation in China.

"Our action is to show our solidarity to the Christian brothers and sisters in China," Xu Kewang, one of the Chinese Catholics, told ucanews.com.

More than 1,200 church crosses had been removed in Zhejiang since late 2013. Though the cross-removal campaign shows signs of easing, provincial authorities have begun a crackdown on lawyers and church leaders seeking to put a stop to the campaign through legal means.

At the same time, authorities want to introduce administrative punishments for so-

called offenses carried out by Christians in Zhejiang, where there are an estimated 2 million Catholics.

The Chinese immigrants have prepared placards demanding the "release of detained clergy," and an end to religious persecution.

"Our protesting group is just a small one because some Chinese parishioners are timid. They fear retaliation when they return to China," Xu said.

Besides Xu and his fellow parishioners, other concerned groups are also pressuring the U.S. government to address China's crackdown on human rights activists and lawyers and political prisoners, including Bishop James Su Zhimin of Baoding.

The Catholic bishop, who has been missing since 1997, is one of the 20 dissidents and religious figures featured in the "Free China's Heroes" campaign spearheaded by Sen. Marco Rubio, a Republican from Florida, head of the U.S. congressional commission on China.

Parents of missing Mexican students appeal to pope

MEXICO CITY (CNS) – Peasant farmer Emiliano Navarrete lost his son one year ago, in an attack on 43 teacher trainees in southern Guerrero state. He still holds out hope that his son, Jose Angel Navarrete, 18, and his classmates are alive, even though Mexican investigators insist the 43 young men were kidnapped and killed by police acting in cahoots with criminals, while their bodies were burned in a landfill.

"There were never searches done as they should have been done," said Navarrete, secretary-general of a parents' support group, echoing one of the reasons the families continue protesting. "The government didn't seem to care."

Parents and classmates of the missing students have expressed dissatisfaction with the official investigation and what they say is indifference and incompetence on the part of police, public officials and politicians. They've taken their cause abroad as protests in Mexico peter

out and the Mexican government tries to turn the page on a crime that sullied the country's international image and sent the president's popularity plummeting.

Now they're seeking intervention from an especially influential source: Pope Francis, whose Sept. 26-27 trip to Philadelphia coincides with the anniversary of the attacks, which left six students and bystanders dead and 43 more missing.

"Our sons are innocent victims," Navarrete said. "Perhaps (the pope) could do something for us ... could help us pressure the Mexican government."

"The object of this trip is to inform the pope and people of good conscience in the world of the human rights crisis and loss of credibility of the Mexican government in the face of the preliminary report from the (international) experts," read a Sept. 14 letter to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. There is no confirmation of an encounter with the pope.



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People cheer as Pope Francis drives past in El Cobre, Cuba, Sept. 21. The pope visited and prayed at the shrine in El Cobre dedicated to Our Lady of Charity, patroness of Cuba.

Pope calls for 'revolution of tenderness' in Cuba

By Cindy Wooden

SANTIAGO, Cuba (CNS) – Pope Francis called Cubans to a "revolution of tenderness" as he celebrated Mass in the Minor Basilica of the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, the country's patroness.

While only about 60 percent of Cubans are baptized Catholics, the little statue of Our Lady of Charity, discovered 400 years ago, is also a widely recognized symbol of Cuban identity and of strength despite struggle.

Archbishop Dionisio Garcia Ibanez of Santiago, president of the Cuban bishops' conference, told the pope at the end of Mass, "Believers and nonbelievers consider her a clear symbol of Cuban identity because in her we see reflected the greatness yearnings and aspirations of our people."

Celebrating Mass early Sept. 22 – just a few hours before he was scheduled to fly to Washington – Pope Francis told Cubans, "Our revolution comes about through tenderness, through the joy which always becomes closeness and compassion, and leads us to get involved in and to serve the life of others."

Like Mary, who made haste to visit her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, the Catholic Church wants to be with Cubans in their state of hope and expectation, "to build bridges, to break down walls, to sow seeds of reconciliation," the pope said.

In the hours before Mass as the sun rose and roosters

crowded, residents began to line the streets of El Cobre, a small town outside of Santiago.

"It's important that he's coming here because Pope Benedict and Pope John Paul (II) were also here. For us, it's an honor that the pope continues to recognize us," said Carlos Anaya as he leaned against a wooden barrier on the sidewalk.

Just before 8 a.m., Pope Francis circled the grounds of the shrine, where several hundred people gathered wearing white baseball hats that were handed out at the entrance and chanted "Francisco! Francisco!"

"To be able to see him this close, it's amazing. It makes me feel hopeful," said Oleydis Gonzalez, who stood near the back of the crowd and tried to record Pope Francis on a smartphone.

The crowd waved Cuban flags and cooled themselves with hand fans that depicted Pope Francis waving while standing in front of a Cuban flag. But there was little of the fanfare that greeted Pope Francis in Havana and Holguin. At least 250 chairs in the back of the outdoor viewing sat empty.

Cuban President Raul Castro was present for Mass in the shrine; he also attended the Masses that the pope celebrated earlier in Havana and Holguin.

Throughout his Sept. 19-22 stay in Cuba, Pope Francis preached the need to continue the official dialogue between the United States and Cuba, to heal hurt feelings existing between those who stayed in

Cuba and those who emigrated and to ensure the nation's future – no matter its economic and political system – is marked by concern for the weakest and poorest members of society.

During the Mass in the packed shrine – and with thousands watching from outside – Pope Francis paid special tribute to Cuba's strong and steady grandmothers. They are the ones chiefly responsible for keeping the faith alive in the communist nation, he said.

The grandmothers, he said, "fostered, in the daily life of their homes, the living presence of God, the presence of the Father who liberates, strengthens, heals, grants courage and serves as a sure refuge and the sign of a new resurrection."

Grandmothers and mothers "kept open a tiny space" through which the Holy Spirit "continued to accompany the heartbeat of this people," the pope said.

The faith of Cubans, even if it is "small as a mustard seed," is ready to grow, he said.

At the end of the Mass, Pope Francis officially opened the celebration of a jubilee year to mark the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV proclaiming Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre the patroness of Cuba. The celebrations will continue through Sept. 24, 2016.



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Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini, 69, called a 'priests' priest'

Bishop McManus was celebrant at a Mass of Christian burial Monday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Ann Church for Msgr. Rocco M. Piccolomini, 69, who died Sept. 18 at Saint Vincent Hospital.

Burial was in St. Leo Cemetery, Leominster.

In his homily, Bishop McManus said Msgr. Piccolomini's life was defined by three characteristics - love for the priesthood, pastoral care for the sick and elderly and a simple lifestyle.

He said that in his 30 years as a priest the monsignor was, in a real sense, "a priests' priest." Much of his priestly ministry was serving his fellow priests. He also was devoted to his priestly ministry to the Sisters and residents of Notre Dame du Lac, the bishop said.

He usually celebrated the 10 a.m. Mass there. The bishop said Msgr. Piccolomini told him that he prepared his daily homily well because, he said, "These Sisters are intelligent women and they deserve to hear the Word of God preached well."

He said Msgr. Piccolomini lived at 8 Wells St. in small room with "a single bed, a chest of drawers and his exercise bicycle with his over-size rosary beads hanging from the handle bars."

Bishop Reilly said Msgr. Piccolomini was "a wonderful priest, very capable and committed." He served as Bishop Reilly's secretary for several years.

"I always felt that everything was under control" when Msgr. Piccolomini was available to work with people, Bishop Reilly said.

"He was a good pastor and a wonderful preacher. We have lost a good and dedicated priest who fulfilled all the requirements of a priest," he said.

Msgr. Piccolomini was the son of Pietro and Santina (Piermarini) Piccolomini. He attended Julie Country Day School and St. Leo Elementary School in Leominster and graduated from Notre Dame High School, Fitchburg.

He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Fitchburg State College in 1968. From 1967 to 1975 he was an actor and later associate producer at Eugene S. Cassassa's High Tor Summer Theater.

He taught in the Leominster school system from 1968 to 1970 and again in 1980 and 1981. He taught at Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg from

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Msgr. Edmond T. Tinsley 'touched the lives of many'

Bishop McManus will be principal celebrant in a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. John Church for Msgr. Edmond T. Tinsley, P.A., 88, who died Sept. 19 in Worcester.

Burial will be in St. John Cemetery. Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. in St. John's, 40 Temple St., followed by a vigil service.

In a joint statement, Sister Carol Kell, Sister Janet Ballentine, and Sister Mary Barry, Sisters of Mercy who worked with Msgr. Tinsley at the McAuley Nazareth School for Boys in Leicester for more than 50 years, said it was a blessing to have been a part of his life. "Above all, Msgr. Tinsley was a priest to his flock," they said. "He touched the lives of so many in all walks of life. It was a blessing to have been part of his life, and he continues to be a source of strength and comfort."

Msgr. Tinsley lived at Nazareth. When he and the Sisters left, they lived at 8 Berwick St., Worcester, and the Sisters cared for the monsignor until he died.

Jerome D. Jessaume, former co-director of the diocesan Office of Fiscal Affairs and now financial adviser, said he worked with Msgr. Tinsley at the Chancery for more than 10 years.

"He was the finest priest I've ever encountered," he said.

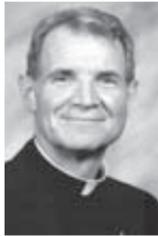
He said the monsignor was "a commanding force" in the Diocese, and "a man of great integrity."

He said that when Msgr. Tinsley delivered a message, people listened and heeded it. Msgr. Tinsley was born May 9, 1927, son of James J. and Catherine M. (Walsh)

Tinsley. He graduated from Classical High School, Worcester, where he was an All-City All Star in both basketball and baseball. He attended the College of the Holy Cross on an athletic scholarship. He prepared for the priesthood at the Seminary of Philosophy and the Grand Seminary, Montreal.

He was ordained at St. Paul Cathedral on May 19, 1951, by then Bishop John J. Wright.

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Anna Maria College community warmly welcomes new president, Mary Louise Retelle

By Tanya Connor

PAXTON – Heartfelt appreciation seemed to greet Anna Maria College's new president at every turn at her inauguration Friday. Mary Louise Retelle responded with her own warmth.

She and others spoke of retaining the college's roots as a Catholic institution inspired by Sisters of St. Anne, and preparing students for careers, service and good citizenship in today's world.

Bishop McManus preached at the inaugural Mass and blessed her at the installation ceremony, which included the presentation of the presidential medallion.

President Retelle, the first laywoman to serve as Anna Maria's president, came here in 2011 as executive vice president and was named interim president in July 2014. She'd served at State University of New York, Potsdam, from 1991-1994, then at Merrimack College in North Andover.

"Faith in our abilities to carve out a niche for this fine institution will allow us to remain entrenched in our Catholic tradition while being recognized as a relevant center of excellence, educating our students to successfully navigate" challenges the economy presents, she said.

She told students they know she encourages conversation and enjoys a good laugh, but may not know how important they and their education are to her and the college, which strives to prepare them to be successful professionals who serve the common good.

"What isn't there to like



about her?" Kolin Matthews, a senior, said to The Catholic Free Press. "We don't want anybody else to preside over the college. I was in her corner from Day 1." She has students' best interest in mind.

"I don't necessarily look at her as a president, but as a friend, and someone I could always rely on," he said.

"She's phenomenal," said Marjorie O'Reilly, a junior who is student government secretary. "She's very great to talk to and she listens to everyone, no matter who they are."

"I haven't heard a single person not excited about her as the choice" for president, said Kevin Dowd, adjunct professor of theology.

"I think she's God's answer to the needs of Anna Maria at this time, because she's a woman of great faith, trust, concern and commitment," said Sister Rose Clarisse Gadoury, a Sister of St. Anne, she serves with President Retelle on the Academic and Student Affairs/ Enrollment Committee.

"Today we offer this Mass for Mary Lou and her intentions, and we ask God to bless her with wisdom and right judgment," Bishop McManus said in the inaugural Mass homily. He said she is committing herself to work with this community to help students discover God as the source of unity of all that is true, good and beautiful. Giving greetings at the installation, Kyle P. Jameson, representing students, told President Retelle, "We entrust ourselves to you."

Faculty representative Richard Connors said he doubt-

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— MARY LOUISE RETELLE, PRESIDENT OF ANNA MARIA COLLEGE

ed that there are many inaugurations for which faculty want the president to be told how much they love her.

He said she deserves a C+ for being superior in class, charisma, caring, compassion and credibility.

In thanking those who gave greetings she mentioned his greeting from the "A+ faculty."

"Your selection has fulfilled our fondest hopes," Sister of St. Anne Rollande M. Quintal, dean of mission effectiveness, told President Retelle. She said

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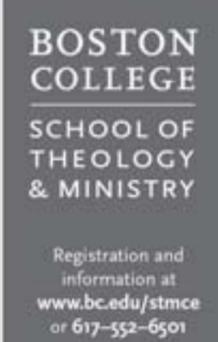
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GUEST COMMENT

Keeping the light on
for Pope Francis

This week, the people of the United States are welcoming Pope Francis during his historic visit. Many of us, Catholic or not, have been moved by his words and actions, which call on us to acknowledge and defend the inherent dignity of every human being, including immigrants and refugees, the poor and homeless, victims of environmental catastrophes, and so many others.

By Archbishop William E. Lori
chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops'
Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty

Human dignity is also why the pope has been outspoken about religious freedom. As he puts it, "In the end, what kind of dignity is there without the possibility of freely expressing one's thought or professing one's religious faith?" Religious freedom is the cornerstone of any society that acknowledges human dignity; in the United States we call it our "first freedom."

Part of the inherent dignity (and beauty) of being human is the capacity to seek truth and to live in accordance with that truth. This fundamental freedom – not only of belief and worship, but of action outside the sanctuary – is not a privilege given to citizens by the state. It is a universal human right, one that exists at all times and places, whether a state recognizes it or not.

And tragically, many do not. Across the globe, people are suffering severe religious persecution. We are horrified when we learn of violence against Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq, Syria, Kenya, Nigeria, and so many places throughout the world.

In our own country, we are thankful for our own freedom to exercise our faith without fear of violence. We are free to bring the wealth of wisdom from our religious traditions into the public square, to bear witness to the truth as we have come to understand it. We are free to express our faith openly in the form of our care for migrants, the poor, the sick, and the elderly – what we Catholics call "corporal works of mercy."

The pope recently encouraged the church in Cuba to "continue to support and encourage the Cuban people in its hopes and concerns, with the freedom and all the means needed to bring the proclamation of the kingdom to the existential peripheries of society." The legacy of religious freedom here in the U.S. – where the Church has built extensive and far-reaching charities, schools, and health care institutions over many decades – stands as a great achievement, a national treasure that we inherit not only with gratitude and joy, but a great sense of responsibility.

We must always ask ourselves: Are we doing our part to keep the beacon lit? In recent years, religious freedom in this country has come under threat, as federal, state, and local governments have sought to coerce people from all walks of life into violating their consciences....

When people are threatened by violent extremists abroad, human dignity is denied, and we should speak out for these victims, pray for them, and offer them all the humanitarian aid at our disposal. But there is something else we can do for those persecuted abroad: we can offer them hope by keeping the torch of freedom brightly lit here at home. By our standing strong for religious freedom, we can both help maintain our nation's position as a model of religious freedom and diversity, and show our solidarity with those facing far graver threats.... In this way, we have been able to offer one of our great national treasures – our heritage of religious freedom – as a gift both to Pope Francis and to the whole world.

Official

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Robert J. McManus, announced the following,

effective immediately:

REV. CONRAD S. PECEVICH, from pastor, St. Anne Parish, Southborough, to temporary medical leave;

DEACON PAUL J. REUTER, to temporary administrator, St. Anne Parish, Southborough;

REV. MICHAEL J. SHERIDAN, to sacramental minister, St. Anne Parish, Southborough;

effective October 1, 2015:

REV. CHARLES P. O. OMOLO, from associate pastor, St. Peter Parish and St. Andrew the Apostle Mission, Worcester, to associate pastor, St. George Parish, Worcester, while remaining a sacramental minister, African Community.

The Family - Nations

Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

This is our concluding reflection on marriage and the family. We are at the threshold of two beautiful and challenging events, which are directly linked to this important theme: The World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia and the Synod of Bishops here in Rome. Both are of world-wide significance, corresponding to the universal dimension of Christianity as well as the universal scope of what is fundamental and irreplaceable in the human community, namely, the family.

The current transition in civilization seems to be marked by the long-lasting effects of a society governed by economic technocracy. This subordination of ethics to the logic of profit commands substantial resources and the widespread support of the media. In this context, a new covenant between man and woman has become not only necessary, but crucial for emancipating humanity from the colonization of money. This covenant should once again guide politics, the economy and civil coexistence! It decides the habitability of the earth, the transmission of love for life, the bonds of memory and hope.

In this covenant, the familial-conjugal union of man and woman is the generative grammar, the "golden knot," we might say. The faith draws it from the wisdom of the creation of God, who has entrusted to the family, not the care of intimacy as an end in itself, but rather the exciting project of making the world "domestic." At the beginning there was the family, at the root of this world culture that saves us... saves us from many, many attacks, from so much destruction, from so many "colonizations," like that of money or of the ideologies that threaten so much of the world. The family is the basis of our defense!

We have taken our essential inspiration for these brief Wednesday reflections on the family from the biblical Word of creation. From this Word we can and we must once again draw anew abundantly and deeply. A great and very exciting undertaking awaits us. God's creation is not a mere philosophical premise: it is the universal horizon of life and of faith! There is no divine plan other than creation and its salvation. It is for the salvation of creatures – of every creature – that God became man: "for us men and for our salvation", as the Creed says. And the Risen Jesus is "the first-born of all creation" (Col 1:15).

The created world was entrusted to man and to woman: what takes place between them marks everything. Their rejection of God's blessing fatally leads them to a delirium of omnipotence that ruins everything. That is what we call "original sin." And we all bear the inheritance of this disease from birth.

Nevertheless, we are not cursed, nor are we abandoned to ourselves. The ancient account of God's first love for man and

woman already had fire written into its pages in this regard! "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed" (Gen 3:15a). These are the words God directs to the serpent deceiver, the serpent charmer! Through these words God marks woman with a protective barrier against evil, to which she can turn – if she wants – in every generation. It means that woman carries within her a secret and a special blessing, to defend His creation from the evil one! Like the Woman in the book of Revelations, who hastens to hide the child from the Dragon. And God shields her (cf. Rev 12:6).

Think what depth is opened here! There exist many stereotypes, some rather offensive, about the woman temptress who inspires evil. On the contrary, there is room for a theology of woman worthy of this blessing of God for her and for every generation!



Pope Francis greets family members while meeting the disabled during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sept. 16.

The merciful protection of God for man and woman, in every case, never fails either of them. Let us not forget this! The symbolic language of the Bible tells us that before exiling them from the Garden of Eden, God made for man and woman garments of skins, and clothed them

(cf. Gn 3:21). This act of tenderness means that in the painful consequences of our sin, God does not want us to be left naked and abandoned to our fate as sinners.

This divine tenderness, this care for us, we see incarnated in Jesus of Nazareth, son of God "born of woman" (Gal 4:4). And St Paul says ever and again: "while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). Christ, born of woman, of a woman. That is God's gentle caress upon our wounds, upon our errors, upon our sins. God loves us as we are and desires to lead us forward in this plan, and woman is the stronger one who carries this plan forward.

The promise God makes to man and woman, at the start of history, extends to all human beings, until the end of time. If we have enough faith, the families of all the nations of the earth will recognize themselves in this blessing. In every way, anyone who feels moved by this vision, whatever people, nation or religion to which they may belong, let them take up the journey with us. He and she will be our brother and sister, without having to proselytize them. Let us walk together in this blessing and in the plan of God to make us all brothers and sisters in the life of a world which moves forward and which is born from the family, from the union of man and woman.

May God bless you, families from every corner of the earth! May God bless you all! †



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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Lessons from the Rough Rider

Sitting at a writing-desk in the White House on Dec. 11, 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt was an unhappy camper. In previous letters, he addressed his correspondent as "Dear Maria." Now, it was "Mrs. Storer" who would be on the receiving end of the presidential wrath.

Maria Longworth Storer was a busybody – and a highly placed one at that. Her husband, Bellamy Storer, was close to President William McKinley, and had helped get TR appointed assistant secretary of the Navy. Bellamy Storer then served McKinley as U.S. minister to Belgium and Spain; Roosevelt, succeeding McKinley after the latter's assassination, appointed Mr. Storer U.S. minister to Austria-Hungary. But what prompted TR's fury at an old friend's wife had nothing to do with Washington-Vienna relations but with the Catholic Church: "Dear Maria" had morphed into "Mrs. Storer" because she was playing Vatican politics –

"I have now seen your letter to me sent through Mrs. Roosevelt. In it you actually propose that I ... should authorize you to go to Rome to take part in what I must call an ecclesiastical intrigue, and to drag the United States Government into it. Such a proposal is simply astounding. You say that Cardinal Merry del Val has stated that I have 'requested that two archbishops,' one [John] Farley [of New York], be made cardinals. All you had to say was that such a statement was a deliberate untruth, because you knew that I had refused to make such a request even for [John] Ireland [of St. Paul-Minneapolis]. You say in your letter, 'You can trust me.' How can you say this, when you write...a letter which if by accident published would absolutely represent, in the most mischievous manner, both me and the American Government?"

"You have no right to meddle in these matters ... [These activities are] utterly improper for...the wife of an American ambassador, and show a continued course of conduct on your part which is intolerable if your husband is to remain in the diplomatic service ... I have always positively and unequivocally

refused directly or indirectly ...to ask for the appointment of any man as Cardinal; and it would have been a gross impropriety for me to have made such a request, while it is an outrage to represent me as having, in any shape, made it."

Given the unlikelihood of Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val, a diehard conservative, supporting a red hat for Archbishop John Ireland, leader of the liberal party in the U.S. Church, we may reasonably conclude that Mrs. Storer was not only a busybody and an ecclesiastical intriguer, but an inept one. Still, what struck me about this remarkable letter – the closest a gentleman of TR's breeding could come to reading a distinguished lady the Riot Act – was the president's rectitude in refusing, as a public official, to be drawn into matters that properly belonged to the Church, and to the Church alone.

That rectitude is a virtue that might well be emulated today, and in the weeks and months following Pope Francis's pastoral visit to the United States.

Fifty-two years ago, John F. Kennedy, the first president baptized in the Catholic Church, was so nervous about anti-Catholic sentiment among voters that he refused to have his 1963 Roman visit to Pope Paul VI gazetted on the official presidential schedule; the meeting, it was said, was private. Things are different now: very different. Members of Congress think nothing of writing the pope, attempting to recruit him as a trophy chaplain for their particular legislative projects. It's true that these solons are not, to my knowledge, trying to get this, that, or the other churchman named a cardinal (or denied a red hat). But the question of rectitude remains.

Today's intrigues touch directly on the imperative of recognizing, and honoring, the uniqueness of the papal office and its integrity. A decent respect for the Bishop of Rome, who is the universal pastor of the Church and not a partisan political chaplain, suggests that all attempts to spin him for partisan point-scoring be regarded, in TR's pungent phrase, as a "gross impropriety."

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SUNDAY'S EPISTLE

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Woe to those who presume

Reading: James 5:1-6

At the conclusion of Chapter 4 of the Letter of James, the author advises against the sin of presumption. He states "you have no idea what your life will be like tomorrow. You are a puff of smoke that appears briefly and disappears." The author continues to declare "instead, you should say 'if the Lord wills it, we shall live to do this or that.'"

James 5:1-6 goes on to address the consequences of presumption. In this passage he issues a warning to those who have presumed to delay conversion and suggests that the unrepentant will be condemned.

The New Illustrated Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus defines presumption as "blind or overweening confidence or self-assertion...offensively forward or arrogant conduct of expression." The Catechism of The Catholic Church tells us that presumption is "an act or attitude opposed to the theological virtue of hope." It goes on to teach us that "presumption can take the form of trust in self without recognizing that salvation comes from God, or of an over-confidence in divine mercy."

In James 5:1-6, the author confronts members of the Church who have become falsely confident in themselves due to their wealth. Through his words, the reader comes to a deeper understanding of Jesus' own teachings concerning wealth and its dangers. In the Lucan form of the Beatitudes, Jesus adds "woes" to his teachings on true blessedness and happiness. In these "woes" Jesus teaches "woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation; Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry." These "woes" suggest that there are eternal consequences for allowing wealth to possess us and make us blind to the needs of our neighbor.

In James 5:1, the author begins by informing those possessed by wealth "come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries." These words seem to echo Jesus' Lucan Beatitude teaching on the woes of presumption associ-

ated with riches. In the next verse, the author projects for those who presume "your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten." These projections remind us of Matthew 6:19-21. Here, Jesus teaches "do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroys ..."

James 5:3 continues with the author's statement that in presuming in their wealth, the rich have "stored up treasure for the last days." The author's note concerning "the last days" speaks of final judgment. In Matthew 25: 31-46, Jesus describes general judgment which will be based on an individual's love or lack thereof which has been exercised over a lifetime. Thus, James' statement concerning storing up treasure "for the last days" is a reminder that selfishness shown towards the needy is a preparation for condemnation.

The passage continues in verses 4-5 with the author's identification of sins emerging from presumption such as fraudulent business practice and self-preoccupation. The wording of these verses calls to mind Jesus' teachings, in Matthew 20:1-16 and Luke 16:19-31. In these passages, Jesus teaches about God's just reward of salvation given to all those who are converted and about how wealth can make one blind to those in need. The passage concludes in James 5:6 wherein the author references the unjust condemnation of Jesus by those who have presumed to establish for themselves earthly security.

James 5:1-6 is helpful to our spiritual lives in that it explains to us why wealth can be detrimental to our growth in faith. It can lead us to a false sense of security in which we feel no urgency to yield to God's graces of conversion. Ultimately, an abundance of wealth can make us presume that on our own, without God, we can create for ourselves paradise on earth. This attitude brings us to a point where faith is unnecessary because we have all that we need without having to rely on God for anything. James 5:1-6 helps us to understand why many in our nation have abandoned faith and exchanged it for materialism.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Millions have no place to call home

The heartbreaking photo of the little Syrian refugee boy washed up dead on the shore of Bodrum, Turkey strikingly illustrates the tragic plight of desperate refugees – mostly Syrian – fleeing for their lives from the Islamic State and other violent groups in the Middle East and Africa.

The 3-year-old boy, named Aylan, along with his 5-year-old brother, Galip, and their mother, Rehan, drowned after the raft carrying them capsized near the Turkish coast.

Millions of refugees are scrambling to escape from the life-threatening civil wars plaguing several countries from Nigeria to Pakistan.

According to the British newspaper *The Independent*, half of Syria's population – approximately 11 million people – have been forced to flee; with 4 million living as refugees in foreign nations. And approximately 2.6 million Iraqis have been displaced, both due to civil wars and the barbarism of the Islamic State.

Matt Wilch, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops refugee policy adviser for Migration and Refugee Service, told me that of the 4 million Syrian refugees, 1.8 million are being hosted by Turkey, Jordan has 1 million, Egypt has 200,000, tiny Lebanon is hosting over 1 million, and ironically even war-torn Iraq has opened its doors to 200,000 Syrians.

But according to U.S. State Department figures, since March of 2011 – when the Syrian conflict started – only 1,554 Syrians have been admitted through the U.S. refugee resettlement program. This is shameful. Wealthy Europe and the U.S. have a

moral obligation to offer far more help.

Germany is providing an excellent example here. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, said that any Syrian arriving in Germany would be granted asylum.

With 800,000 refugees expected to arrive in Germany before year's end, Merkel has been urging Germans to rise to the challenge. She said, "There can be no tolerance of those who question the dignity of other people."

Wilch said if the U.S. and other wealthy nations would provide much more aid to Syria's neighboring nations, not only would refugees be able to benefit from improved services, but most would not feel compelled to take the long, dangerous journey to Europe. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, approximately 2,500 people have perished en route to Europe since the beginning of this year.

The USCCB is urging Congress to increase the number of refugees allowed in the U.S. to 200,000 annually – 100,000 from Syria and 100,000 from other nations. Please contact your congressional delegation urging them to honor the bishops' plea. And urge them to greatly increase aid to the Middle East nations hosting millions of refugees.

Also, to be of further help please go the Jesuit Refugee Service/USA (jrsusa.org) to submit a letter to your senators and congressperson. And to go the extra mile, kindly consider making a donation to Catholic Relief Services by going to www.crs.org/stories/european-migrant/crisis/grows, and clicking "European Migrant Crisis Grows." Then click "Donate Now."

LIFE MATTERS

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Proxy should be your only advance directive

"That 81-year-old female that came in with altered mental status, the chest X-ray shows she has pneumonia. I started the antibiotics. She's gotten a liter of fluids but her pressure is still low. I've paged the ICU resident to get her admitted," the physician assistant explained to the attending emergency physician.

"Didn't you tell me before she was DNR?" the physician replied.

"Yes, she is."

"Then cancel the ICU. She can be admitted to the floor."

Critically ill patients with pneumonia are three times more likely to die if they are not admitted to the intensive care unit from the emergency department. This scenario, in which a patient with a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order is assumed not to want care in the intensive care unit, is a regular occurrence.

Advance Directives are medical decisions that people make to be carried out should they become too sick to tell the doctor themselves what treatments they want or do not want. Many people, for very good reasons, want a DNR order as an advance directive, meaning if their hearts stop beating and they stop breathing then they do not want attempts to be made to restart their hearts with CPR or defibrillation. But what is it about DNR orders that leads emergency physicians and other providers to presume that these patients do not want other types of care? In what way does a DNR order lead them to conclude that an 81-year-old woman with pneumonia does not want to be admitted to the intensive care unit? And yet that is the current practice in emergency medicine.

A health care proxy is a person you designate to make medical decisions for you if you cannot make them yourself. In Massachusetts, we have the benefit of a Roman Catholic Health Care Proxy form. It is very similar to the proxy forms you get at hospitals, but also includes choices consistent with our Catholic faith, like calling a priest to administer the sacrament of the sick, and providing food and water – even through artificial means – unless our lives are at their very ends.

The person you choose as your proxy should share your Catholic values regarding health care. He or she can make decisions for you in circumstances where the outcome may be unclear. She may ask the doctor to try a treatment and if your condition does not improve, request that the treatment be stopped. Your proxy needs to be someone who can make decisions like these, who will consider each situation when it occurs, rather than you deciding in an advance directive that you never want a treatment no matter what the situation.

In today's health care climate, we are far more likely to have treatments withheld rather than given excessive treatments that unnecessarily prolong our lives. In fact, we have to ensure that ordinary care, such as food and water, are given.

Such a climate is a dangerous one, indeed, for physician-assisted suicide. We need to care for life until natural death, not hasten it to an end to preserve something as ambiguous as "dignity." Life itself has dignity.

A person's autonomy is not being respected by the medical community when it over-interprets a DNR order or other advance directives. Sadly, this means you should not have any advance directives if you want the best chance of receiving all beneficial medical treatments. Every adult should complete a health care proxy form so that someone you trust will make decisions for you when you cannot.

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You can get a copy of the Catholic health care proxy form online at: <http://worcederdiocese.org/documents/2014/9/proxy99.pdf>.

The Witness for Life Committee, The Catholic Free Press and Emmanuel Radio are sponsoring a forum, *Death with Real Dignity*, Oct. 17 at Assumption College.

To register go to www.witnessforlife.com

Fundamentals of Catholicism



The Creed

The Church is Apostolic

By FATHER KENNETH BAKER, S.J.

According to our traditional faith, as expressed in the Nicene Creed, we believe in the "apostolic Church." The distinguishing note of apostolicity was added to the Creed in the fourth century.

The apostolicity of the Church means the essential identity everywhere and since the time of her foundation with the Church of the Apostles. Thus the Church that has remained faithful to what the Apostles founded and bequeathed to their successors is by that very fact "apostolic." It follows also from this that such a Church is also the true Church of Jesus Christ since he is the "cornerstone." St. Paul says that the Church was "built on the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone" (Eph 2:20).

The apostolicity of the Church is manifested in three ways: 1) apostolic origin, that is, the Church was founded by Christ on the Apostles and especially through them; 2) the apostolic doctrine, that is, the identity of faith with that preached by the Apostles; 3) the apostolic succession, that is, the uninterrupted chain of legitimate bishops who link the Church of the Apostles with the Church of today.

The only Church today that manifests the fullness of apostolicity is the Holy Roman Catholic Church. The Protestant churches lack the apostolic origin, since they did not appear until the 16th century. They are also defective in the doctrine of the Apostles and they do not have the necessary apostolic succession.

The situation of the Eastern Orthodox churches is different. They do have the apostolic succession of their bishops, going back to the Apostles, but they are defective in some teachings and, especially, they have broken communion with the pope, who is the legitimate successor of St. Peter and the source of unity in the Church.

The Catholic Church claims to be "apostolic" in a unique sense that applies to her alone. She alone claims to possess, in the person of our Holy Father in Rome, the power of the keys that Our Lord promised to St. Peter and conferred on him. She has always acted in this confidence. This belief is emblazoned in marble wherever you look, both inside and outside, in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Apostolicity roots the Church in space and time. She can never abandon it as a criterion of the true Church, otherwise, as Karl Rahner has aptly said, "instead of being a tangible, historical reality the Church would be an abstract idea."

The four notes of unity, sanctity, catholicity and apostolicity are not just hidden characteristics; they are external, recognizable marks of the true Church of Christ. Under Pope Pius IX the Holy Office declared: "The true Church of Christ, by virtue of divine authority, is constituted and is knowable by the four characteristics, which we confess in the Creed as an object of the faith" (DS 2888).

– Editor's Note: Father Baker's columns were written before the New Roman Missal translation of *The Creed*. Even though the words are not the same, the concepts are. This article reprinted with permission from Father Baker.

NEXT WEEK: Baptism and the Forgiveness of Sins: "Baptism is closely associated with the life of Jesus on earth."

Be shepherds, Pope tells U.S. bishops

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Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, who rode with Pope Francis in the popemobile part of the way from the White House to the cathedral.

A majority of the country's more than 400 bishops were present for the meeting. Many of them, after arriving in a bus caravan, stopped to take photos with their smartphones of a cream-colored sign above the center cathedral doors that read, "Welcome Pope Francis."

Dozens of office workers in high-rise buildings around the cathedral pressed their faces or smartphones to the glass windows in hopes of getting a better glimpse and photo of the pontiff on the steps leading up the cathedral.

In his speech, Pope Francis focused on the basic qualities needed in a shepherd, a pastor called to share the good news of Jesus Christ and God's mercy in word and deeds.

The Catholic Church in the United States already excels at that mission in so many ways, the pope told them. "Whenever a hand reaches out to do good or to show the love of Christ, to dry a tear or bring comfort to the lonely, to show the way to one who is lost or to console a broken heart, to help the fallen or to teach those thirsting for truth, to forgive or to offer a new start in God ... know that the pope is at

your side and supports you."

He also praised the bishops' defense of the unborn and the U.S. Catholic community's history of welcoming and assisting migrants and refugees.

Pope Francis also acknowledged the "courage" and the "mortification and great sacrifice" made by the U.S. bishops as they came to grips with the clerical sexual abuse crisis and its impact on survivors.

"I realize how much the pain of recent years has weighed upon you, and I have supported your generous commitment to bring healing to victims – in the knowledge that in healing we, too, are healed – and to work to ensure that such crimes will never be repeated," he said.

At the same time, Pope Francis insisted that no matter the challenge, the misunderstanding and even hostility the bishops face, they cannot stop "to lick one's wounds, to think back on bygone times and to devise harsh responses to fierce opposition."

The ministry with which they have been entrusted is God's, not theirs, he said.

Compassion, joy, inclusivity, simplicity, dialogue, self-giving, mercy and humility must mark a bishops' ministry, the pope said.

"As pastors, we know well how much darkness and cold there is in this world," he told them. But the church can attract people by being "the family



Pope Francis arrives at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle for a meeting with U.S. bishops, including Bishop McManus, Wednesday in Washington.

fire" that offers warmth, comfort and community.

To do that, the church must be certain of "the embers" of Christ's presence, "kindled in the fire of his passion," he said. "Whenever this certainty weakens, we end up being caretakers of ash, and not guardians and dispensers of the true light and the warmth which causes our hearts to burn within us."

Sharing the faith, he said, "is not about preaching complicated doctrines, but joyfully proclaiming Christ who died

and rose for our sake."

People need to know that the message is for them, not for an abstract group, or worse, for a group of like-minded people, Pope Francis insisted. "May the word of God grant meaning and fullness to every aspect of their lives; may the sacraments nourish them with that food which they cannot procure for themselves; may the closeness of the shepherd make them long once again for the Father's embrace."

Bishops, he said, must "flee the temptation of narcissism

and recognize that "we fall into hopeless decline whenever we confuse the power of strength with the strength of that powerlessness with which God has redeemed us."

Encounter and dialogue must be the hallmarks of a bishop's interactions with others, especially with those who hold differing opinions, the pope said. Dialogue is not "a shrewd strategy" but the path Jesus chose to offer his love to all people.

Without listening and dialogue, he said, "we fail to under-

stand the thinking of others or to realize deep down that the brother or sister we wish to reach and redeem with the power and the closeness of love, counts more than their positions, distant as they may be from what we hold as true and certain."

"Harsh and divisive language does not benefit the tongue of a pastor," Pope Francis said. "It has no place in his heart; although it may momentarily seem to win the day, only the enduring allure of goodness and love remains truly convincing."

Bishop McManus, locals react to pope

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Bishop McManus said. "When the bishops appeared, they all started clapping ... thanking us for being bishops and leaders in the Church."

The bishops watched on large screens as the pope went through the basilica, where seminarians were gathered.

"Pandemonium," Bishop McManus said. "He had a big smile on his face."

He called the canonization liturgy beautiful and said, "It was a great example for our young people to see how liturgy is supposed to be celebrated – prayerfully."

Bishop McManus said when WBZ-TV interviewed him in Washington, "I said, 'What gives me great joy – it's very clear that people are proud to be Catholic.'" The bishop said he is to be on The Jordan Levy show at 4 or 5 p.m. tonight.

Wednesday was a tiring day, beginning at 8:30 a.m., with

a return to the hotel at 8 p.m., "so you can imagine how tiring it was for the Holy Father," Bishop McManus said.

Bishop McManus was to take a train with other bishops to Philadelphia, where he would celebrate Mass and dine with the group from the Worcester Diocese that Allison LeDoux, director of the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family, helped to coordinate. After that he was to return to Washington, D.C., then Worcester.

Bishop McManus said this is the third U.S. papal visit he has been part of. In 1979 he saw Pope John Paul II in Boston. In 2008 he saw Pope Benedict XVI in Washington, D.C., and New York.

How did this visit compare with them?

"Very similar in the excitement of the people," he replied. But now that photographs can be taken on mobile phones, when he was stopped in traffic

he saw people getting out of their cars to do just that.

"So these papal trips are much more recorded," he said.

Three different popes, three different styles, three different emphases, Bishop McManus said. But with all three, it's all about Jesus and spreading the good news.

"A lot of times ... Catholics are looked down on," said Julie Schroeder, administrative assistant in the Office of the Vicar General for the Diocese of Worcester. But the papal visit "makes you really proud to be Catholic," she said after watching coverage on TV.

"The president's speech, it was really incredible," she said of President Obama's welcome to Pope Francis, "He said a lot of beautiful things about the Catholic Church. If he really lived and believed the things that he said ... he would lead this country into a better place, a more hopeful place."



Pope Francis addresses U.S. President Barack Obama and guests during a welcoming ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington Sept. 23.

Pope, 'son of immigrant family,' tells Obama he's ready to learn in U.S.

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Pope Francis introduced himself to President Barack Obama and all people of the United States as a "son of an immigrant family" arriving in the United States for the first time to learn from others and to share from his own experience.

In a country the pope said he knows was "largely built" by immigrant families, he made his debut speech to Americans Sept. 23 on the South Lawn of the White House with some 20,000 people in attendance.

Obama told him, "Our backyard is not typically this crowded," but the attendance on a bright, sunny morning was a reflection of the devotion of U.S. Catholics "and the way your message of love and hope has inspired so many people, across our nation and around the world."

While obviously honored by the welcome, Pope Francis was clear in issuing several challenges, including by publicly voicing his support for the U.S. bishops' defense of religious freedom. The bishops have objected to the Obama Administration's efforts to force almost all employers, including many Catholic institutions, to fund contraception coverage in health insurance policies.

"Mr. President," the pope told him, American Catholics want "a society which is truly tolerant and inclusive," one that safeguards individual rights

and rejects "every form of unjust discrimination," but also respects the deeply held religious beliefs of citizens and the moral and ethical obligations that flow from them.

Obama, in his remarks, spoke about religious freedom as well, but referred only to the defense of Christians being persecuted and even killed for their beliefs around the world.

The pope arrived in the United States from Cuba, and both he and the president spoke about efforts to normalize relations between the two countries after more than five decades of tension and estrangement.

"The efforts which were recently made to mend broken relationships and to open new doors to cooperation within our human family represent positive steps along the path of reconciliation, justice and freedom," Pope Francis told the president.

Although Pope Francis consistently has downplayed his role in encouraging and supporting Obama and Raul Castro's talks, the president told him, "Holy Father, we are grateful for your invaluable support of our new beginning with the Cuban people, which holds out the promise of better relations between our countries, greater cooperation across our hemisphere and a better life for the Cuban people."

The crowd on the lawn applauded almost every line

of the speeches of both Pope Francis and Obama. The pope, who claims his English is very rudimentary, read the speech in a clear English and used his hands to emphasize some points.

Before moving inside for a private conversation, both leaders also spoke about the environment and, particularly, Pope Francis' recent encyclical "Laudato Si'," which urges nations and the international community to take concrete, serious action to slow climate change and help the poor, who are most impacted by environmental destruction.

"Climate change is a problem which can no longer be left to a future generation," the pope told the president. Now is a "critical moment" when it is still possible to make positive changes, but they must be made quickly.

"Such change demands on our part a serious and responsible recognition not only of the kind of world we may be leaving to our children, but also to the millions of people living under a system which has overlooked them," he said.

The earth itself has been excluded from people's concern just as the poor have, the pope said. "To use a telling phrase of the Rev. Martin Luther King, we can say that we have defaulted on a promissory note, and now is the time to honor it."

Pope Francis made surprise stop at Little Sisters of the Poor to show support

WASHINGTON (CNA/EWTN News) – Pope Francis paid a short visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor community in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday to support them in their court case over the contraception mandate, the Vatican's spokesman revealed.

It was a "short visit that was not in the program," Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Holy See Press Office, said at an evening press conference during the papal visit to the nation's capital.

"This is a sign, obviously, of support for them" in their court case, he affirmed.

The sisters had filed a lawsuit against the Obama administration for its 2012 mandate that employers provide insurance coverage for birth control, sterilizations, and drugs that can cause abortions in employee health plans. The sisters have maintained that to provide this coverage would violate their religious beliefs.

Even after the Obama administration modified the rules as an "accommodation" for objecting organizations, the sisters held that even under the revised rules they would have to violate their consciences.

The majority of a three-judge panel for the Tenth



Pope Francis converses with Sister Marie Mathilde, 102, a Little Sister of the Poor.

Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in July that the Little Sisters of the Poor did not establish that the mandate was a "substantial burden" on their free exercise of religion, and thus ruled they still had to abide by the mandate.

The papal visit was not on the official schedule for Pope Francis' Washington, D.C. visit, which included Wednesday visits to the White House, a midday prayer service with the U.S. bishops at St. Matthew's Cathedral, and the canonization mass for St. Junipero Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

It was a "little addition to the program, but I think it has

an important meaning," Father Lombardi said.

He added that the visit "is connected" to "the words that the Pope has said in support of the position of the bishops of the United States in the speech to President Obama and also in the speech to the bishops."

Pope Francis, with President Obama at the White House, called religious freedom "one of America's most precious possessions" and had hearkened to the U.S. bishops' defense of religious freedom. "All are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it," he said.

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Pope canonizes Junipero Serra, says faith is alive only when shared

By Cindy Wooden

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Canonizing the 18th-century Spanish missionary, Blessed Junipero Serra, Pope Francis insisted a person's faith is alive only when it is shared.

Celebrating a late afternoon Mass outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Sept. 23, the pope declared the holiness of St. Junipero, founder of a string of missions in California.

Some people had objected to the canonization – like the beatification of the Spaniard in 1988 – because of questions about how Father Serra treated the native peoples of California and about the impact of Spanish colonization on native peoples throughout the Americas.

Pope Francis mentioned the controversy only briefly, saying: “Junipero sought to defend the dignity of the native community, to protect it from those who had mistreated and abused it. Mistreatment and wrongs, which today still trouble us, especially because of the hurt which they cause in the lives of many people.”

Vincent Medina, who has questioned the wisdom of the canonization, read the first Scripture reading in the Chochenyo language of the Ohlone people of Northern California.

Before the formal proclamation of the missionary's sainthood, a choir and the congregation chanted a litany invoking the intercession of Jesus, Mary, the apostles and a long list of saints, including other saints who lived and worked in the United States, such as St. Frances Cabrini, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John Neumann and St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first American Indian to be canonized. The canonization of St. Junipero, however, was the first such ceremony to be celebrated in the United States rather than at the Vatican.

After the formal proclamation, Andrew Galvan, curator of Dolores Mission in San Francisco, brought a relic of St. Junipero up to a stand near the altar as a song was sung in Spanish accompanied by a drumbeat.

Catholics in the United States and throughout the world are indebted to St. Junipero and thousands of other witnesses who lived their faith and passed it on, the pope said in his homily.

St. Junipero “was excited about blazing trails, going forth to meet many people, learn-



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Pope Francis celebrates Mass and the canonization of Junipero Serra outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday in Washington.

ing and valuing their particular customs and ways of life,” Pope Francis said.

A missionary's life is exciting and brings joy, he said, because it is not sedentary or turned in on itself. Sharing the Gospel is the way to keep experiencing the joy it brings and keeps the heart “from growing numb from being anesthetized.”

More than speaking about St. Junipero, Pope Francis spoke about keeping faith alive and joyful, calling on all Catholics to be missionaries.

“Mission is never the fruit of a perfectly planned program or a well-organized manual,” he told the crowd of about 25,000 people. “Mission is always the fruit of a life which knows what it is to be found and healed, encountered and forgiven.”

Pope Francis insisted that Jesus does not give Christians “a short list of who is, or is not, worthy of receiving his message, his presence.”

Instead, Jesus embraced people as they were, even those who were “dirty, unkept, broken,” he said. Jesus says to believers today, like yesterday, “Go out and embrace life as it is, and not as you think it should be.”

“The joy of the Gospel,” the pope said, “is something to be experienced, something to be known and live only through giving it away, through giving ourselves away.”

Before the Mass, Pope Francis made a short visit inside the basilica, where he briefly greeted families and men and women studying to be priests and sisters. They had waited inside for more than two hours.

Parents like Margarita and Carlos Ramos, who brought their 7-year-old son Samuel to Mass, were in the pews, sharing a prayer before all started, while Secret Service snipers stayed alert in several balconies.



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A banner displays an image of Blessed Junipero Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Wednesday just ahead of his canonization by Pope Francis.

“I like Pope Francis because he was born in Argentina; he is one of us. I would love to have the chance to be blessed by him. I'm telling everybody in my second grade class that I was sitting here the day he made Junipero Serra a saint.”

“It is a historic moment,” said Sister Maria Virgen Oyente of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara. She was in the line to get inside the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception with a group of about 20 nuns. “We are very happy to be here. The line is long and is getting hot, but we are reading about Fray Junipero Serra, and that

makes us feel better.”

“My expectations for today are very high,” said St. John Vianney College seminarian Gustavo Santos. “Imagine what it is to be in the same place with your pastor, the vicar of Christ on earth, I can't even describe it with my own words.”

“I admire Pope Francis' simplicity and mercy for the poor and vulnerable,” said Yoandy Gonzalez, born in Cienfuegos, Cuba, and currently attending St. John Seminary. “The pope teaches us all simple ways to truly live the Gospel as Christ every day.”

Pope tells Cubans: families are opportunities, not problems

By Ezra Fieser

SANTIAGO, Cuba (CNS) – Pope Francis ended his trip to Cuba by blessing the city of Santiago de Cuba and telling Cubans to treat family as an “opportunity” rather than a problem.

Families are “an opportunity that we must protect and care for,” he said at a meeting with Cuban families at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption. “Without family, without the warmth of home, life becomes empty.”

Pope Francis, who began his remarks by wishing a happy 36th birthday to a Cuban man who read a message welcoming him to Santiago, said he felt like he was with family on his three-city tour of the Caribbean country.

“This meeting with you is like the icing on the cake,” he told the crowd. “Ending my visit living this meeting among family is reason to give thanks to God for the warmth of the people who know how to welcome someone, who know how to embrace someone, who know how to make someone feel like they are at home. Thank you to all Cubans.”

Archbishop Dionisio Garcia

Ibanez of Santiago opened the meeting by telling Pope Francis that “family is the institution that Cubans value most. And that's precisely why it's the most concerning because there are so many factors that threaten its unity, its well-being.”

Pope Francis warned that modern pressures have the ability to eat away at the space that families need to thrive.

“Today, those family moments and spaces are disappearing,” he said. “Little by little, everything is leading toward separating, isolating, leaving fewer moments to be together as a family.”

The pope said that, as a consequence of the family structure being torn apart, societies around the world are increasingly “divided, broken, separated and overcrowded.”

“Family is the school of humanity,” he said.

Pope Francis arrived at the restored cathedral – constructed on the site where the first Cuban cathedral was constructed in 1522 – after celebrating Mass at the Minor Basilica of the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, about 12 miles from Santiago.

Pope Francis used his blessing of the city of Santiago de



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Families gather for a meeting with Pope Francis at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption in Santiago, Cuba, Tuesday.

Cuba – during the year of the 500th anniversary of its founding – to also bless all pregnant women around the world and to highlight the importance of grandparents.

He then rode through grassy-

banked streets lined with people waving small Cuba and Vatican City flags toward the airport, where President Raul Castro escorted him to the steps of his Washington-bound plane.

Making a joyful noise for Pope Francis

By Susan Bailey
CFP correspondent

Alana Kearney has long associated prayer with music. She was part of the effort to introduce Taizé-style prayer in the Worcester Diocese. Her mother, Mary Mullaney, says, “With the assistance of her voice teacher, Richard Monroe of St. John's High School, she helped us launch our monthly First Friday contemplative prayer, now held at Assumption College. This is the fourth year of Taizé prayer.”

Now studying music and psychology at The Catholic University of America, she is a member of the CUA Chamber Choir. They along with other choirs provided the music for the Canonization Mass of Saint Junipero Serra celebrated by Pope Francis at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday.

“When it was first announced that the pope would be coming to CUA, I texted my dad in Worcester and he responded by saying ‘You'll be singing a solo for him, I assume.’ Of course he was joking, but I never imagined that I'd actually get the chance to be up there singing with the choir. When we heard over the summer that the chamber choir would be singing for the pope, I was overjoyed. Our choir consists of 28 of the top singers in our program including undergraduates, graduate students, alumni, and faculty,” says Ms. Kearney.



Alana Kearney

Kearney was grateful for the wisdom of her choir director who kept the group focused on the important things: “As our campus gets crowded with barricades and busy with tourists, our choir director, Dr. Leo Nestor, keeps emphasizing that Pope Francis is coming here to celebrate the Eucharist, and to me has really stuck with me through this whole process leading up to the Mass. Pope Francis is a wonderful leader of our Church and I think it is important to remember the reason he is coming: to canonize Blessed Junipero Serra and celebrate the Eucharist with our community in Washington D.C. I am humbled to be able to use the voice that God has given me in the presence of his Holy Father.”

Ms. Kearney said she had tears in her eyes when the Holy Father first approached the altar.

“Pope Francis was so humble and his message was so great – we should love one another as Jesus loves us,” said Ms. Kearney, recalling his homily.

“Singing with the choirs was amazing. All my life I have loved singing in church and it feels like it has all been leading up to this day – singing for the leader of the Church. Everyone who attended this Mass will always remember this day.”

Congress hosts first pope

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President Joe Biden, presi-

dent of the Senate. Both men

are Catholics.

Tens of thousands of people watched the speech on giant screens from the Capitol's West Lawn. Gathered hours before the pope's morning visit, they were entertained by military bands.

In Worcester, students and staff at the College of the Holy Cross gathered in the Rehm Library to watch the address.

Afterwards, Brooke Tranten, a junior from Brunswick, Maine, said that what struck her was his defense of the family.

“Francis wasn't interested in making a political statement,” she said.

He talked about the natural family, mother, father and children, and how the family is under attack by Western culture, she said.

“It's a proud day to be a student at a Jesuit institution,” said Brian Senier of Melrose.

“Beyond that, as someone who is politically inclined, it was nice to see a sense of unity that often eludes American politics,” he said.

In his speech, Pope Francis gave strong support to several concerns of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic faithful, including defending the right of people to publicly live their faith and join political policy debates from a faith-based perspective.

“It is important that today, as in the past, the voice of faith continue to be heard, for it is a voice of fraternity and love, which tries to bring out the best in each person and in each society,” he said. “Every life is sacred,” he insisted, calling for the “global abolition of the death penalty” and the “responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development.”

Dialogue, he said, is the only way to handle the pressure and fulfill the call to serve the common good, promoting a culture of “hope and healing, of peace and justice.”

For the speech, Pope Francis stood in the House chamber in front of Rep. John Boehner, speaker of the House and a Republican from Ohio, and

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The Worcester Diocese has set up a Facebook page www.facebook.com/woopope and a Twitter hashtag #woopope for following local people on pilgrimage to see Pope Francis during his visit to the United States.

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How did your favorite priest play a starring role in your faith life?

Kathleen M. Kelly of Worcester thought of Msgr. Edmond T. Tinsley when she saw our question: 'How did your favorite priest play a starring role in your faith life?' We publish Mrs. Kelly's thoughts as the first in a series of essays leading up to the Oct. 28 evening to Celebrate Priesthood!



I was in the midst of developing a column in tribute to the priest who most influenced my life and faith's journey.

The following morning the Lord called my friend and spiritual director, Msgr. Edmond T. Tinsley home to return to heaven with Him.

Msgr. Edmond Tinsley's life and priesthood spanned the entire history of our diocese from its beginning with the installation of our first Bishop, John J. Wright, on March 7, 1950. Msgr. Tinsley was ordained on May 19, 1951. The pending ordination was reported in the first issue of the newly published Catholic Free Press.

In July 1951, the new "curate" was assigned to St. Mary's Parish in Jefferson with pastor, Father Hugh Curran. Father Tinsley became chaplain for our newly formed parish Catholic Youth Council. He was respected and loved by youth and adult parishioners alike. In fact, clergy and many members of the several churches of other faith traditions in Holden respected and admired Father's friendly spirit.

Father Tinsley made himself present to all in parish and community. He was always beside us ... at school and parish plays, graduations, sports events, CYC Basketball, parish meetings and suppers,

Women's Guild Communion Breakfasts, etc. We looked forward to his daily rounds at Holden District Hospital, where some of us were also employed. He was loved by parish and community alike from the youngest child to the most senior adult. His gentle wisdom and quiet sense of humor won the heart of each life he touched.

In July 1955, our hearts were broken when Father was transferred to St. Leo Parish in Leominster. For our small country parish of second-generation immigrant families of French, Irish, Italian and Polish descent of the 1950s ... Leominster may as well have been another country away.

As promised, Father Tinsley always kept in touch with his first parishioners in Jefferson throughout his priesthood.

God love and carry you gently home to Him, Msgr. Edmond T. Tinsley.

—Kathleen M. Kelly

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An Apostle of Our Time

Growing up on Vernon Hill, my path occasionally crossed with another lad from "the Hill" who was a couple of years older and who had the reputation around "the park" of being one of the best infielders the old-timers had ever seen. There was a group of retirees who made a nesting place on the sunny benches around the baseball diamond and watched the neighborhood boys develop their skills with the bat and the glove. Their favorite player was a lanky second baseman named Ed Tinsley. Little did we realize in those days the influence he would have when he left his baseball days and eventually became a priest in the newly formed Diocese of Worcester. Little did I know that someday I would be working for him.

That's not entirely true, because nobody ever really worked for, but rather you worked with Monsignor. He had many gifts but one of his outstanding ones was a natural leadership. You knew that you would benefit in more ways than one because he was also a natural teacher and you would come away as a brighter, more experienced individual. He was the ultimate practitioner of leading by example and getting the job done.

He was also a visionary, he could see social needs before they became societal problems. Early on he was aware of the need for treatment programs for the alcoholic population that infected the downtown area and he drew together agencies and programs that offered treatment, food and shelter to those unable or unwilling to care for themselves.

In his dealings with people involved in health and wellness programs, he found that there were a great number of persons in the area who were not eating regularly or properly. With the help of the local Welfare office and other agencies, he began the Commodity Distribution program which supplemented low-income families with supplies such as butter, cheese, canned meat and vegetables.

As helpful as the commodity program might be, in Monsignor's mind it was not getting to all the people who needed it. He looked to other resources and ultimately he played a key role in the development of what has become the Worcester County Food bank.

It would be impossible to determine today the number of boys and young men who grew and prospered under then Father Tinsley's spiritual and material guidance as he fulfilled his continuous role as director of the McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys in Leicester. Some of our area's outstanding leaders are graduates of the program and remember it with appreciation.

Monsignor was a leader and his abilities were widely recognized. There are very few social service programs which did not benefit from his services as a board member. His wisdom and insight were in constant demand, he knew where to go to solve a problem, and more importantly, whom to seek.

But over and above these community accomplishments, Monsignor was a humble man, dedicated to his Lord and to Mary, Queen of the Rosary. He looked after the hungry, the sick and disabled, the ill-clothed and the disadvantaged because his religious background and training told him that is what Our Lord would have done and that he should do no less. He was particularly committed to the rosary. If he had an extra few minutes (and these times were few and far between) he could be found in a quiet corner or pacing a hallway, reciting his beads.

I have neither the space nor the talent to give Monsignor Tinsley the tribute and accolade he truly deserves. But I still can cherish my own recollections of a short handwritten note or a grateful few words given in passing when something pleased him. It was always gratefully acknowledged when your efforts and his expectations coincided. Times like that are not forgotten, especially from a man who led by example.

After the ascension of Christ, the Apostles were charged with spreading the faith and serving the material needs of His followers. In a more modern way, and perhaps in a more limited geographical area, that is the work that Monsignor tried so hard to accomplish. Would it be too much of a stretch to say that we were fortunate enough to have known an apostle in our lifetime?

And so, Monsignor, we say farewell and may you enjoy that eternal reward which you so laboriously earned while you served and led us. God Bless!

Funeral set for Msgr. Tinsley, who touched many lives

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He was named associate pastor of Our Lady Immaculate Parish, Athol. He later was associate pastor of St. Mary Parish, Jefferson, and St. Leo's Parish, Leominster.

On Aug. 14, 1957, he was appointed an assistant director of Catholic Charities, and shortly afterwards was assigned as resident chaplain at Nazareth Home for Boys, Leicester.

He was named temporary administrator of St. Columba Parish, Paxton, in July 1961. He then began studies at Boston College School of Social Work, graduating with a master's degree in social work. On completing those studies, he was again assigned as resident chaplain at Nazareth while working in the Catholic Charities office.

In 1968 he was named board chairman of the Worcester Community Action Council Inc., an anti-poverty agency. In 1970 he spent three weeks in Africa, observing programs

conducted by Catholic Relief Services, the overseas agency of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

He was one of 17 diocesan directors of the Catholic Relief Overseas Aid Fund Appeal.

He received the annual award for outstanding service for autistic children from the Association of Mentally Ill Children in May 1975.

On Dec. 16, 1983, he was named diocesan director of human services. In that post, he coordinated the activities of the several agencies and bureaus involved in social service work under Catholic auspices in Worcester County.

Bishop Harrington named him temporary president of St. Vincent Hospital and temporary chief executive officer of the St. Vincent Healthcare Systems Inc., in November 1985, while the trustees recruited permanent officers.

He was also appointed diocesan director of Catholic Charities on Feb. 8, 1987, while continuing as diocesan

director of human services. At the same time he was named diocesan director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. He resigned the Catholic Charities post on Dec. 31, 1990.

In 1987 the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers awarded him the Beverly Ross Fliegel Public Service Award in recognition of his more than 30 years as a principal figure in public service in Central Massachusetts and his commitment to serving the needs of the community.

He was vicar general for the diocese from 1988 to 1994.

On Jan. 1, 1991, he was named director of the diocesan Office of Fiscal Affairs, a position he held until his retirement July 1, 2008. On May 28, 1991, he was also named protonotary apostolic with the title of monsignor. He retired from active ministry in 2010.

In 2004, Msgr. Tinsley received the St. Paul Award, named after the diocesan patron saint. His certificate, presented by Bishop Reilly, noted his priestly ministry as a parish priest, chaplain of the McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, vicar general and diocesan director of Catholic Charities, Human Services, and Fiscal Affairs.

He wrote an article in 1991 for The Catholic Free Press in which he was asked to explore the idea of his family of origin or his family of choice.

"As I thought about it," he wrote, "I realized with great gratitude that my family of

origin is, also, my family of choice."

He wrote of his parents coming to Worcester from Ireland, meeting here and marrying, his nine brothers and sisters, one of whom died of pneumonia at age 6, the love they and, eventually, their extended families gave him and the values they gave him.

"I choose my family of origin," he wrote, "which has given me the blessings of life, a reservoir of values and memories for now and forever.

"Postscript - I was the youngest child in my family, so I know what it is to be spoiled. It was the greatest."

He leaves a sister-in-law, Dorothy Tinsley of Hyannis, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews, as well as his fellow priests. He also leaves Sister Carol Kell, Sister Janet Ballentine, and Sister Mary Barry, Sisters of Mercy, with whom he worked for more than 50 years at McAuley Nazareth Home.

He was pre-deceased by his brothers, Mayor Joseph M. Tinsley, William Tinsley, John J. Tinsley, James F. Tinsley and Robert G. Tinsley, and his sisters, Mary C. Langlois, Kathleen N. O'Hearn, Rita Tinsley and Margaret T. DiMauro.

Donations in his name may be made to the McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, 77 Mulberry St. Leicester, MA 01524, or the Clergy Retirement Fund, Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm St. Worcester, MA 01609.

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Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini, is called a priests' priest

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1972 to 1979 and was headmaster from 1976 to 1978. He taught at University High School in San Diego, Calif., from 1979 to 1980. He also completed graduate study in theater, speech and drama in 1971 at the University of Kansas.

He studied for the priesthood at the Theological College of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., from 1981 to 1985 and received a master's of divinity degree.

He was ordained a priest on June 8, 1985, by Bishop Timothy J. Harrington in St. Paul Cathedral.

He was named associate pastor of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Worcester, on June 21, 1985. On Aug. 12, 1988, he was appointed a member of the

Priests' Personnel Board. He served as associate pastor of Holy Angels Parish, Upton, from June 30, 1989, until Feb. 22, 1991, when he was named vicar for priests and administrator of St. John Vianney House.

In 1996 he was chosen by the Columbus Day Parade Committee to be grand marshal of the Columbus Day Parade in Worcester.

He was named secretary to the bishop in February 2001. He was appointed temporary administrator of Our Lady of Loreto in November 2005, while remaining Vicar for Priests. In July of 2006 he began serving as director of priest personnel, while remaining as temporary administrator of Our Lady of Loreto.

He was named pastor of Our

Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann Parish on June 30, 2007, while remaining director of priest personnel before resigning that position on July 1, 2008.

He was named a prelate of honor with the title of monsignor on Feb. 26, 2009, and was invested in Aug. 14, 2009. He retired Oct. 12, 2012.

At the time of his death he had been helping at St. John Parish, Temple Street, Worcester.

He is survived by his sister, Elisa F. Devin and her husband John of Leominster; three nieces and a nephew, Kristen Consalvo, Kelly Hunt, Kristina Boulanger, and Michael Devin; four aunts, Eda Tocci, Rena DiNatale, Concetta Dandini all of Leominster, and Shirley Piccolomini of Centerville; an

uncle, Nunzio Piermarini of Chicago; five great nephews and one great niece; and many cousins. He also is survived by his dear friends, Michael Martin, Charles Genovesi, and Francis Celularo; his brothers in the priesthood, and his "extended family" throughout the parishes he served.

His family wishes to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the doctors, nurses, and their support staff at the Critical Care Unit at Saint Vincent Hospital. Their care, compassion, and prayers are appreciated.

Donations in his memory may be made to Saint John's, Food for The Poor, 44 Temple St., Worcester, MA 01604, or Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Saint Ann Church, 24 Mulberry Street, Worcester, MA 01605.

Anna Maria president

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the president has built on the Sisters' ideals, demonstrated the foundresses' qualities and has the vision to move the college forward.

Lt. Gov. Karyn E. Polito said President Retelle was feeling very loved Friday "and I hope that in a year she's feeling even more love." She said education is key to a robust economy and important for imparting social awareness and moral sensitivity.

"We need to graduate students of faith" who have a sense of personal responsibility and realize the need to help others, she said.

"It is a job that will bring you joy ... surprises ... fulfillment." David P. Angel, president of Clark University, told Anna Maria's president. "Higher education has never been more vital,"

crucial for careers and a foundation for life and citizenship.

Sister Marguerite A. St. Amand, representing the Sisters of St. Anne, talked about President Retelle's interest in their charism and ministry, and how they try to make God known and help others attain the fullness of life to which he invites them.

Guest speaker Joseph T. Kelley, director of Merrimack College's Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, called President Retelle a dear friend. He talked about the Sisters of St. Anne serving immigrants in the past, which challenges people today to do so.

Paul A. DiPierro, chairman of the board of trustees, applied the Scripture about there being a time for everything to the new president: The trustees are confident that this is the time for her.

Church leaders affirm commitment to family as world meeting kicks off

By Laura Ieraci

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) – Known as the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia will be "the city of family love" and the "world capital of families" during the four-day World Meeting of Families, said Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family.

The largest-ever World Meeting of Families opened in Philadelphia Sept. 22. More than 17,500 participants from more than 100 countries registered for the four-day congress, said Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia.

"All have come to affirm their commitment to the family as the foundation of a fruitful life," the archbishop told reporters at the Pennsylvania Convention Center Sept. 22.

The numbers are expected to swell to the tens of thousands for the major events with Pope Francis, Sept. 26-27, including the Festival of Families and an outdoor Mass. About 1,300 clerics will be available to distribute Communion to the faithful at the Mass.

The theme of the eighth international World Meeting of Families is "Love is Our Mission, The Family Fully Alive."

Dozens of speakers are expected to

address issues that families face, such as raising children, dealing with grief, intimacy between spouses, caring for members with disabilities, and the role of grandparents, said Archbishop Chaput.

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia said the World Meeting of Families comes just one week before the Synod of Bishops on the Family, set to begin in Rome Oct. 4, and "will doubtless have a great effect on the discussion in the synod."

In response to a question from the press on the upcoming synod, Archbishop Paglia said the family "is not understood through books but through encounter with real families. For this reason, Pope Francis wanted, in these past two years (before the synod), to have a very wide consultation."

"Because we do not need new definitions (of family)," he continued. "We need to understand how families live today, what their problems are, their hopes, and how we can help those that are healthy, and not so healthy, to be more of a family."

Archbishop Paglia said the World Meeting of Families communicates that the family is not just important for the church or for Christians, but for all people and cultures.

Father Sheridan returns to diocese to serve Southborough parish

Father Michael J. Sheridan, a priest of the Diocese of Worcester, is being assigned to sacramental ministry at St. Anne Parish in Southborough while the pastor, Father Conrad S. Pecevech, is on medical leave of absence. Deacon Paul J. Reuter, who has been serving St. Anne Parish since his ordination last June, will be the administrator of the parish.

The assignments are being announced in the parish this weekend by Father James Caldarella, minister to priests, on behalf of Bishop McManus.

Ordained in 1975 by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, Father Sheridan served in a number of parishes including St. Pius X, Leicester; St. Bernard, Worcester; Holy Family of Nazareth, Leominster; St. Luke the Evangelist, Westborough; St. Peter, Northbridge; St. Louis, Webster; and St. Mary, Uxbridge.

In the mid-1990s he began serving in the Diocese of Portland, Maine. Since 2005 he has not served in active ministry, initially due to investigation of an allegation of inappropriate conduct with an adult in Maine which was found without merit, followed by a medical leave to recover from surgery.

Father Sheridan will reside in the parish rectory in order to serve the sacramental needs of the parish until further notice.

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Calendar

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Saturday

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Class Reunion open to all **Classes of St. Peter and St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic High Schools** will be held on Sept. 26 from 5 p.m. - whenever at the Hibernian Cultural Centre, 19 Temple St.; music plus light refreshments served at \$10 per person; for more information contact Patricia Reardon, St. Peter High School Class of '54, at 508-755-2774 or 508 753-2555.

Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish will hold a Ladies Retreat Day on Sept. 26 from 10 a.m.-noon followed by a luncheon in the parish hall, 596 Cambridge St., Sister Janet Provost, SSJ, will present the topic "Prayer and Forgiveness." The program will open with coffee and fellowship. Register with Jo Luikey at 508-755-2300 with a donation of \$6.



WEBSTER - The two-day **St. Louis Parish Fall Festival** will continue on Sept. 25 from 6-10 p.m. and Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. on the parish grounds, 14 Lake

St.; festivities will include musical entertainment, tables of arts and crafts, Kiddie Land and vendors; the "Great" raffle prizes will include a grand prize of \$5,000, and a Cape Cod Resort get-away.

Liturgical Services

A **Pro-Life Mass to "save babies through prayer"** at the Problem Pregnancy Chapel will be held at 10 a.m. fourth Saturday of the month in the chapel, 495 Pleasant St.; the celebrant will be Father Kenneth R. Cardinale.

Sunday

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Liturgical Services

The diocesan **Haitian Apostolate Mass** will be celebrated in French (primarily) on Sundays beginning at 12:15 p.m. in Holy Family Parish St. Joseph Church, 35 Hamilton St.; a meal usually will be served in the Parish Center next to the church.

The diocesan African Ministry will hold an **African Mass** Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in St. Andrew the Apostle Mission, 5 Spaulding St.

A **Teaching and Healing Service** will be held at 3 p.m. Sept. 27 in St. John Church, 44 Temple St.; Eileen George of the Meet-the-Father Ministry will conduct the service.



Devotions

ATHOL - A **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be held on Sundays in St. Francis of Assisi church at 6:40 a.m. and Our Lady Immaculate Parish at 9:45 a.m., and in St. Francis **Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Wednesdays at 9 a.m., and **Miraculous Medal Devotion** at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, and **Eucharistic adoration** from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Fridays in the church, 244 School St.

Monday

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The 4th annual **Christ the King Parish Novena to St. Joseph** will continue on Mondays to Nov. 9 from 7:15-8 p.m. in the church, 1052 Pleasant St.; the homilist this week will be Father Ronald Tacelli, SJ.

The Center for Nonviolent Solutions will host "**Way of Nonviolence: An Evening with Nuclear and Chemical Weapons Disarmament Expert, Dr. Paul F. Walker**" on Sept. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Luciano's Cotton Club at Union Station, Worcester; to register at \$40 per person, or \$25 for students and low-income individuals contact www.nonviolentsolutions.org or the Center at 774-641-1566 or inquiry@nonviolentsolutions.org.



Devotions

Blessed Sacrament Parish will pray the **rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy** for pro-life at 7 p.m. Mondays in the church, 551 Pleasant St. Our Lady of Lourdes **Rosary Prayer Group** will meet at 3 p.m. Mondays in Our Lady of Loreto Chapel, 37 Massasoit Road.

BLACKSTONE - St. Theresa Parish will hold **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays in the chapel, 630 Rathbun St.

Tuesday

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BOYLSTON - A **Triduum Celebration in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux** will be held Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in St. Mary of the Hills Church, 630 Cross St.; speaker on Tuesday Father James S. Mazzone, director of the diocesan Office of Vocations, on Wednesday veneration of the relics with speaker Marcy Wilson and on Thursday the Feast day Mass celebrant and homilist, Father John F. Madden, pastor of St. John Parish, Worcester.



Devotions

NORTH OXFORD - St. Ann Parish will hold a weekly rosary group on Tuesdays opening at Our Lady's Outdoor Shrine at 6 p.m.

WESTBOROUGH - **Eucharistic Adoration** will be held Tuesdays following the 9 a.m. Mass to 6:30 p.m.; the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, at 3 p.m., prayer for the sanctity of human life at 6 p.m., closing with Benediction at 6:30 p.m. in St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 70 West Main St.

Spiritual Studies

WINCHENDON - Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will hold a "**full-immersion**" **Adult Bible Study** Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. in the parish hall below the church.; participants will read and discuss passages together; for further information call 978-297-0883.

UPCOMING events

Death with Real Dignity Conference Oct. 17

The annual Death with Real Dignity Conference will be held Oct. 17 from 9 a.m.-noon in the Assumption College Hagan Campus Center Hall, 500 Salisbury St.

Conference speakers, focusing on "Death with REAL Dignity: Physician-assisted suicide is not the answer," include Father Myles Sheehan, SJ, priest and physician, whose topic will be "Facing the End of Life: Recovering Our Catholic Traditions" and Bishop McManus, who will speak on "Faith and Reason in Service to the Sick and Dying." A panel discussion and Question & Answers will be included. For more information or to register for the free forum sponsored by the Witness for Life Committee, The Catholic Free Press and Emmanuel Radio, Worcester and Southbridge, contact www.witnessforlife.com.

Respect Life Sunday

Respect Life Sunday 24th annual Life Chain in Worcester will be held Oct. 4 from 2-3:30 p.m. with stations at Elm Park and Lincoln St. (near Denny's Restaurant) and at White City Plaza in Shrewsbury (signs available at stations) and in Oxford at St. Roch's Parish Center from 1:30-3 p.m.; Participants are requested to meet at center at 1:15 for prayer and to pick up signs; for more information contact Louise at 508-756-1150.

Public Square Rally

WEBSTER - Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will hold the 2015 Public Square Rosary Rally on Oct. 10 at noon. Participants are requested to join some 12,000 groups across the country in the important task of praying for our nation through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. The Rally will be held at the Emmaus Center, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 17 East Main St., (across from Sacred Heart Church). For more information about this "national outpouring of prayer," visit www.americanneedsfatima.org or contact Al Kotkin at 201-952-2873.

"Octoberfest" Dinner

WESTMINSTER - St. Edward the Confessor Parish Oktoberfest Dinner will be held Oct. 3 from 5-7 p.m. in the parish hall, 10 Church St. The menu will be a Pot Roast Dinner at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age and free under 6 years of age. Tickets will be available at the door.

Wednesday

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NORTH OXFORD - St. Ann Parish will continue **Scripture Study** on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall, 654 Main St.; Father Michael Lavallee, pastor, will conduct the sessions which will focus on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday, reflection, prayer and fellowship; for more information or to register call Father Lavallee at 508-987-8892; participants are requested to bring a "New American Bible" if available.

Devotions

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish will hold a **Holy Hour for Life, Marriage, and Religious Freedom** Sept. 30 at noon, in the church, 23 Fales St., devotions will include Exposition of the Eucharist, scripture readings, recitation of the rosary, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

NORTH GRAFTON - St. Mary Parish will hold **Eucharistic Devotions** from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays from Sept.-May in the church, 17 Waterville St.

STURBRIDGE - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held Wednesdays and Fridays from 3-8 p.m. with recitation of the rosary at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 p.m. Fridays in the Hall of Saints, Saint Anne Shrine, 16 Church St.

Thursday

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NORTH OXFORD - **St. Ann Parish A Night of Prayer in Honor of St. Therese of Lisieux** Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the church, 652 Main St.; the service will include the Liturgy of the Word, a homily, Eucharistic Exposition, adoration, benediction, the Litany to St. Therese, and veneration of a "First

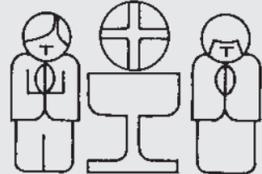
Class Relic" of St. Therese; refreshments will be served following the service and the movie, "Therese" viewed in hall.

Devotions

St. George Parish will hold a **Family Prayer Hour** Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the church, 38 Brattle St.; services will include recitation of the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

HARVARD - St. Benedict's Abbey will hold **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** to help stop abortion through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe the first Thursday of the month from 6-9:30 p.m. in the abbey, on Still River Road.

NORTH BROOKFIELD - St. Joseph's Parish will hold **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from 4-5 p.m. Thursdays in the church, 296 Main St.; the service will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and a rosary devotion.



Friday

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The Annual **Saint Peter-Marian Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School Guardian Golf Classic** will be held on Oct. 2 at Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton; the school Athletic Department's Guardian Golf

Classic Committee will host the fund-raising Florida Scramble-style tournament at 227 Putnam Hill Road in Sutton; the shotgun start will be at noon with registration beginning at 11 a.m. at a cost of \$125 per golfer or \$475 per foursome. Field maintenance, improvements and enhancements to the SPM athletic facilities and helping promote and support the student-athletes and coaches and to ensure the school's student-athletes have what they need to be successful, above and beyond the realm and scope of what the athletic budget can sustain and other improvements to the athletic facilities are largely what the tournament proceeds will benefit.

WEBSTER - St. Joseph Parish School will hold **Bingo** on Fridays with doors opening at 5 p.m. in the school, 47 Whitcomb St.; a full kitchen will feature free coffee; for more information call Rudy Bergeron at 508-943-2277.

First Friday

First Friday Services

AUBURN - St. Joseph Parish will continue a **Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration** on the First Friday of the month from 6-7 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, vespers and recitation of the Rosary.

STERLING - **7-9 p.m. St. Richard of Chichester Parish First Friday "Knight Vigil"** will be held in the church, 4 Bridge St.

WORCESTER: **9 a.m.** Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in **St. Christopher Church**, 950 West Boylston St.; **12:10 p.m.** Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to 3 p.m. in the **Cathedral of St. Paul 15 Chatham St.**; **11 a.m.** Mass in **St. Peter Church**, 931 Main St.; **8 p.m. Mass to "save babies through prayer"** will be celebrated by Father Daniel J. Becker, pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish, West Warren and St. Paul Parish, Warren., followed by Eucharistic Adoration through the night concluding with a Mass celebrated by Father Michael J. Roy, pastor of St. Roch Parish, Oxford, on Saturday at **8 a.m.**, both in **Problem Pregnancy Chapel**, 495 Pleasant St.; **8 a.m.** Mass followed



by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration concluding with Benediction at noon in **Our Lady of Loreto Church**, 33 Massasoit Road; **8 a.m.** Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding at 5:15 p.m. with novena prayer to the Sacred Heart and Benediction in **Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish Church**, 600 Cambridge St.; **8 p.m. Taize Prayer** will be held in the chapel of the Holy Spirit at Assumption College with chants and prayers based on the life of the monks at Taize Monastery in France.

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Celebrants

Monday, September 28 Father José A. Rodriguez
Tuesday, September 29 Father Thomas G. Landry
Wednesday, September 30 Father Miguel A. Pagán
Thursday, October 1 Msgr. Thomas J. Sullivan
Friday, October 2 Father Richard A. Fortin

Family Rosary

Sunday: Charter Communications, Channel 193, 8:30 a.m.; Clinton AT&T Cable, Channel 8 at 8 a.m.; Shrewsbury Public Access at SPAC 28, 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Daily Rosary

Monday: Shrewsbury Public Access at SPAC 28, 7 a.m.
Saturday: Shrewsbury Public Access at SPAC 28, at 4:30 p.m.

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Book

Fascinating format can promote understanding among religions

By Eugene J. Fisher

The year 2015 represents the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's landmark declaration on inter-religious relations, "Nostra Aetate." This book is a most appropriate way for undergraduates and dialogue groups to become engaged with the fruits of the many dialogues between Catholics and representatives of other religions that have flourished on the local, national and international level since its promulgation.

Brennan Hill, professor emeritus at Xavier University in Cincinnati, uses a fascinating format for bringing undergraduates and dialogue groups into these ongoing discussions. He presents Jesus in dialogue with the founders and leaders, female and male, of the world's religions.

The book begins with a dialogue between Jesus, Moses and Miriam – Moses' sister and the namesake of Jesus' mother, Mary – about Judaism and Jewish-Christian relations. While well-intentioned, this section contains a number of errors about the Hebrew Scriptures, which for Jesus and evangelists was the only Bible they knew, and about the New Testament. On page 17, for example, he takes the "lex talionis" ("an eye for an eye," etc.) literally, though it is not used literally in the Hebrew Scriptures but rather as an affirmation of the principle of equivalency.

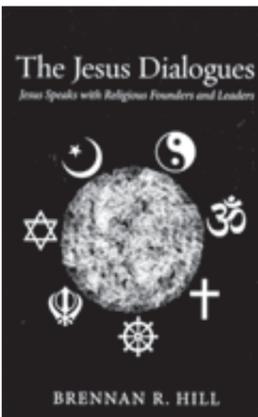
He portrays Jesus as the sole reformer of his time, though the Pharisees were a lay reform movement opposed to the priesthood, which they considered traitorous, since the chief priest Caiaphas was appointed by and answered only to Pilate. Thus, Hill misses the point that it was the chief priests, as all three synoptic Gospels make clear, who plotted against Jesus after the cleansing of the Temple (Mt 26:3, Mk 14:1, Lk 22:2). Hill could have profited had he consulted a biblical scholar for this section of his otherwise excellent book.

The second chapter is a discussion between Jesus, Muhammad and his wife, Khadijah. This is a spirited exchange that will disabuse readers of many misconceptions we Christians have about Islam. The author might have noted, however, that the Crusades were in essence a war of self-defense since Muslim armies had conquered Christian lands in North Africa and up the Spanish peninsula, on the west, and up to the very gates of Vienna, Austria, on the east. Throughout the book, the role and treatment of women in the various religions as well as Christianity is brought out and critiqued.

Subsequent chapters have Jesus in dialogue with Krishna and Radha (Hinduism), Buddha and Kuan Yin (Buddhism), Mahavira (Jainism), Nanak (Sikhism), Lao Tzu and Kuan Yin (Taoism), and Confucius and Madame Ban Zhao (Confucianism). A chapter that I found especially fascinating is that of Jesus in dialogue with leaders of various indigenous religions in the Americas, such as Sacajawea, Moctezuma and Atahualpa.

The book ends with an excellent chapter describing the what, why and how of interfaith dialogue. Here he mentions as role models such figures as St. John Paul II, Gandhi, the Dalai Lama and Abraham Heschel. He defines what dialogue should not be and what it can be, and the deepening of our own Catholic faith that can happen through dialogue with the religious "other."

—Fisher is a professor of theology at St. Leo University in Florida.



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"The Jesus Dialogues: Jesus Speaks With Religious Founders and Leaders" by Brennan R. Hill. Resource Publications.

Paul Durand-Ruel: Catholic art dealer helped establish the impressionists

By Carl Peters

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — With his full beard and sometimes wearing a beret, Claude Monet looked like an artist, and it's easy to imagine him creating those short, thick brushstrokes that museum visitors see, often from a few steps back, as the play of soft sunlight on poplar trees, water lilies or the Paris countryside.

Less obvious is the contribution of a conservatively dressed businessman named Paul Durand-Ruel, an initially reluctant art dealer who gambled his career on Monet and the other impressionists he came to represent, such as Edouard Manet, Edgar Degas, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Camille Pissarro and Mary Cassatt. Simply put, without Durand-Ruel, their paintings might not be hanging on museum and gallery walls — or reproduced on countless posters and calendars in homes and offices throughout the country.

Immensely popular today, impressionist paintings can command high prices at auctions. In April, Sotheby's sold a group of five Monets in London for \$84 million, and last year sold a single painting of his "Nymphs" for \$54 million. But at the time Durand-Ruel began representing Monet and the others, they were unknown and impressionism was new. For a long time they were ignored or, worse, ridiculed.

"Without Durand, we would

have died of hunger, all us impressionists," said Monet.

"Fortunately for us," Renoir reportedly said, "painting was his religion."

It wasn't. Durand-Ruel was a devout Roman Catholic who attended Mass every day, aspired to be a missionary as a young man and was arrested at the age of 50 for protesting against laws suppressing religious congregations.

The impressionists did not paint religious subjects, but Durand-Ruel's faith was likely key to his becoming their personal and professional advocate, said Jennifer Thompson, a curator of an exhibition at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, "Discovering the Impressionists: Paul Durand-Ruel and the New Painting."

"He talks of himself as in service to the artists," she said, and so provided ample moral as well as financial support to them. He even took out loans to help them pay their rent and bills.

In his own words: "We are on this earth, not for our amusement and to think only of ourselves and our loved ones, but to do good all around us, within the limits of our power."

Although strict on doctrine, Durand-Ruel's faith was "devoid of sectarianism" and in keeping with the teaching of Frederic Ozanam, the layman who founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in France in 1833, according to the exhibi-

tion catalogue. It quotes him as saying, "The fortune that divine Providence has placed in our hands does not belong to us; this should never be forgotten, we are merely those who dispense it."

Durand-Ruel was a monarchist as well as Catholic, but his understanding of faith, combined with his sense of duty and passion for art, made him a strong ally of the artists he represented even when their views were contrary to his own. And they were a diverse lot. Monet, for example, was a republican and an atheist. Pissarro was a Jewish anarchist, who nonetheless received an invitation to the wedding of Durand-Ruel's son.

Durand-Ruel gave up his hope for a religious or military vocation and became an art dealer, the family business, only because of his father's failing health and financial worries. He became a widower at age 40 when his wife died while pregnant with the couple's

sixth child. He never remarried. There is every reason to believe he was a devoted and attentive father, Thompson said.

But Durand-Ruel was bold and innovative in business. He acquired large numbers of works of the artists he admired and became the exclusive seller of their work. He paid them monthly stipends and hosted single artist exhibitions, something new at the time. He also seized an opportunity to create a market for his artists in America, while European collectors concentrated on established figures and styles.

Durand-Ruel put his entire career into the impressionists, and it paid off, eventually.

When he was 88, the dealer declared: "At last the Impressionist masters triumphed ... My madness had been wisdom. To think that, had I passed away at 60, I would have died debt-ridden and bankrupt, surrounded by a wealth of underrated treasures."

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PART A
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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1. According to Numbers, how many elders were appointed to help Moses with the people?

- a. forty
- b. seventy
- c. one hundred twenty

2. According to Numbers, Eldad and Medad were prophesying in the camp. Who expressed concern about this to Moses?

- a. Joshua
- b. Miriam
- c. Aaron

3. According to the Psalmist, "The _____ is pure, enduring forever; the statutes of the LORD are true, all of them just."

- a. wisdom of the just
- b. word of the prophet
- c. fear of the LORD

4. According to James, Who have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure and have fattened their hearts for the day of slaughter?

- a. the merchants
- b. the rich landowners
- c. the harvesters

5. According to James, the Lord heard the cries of the poorly paid harvesters.

- a. True
- b. False

6. According to Mark, no one can do a mighty deed in Jesus' name and also speak ill of him.

- a. True
- b. False

7. According to Mark's Gospel, what must one do to deserve a great millstone to be put around one's neck and be thrown into the sea?

- a. cause a little one to sin
- b. be caught in adultery
- c. take the name of God in vain

Answers and References

- 1 • b. seventy (Numbers 11:24)
- 2 • a. Joshua (Numbers 11:27-29)
- 3 • c. fear of the LORD (Psalm 19:10)
- 4 • b. the rich landowners (James 5:5)
- 5 • a. True (James 5:4)
- 6 • a. True (Mark 9:39)
- 7 • a. cause a little one to sin (Mark 9:42)

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CATHOLIC RADIO IN FITCHBURG



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FITCHBURG — Technician Michael Josephs of Leominster helped out during the WQPH radio-a-thon to support Catholic radio in northern Worcester County. This event was part of a week-long celebration, which began on Sept. 8 with a birthday party for Our Lady. EWTN priest Father Leonard Mary, MFVA, visited from Alabama. Father Leonard Mary offered Mass at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church on Sept. 12, the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, and also celebrated Mass the following Monday at St. Camillus Church of St. Bernard Parish.



On Sept. 8, on the birthday of Our Lady, WQPH radio sponsored a living rosary at the former Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church. This was preceded by a talk on St. Dominic and the rosary by Father Joseph Dolan, left, pastor of St. Bernard Parish at St. Camillus Church. Benediction followed.

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Celebrating 175 years of Catholics in Southbridge

By Tanya Connor

SOUTHBRIDGE – People at St. John Paul II Parish rejoiced in their diversity and sense of belonging Sunday as they celebrated the 175th anniversary of the first Mass in town.

A program book said they were also inaugurating a jubilee for: 150 years, first resident pastor; 100 years, Notre Dame Church; 25 years, Trinity Catholic Academy, and five years, founding of St. John Paul II Parish.

Next year they plan to participate in the town's bicentennial parade, and have a 100th anniversary Mass and gala and a closing liturgy and fiesta.

In September 1840 Father James Fitton celebrated the first Mass in Southbridge in a home, records say.

Last Sunday the Mass was in English, Spanish, and some French, Polish, Creole, Italian and Latin. More than 500 people congregated in

Notre Dame, the main church building of St. John Paul II Parish, formed in 2011 from St. Hedwig's, a Polish Parish; St. Mary's, which had English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities, and Notre Dame of the Sacred Heart, formed in 2010 from the French parishes, Notre Dame and Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sunday's multilingual Mass was a way of making everyone feel that they were part of it, said Nancy Swiacki. She and her sister Janina Swiacki said they trained Pamela Goodnow, originally from St. Mary's, to sing for the Mass a Polish hymn they'd sung at St. Hedwig's, where their father was organist.

Francisca Pérez, a choir member originally from St. Mary's, said the Polish was the hardest to sing and that the Mass was beautiful.

"I just feel the different cultures, the diversity, has enriched our spiritual life," said Patricia Hemingway. "You can see that this morning with these banners." (Representatives of parish organizations wore their

uniforms and carried their banners.)

"It's a struggle, but we're working on it," Mrs. Hemingway, originally from Sacred Heart, said of the merger.

During Mass she thanked and embraced Father Peter Joyce, St. John Paul II's pastor, after he honored the organizations, parish schools' graduates, religious, clergy and choir.

"My priest is here," Cathy Fournier said of Father Andre M. Gariepy, now retired, one of several present who once served in town. She said she was from Sacred Heart, her husband was from Notre Dame, but they joined St. Mary's to get a tuition break for their daughter.

"We loved it," she said.

"We went through a few priests and then Peter came. We don't know what we would do without him." Father Joyce was St. Mary's pastor before becoming pastor of the merged parish. Mrs. Fournier said it's all been good and everybody gets along.

Irene Salonis said she started attending St. Mary's 10 to 12 years ago, and found the merger hard because smaller parishes formed a bigger one.

"But you say 'Hello,' and they say the same thing and you get the feeling back," she said of friendly exchanges.

Helping at the St. John Paul II Food Pantry, where everyone works together, has helped her and a relative handle their personal difficulties, she said.

She said she lives in Charlton, and her brothers live in Oxford and Brimfield, but all are involved at St. John Paul II.

"I don't know if you call us members," she said, but added, "This is where we belong."

"I'm in awe of what 175 years can accomplish in a community, and it moves me that people are willing to take such pride in today,"

– FATHER PETER JOYCE

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In the procession at Sunday's anniversary Mass are Victoria Symock and Ella Favreau from Trinity Catholic Academy, top. Sisters Lucille Pleau and Murial Lemoine, left, are Southbridge natives from the Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Sister Murial is the congregation's first American superior general. Above, the congregation applauds the pastor, Father Peter Joyce. At front left are lectors Theodore Bartlett and Jeanette Kowalewski.

ry and has been eclipsed by today's secular culture, but despite successes society is unhappy and angry.

"This makes our celebration all the more important," he wrote, speaking of illuminating the world with faith in and love for Jesus.

Past generations brought the faith here and built buildings as testimony, but today "we are called to build a different Church ... with compassion, love and integrity," he wrote.

"Just like the Last Supper ... 13 people started ... the Catholic faith and life in Southbridge," he told the congregation. "Each of us is a part of that. For many of you, it is

your ancestors, and we pray it will also be your descendants." They share the Eucharist and faith with their ancestors, he said.

They share other things too, Jesuit Father William Clark, who used to help at St. Mary's, said in his homily. He is an associate professor in the religious studies department at the College of the Holy Cross.

Complaints made about Catholics 175 years ago are made about Muslims now, he said, and there is still misunderstanding, fear and rejection of the Catholic faith. There are also still many non-Catholics who support Catholics.

In those early years a mob

halted construction of the Washington Monument, protesting a memorial stone the pope sent, Father Clark said.

"On Thursday the current pope will address a joint session of Congress," he said. "We've come a long way since 1840. And yet ... how much the same it is. ... We continue to be the Catholic community, a multi-lingual community of immigrants."

Magnificent things have come out of the Catholic community, but Catholics still wonder whether they will have the needed faithful, priests, structures and money, he said.

But, he said, the faith that helped Catholics in 1840, who

heard the same Scripture readings Catholics today do, will "hold us together." Sins will continue "but today we celebrate ... a call that is louder than all that tumult ... louder than the denunciation of the pope," louder than other problems, a faith deeper than doubt and fear.

"They didn't represent an institution" 175 years ago, he said. "They were a community coming together. That's why those people wanted Father Fitton to come.... It was part of their life to have that Mass together." And, Father Clark said, that's part of the life of today's Catholics.

All ethnicities unified in one parish - St. John Paul II

By William T. Clew

SOUTHBRIDGE - "The old pioneer, Rev. James Fitton," as far as certain records prove, was the first priest to visit Southbridge and say Mass for the Catholics.

"This Mass was said in the home of Mr. Seery, then overseer of the Hamilton Woolen Company's mills, some time in 1840."

Those are the words written by Father John J. McCoy in his "History of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Springfield, published in 1900. Father Fitton had been serving Catholics in Worcester County since 1834, had built several churches and started the school in Worcester that became the College of the Holy Cross.

At that first Mass in Southbridge there were "a dozen Catholics, seven of whom were of Irish lineage, and the other five German or French," Father McCoy wrote. For the next three years Father Fitton came to Southbridge.

In 1852, Father John Boyce of St. John's Parish, Worcester, who had been celebrating Mass in a school house or the town hall, organized a meeting of Catholics, at which it was unanimously voted to begin a campaign for money to build a church, Father McCoy wrote. He said a "liberal Protestant, William Edwards, donated a plot of land and, on July

12, 1852, construction work began."

A history of the Catholic presence in the town, researched by Father Peter Joyce, pastor of St. John Paul II Parish, noted that the church, at the end of Marcy Street on a dirt cowpath that became Hamilton Street, was dedicated on May 1, 1853, by Bishop John B. Fitzpatrick of Boston, under the patronage of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles.

That was the start of the Catholic Church's presence in Southbridge. At first, one church served them all. A series of priests, some of them Jesuits from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, served the growing Catholic population.

The church was served by Jesuit Father Peter Blenkinsop, who visited the church from Holy Cross in Worcester. That same year, St. Louis Parish in Webster was created and Father Joseph Edouard Napoleon Migneault was appointed pastor and given responsibility for ministry to the French-Canadian population in Southbridge. Later two missions in Fiskdale, St. Anne for the French Canadians and St. Patrick for the Irish, were formed and placed under its care.

Father Angelus Baret was named first resident pastor of St. Peter's Parish on Sept. 11, 1865.

Over the years as the population of people with French



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Notre Dame Church of St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St.

and French-Canadian heritage grew. That first parish, St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Parish, split to accommodate them.

On Nov. 29, 1869, two new parishes were created. St. Peter's Parish became St. Mary's Parish and retained the church property. Notre Dame Parish was created to serve the growing French-Canadian population. Hamilton Mills donated land on Pine Street for that new church. The first Mass celebrated in the church was a midnight Christmas Mass, on Dec. 25, 1870.

On March 15, 1873, Father Georges Elzear Brochu, associate pastor at Notre Dame, was named pastor of Notre Dame

Parish. In September 1871, then Father Brochu opened the first Catholic school in Southbridge.

The St. Mary Rectory burned to the ground on Jan. 14, 1872 and St. Peter's Church was moved into its place. A new St. Mary's Church was built on the site of the old St. Peter's. The first Mass was celebrated in it on Easter Sunday, 1876.

In 1881, Msgr. Brochu invited the Sisters of St. Anne to open a school for French-speaking children. They left in 1889 and the school closed in 1890.

He then invited the Sisters of the Assumption to come from Quebec to open a school. Eventually they staffed a parish grammar and high school, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Jeanne D'Arc School and Marianhill High School.

In 1895, Msgr. Brochu bought land for a new Notre Dame Church at Marcy and Main streets, for \$10,000. The property was the home of a Mr. Marcy, who retained the right to live there until he died.

In the words of Father McCoy, Mr. Marcy was "of a great age, but he loves the world, therefore the rector of Notre Dame must patiently await his going."

There was a story that, on occasion, when Msgr. Brochu saw Mr. Marcy he would inquire, "How are you today, Mr. Marcy." And Mr. Marcy would reply, "Very well, mon-

signor. And, apparently, he was because it is said that he actually outlived Msgr. Brochu.

Ground was broken on March 25, 1911 for the new church, a magnificent structure of marble which holds a commanding position overlooking the center of Southbridge. The church, built at a cost of \$233,000, was dedicated on July 2, 1916 as part of the centennial celebration of the town. Bishop Wright, first Bishop of Worcester, consecrated the church on Oct. 11, 1950. It was the first church in the new diocese to be consecrated.

Earlier, in 1908, a new parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus, was created in the Flats section of town to serve the expanding community of people of French-Canadian heritage. Masses were celebrated in the Armory. Construction of the new church, which cost \$350,000, started in the summer of 1926. It was completed and dedicated April 6, 1929.

The newest parish in Southbridge, to care for the spiritual needs of those of Polish heritage, was organized first in 1916 as a mission of St. Joseph's Parish in Webster. It was named St. Hedwig's. It was established as a parish on Jan. 1, 1918. The church building was completed the next year at a cost of \$30,000. It was dedicated on April 18, 1920.

In 1938 the Great New England Hurricane destroyed

St. Mary's Church, which was rebuilt by local contractor Oswald Liliberty, according to the parish history.

In 1958, Father Gerard Durocher became minister to the growing Spanish-speaking community in Southbridge. In 1971, that community was invited to worship in St. Mary's Church.

In 1970, Notre Dame Parish and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church signed the first covenant between Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches in the United States.

In 1978 three schools - St. Mary Elementary School, St. Mary-Marianhill Junior High and Marianhill High - were merged to create Trinity Catholic Academy.

The next few decades brought many changes to the Church in the world, the country, the Diocese of Worcester and in Southbridge. In 2010 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Notre Dame parishes were merged into Notre Dame of the Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart was officially closed.

The next year Bishop McManus created a new parish, Blessed John Paul II Parish, from the three remaining parishes in town. All three churches remained open for various uses. When Blessed John Paul II was made a saint, the parish name was changed to St. John Paul II.