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## IN BRIEF

**Catholics urged to join campaign of prayer, fasting Oct. 16-24**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholics are urged to join in prayer and fasting Oct. 16-24 for the conversion of people and nations, peace in the world, a renewed culture of life in the United States and spiritual blessing on the Synod of Bishops on the family. The 23rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting will conclude its nine-day campaign with a eucharistic prayer vigil Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington for a day of prayer, speakers, opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and Mass. Maureen Flynn, chairperson of the International Prayer and Fasting Coalition, said one of the lasting effects of the campaign, which involves thousands of Catholics across the country, is that many parishes that participate in eucharistic adoration or recitation of the rosary often continue to do so after the nine days are over. The coalition's website, <http://iwopf.org>, has link to sign up to participate.

**At audience, pope asks forgiveness for scandals in Rome, Vatican**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With 30,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis asked forgiveness for scandals that have occurred within the church recently. "Before beginning my catechesis, I would like — in the name of the church — to ask your forgiveness for the scandals which have occurred recently both in Rome and at the Vatican," the pope said. "I ask your forgiveness." The pope's off-the-cuff remarks Oct. 14 followed a reading from St. Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus warns of scandalizing the "little ones. Jesus' words are strong, aren't they?" the pope said. "Woe to the world for scandals! Jesus is a realist. He says it's inevitable that there will be scandals, but 'Woe to the one who causes the scandal,'" the pope told people attending his weekly general audience. Pope Francis did not explain what scandal or scandals he was referring to, but his comments came during a week that saw the leak of a private letter sent to him by several cardinals expressing concern with aspects of the Synod of Bishops.

By Tanya Connor

Much is being accomplished in the Diocese of Les Cayes, Haiti, because of its twinning with the Worcester Diocese, Bishop McManus said Wednesday, upon returning from a visit there. He said he has a list of 16 more parishes needing the financial support of a twin parish here.

"It was like being on a retreat — it was very spiritually uplifting," Bishop McManus said of his trip to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the dioceses' twinning.

He left Friday with Sister Marie-Judith Dupuy, a Sister of St. Anne who directs Worcester's Haitian Apostolate, and a few other people.

He'd celebrated a 25th anniversary Mass for people here Oct. 3 at St. Paul Cathedral. Cardinal Chibly Langlois, bishop of Les Cayes, wanted celebrations there too, so his people celebrated with the Worcester contingent last weekend.

"The hospitality that the cardinal showed us was extraordinary," Bishop McManus said. "He's a real gentleman and a great bishop." He said the group

was received "very, very graciously."

"We didn't go through customs; we went to a diplomatic room in the airport," an arrangement Cardinal Langlois made, he said. The cardinal met them when they arrived in Les Cayes at 10:30 p.m., and they had supper, he said. He stayed with the cardinal, and the others stayed at the Worcester Diocese's mission house.

For Saturday's anniversary celebration Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral in



PHOTO COURTESY OF SISTER MARIE-JUDITH DUPUY  
Bishop McManus and Cardinal Chibly Langlois talk at lunch at the Sisters of St. Anne convent after Sunday's 25th anniversary Mass at St. Anne Parish in Chardonnières.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Composer Normand Gouin, the director of liturgy and music at the College of the Holy Cross

## Holy music

By Christina Galeone  
CFP Correspondent

The composer Johann Sebastian Bach once said, "Music is an agreeable harmony for the honor of God and the permissible delights of the soul." On Sept. 27, during Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia, the papal hymn "Sound the Bell of Holy Freedom" reflected Bach's words and more. Brought to life by the Papal Choir and the Philadelphia Orchestra, the beautiful hymn honored God, delighted souls worldwide and created a legacy for its composer, Normand Gouin, the director of liturgy and music at the College of the Holy Cross.

Growing up in Maine, Mr. Gouin — who is also an assistant chaplain at Holy Cross — said the Catholic church he attended was an integral part of his childhood. It's not surprising. Both his parents were consecrated religious before they were called (before meeting) to family life. Not only did they fill their home with devout faith, they also recognized their son's musical ability and encouraged him to share his gifts with others.

He remained involved in music and ministries throughout high school, college and graduate school.

Holy Cross' director of liturgy and music honors God and delights souls with papal hymn

"I've been working in full time pastoral ministry — and music and liturgy — for over 24 years now, and writing music for the Church has continued since my time in college," said Mr. Gouin. "I've just always been involved in music and worship. I've had the benefit of some really great mentors, who promoted my music and encouraged me."

In July 2014, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia contacted the gifted composer, who was the music director at Old St. Joseph's National Shrine in Philadelphia for nearly 10 years. They invited him, along with 19 other sacred music composers, to submit a hymn to be considered for the official hymn of the 2015 World Meeting of Families. After receiving biblical references and excerpts from Church documents related to the Holy Family and family life, he contacted his friend and mentor, Father Andrew Ciferni, O. Praem, a Norbertine priest and native Philadelphian, with whom he had collaborated on several other sacred music projects.

Mr. Gouin suggested composing a metered text that would make the melody "accessible and memorable." From there, they were off and running.

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## Amazing things happened on papal pilgrimage

By Donald Porcaro  
Holy Name Central Catholic High School

If someone were to ask me before I made the journey to Philadelphia what I was most excited about, I might have said the cheesesteaks or being able to see where the Philadelphia Eagles play. I am a Catholic and I was looking forward to this experience but listening to Mass and prayer for three days did not sound too appealing, just as it would not for most average teenagers. Saturday came and I did not set my expectations too high for this trip feeling as if I would catch myself half

asleep during the prayers. Then something amazing happened, I entered the city and the excitement from others blew me away.

There were many surprising things that made this pilgrimage so amazing. One was the kindness of absolutely everyone in the city. I could not walk by one person the whole trip without hearing such warm greetings of "Welcome to Philadelphia" and "Have a great day." It was amazing to me how much a mood of a city can change from one person entering it. This was a weekend to

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## Synod: Bible-based presentation of God's plan for family needed

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As members of the Synod of Bishops concluded work on the second of three chapters in their working document, they continued to call for a tone and for language that is clear, simple and encourages people to see it is possible to live the vocation of marriage and family life.

At the same time, most of the synod's 13 working groups — formed according to language — asked for a greater use of Scripture in the synod's text, including examples of holy couples and Jesus' interactions with a variety of family members such as parents who asked him to heal their children.

Two groups said the working document, which they are amending and planning to give to Pope Francis, does not contain a concise definition of marriage. "This is a serious defect," said English Group D, led by Cardinal Thomas C. Collins of Toronto.

The focus of small group work Oct. 10-13 was the section of the working document titled "The Discernment of the Family Vocation," which included a summary of the biblical vision of the family, ways families strengthen their faith and the role the family plays within the church.

At least two groups said the church needed an in-depth treatise on the Christian understanding of marriage and family life. French Group A, led by Canadian Cardinal Gerald LaCroix of Quebec, said such a document would be impossible for the synod to draft in three weeks, so the synod's task should be to offer reflections on "the most salient and urgent aspects" of Catholic teaching.

Spanish Group A, led by Honduran Cardinal

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## St. George Parish dedicates St. Francis Peace Pole

By Christina Galeone  
CFP Correspondent

"In a time when so many are disheartened and discouraged by reports of violence and feeling helpless, it was spiritually uplifting to gather with others and pray, in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, for an end to violence in all its forms and for the caring of creation," said Matt Ryan, the leader of St. George Parish's Faith in Action committee. He was speaking about his Worcester parish's St. Francis of Assisi Celebration that took place outside the church the morning of Oct. 10. At the event, several parishioners — and some furry friends — came together to bless pets, dedicate the church's new St. Francis Peace Pole and pray for peace.

The celebration was organized by the church's Faith in Action committee that has strived to live its motto of "Sowing Seeds of Justice, Peace and the Caring for Creation" since its inception in 2010. The ministry has helped parishioners to be more "green" through a series of talks and tips. By selling Catholic Relief Services fair trade coffee after Masses and by raising money to help homeless children, it has also allowed them to be more committed to the poor. Finally, it has engaged them in discussions about peace through "Confronting a Culture of Violence," a panel presentation it held earlier this year. But the one event that sows all three "seeds" mentioned in its motto is its annual St. Francis celebration.

This year, the event began with remarks from Ryan,

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# Aid workers in Greece brace for more migrants; weather worsening

By Dale Gavlak

LESBOS, Greece (CNS) — Greece is bracing for thousands more Syrians and other people to land on Lesbos and other key island crossings from Turkey, as those fleeing conflict remain undeterred by the worsening weather and colder autumn temperatures in their desperate search for safety in Europe.

"The waves were rolling fiercely with the salt water nearly choking us," said Syrian Um Tariq, who identified herself using the familial Arabic nickname, meaning mother of Tariq, her eldest son. "We thought we were going to die."

"The trip, meant to be a half-hour long, was a painful three hours in a tightly packed dinghy we feared would overturn," she told the Catholic News Service of the sea voyage from Turkey to this Greek island, better known in the past for its olive oil and ouzo.

Women cried out in panic and men shouted, desperately holding onto their babies and young children, appealing for assistance from the volunteers gathered on shore to help them land. Among the relief groups that help those coming ashore are the international Catholic Caritas organization, the inter-denominational OM Greece, EuroRelief and A Drop in the Sea.

Um Tariq recounted what pushed her family of four from Hama, Syria, to make such a dangerous trip.

"The Syrian regime arrested and jailed my eldest son some time ago. We haven't heard about him since. My husband and I escaped with another son and his wife. We were afraid that the Syrian army would conscript my son because it has lost so many men in four-and-a-half years of fighting," she said.

"If he refused to join the army, they could kill him," said the woman, who wore a black headscarf. The family hopes to join another son who is now sheltering in Norway.

And so the tide of humanity fleeing violence in Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq continues into Greece, a key entry point to Europe. Some 169 people reportedly drowned crossing the Aegean Sea in September; 44 of them were children. As the seas become more violent as colder autumn weather sets in, aid workers fear the conditions will only worsen.

In one week in early October, 7,000 people a day came ashore in Greece, said the International Organization for Migration.



A Syrian girl reacts as she is helped by a volunteer upon her Oct. 9 arrival from Turkey to the Greek island of Lesbos.

After Syrians, Afghans are the chief nationality among the nearly half-million people who have landed on Greek shores from Turkey this year, marking a tenfold increase from 2014.

"We help them to get out of the water to get safely onto land," said Hein van der Merwe of OM Greece.

"As soon as the refugees see they get closer to land, they just jump into the water. Sometimes they put themselves at risk doing this," he said. Afterward, they are given towels and dry clothes and food and drink.

"We give them information about the 44-mile trek to the camp for registration and where they can catch buses," van der Merwe told Catholic News Service.

Caritas is also distributing vital food and essential items, like diapers, said Evelyn Karastamati, the group's emergency program coordinator.

Sleeping bags, snacks and mats are given to those arriving on the islands of Lesbos, Kos and Chios. Caritas also provides toilets and showers for their use, she told CNS.

"The situation is changing all the time," Karastamati said, expressing concern. Although the European Union plans to set up so-called "hotspots" where people will be registered, finger-printed and sorted to be ready in Greece and Italy by the end of November, she said groups aiding the migrants, such as Caritas, have been given no information on the measure.

Karastamati and other relief workers are also worried about proposals to make one single camp on Lesbos to house all the migrants and refugees.

"We are very concerned because if they put all people together, Syrians with Afghans, they can create a lot of problems," she said, noting people

tend to jockey for priority position.

The European Union has approved a plan to spread 160,000 migrants, mostly Syrians and Eritreans, across its 28 member states in order to tackle the continent's worst migration crisis since World War II.

"But there is no information at this time about what the Greek authorities in cooperation with the European Union want to do," Karastamati added.

A European Union official said a group of Syrian refugees, the first to be officially re-assigned from Greece, was due to be relocated from Greece to Luxembourg under the EU plan around Oct. 18.

However, most migrants make the trek from Greece to their desired countries of destination, such as Germany and Sweden, on their own and by their own financial means.

Meanwhile, the cash-strapped Greek government, struggling to provide for its own citizens, has been turning some former Olympic facilities in Athens into shelters for mainly Afghan migrants and others with longer stays as autumn's rains have forced them out of the capital's parks.

However, the government and local authorities often depend once again on international nongovernmental organizations, like Caritas and OM Greece, as well as local churches to give out food, clothing and other items to the migrants.

Catholics in Greece are a minority, numbering only about 200,000-300,000; the predominant faith is Orthodox. For this reason, Caritas depends on its branches in Europe, North and South America for donations to enable it to reach out to the refugees and impoverished Greeks alike with humanitarian

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## World Capsules

### New rules prompt Sisters to end adoptions

KOLKATA, India (CNS) — The Missionaries of Charity will close their adoption centers in India, citing new regulations that would allow nontraditional families to adopt children, reported ucanews.com.

Founded by Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, the congregation runs orphanages across India, with 18 of them government-recognized centers that offer children for adoption.

But the nuns do not want to run adoption centers in India now, said Sister Mary Prema, the congregation's current superior general.

"The decision of seeking the government's de-recognition status for adoption centers applies only to India," Sister Mary Prema told ucanews.com Oct. 11.

The nuns decided on this voluntarily after the Missionaries of Charity headquarters in Kolkata was informed about complying with the new Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children by the federal Ministry of Women and Child Development, said an Oct. 10 statement issued by Sunita Kumar, spokeswoman for the congregation.

"If we were to continue the work set up by Mother Teresa, complying (with) all the provi-

sions would have been difficult for us," the statement said.

The guidelines, issued in July, aim to regulate adoptions nationwide. They require all applications and processing to be done online and based on the seniority of applicants at the time of application.

They say a single woman is eligible to adopt a child of any gender but that a single man is not eligible to adopt a girl child. They also say parents shall be given an opportunity to view the photographs, child study and medical examination reports of up to six children.

Father Joseph Chinnayyan, deputy secretary-general of the national bishops' conference in India, said there are basic issues with these clauses.

The first clause would mean that unmarried adults in same-sex relationships, couples living together, and those divorced or separated could adopt children, contrary to the church's thinking about family and parenting, he said.

The guideline also says that those wishing to adopt have an option to choose from up to six children, which "offends the dignity of children," Father Chinnayyan said.

### Vatican inaugurates new homeless shelter for men

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican opened the "Gift of Mercy," a shelter for homeless men, just a few hundred yards away from St. Peter's Square.

Housed in a Jesuit-owned building, the shelter was created by and is run with funds from the papal almoner, who has taken a variety of initiatives to assist the homeless people in the area surrounding the Vatican.

Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, Pope Francis' almoner, inaugurated the shelter Oct. 7 by celebrating Mass for the first guests. The shelter offers 34 beds in an open-floor, partitioned dormitory, according to a statement from the Almoner's Office Oct. 12.

The shelter is run by the Missionaries of Charity, who briefly interview the guests before they are checked in. Because of limited space,

the guests may stay for a maximum of 30 days.

The guests agree to abide by a structured schedule with check-in each evening between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., followed by lights-out at a set time.

After the 6:15 a.m. wake-up call, guests are offered breakfast and have until 8 a.m. to tidy up their respective areas and use the washrooms. After the shelter closes for the day, guests can shower and visit the barber at a facility set up under the colonnade in St. Peter's Square. The facility also was established by the papal almoner.

Various locations around the Vatican offer lunch and dinner, including the Vatican soup kitchen at the nearby "Gift of Mary" shelter for women. The shelter for women also is staffed by the Missionaries of Charity.

### Synod: 'Our families' need recognition

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Members of the Synod of Bishops are not talking about "the family," but about "our families" — real people who deserve recognition, friendship and a helping hand, said New Zealand Cardinal John Dew of Wellington.

"One of the big things that is being spoken about a great deal this year is the 'church speak'" that tends to be a feature of church documents, the cardinal told Catholic News Service Oct. 12. "A lot of people in the hall are saying, 'Look, this doesn't actually speak to families,' and saying that as we prepare documents let's use language which is inspiring, which is hopeful."

As members of Cardinal Dew's small working group at the synod went through the working document, he said, one member suggested reading the text and every time it referred to "the family," substituting the words, "our family."

### Synod: Method of teaching can alienate people

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Just like a family, the Catholic Church should challenge members to grow and behave better, but also like a family, it should not exclude those who still have some growing to do, said Bishop George V. Murry of Youngstown, Ohio.

Bishop Murry and other members of the Synod of Bishops on the family spoke Oct. 10 about finding a way to affirm Gospel principles and church teaching while accompanying all Catholics on the path to perfection and holiness.

Irish Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin spoke later about the Irish referendum in favor of same-sex marriage, about faith and about finding language to share church teaching with a new generation of Catholics.

The Youngstown bishop told the assembly that while there are many "effective, traditional families" among Catholics in the United States, there are also single-parent families, divorced couples, blended families, families separated by migration and many others.

### Synod: Communion for remarried not doctrine

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Allowing civilly remarried divorcees to receive Communion would not only open the door to the sacrament for all who live in mortal sin, but also would cause great damage to the church's doctrine on sanctifying grace, said Archbishop Stanislaw Gadecki of Poznan, Poland.

The church must help divorced and remarried couples "with special charity" and "in a spirit of mercy," but cannot allow them to receive communion, Archbishop Gadecki, president of the Polish bishops' conference, told the Synod of Bishops on the family.

The archbishop addressed the synod Oct. 10, saying he was speaking on behalf of the entire Polish bishops' conference. The conference posted an English-translation of his speech on its website Oct. 13.

As baptized people, divorced and remarried Catholics should be encouraged to continue participating in the life of the church, the

"Many of these adults and children feel left out of pastoral care," Bishop Murry said.

"One universal and distinguishing feature of all families is that family members, regardless of how errant they become, are not rejected from the family," the bishop said. "For them, the light is always on; the door is always open. Good families use 'tough love' among themselves to challenge each other to grow, but they never exclude."

The Catholic Church, he said, must continue to advocate for traditional families and explain the Scriptures that present them as God's plan for human beings.

At the same time, Bishop Murry said, "we also intentionally should reach out to those families that do not fit into traditional categories. We must help them to see the benefits of following Jesus Christ. That requires that we welcome them, be open to listen to their needs, walk with them and be courageous in inviting them into the fullness of the truth of the Gospel."

archbishop said. "Let us, therefore, encourage them to listen to the word of God, to attend the sacrifice of the Mass, to persevere in prayer, to contribute to works of charity and to community efforts in favor of justice, to bring up their children in the Christian faith, to cultivate the spirit and practice of penance and thus implore, day by day, God's grace."

However, the Polish archbishop stressed that the church's doctrine must not "be led by feelings of false compassion for people or by modes of thought that -- despite their worldwide popularity -- are mistaken."

"Admitting to Communion those who continue cohabiting 'more uxorio' (as a husband and wife) without the sacramental bond would be contrary to the tradition of the church," he said. Without an annulment or a promise to abstain from sexual relations, such couples are living in a state of mortal sin according to church teaching.

# Pro-life forces come together to pray

WORCESTER — A Public Square Rosary Rally on Pleasant Street Saturday followed a peaceful protest against the practices of Planned Parenthood uniting pro-life forces against the abortion giant and in favor of life. Over a period of two hours the crowd grew to about 120 people who gathered to voice their opposition to abortion and to pray for the respect for all life.

The rosary rally was one of several held at noon across the Diocese planned by America Needs Fatima nationwide. Decades of the rosary and other prayers and petitions were led by various people including Virginia Towns of Worcester and Father Chester Misiewicz, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, just down the street.

The Protest Planned Parenthood vigil was the second one held in the city and also part of a nationwide movement started to draw attention to the harvesting of fetal organs and tissue from aborted babies for a fee by some Planned Parenthood facilities. The trafficking of fetal body parts was documented by David Daleiden of the Center for Medical Progress who released a series of undercover videos taken during conversations with doctors who work for Planned Parenthood. Other videos show conversations with a woman who was responsible for gathering organ and tissue samples for StemExpress, a company that paid Planned Parenthood.



PHOTOS BY MARGARET M. RUSSELL

Dr. Joseph Roebuck, a radiologist who lives in Worcester, said he went out of his comfort zone Saturday when he decided to speak publicly about lost fatherhood. He spoke from the heart, with no prepared notes.

"I had a son. His name was Paul. He was aborted 30 years ago," Dr. Roebuck told those gathered.

Men have a "forbidden grief" when it comes to abortion, he said. But, "it's not just a woman's issue." Men suffer too, he said. "I've struggled with guilt, with pain."

He asked the men in the crowd to raise their hands if they had participated in the abortion of their child. He asked the women in the crowd - some already carrying signs that said "I regret my abortion" - to raise their hands if they had an abortion. Then he asked anyone who had ever been affected by



People line both sides of Pleasant Street on Saturday, above, outside Planned Parenthood building. Dr. Joseph Roebuck, left, speaks to crowd on lost fatherhood.

abortion to raise their hands. When he was done, few did not have their hands up.

"Stand with me and claim our rights to be parents, grandparents," he said.

"I am not ashamed because I am forgiven. And I claim my dignity as a father. I know my son is proud of me for doing this," he said about his campaign to help fathers deal with their loss.

Margaret M. Russell, edi-

tor of The Catholic Free Press, spoke about the failure of the secular media to investigate Planned Parenthood's claims that everything they do is legal. She noted the media bias against pro-life causes and urged people to seek out news sources that seek the truth. She said that the Diocese is blessed with strong local Catholic media, including the newspaper, TV, websites, and several Catholic radio stations affiliated with EWTN.



CNS PHOTO/JACLYN LIPPELMANN, CATHOLIC STANDARD  
Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, Poland, consecrates the main altar at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington during an Oct. 2 Mass of dedication.

pontiff's death in 2005.

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verted it into a shrine to keep with the original vision of the center.

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## Polish cardinal helps dedicate altar at U.S. shrine to St. John Paul II

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, Poland, made his first visit to a national shrine in Washington dedicated to the pope he served as personal secretary for nearly 27 years.

The cardinal consecrated the main altar at the St. John Paul II National Shrine during an Oct. 2 Mass of dedication.

The work of Italian sculptor Edoardo Ferrari, the altar features sculptures of the apostles. The relics of seven saints were deposited into the altar, where they will remain permanently.

Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington was the principal celebrant of the Mass and the homilist, and the concelebrant was Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, supreme chaplain of the Knights of

Columbus.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was in attendance along with the shrine's executive director, Patrick Kelly, and other Knights of Columbus officials. The shrine is a special initiative of the Knights.

Now-Cardinal Dziwisz was ordained to the priesthood in 1963 by Archbishop Karol Wojtyla of Krakow — the future pope and saint. The priest became the archbishop's private secretary in 1966 and was with him in Rome when he was elected pope in 1978. Then-Father Dziwisz accompanied the pope on his numerous trips abroad and physically supported Pope John Paul in the critical moments following an attempt on his life in 1981. He continued to serve him until the

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## Archbishop Cupich urges gun control measures

CHICAGO (CNS) — Archbishop Blase J. Cupich of Chicago, saying it is time to "take meaningful and swift action to address violence in our society," called for stricter gun control laws in Illinois.

"Recently, the city of Chicago adopted a tough ordinance to tightly regulate gun stores here. I applaud Chicago's leadership for taking this important step to protect our children and families," Archbishop Cupich said in a

commentary published Oct. 9 issue in the Chicago Tribune.

"For this measure to truly be effective, however, the General Assembly must pass a similar law, especially considering how many guns are sold in gun shops located outside of Chicago," he added.

"Let's be honest. The Second Amendment was passed in an era when organized police forces were few and citizen militias were useful in maintaining the peace. Its original authors could

not have anticipated a time when the weapons we have a right to bear now include military-grade assault weapons that have turned our streets into battlefields," Archbishop Cupich said.

"The Second Amendment's original intent has been perverted by those who, as Pope Francis recently commented, have profited mightily. Surely there is a middle ground between the original intent of the amendment and the car-

nage we see today," he added, noting that during the pope's address Sept. 24 to Congress, many "stood ... to applaud Pope Francis' call for an end to the weapons industry that is motivated by 'money that is drenched in blood.'"

Archbishop Cupich called the combination of a ready supply of firearms, the glamorization of crime, "a society where life is cheap" and untreated mental illness "a recipe for tragedy."

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## EDITORIAL

# It's not all about money

Planned Parenthood has pulled the plug on the revenue it was getting for the procurement of body parts and tissue from aborted babies. It has not, however, vowed to stop the practice of providing organs and tissue from aborted babies to laboratories that will sell them to researchers, medical or otherwise.

That is not acceptable.

Federal investigations of the country's largest abortion provider began after the release of about a dozen undercover video tapes made by David Daleiden of the Center for Medical Progress. The videotapes, taken by people posing as representatives of a company interested in purchasing the fetal tissue, exposed the business of selling baby body parts that Planned Parenthood facilities were involved in.

The videos also revealed the evils of abortion, to those who may have been unaware.

Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, made the announcement Tuesday that they would no longer take the fees to which she says they are legally entitled. She also claims that everything they have done has been within the law.

If that is true, then perhaps it is time to change the law. There needs to be a public discussion on the ethics of harvesting fetal body parts and tissue from aborted babies.

Ms. Richards apparently thinks that the spotlight will be turned off of the non-profit business that gets \$500 million of its \$1.3 billion annual budget from taxpayer funded federal and state programs.

But, shining a light on the evil of abortion is never going to be turned off as long as there are people who think and act morally to defend the lives of unborn babies. These children are not a commodity that you can give away for free. They are unique, precious human beings that deserve better than to end up in pieces in a pitre dish.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### America's greatness in question

To the Editor:

America was once a moral and civilized society; however, it is quite evident that it has become immoral and uncivilized.

A glaring example of the above is the truth about occurrences at government-funded Planned Parenthood. Not only are abortions performed there, parts of the unborn are sold for profit. How can anyone deny the truth about these horrible acts at Planned Parenthood and continue to support them is beyond belief.

Alexis de Tocqueville, an aristocratic Frenchman who came to America in 1831, wrote: "I sought for the greatness and genius of

America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers — and it was not there...in her fertile fields and boundless forests — and it was not there...in her rich mines and her vast world commerce — and it was not there...in her democratic Congress and matchless Constitution — and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

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Spencer

### Male and female he created them

To the Editor:

A secular newspaper recently referred to an advocacy group for "L.G.B.T. Catholics." The existence of such a group is surprising to some of us Catholics because we were taught about our religion not just from the New Testament in which Jesus said that his purpose was not to change the law (although he advocated repentance and forgiveness) but also from the Old Testament which tells us that God created man in his own image: "Male and female he created them." The L.G.B.T. ideology is contrary to Catholic teaching. Although the laws of

the land and even of some self-proclaimed Christian organizations have been changed, people should have the right to express Catholic beliefs.

Appearances and mannerisms may vary but the truth is that God created only two sexes. There are no civil laws that say that anyone has to be Catholic but Catholics and L.G.B.T. believers have very different views from one another and there is a great deal of confusion among leaders. We need to think about the next generation and care about the direction in which they are being led.

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Pope Francis speaks

# The family spirit

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Just a few days ago the Synod of Bishops opened on the theme: "The vocation and mission of the family in the Church and in the contemporary world." The family that walks in the way of the Lord is fundamental to the witness of God's love and therefore deserves all the dedication the Church is capable of. The Synod is called to interpret this concern and this attention of the Church for the present. Let us accompany the entire path of the Synod first of all with our prayer and our interest. In this period the catecheses reflection will draw inspiration from certain aspects of the relationship — which we might well call indissoluble! — between the Church and the family, whose horizon is open to the good of the entire Christian community.

An attentive look at the everyday life of today's men and women immediately shows the omnipresent need for a healthy injection of "family spirit". Indeed, the form of the relationship — civil, economic, juridical, professional, civic — seems quite rational, formal, organized, but also very "dehydrated", arid, anonymous. At times it becomes unbearable. While seeking to be inclusive in its forms, in reality it abandons more and more people to loneliness and discards them.

This is why, for the whole of society, the family opens a much more human prospect: it opens its sons and daughters' eyes — and not only sight but also all the other senses — to life, representing a vision of the human relationship built on the free covenant of love. The family posits the need for the bonds of loyalty, sincerity, trust, cooperation and respect. It encourages its members to plan an inhabitable world and belief in trusting relationships, even in difficult conditions; it teaches them to honour one's word, to respect each individual, to share within one's personal limitations and those of others. We are all aware of the irreplaceable attention of the family for the littlest, most vulnerable, most wounded, and even the most debilitated members, in living their lives. In society, those who practice these attitudes have assimilated them from the family spirit, certainly not through competition and the desire for self-fulfillment.

Well, although knowing all this, the family is not accorded due importance — or recognition, or support — in the political and economic organization of contemporary society. Furthermore, I would like to say: not only does the family not receive adequate recognition, but it no longer engenders learning! At times it

might be said that, with all its science, its technology, modern society is no longer able to translate this knowledge into better forms of civil coexistence. Not only is the organization of ordinary life increasingly thwarted by a bureaucracy completely irrelevant to fundamental human bonds but, even social and political customs often show signs of degradation — aggressiveness, vulgarity, contempt — which are well below the threshold of even a minimal family education. In such circumstances, the opposite extremes of this abasement of relationships — namely technocratic obtuseness and amoral familism — join and incite each other. This is a paradox.

The Church identifies today, at this exact point, the historical meaning of her mission with regard to the family and to the authentic family spirit: beginning from a careful review of life, which examines itself. One could say that the "family spirit" is a constitutional charter for the Church: this is how Christianity must appear, and this is how it must be. It is written in bold characters: "you who were far off" — St Paul says — [...] are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" (Eph 2:17, 19). The Church is and must be the family of God.

Jesus, when he called Peter to follow him, told him that he would make him a "fisher of men"; and for this reason a new type of net is needed. We should say that today families are one of the most important nets for the mission of Peter and of the Church. This is not a



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net that takes one prisoner! On the contrary, it frees people from the cruel waters of abandonment and indifference, which drown many human beings in the sea of loneliness and indifference. Families know well the feeling of dignity conferred by being sons and daughters and not slaves, nor strangers, not just a number on an identity card.

From here, from the family, Jesus resumes his passage among human beings to persuade them that God has not forgotten them. From here Peter draws the strength for his ministry. From here the Church, obeying the Teacher's word, puts out to fish in the deep waters, certain that, if she does so, the catch will be miraculous. May the enthusiasm of the Synod Fathers, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, foster the impetus of a Church that abandons the old nets and puts out again to fish, trusting in the word of her Lord. Let us pray earnestly for this! Christ, after all, promised and encourages us: even if bad fathers do not deny their hungry children bread, how much more will God give the Spirit to those who — imperfect as they are — ask him with fervent persistence (cf. Lk 11:9-13)! †



## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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### Pius XII, co-conspirator in tyrannicide

ROME — The great Piazza San Pietro is a five-minute walk from where I'm living during Synod-2015. About three-quarters of the Square is bounded the famous Bernini colonnades, which reach out from the Vatican basilica as if to embrace the world. Along the open "front" of the Piazza and along the perimeter of the colonnades, a broad white stripe is embedded in the street. The casual visitor might mistake it for a kind of "No Parking" sign.

In fact, that white strip marks the border between Vatican City State and Italy. And for many during World War II, it signified the boundary between life and internment, imprisonment, or death.

When Italy declared war on the Allies — after the initial, swift success of the German invasion of the Low Countries and France seemed to suggest who was going to win World War II — Allied diplomats accredited to the Holy See but living in Rome fled into the Vatican and were housed there throughout the war. So did democratically minded Italians on Mussolini's hit list — like Alcide de Gasperi, who would become Italy's first post-war Christian Democratic prime minister.

Another boundary of consequence was defined by the walls surrounding the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo. Thousands of Italian Jews were hidden there, and dozens of babies were born in Pope Pius XII's bedroom, some of them given the names "Eugenio" or "Eugenio" in honor of the pontiff who saved their parents' lives.

These facts of Pius's actions, like his quiet orders to hide Roman Jews in Catholic facilities, are reasonably well-known, if often ignored in the polemics that surround the debate over Pius XII's and the Holy See's actions (or inactions, or silences) during the war. A new book by intelligence specialist Mark Riebling, "Church of Spies: The Pope's Secret War Against Hitler" (Basic Books), adds a mass of new evidence to what we know, now, about what the Pope and the Church did to deal with the mortal threat to civilization posed by Hitler and German National Socialism.

In a word: Pius was complicit in a variety of plots, initi-

ated by patriotic, anti-Nazi Germans, to assassinate Hitler and replace the Nazi regime with a government that would make peace with the West.

That Pius was involved in at least one such plot has been known for decades, thanks to Owen Chadwick's Britain and the Vatican During the Second World War, which drew extensively on the records of Great Britain's representative to the Holy See during the war, D'Arcy Osborne. "Church of Spies," which is based on exhaustive archival research (including a close reading of the Nuremberg trial transcripts), demonstrates that the plot mentioned in Chadwick's book was not the only such enterprise, and that Pius XII's closest aide, Father Robert Leiber, SJ, was the key liaison between the Pope and the various plotters, working in discrete tandem with a German Catholic lawyer, Dr. Josef Mueller.

None of these multiple attempts to eliminate Hitler and replace the Nazi regime got to the trigger-point, with the exception of the Stauffenberg plot (cinematically memorialized in "Valkyrie"). And it has long been known that many German officers refused to participate in such plots because of their personal oath of loyalty to Hitler; they may have detested him, but they had sworn to uphold him. Riebling shows that another difficulty in gathering sufficient manpower behind any plot was the difference between Catholic and Protestant German generals: the Catholics, tutored by Thomas Aquinas, had a theological rationale for morally defensible tyrannicide, while the Protestants, mired in a Lutheran theory of state authority, had no such moral compass; quite the opposite, in fact.

"Church of Spies" does not, and cannot, settle the question of whether Pius should have spoken out plainly and unmistakably in condemnation of the Holocaust; that he refrained from doing so because he thought that would intensify the murderous bloodletting of the Third Reich seems well-established, if unlikely to persuade all of the wisdom of the course he chose. But "Church of Spies" ought to end the "Hitler's Pope" nonsense.

"Hitler's Pope" would not have aided and abetted plots to kill Hitler.



## SUNDAY'S EPISTLE

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## Confidence should yield perseverance

Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

**T**he New Illustrated Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus defines confidence as "trust in or reliance upon something or someone; belief in a person or thing; assurance." These words speak of a deep knowing that someone or something will be there for us in an enduring way.

In Hebrews 4:14-16, the author of the letter uses "confidence" to describe a Christian's relationship with Christ. He connects this confidence to the sacrifice of Jesus and suggests that the Christian's confidence in Christ should yield perseverance.

Chapter 4 of Hebrews begins with the author's discussion of the "rest" of God which beckons to the righteous but is refused by the sinner. By "rest" the author means "salvation" and, in verses 12-13, he notes Scripture as an important resource for those seeking it. He explains that this is because Scripture is "living and effective," assisting believers in discernment, examination of conscience and conversion.

Hebrews 4:14-16 begins with the author naming Jesus as "a great high priest." The footnotes on this passage in *The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible New Testament* tell us that in this verse the author of Hebrews connects the priesthood of Jesus with that of Melchizedek. In *The Catholic Bible Dictionary*, the authors tell us that in Hebrew, "Melchizedek" means "king of righteousness." The dictionary goes on to remind us of Genesis 14:18-20, wherein Melchizedek, King of Salem appears. In the passage, the patriarch Abraham encounters Melchizedek after he returns from a mission to rescue Lot from his enemies. Melchizedek blesses Abraham while bringing out bread and wine, mentioning "God" the "Most High, the creator of Heaven and earth." The author of the Letter to The Hebrews' connection between the priesthood of Jesus and that of Melchizedek centers around Melchizedek being a foreshadowing of Christ.

This foreshadowing deepens as we recall that Jesus too

offered bread and wine to God during the first Eucharist on the night before he died. Jesus established the Eucharist as the memorial of his sacrifice on the Cross which he would undertake the following day. In Hebrews 4:14, the author references this sacrifice as he states that Jesus, the High Priest, has "passed through the Heavens" and is "the Son of God." Therefore, what makes Jesus' sacrifice for sin effective is that it was offered by one who was sinless, indeed God incarnate, in atonement for the sins of all human beings.

In verse 15, the author notes that Jesus is able to "sympathize with our weaknesses" because he has "similarly been tested in every way" but is "without sin." A careful reading of the Passion narrative in the four Gospels will reveal this testing and the "weaknesses" Jesus suffered. The author of Hebrews suggests that as Christians daily experience the struggles of life so they should bring them to the Lord in prayer because he understands them and waits to give them grace and blessing.

The passage concludes in verse 16. In this verse, the author encourages believers to "confidently approach" Christ so that they may receive "mercy" and "timely help." The confidence believers should have in Jesus is based on the fact that he has already showed them his great love and concern for them through his willingness to die for them. In verse 14, the author of Hebrews tells us that this "confidence" in the Lord should enable us to "hold fast to our confession" of faith. This "holding fast" is perseverance in the face of difficulty.

Hebrews 4:14-16 teaches us that having faith in the Lord is synonymous with having confidence in him. Confidence includes "assurance." When we are assured, we are guaranteed. Therefore, our confidence in Jesus is guaranteed because it is founded in the pivotal experience of his free choice to suffer and die for our sin. Our reflection upon this experience can give us new motivation in prayer and in our daily attempts to put our faith into action.

## Fundamentals of Catholicism



## The Creed

## The Life of the World to Come

By FATHER KENNETH BAKER, S.J.

**T**he Nicene Creed concludes with a strong note of hope — hope for the resurrection of the dead and "the life of the world to come." In this final essay on the Creed we will reflect for a few moments on the meaning of "eternal life."

From our own experience we all know what life is. It is the supreme good in this world — something we strive to preserve at all cost. Men and women will give up their wealth and undergo the most painful operations and treatments in order to sustain their lives a few more months or years. And constantly we live in the shadow of death — the all-consuming, rapacious, inescapable jaws that eventually devour each one of us.

From physical death, and the personal disintegration that it connotes, we hope to escape by entering into eternal life. By his death and Resurrection Jesus was victorious over death. All those who enter into his life-death-Resurrection by faith, Baptism and the exercise of the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity, are summoned by the Father to be participants with Christ in the eternal kingdom.

By faith we know that in addition to our material-biological life on earth there is another, higher lie of grace that is open to all who believe in the Father, in Jesus Christ his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit. The supernatural life of grace is an unmerited, total gift of God which begins in this life by faith and Baptism and is brought to completion in "the world to come" when the veils of this flesh are removed so that we can see God as he is, face to face.

Our infallible Catholic faith teaches us that our life does not cease at death. In the preface of the Mass for the Dead the Church prays that in death life is not extinguished but only changed into a new, permanent, glorious kind of life.

We pray in the Creed that we are looking for the life "of the world to come." There are many Scriptural overtones in this expression. We know from our faith that one day God will destroy the present world. This means that one day there will be an end to conception, life, growth and death. The New Testament writers speak of the "new heaven and the new earth" that God is going to fashion. What this new heaven and earth will be like and how God will accomplish his plan, he has not seen fit to reveal to us.

God's purpose in creating the universe, the human race and each human person, is that we might share in his abundant life. That is the end that he intends for each and every one of us.

Thus, God desires that all men be saved and that all come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:4). However, in order to attain the permanent divine life that he has in store for us, he demands that we freely love him in return for his many kindnesses to us. And the way we show that we love God is by keeping his commandments (Jn 14:15).

Accordingly, we see that there is a well thought out plan in the Creed: it moves from the Father, to the Son, to the Holy Spirit, to the Church and finally to the "last things" — especially the resurrection and eternal life.

It is one thing to be able to recite the Nicene Creed with understanding at Sunday Mass; it is something else to live our Catholic lives in the full realization and implementation of the Creed. In these short essays on the Creed I have tried to convey more knowledge about the essentials of our Catholic faith. Knowledge is not the same thing as faith, but it is an essential part of it. Our Lord himself said: "This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3).

**This week finishes Father Baker's study of The Creed. Next week he begins to look at the Ten Commandments.**

**NEXT WEEK: What Makes Human Acts Good or Bad? Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments."**

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## REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

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## Smelling like the sheep we serve

Reflections on Mark 10:35-45

**H**e replied, 'what do you wish me to do for you?' They answered him, 'Grant that in your glory we may sit at your right and the other at your left.'

Today's Gospel passage sounds like a "wake-up call" for those "jockeying" for position and power in the Christian community. It also hints at our Holy Father's current crisis in the governance of the structural Church as he confronts the age-old walls of clericalism. We can never forget simple, humble leadership after the self-effacing example of Jesus Christ. We often forget that to follow Jesus is not about power and prestige, but about lowliness and service. As our beloved Pope Francis so often mentions, we've got to "smell like the sheep" among whom we minister. We have to get right down and be where the people are at.

There's something about us humans that always wants to be first and get "on top." Being on the top feels significant to us from early on in our lives. When I was a child, we had a game we used to play on our dead-end street. It was called "King of the Mountain." We played it in the fall when the leaves fell off the trees. We kids would rake all the leaves from our yards into a big, humongous pile at the end of our dirt road, and then we'd make a huge mountain out of them. Then the fun would begin! We four boys would see who could make it to the top of the pile to become king. As we fought each other off, it seems it was always Jackie Fish who made it to the top. He'd stand in the center with his hands in the air and shout, "I'm king of the mountain!" All those years we played the game, I never recalled making it to the top. How I envied Jackie Fish who always seemed to win. (By the way, we did the same thing with the snow!)

That's what the disciples request to be "first" in the kingdom of God was like along with their desire to be seated at Jesus' left and right side. It was transitory and short-lived; the focus was "this-worldly" and not heaven-ward. Their motivation was

in the wrong place, as sincere as it might have been. Jesus came back at them with a startling statement: "You do not know what you are asking?"

For them to hold authority in Jesus' kingdom would be radically different from doing so in the world. They had been so accustomed to the world's mode of governing and leadership. There, authority was understood as power over and control of others. Jesus, on the other hand, ushered in a new and revolutionary model of authority—servant leadership. In this model, ideal leaders are those who serve the many, those who are willing to lay down their lives, those who surrender the inner quest to be "on top."

Back to the "king of the mountain" story - eventually in the game, Jackie Fish would sink down into the bottom of the pile of leaves with the rest of us, back down on the ground. His time of being "king of the mountain" was all over. He was one of us kids again. That's how worldly leadership is ... one day you're back on the ground with rest of us, just one of the kids. No longer "king of the mountain." It's a fact of life.

Jesus said to them, 'You know that those recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you.'

It is here that he lays out his formula for "kingdom-centered" leadership. Jesus said: "Whoever wishes to be great will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Surely they weren't ready for that, but when they heard it from the lips of Jesus, they were not surprised. After all, his actions, his every move, were of loving service to God and others. I'd venture to say that they didn't realize what they were getting themselves into when James and John said, "We can." One can only imagine their reaction to Jesus' final words: "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus challenges us in the Gospel today to examine our ways of leadership and exercise of authority. Do we "smell of the sheep" we serve?

## LIFE MATTERS

## All life has dignity

**W**e will all die, yes, but only a few of us (less than 10%) will die suddenly. Most of us will suffer for a time before dying. The way we live out the time until that moment is of profound spiritual significance, and the moment of death itself is a sacred one. The way we care for loved ones with declining health through that moment of death is just as significant.

For many, that suffering will entail a prolonged and debilitating illness. Do we have trouble looking upon the frail? Are we made uncomfortable by the physically or mentally disabled? Does a lack of human beauty repulse us? An emergency physician once said about a patient, "If I ever get like that just shoot me." What trust would you put in him, or even a family member, who thought like that? Does our own pride, with its need for control and independence, say, "I don't want to live like that," either? Do you trust yourself?

A mere 3% of people choose physician-assisted suicide because they are in pain. Most people choose it because they are afraid of what might happen, like future suffering, dependence on others, or a loss of "dignity;" in other words, because they don't want to live like that. Imagine, then, what physician-assisted suicide says to the disabled. Young people who suffer sudden, debilitating illnesses become depressed; within a year they find happiness once again. Why, then, at some certain age (whatever age that might be) do we accept suicide over love and care, mistaking it for mercy and dignity? Will "old" age or time left to live no longer matter as suicide becomes accepted? That is exactly what has happened in Europe.

Imagine, too, what physician-assisted suicide says to people who have been physically changed by treatment. Do the changes that happen as sicknesses progress — dementia, incontinence,

inability to walk, tubes, baldness, radiation burns, bloating, or whatever else — change our love for those who are suffering? They need to be assured that we look upon them with the same eyes that Jesus Christ looks upon each of us, with love that sees beyond our human frailties and failings. Unconditional love.

As disciples of Christ we hand our lives over to him and seek to do his will. The Father is all-knowing and all-powerful, and Jesus Christ pours out his great love and mercy on each of us; we trust that God's will for us comes from that knowledge and power, love and mercy. Our lives, our sufferings, have a greater purpose, whether we suffer with our own illness or with our sick loved ones. Can we really know better than to end life before natural death?

The medical community also must rebuild a culture in which all human life has dignity. No frailty is undignified, no patient undeserving, and no life without meaning. Every beneficial medical treatment must be offered to every patient, and we as patients should accept them. This does not mean every treatment under every circumstance, not at all. We will refuse treatment if it does little to improve our condition or ease of our suffering, but not because we are of a certain age or have a certain illness.

Acceptance of physician-assisted suicide forever changes our relationships with our families and our healthcare providers. It destroys human dignity by making vulnerable those who are disabled, frail, or weak. Let us live, suffer, die, and care for one another as Jesus Christ did for us all, caring for all life until natural death.

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## All life has dignity

**W**e will all die, yes, but only a few of us (less than 10%) will die suddenly. Most of us will suffer for a time before dying. The way we live out the time until that moment is of profound spiritual significance, and the moment of death itself is a sacred one. The way we care for loved ones with declining health through that moment of death is just as significant.

For many, that suffering will entail a prolonged and debilitating illness. Do we have trouble looking upon the frail? Are we made uncomfortable by the physically or mentally disabled? Does a lack of human beauty repulse us? An emergency physician once said about a patient, "If I ever get like that just shoot me." What trust would you put in him, or even a family member, who thought like that? Does our own pride, with its need for control and independence, say, "I don't want to live like that," either? Do you trust yourself?

A mere 3% of people choose physician-assisted suicide because they are in pain. Most people choose it because they are afraid of what might happen, like future suffering, dependence on others, or a loss of "dignity;" in other words, because they don't want to live like that. Imagine, then, what physician-assisted suicide says to the disabled. Young people who suffer sudden, debilitating illnesses become depressed; within a year they find happiness once again. Why, then, at some certain age (whatever age that might be) do we accept suicide over love and care, mistaking it for mercy and dignity? Will "old" age or time left to live no longer matter as suicide becomes accepted? That is exactly what has happened in Europe.

Imagine, too, what physician-assisted suicide says to people who have been physically changed by treatment. Do the changes that happen as sicknesses progress — dementia, incontinence,

inability to walk, tubes, baldness, radiation burns, bloating, or whatever else — change our love for those who are suffering? They need to be assured that we look upon them with the same eyes that Jesus Christ looks upon each of us, with love that sees beyond our human frailties and failings. Unconditional love.

As disciples of Christ we hand our lives over to him and seek to do his will. The Father is all-knowing and all-powerful, and Jesus Christ pours out his great love and mercy on each of us; we trust that God's will for us comes from that knowledge and power, love and mercy. Our lives, our sufferings, have a greater purpose, whether we suffer with our own illness or with our sick loved ones. Can we really know better than to end life before natural death?

The medical community also must rebuild a culture in which all human life has dignity. No frailty is undignified, no patient undeserving, and no life without meaning. Every beneficial medical treatment must be offered to every patient, and we as patients should accept them. This does not mean every treatment under every circumstance, not at all. We will refuse treatment if it does little to improve our condition or ease of our suffering, but not because we are of a certain age or have a certain illness.

Acceptance of physician-assisted suicide forever changes our relationships with our families and our healthcare providers. It destroys human dignity by making vulnerable those who are disabled, frail, or weak. Let us live, suffer, die, and care for one another as Jesus Christ did for us all, caring for all life until natural death.

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**NEXT WEEK: What Makes Human Acts Good or Bad? Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments."**

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## Holy music emanates from Holy Cross composer

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Mr. Gouin crafted the tune and hymn harmonization, while Father Ciferni worked on the text. Mr. Gouin said both he and the lyricist found inspiration in contemplating family life, Jesus, Mary and Joseph as role models and Pope Francis' call "to simplicity and to be people of justice – to be disciples of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

When the Holy Cross composer was notified that the hymn had been chosen, he considered it "one of the greatest honors" of his life. He was also shocked.

"I was among a lot of other great composers that I don't necessarily consider myself in line with. So, to have that chosen was a great honor and very humbling," said Mr. Gouin.

The composer, who also

sang with the Papal Choir for the Mass, added, "And to be there at the Mass with almost a million people singing that hymn, what greater gift could I ask for to have been chosen ... to allow God to work through me as a composer ... to craft this melody that would then be shared by so many people and help people, hopefully, to pray in union with our Holy Father."

And he said his parents, who watched the Mass on television, were equally happy about their son's achievement. "It's like having a celebrity son all of a sudden," joked Mr. Gouin with a laugh. But he then admitted how much this honor means to them because, he said, "so much of who I am – and my experience of family and church – stems from them. They're my first

mentors – in terms of finding out what it means to be a part of His Church and sharing their faith with me. To see all of that come to the point where my music is actually being used to help people celebrate at such an amazing and historic event, means the world to them."

While the hymn about bringing God's children from all nations together to find "holy freedom" by following the virtues of the Holy Family inspires people, Mr. Gouin was inspired by Pope Francis. Besides being struck by the beauty of the Mass and overjoyed at sharing it with friends, while having the Philadelphia Orchestra perform the hymn, the composer felt challenged.

"I left Philadelphia challenged to live more simply, to work harder at living the Gospel

of Jesus Christ, and to do so with joy... to always attempt to find common ground, and finally to be much more attentive to the plight of the poor and how to be a good and just steward of the environment," said Mr. Gouin.

"Reflecting on Pope Francis' message and heeding this call to conversion I hope will not only affect my daily living but my work as an artist and composer of sacred music for the Church."

*– The hymn can be heard and the words can be read by going to the World Meeting of Families website: <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/about-the-event/hymn/> or by going directly to YouTube: <https://youtu.be/4fDrVPKx800>*

## Obituary

### Sr. Joseph Anna Hine

SPRINGFIELD – Sister Joseph Anna Hine, (Dorothy), 94, beloved member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield, died in Mont Marie Rehabilitation Center in Holyoke on Oct. 13.

A native of Worcester, she was the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Shea) Hine. Sister entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield from Sacred Heart Parish, Worcester. She was graduated from St. Peter High School, Worcester and earned a bachelor's degree from the College of Our Lady of the Elms, Chicopee, and a master's degree from Assumption College, Worcester.

She also studied at University of Western Washington, Smith College and Westfield State College.

Sister taught in the schools of the Diocese of Springfield at Our Lady of Hope and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Springfield; Holy Trinity, Greenfield; St. Joseph, North Adams and Holyoke Catholic High School, Holyoke; in the Diocese of Providence at Sacred Heart, Pawtucket and in the Diocese of Worcester at

St. Paul, Blackstone, St. Louis, Webster and St. Peter-Marian, Worcester. She served as librarian at St. Stephen School and St. Peter-Marian, Worcester. Sister retired to Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Worcester. She became a member of St. Joseph Retirement Community, Mont Marie in 2004.

In addition to her Sisters in community she is survived by several nieces and nephews. Sister was predeceased by her siblings Joseph, John, Edward, Shirley and Anne.

The wake is to take place at St. Joseph Chapel at Mont Marie on Friday Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with a Prayer Service at 9:30 a.m. The Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Mont Marie Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of St. Joseph Administrative Offices, 577 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Sampson Family Chapels.

### Peace action

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to Philadelphia to see Pope Francis. He is pictured above with fellow travelers waiting for the bus home.

### Synod talks about family

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Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, said sometimes it appears that the Catholic Church has a theology of marriage, but not of the family and "it also seems that we limit ourselves to repeating obvious things, but lack key, driving ideas."

English Group A, led by Australian Cardinal George Pell, said the church benefited from past synods through the apostolic exhortations the pope would write afterward; synod officials have said it is not known whether Pope Francis will write one based on this synod. Whatever comes out of the synod, the group said, should use "streamlined, attractive language" while having as its primary concern "the clarity of well-grounded explanations of church teaching."

French Group A asked the 10-member committee appointed to draft the synod's final document to take care not to continually "interrupt" the text with references to the indissolubility of marriage "as if that were our only concern."

On the theme of indissolubility, most of the groups insisted the text must present the lifelong

marriage bond as the blessing that it is and not as a burden.

The chapter, said French Group C, led by Bishop Maurice Piat of Port Louis, Mauritius, should help people listen to what the church teaches about the family in the light of Scripture. "We believe that this word meets the deepest longings of the human heart thirsting for love and mercy," and it can bring healing.

English Group B, chaired by British Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster, suggested that in presenting the "divine pedagogy" or the revelation of God's plan for the family, the document "begin with Genesis, which already provides a definition of marriage as a unique union between a man and a woman, so total and intimate that because of it a man must leave his father and mother in order to be united with his wife. This account of the creation of marriage presents also the three basic characteristics of marriage as it was in the beginning – monogamy, permanence and equality of the sexes."

Cardinal Nichols said the relationship between mercy and justice is a theme attracting special attention.

who encouraged everyone to be more peaceful. He said even the way people attempt to get a parking space at a crowded supermarket can make a difference. Those remarks were followed by a procession of prayers read by adults and children from the parish. Prayers were offered for the homeless, children, victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, families of the victims of mass shootings and others.

In between singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "All Creatures of Our God and King," the crowd also prayed the "Prayer of St. Francis" and a prayer for animals. Although the people were happy to then have their pets individually blessed by Father Charles Omolo, a couple of the dogs and cats seemed a little unsure about being sprinkled with holy water.

Another highlight of the event was the dedication and blessing of the St. Francis Peace Pole by the parish's pastor, Father Edward D. Nicolls.

Although the more than 200,000 Peace Poles around the world share the unifying prayer "May Peace Prevail on Earth," the pole at St. George Church is unique, because it also contains four powerful quotes about peace. With quotes from the "Prayer of St. Francis," Mother Teresa, Pope Paul VI and Boston Marathon bombing victim Martin Richard, the pole



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA GALEONE  
Matt Ryan speaks to the crowd, as Father Edward Nicolls looks on beside the St. Francis Peace Pole

was dedicated "in the hope it will serve to remind us all to pray, think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony."

One of the people who enjoyed the event is Lindsay Dupuis. With her boys, and their dog, Remington, and cat, Oliver, attending it with her, she said she was happy to see kids participating in the procession of prayers. She said that the blessing of the animals was also nostalgic for her since she remembered going – as a child – with her dad to a similar celebration to have a hamster blessed. "It was nice to bring my kids to something I used to do when I was younger," said Mrs. Dupuis. She added, "I thought it was really nice. I think the kids enjoyed it."

### Oxford parishes join for forum on pornography

OXFORD – The Oxford Pro-Life Committee of St. Roch and St. Ann parishes will sponsor a panel discussion on the problem of pornography and sexual addiction in society from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the St. Roch Parish Hall in the church basement.

Panelists will be Allison LeDoux, director of the Worcester Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family; Marjorie Kroger, founder and executive

director of the Stony Brook Center for sexual health, Newton, and Sgt. Jeremy Grneit of the Oxford Police Department.

Literature on the program describes it as "a night of education concerning the hidden addiction of pornography and sexual compulsions. We are presenting this evening to open a discussion on this topic for the welfare of the people who attend and to help educate our-

selves on how to protect our families and children especially, from the actions that lead to addictive behaviors."

Topics will include sexting, modesty, computer safety, technology use and misuse and advice and care for those addicted and their families.

The program is open to all adults older than 18, especially parents and grandparents.

Pornography and sexual addiction are huge problems in society today and this kind of program is very needed, Father Michael Lavallee, pastor of St. Ann Parish, said.

Father Michael Roy, pastor of St. Roch Parish, said the problems of pornography and

sexual addiction impede people's ability to have a wholesome relationship.

Paul Fitzpatrick, committee chairman, said the program is aimed at raising awareness of the dangers of pornography and sexual addiction in society.

Each year the two parishes sponsor an adult education program emphasizing Church teachings on a certain issue. Last year a program on physician-assisted suicide was held at St. Ann Parish, Father Lavallee said.

Those wishing more information on this year's program may call Father Roy at 508-987-8987 or Father Lavallee at 508-987-8892.

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**Students participate in anniversary Mass in Les Cayes**

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## Fruits of the Mission

The Diocese of Worcester has been twinning with the Diocese of Les Cayes in Haiti for 25 years. The Worcester Diocese has offered people here many ways to become involved including: service/awareness-raising trips, twinning, sponsoring students in Haiti, giving micro-loans, selling Haitian crafts here to raise money for the ministry, getting students here to contribute pennies for Haiti, bringing healthcare professionals there and sick Haitians here for treatment and providing money for a new parish in Les Cayes, St. Eugene de Mazenod, to build a dispensary.



## Haitians join celebration

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Les Cayes was "jammed with many, many young people," and twinning pastors came, Bishop McManus said.

"I preached in French," he said; he talked about how twinning is spiritually beneficial to both dioceses and about the hope of continuing it. Les Cayes faces economic difficulties, but there is a simplicity of life, and joy and faith, he said.

Sunday some of the twinning pastors came to a Mass in Chardonnieres, where Cardinal Langlois preached, Bishop McManus said.

"The poverty is desperate," he said. "And to make matters worse, they had not had rain in nine months.... But again, the church was filled." Lights and fans were not on and Mass lasted two-and-a-half hours.

"I was really moved by the celebration," Bishop McManus said.

After Mass about 20 people ate at the Sisters of St. Anne convent, then they visited children who have nothing but were immaculate, clad in beautiful uniforms, he said. Girls did a dance and he told them he's proud to be bishop of the Worcester Diocese that is helping educate these children.

One girl walks four hours to school each day, he said.

He marveled at what the parents will have the children do to get an education.

Sunday afternoon they visited Immaculate Conception Parish in Les Anglais, twin of Christ the King Parish in Worcester. Bishop McManus said the rectory is very austere, the school needs much work and people in the area have no work. If they catch a fish, they eat that day.

"If we bishops in the United States have some economic challenges, they fade" in comparison to what Haitian clerics face, he said.

Immaculate Conception's priest serves 10 chapels, one that takes hours to walk to, Bishop McManus said. He said some adults have never been baptized because they haven't seen a priest.

"They consider themselves Catholics because that's all they know," he said, but they have many spiritual needs.

"But I'll tell you, these people have the faith," he said. "They're joyful." He said they dress up for Mass and "shame our people," who come to church as if going to the beach.

"The liturgies were wonderful," he said. "The children sing. The servers at the cathedral were the best trained servers I've seen, very reverent."

Monday Cardinal Langlois took him to the University of Notre Dame, which has different programs in different dioceses — nursing and agri-

culture in Les Cayes — Bishop McManus said.

The cardinal, twinning pastors and the Worcester contingent had a very helpful meeting discussing the twinning, Bishop McManus said. He said the cardinal asked if more Worcester Diocesan parishes want to twin, they begin with about 16 Les Cayes parishes that especially need help.

Bishop McManus said he had asked to visit the children at the Be Like Brit orphanage in Grande Goave, erected by Leonard and Cherlynn Gengel of St. John Parish in Worcester. He went there in 2013.

Cardinal Langlois gave them his car and driver for the trip, Bishop McManus said. Monday he and Sister Judith and Regina O'Connor, director of the Sisters of St. Anne ministry called Vacations That Give, went there.

"Sister and I played basketball with the kids," who "got a big kick out of it," he said. (He and Sister Judith played basketball in their youth.)

Asked what hopes came from the experience he said, "Recommitment to my ministry as a bishop. The cardinal has thrown himself completely into this very difficult situation."

Speaking of Pope Francis' themes Bishop McManus said, "The Church in Haiti is about the work of evangelization.... You just have to step out of the cathedral in Les Cayes and you're in the peripheries," which have much material and spiritual need.

But he saw spirituality when people were silent and men removed their hats as a procession passed in the street before and after Mass.

Pope Francis talks about the Church being perpetually in mission, and Haitian priests serve "24-7," Bishop McManus said.

Asked what people here should do, Bishop McManus replied, "Recommit themselves to the practice of their faith." He said he would like more parishes to twin.

"It's making a big difference" in the Les Cayes Diocese, he said. And he would like the education program to continue and flourish.

### July 5-13, 1989

The Worcester Diocesan Office for Youth Ministry sponsors its first trip to Haiti, through the Norwich Diocese's Office of Haitian Ministries. Father William C. Konicki, diocesan director of youth ministry, takes four other members of the Worcester Diocese to find a place to serve in Haiti.

### 1990

Father Konicki establishes the Haitian Ministry Coalition.

### Oct. 13, 1994

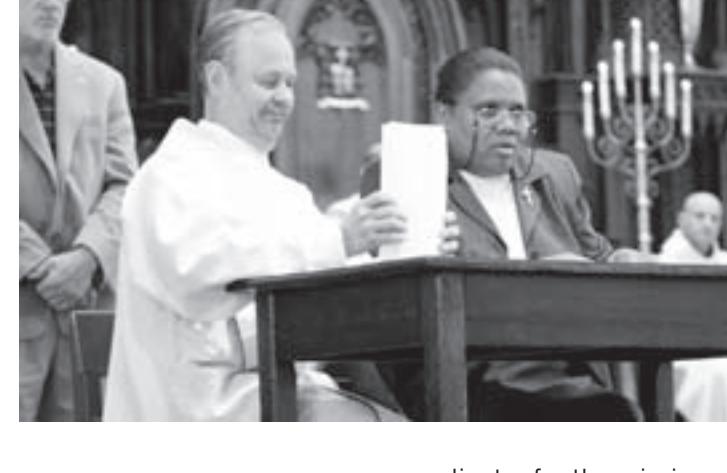
Father Konicki, Haitian Ministry Project Coordinator, goes to Les Cayes to live.

### March 1995

The Worcester Diocese rents a house where Father Konicki will live and members of the diocese will stay when going on mission trips. This mission house is named Kay Sen Pol (Creole for St. Paul's House), for the Worcester Diocese's patron.

### June 2000

Bishop Reilly commissions Susan Jimerson the Apostolate's project



### Aug. 15, 1996

Bishop Reilly of Worcester and Bishop Alix Verrier of Les Cayes sign the first covenant between their dioceses at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral in Les Cayes.

### July 1997

The Haitian Ministry Coalition agrees to buy a house in Les Cayes to be the headquarters for its operations in Haiti, home to

Father Konicki and a place for visiting volunteers to stay. It is named Kay Sen Pol. (Renovations to the house are completed in February 1998.)

### 1998

The Coalition opens its first permanent office in the Worcester Diocese - in space donated by Office for Youth Ministry at Oakhurst Retreat & Conference Center in Whintinsville.

### September 1998

Haitian priests visit twin parishes here.

### January 2000

Connie Barna, formerly the Haitian Apostolate's interim director, is appointed director, and Sister Theresita Donach, of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, is named associate director.

### June 2000

Bishop Reilly commissions Susan Jimerson the Apostolate's project

coordinator for the mission house in Haiti. Father Konicki returns to the Worcester Diocese July 31.

### January 2001

Bishop Reilly travels to Haiti to bless the mission and its house. He meets with Bishop Verrier to discuss rewriting the covenant.

### March 8, 2002

Bishop Reilly and Bishop

Verrier renew the covenant between their dioceses at St. Mark Parish in Sutton, which was the first parish in the Worcester Diocese to twin with a Haitian institution: the nursing home Foyer St. Etienne in Les Cayes.

### December 2003

Bishop Reilly installs Anthony W. Eckert as director of the mission house in Haiti.

### May 2005

Sister Marie-Judith Dupuy, a Sister of St. Anne, is named Apostolate director. The office is moved from Oakhurst to the Chancery.

### May 2006

Bishop McManus appoints Deacon Peter Faford director of Kay Sen Pol. His wife, Linda, is to work with him. They are former directors of the Haitian Coalition.

### May 6, 2006

Bishop McManus and Bishop Verrier meet to discuss objectives of Apostolate. They renew the covenant at St. Paul Cathedral. A religious sister and 15 priests from Haiti join about 200 other attendees.

### ◀ May 2007

Covenants between parishes are signed by representatives in the Worcester Diocese at a Mass, and given to Bishop McManus. (Father Konicki and Sister Judith pictured)

### April 2008

Deacon Peter and Linda Faford complete their stay at Kay Sen Pol and return here during unrest in Haiti.

### June 2008

The mission house in Haiti is temporarily closed.

### October 9-12, 2009

Sister Judith takes Bishop McManus on his first trip to Haiti, where he discusses the covenant with Bishop Guyre Poulard.

### February 2010

Sister Judith goes to Haiti to check on twin parishes and schools with students sponsored by people here after the January 2010 earthquake there. Upon returning she reports that students are alive, but their homes are filled with

earthquake refugees and that the Worcester Diocese's twin parishes in Haiti are putting their own needs on hold to help refugees.

### May 1, 2013

Sister Judith, a native Haitian, becomes a United States citizen to facilitate her travel between the U.S. and Haiti.



### ▲August 24, 2013

Bishop McManus and Bishop Chibly Langlois sign the covenant at St. Paul Cathedral and say twinning is an opportunity to participate in the new evangelization.

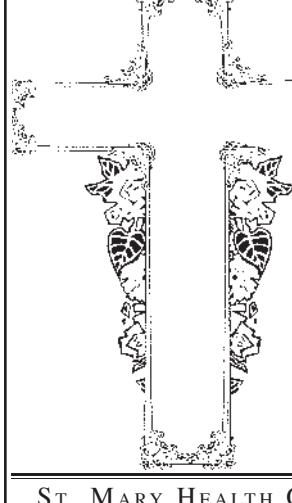
### Oct. 3, 2015

Bishop McManus and members of the Worcester Diocese celebrate the 25th anniversary of the twinning between the dioceses at St. Paul Cathedral.

### ▼Oct. 10-11, 2015

Bishop McManus, Cardinal Langlois and members of both dioceses celebrate the 25th anniversary of the twinning between the dioceses in the packed Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral in Les Cayes and then in Chardonnieres. (Sister Judith is pictured speaking in the cathedral.)





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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### November On-Campus Events

#### *Re-reading the Roman Tea Leaves: The Francis Effect in the Synods on the Family*

James Bretzke, S.J.,  
with response by Susan Reynolds  
Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 p.m.

#### ANNUAL MINISTRY RENEWAL DAY

#### *Loss, Change, and Resilience in Communities of Faith*

Melissa Kelley  
Friday, November 6, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### *Perspectivas religiosas en la organización comunitaria entre los inmigrantes salvadoreños en el área de Boston (en Español)*

Thursday, November 12, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

#### *Discernment:*

#### *Finding God in the Midst of Life*

Barbara Quinn, R.S.C.J.  
Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

#### *A Liberating Spirituality for a Suffering World*

O. Ernesto Valiente, STM assistant professor of systematic theology  
Thursday, November 19, 5:30 p.m.

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23**

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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 this year will include Father Myles Sheehan, SJ, priest and physician, and Bishop McManus; 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](http://www.witnessforlife.com).

The diocesan Commission for Women will hold a **Morning Retreat with Nicki Verploegen** on Oct. 17 from 8:30 a.m.-noon in St. Mary's Church Hall, at the corner of Main and Summer Streets, Shrewsbury; for more information or to register at a fee of \$15 per person contact Pat at 508-754-8985 or Carolyn at [cmlblack42@verizon.net](mailto:cmlblack42@verizon.net).

The annual **St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic High School Fall Craft Fair** will be held Oct. 17 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Junior High School, 781 Grove St.; some 50 crafters with two floors of handcrafted articles, wood creations, jewelry, Christmas items, food, children's clothing, cosmetics, pottery, silver, planters and a bake sale as well as vendors with reps from favorite companies.

The 34th annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade 11th Golf Tournament** will be held on Oct. 17 at Green Hill Golf Course in Worcester; the Worcester County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization looking for foursomes to play and sponsors able to assist with the funding of this event; the tournament traditionally raises upwards of 10% of the \$50,000 required to fund the Parade each March and raises all of the funds for the Parade through events such as the upcoming tournament; for more information or to register contact Michael Doherty at 508-340-7884 or [pmd413@aol.com](mailto:pmd413@aol.com) or Jim Browne at 617-894-9671 or [jimbrownnejr@gmail.com](mailto:jimbrownnejr@gmail.com).

**St. John Parish Ascension Campus Coffee House** will be held at 6:30 p.m. the third Saturday of the month on the Ascension Campus, 44 Vernon St., in the upper church hall; use the Vernon Street church door entrance; performances will be "celebrating God through live music, people and praise" by local Christian musicians.

**BALDWINVILLE - St. Vincent de Paul Parish 2nd annual Meat Raffle** will be held Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Baldwinville American Legion, 3 Central St.; the **Country Auction** will be held on Oct. 20 6:30 p.m. in the parish church hall, 1 Forest St.; booths of coins, furniture, household items, antiques and artwork will be featured; auction preview will be held at 4:30 p.m. with the sale at 6:30 p.m.; in addition the **Harvest Fair** will be held Oct. 24 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the church hall; tables of theme baskets, country store items, Holiday sale articles, a Major Cash raffle, Chinese auction items, baked goods, crafts and a money tree will be featured; lunch will be served.

**DOUGLAS - St. Denis Parish Open House-Ministry Fair** will be held on Oct. 17 from noon-4 p.m., in the church hall, 27 Manchaug St., the fair is an opportunity to meet fellow parishioners who are sharing time, talents and treasure in many different ways, to welcome parishioners to share talents with a community of people who care about the parish and each other; the Ministry Fair is an invitation to encourage "Busy People Grow Closer to God," by worshiping with the community each week, praying for and with one another and by sharing time and talents to help the parish and one another.

## Liturgical Services

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

Sunday

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**St. Mary's Schools Fall Open House** with grades preK-12 will be held Oct. 18 from 1-3 p.m. at the school, 50 Richland St.; the program will include tours of the schools, information for the new "Tools of the Mind" for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten and informational packets available.

## Liturgical Services

Bishop Robert McManus and the diocesan St. Thomas More Society will hold the fifty-eighth annual **Red Mass** at 10:15 a.m. in St. Paul Cathedral, 38 High St.; each year Society confers awards on those who exemplify the qualities and traits of St. Thomas More; at this year's celebration, the following awards will be conferred Distinguished Jurist, Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone Distinguished Attorney Award, The Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan Ecumenical Award and the Distinguished Catholic Layperson.

Bishop Robert McManus will celebrate the **diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18 at St. Paul Cathedral; this liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 50th, etc.) this year; a light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle; family and friends are welcome.

**CHARLTON - St. Joseph Parish** will hold an **"Illuminate" Event with Mass** at 5 p.m. Sunday in the church, 10 H Putnam Road Ext., for teenagers and adults; for more information contact Deacon William Shea at 508-254-8512.

**FITCHBURG - An African Mass**, in cooperation with the diocesan African Ministry will be held in St. Anthony of Padua Church on the third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

**SOUTHBOROUGH - St. Anne Parish** will hold a **Filipino Mass** on the third Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. followed by a "potluck dinner" in the parish hall; entertainment will include karaoke and games.

## Devotions

**GARDNER - St. Joseph's Parish** will hold **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** at 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month in the church, 358 Pleasant St.

## Meetings

**LEOMINSTER - A North County Cursillo Ultreya** will be held at 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month in Holy Family of Nazareth Church, 750 Union St. (parking in lower lot); the program includes discussion topic, prayer, singing, sharing of faith and fellowship.



## UPCOMING events

### Celebrate Priesthood Event

The annual Celebrate Priesthood Event will be held Oct. 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Mechanics Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Priests Retirement Fund. For more information or tickets contact Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368.

### Auburn Walk for Hunger

The annual Auburn Walk for Hunger will be held on Sunday, October 25, at 1 p.m.; proceeds raised will benefit the food banks at Auburn Youth and Family Services and Kateri's Kitchen at North American Martyrs Parish. Registration will be at 12:45 on the day of the walk at Auburn Youth and Family Services. For more information or to walk or donate contact Christine at 508-755-8548 or email: [sails057@charter.net](mailto:sails057@charter.net).

### "Laudato Si"

**JEFFERSON** – St. Mary Parish will present Dennis Patrick O'Hara, Ph.D. speaking on the encyclical "Laudato Si" – A Call to Creation Care" on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the church, 114 Princeton St. The focus of the talk will be a brief overview of the encyclical and then delve more deeply into what the Pope is calling us to do as parishes, communities and individuals in regards to caring for creation.

### School Open Houses

**St. Peter-Marian Junior Senior Central Catholic High School Open House** will be held Oct. 25 from 1-3 p.m. at the school, 781 Grove St. The opportunity welcomes prospective students and families to meet students, parents, staff and coaches, a nationally accredited Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program, STEM, fourth year teaching the "Project Lead the Way" curriculum affiliated with Worcester Polytechnic Institute. For more information contact [www.spmguardians.org](http://www.spmguardians.org).

**Venerini Academy Fall Open House** will be held Nov. 20 from 8:45 - 11 a.m. at the school, 23 Edward St. The event will include touring the campus for prospective families, and an opportunity to meet students and families. For more information contact the Admissions Office at 508-753-3210 ext. 7310.

**LANCASTER - Trivium School Open House** will be held Oct. 25, 1-3 p.m. at the school, 471 Langen Road. The program will include classroom demonstrations, guided tours, and an opportunity to meet faculty, and students. An RSVP will be appreciated by contacting [www.triviumschool.com](http://www.triviumschool.com).

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 Msgr. Michael J. Foley, pastor, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Westborough.

### Devotions

Our Lady of Lourdes **Rosary Prayer Group** will meet at 3 p.m. Mondays in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1290 Grafton St.

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

### Support Groups

**WEST BOYLSTON - Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish** will hold a six-session **Bereavement Support Group** beginning Oct. 19 from 1-2:30 p.m. and will continue Mondays to Nov. 23 in the parish hall, 111 Worcester St.; for more information or to register (required prior to the start of the sessions) call Renate Isbell, the facilitator at 508-835-3286.

Tuesday

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The College of the Holy Cross **Music at Holy Cross 2015 Concert Series** will continue on Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. with Artists-In-Residence Concert featured in Brooks Concert Hall and on Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. "Passion with the Holy Cross College Choir and Chamber Singers in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, and at 9:30 p.m. the Jazz Ensemble in Crossroads, all on campus.

### Devotions

**NORTH OXFORD - St. Ann Parish** will continue to hold a rosary group

### Sunday Masses

Charter Communications, Channel 193 at 6 p.m.; WWLP-TV, Channel 22 at 10 a.m.; Boston CatholicTV, CW 56/WLVI at 7 a.m.; Worcester, WCCA Cable, Channel 13 at 6 p.m. Mondays (re-broadcast); **Spanish Language** Charter Communications, Channel 101; Comcast, Channel 268; Boston, Channel 296; at 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

### Daily Masses

**Monday - Friday:** Charter Communications, Channel 193 at 9 a.m.; Clinton AT&T Cable, Channel 8 at 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Boston CatholicTV, WBZ-TV, Channel 68 at 9:30 a.m.; Shrewsbury Public Access, SPAC, Channel 28 at 4:30 p.m.

### Celebrants

**Monday, October 19** Father Jonathan J. Slavinskas  
**Tuesday, October 20** Msgr. Robert K. Johnson  
**Wednesday, October 21** Father Charles J. Dumphy  
**Thursday, October 22** Msgr. Thomas J. Sullivan  
**Friday, October 23** Father John Savard, SJ

### 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.

**Monday:** Shrewsbury Public Access at SPAC 28, 7 a.m.

**Saturday:** Shrewsbury Public Access at SPAC 28, 4:30 p.m.

### Diocesan Specials

**Sunday:** Charter Communications, Channel 193 at 6 a.m.; Clinton AT&T Cable, Channel 8 at 8:30 a.m.; Leominster LATV at 9 a.m.; Grafton Cable Access at 10:30 a.m.; Shrewsbury Public Access, SPAC 28 at 7:30 a.m., and 5 p.m.; Westboro, Charter 11 and FIOS 24 at 7 a.m.

### On Television

### Come Follow Me

**Sunday:** Charter Communications, Channel 193 at 3 p.m.



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on Tuesdays opening at the Our Lady's Outdoor Shrine at 6 p.m.

## Meetings

### Commission for Women

The diocesan **Commission for Women** will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 20 in St. Mary Church's Gathering Room of the new hall, 20 Summer St., Shrewsbury.

The St. John **Charismatic Prayer Meeting and reception** will be held following the 6:15 p.m. Mass and Healing Service the third Tuesday of the month in St. John's lower church, 44 Temple St.

Wednesday

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The College of the Holy Cross will present the screening of "**The Grief of Others**" on Oct. 21 at 3 and 8 p.m. in Seelos Theater on campus.

## Spiritual Studies

**NORTH OXFORD** – St. Ann Parish will continue **Scripture Study** on Wednesdays from 7:30 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.

## Meetings

**CHARLTON** – **St. Joseph's Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order** will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in St. Joseph Church, 10 H Putnam Road.

**NORTHBOROUGH** – **The Secular Order of Franciscans** will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Bernadette Church, 266 Main St.

Thursday

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St. Paul Cathedral's Office of Sacred Music will present a series of concerts, recitals and liturgies in the cathedral with its resident musicians; the program will begin Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. with a service of **Solemn Choral Vespers in honor of the St. John Paul II Feast Day**; music with the Cathedral's Schola Cantorum and Jonathan F. Babbitt, organist/choirmaster and director, will include the "St. John's Service" and "Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis," composed by the director and Henry Balfour Gardiner's iconic anthem "Evening Hymn."

## 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.

Friday

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## Devotions

Our Lady of Vilna Parish will hold **Eucharistic Adoration** Fridays for one-half hour following the 6:30 p.m. Mass in the church, 151 Sterling St.

**SHREWSBURY** – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held Fridays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass to 1 p.m. in St. Mary Parish Pastoral Center, 20 Summer St.

## VICTIM SERVICES

If you or someone you know has been sexually exploited by anyone associated with the church...

Contact: Frances J. Nugent, Coordinator of Victim Services Diocesan Office for Healing and Prevention

**508-929-4363.**

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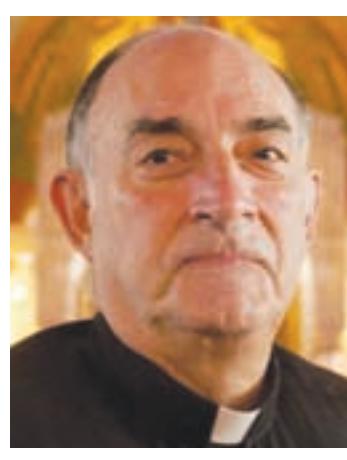




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Gerald J. Power



Rev. Dean N. Paleologos



Philip P. Carofaniello

## Consortium to honor McGuirks with Seton Award

St. Paul Catholic Schools Consortium has chosen Thomas and Barbara McGuirk as the 2015 recipients of the prestigious St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for their outstanding work on behalf of Catholic education in North Worcester County.

Delma Josephson, superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Worcester explained that the award is given annually in recognition of a person or institution that has furthered the mission of the five Catholic elementary schools: Holy Family Academy in Gardner, St. Anthony and St. Bernard in Fitchburg, and St. Anna and St. Leo in Leominster, along with the region's only diocesan high school, St. Bernard's Central Catholic in Fitchburg.

Marcus Moran Jr., Consortium chairman, stated, "We are so grateful to Barbara and Tom for their generous spirit and commitment to our youth. Combined they have 87 years of dedicated service to our schools! The proceeds of this event will benefit scholarships to children who could not otherwise attend and a portion will be used for marketing materials to get the word out about the excellent outcomes of Catholic education."

Past recipients include: the Peter Lynch Foundation, Rev. Joseph O'Keefe, S.J. of Boston College, Rev. Timothy Scully of the University of Notre Dame, James Reardon of the Catholic Schools Foundation of Boston, Norman and Carol Boudreau of Fitchburg, Stephen A. Perla of Leominster, and Marty and Kit Connors of Leominster.

For the McGuirks, Catholic education has been an important part of their family life. Mrs. McGuirk began her education at St. Patrick's Elementary in Whitinsville and then at St. Bernard's in Fitchburg. Mr. McGuirk, too, was educated by the Sisters of the Presentation at St. Bernard's Elementary School. Both are proud graduates of St. Bernard's High School. Each of their siblings and their two children graduated from St. Bernard's High School.

After graduating from Fitchburg State University with a bachelor's degree in education, Mrs. McGuirk began her teaching career in 1969 where she taught under the guidance and direction of her mentor Sister Joan Mulcahy. She subsequently received her master's degree in secondary education also from FSU. For 44 years,



Barbara and Thomas McGuirk

she not only taught English, but she also served as chairwoman of the English Department.

In addition to her teaching duties, Mrs. McGuirk was a cheering coach, directed class plays, served as class adviser, National Honor Society adviser, and was yearbook moderator.

For several years she served as secretary for the Diocesan Educators Lay Teachers Association. Mrs. McGuirk was honored as Student Council Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 2000 and 2009, was the recipient of the Robert H. Fouhy Distinguished Teacher Award for the Diocese of Worcester and the Fitchburg Rotary Teacher of the year in 2000.

Mr. McGuirk holds a bachelor's degree from St. Anselm College, a master's degree in education from Fitchburg State University, and a certificate in accounting from Bentley University. He also received National Science Foundation grants to Holy Cross.

Mr. McGuirk started teaching at St. Bernard's High in 1964, and taught science, was athletic director, worked as a guidance counselor and dean of students. He also was a class adviser. Mr. McGuirk also taught science at St. John's High in Shrewsbury, and he served as principal at St. Bernard's Elementary School for nine years.

The McGuirks continue to be active at St. Bernard's High and in their parish. Both are the alumni liaison to the Bernardian Foundation. As members of St. Edward's Parish in Westminster, they serve as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and as lectors. Mr. McGuirk is Deputy Grand Knight of the parish KofC Council. They are the parents of Jayna and Sean, and grandparents of Eleanor and Andrew.

A dinner in their honor will be held Nov. 12 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Leominster with a reception beginning at 5 p.m. Bishop McManus will confer the award. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be obtained by calling Ann Racine at 978-422-6313.

## 58th Annual Red Mass Awards

### Liturgy to be held at St. Paul Cathedral on Sunday

**WORCESTER** — The Saint Thomas More Society of Worcester County will honor four people from the legal community as part of its 58th Annual Red Mass Sunday. Bishop McManus is principal celebrant at the 10:15 a.m. Mass, Oct. 18 at St. Paul Cathedral, 19 Chatham St. The Red Mass is named for the color of the vestments traditionally worn by the celebrants and judges attending the King's Bench in Westminster, England.

Msgr. Francis J. Scollen, pastor of St. Peter Parish will give the keynote address at a reception following.

The awards being presented at the conclusion of the Mass are as follows:

**The Distinguished Jurist Award — Judge Gerald A. Lemire, Justice of the District Court Department of the Trial Court**

Judge Lemire and his wife Mary have two children, Sophie and Joseph, who attend Our Lady of the Valley School. He is a lifelong resident of Uxbridge and a communicant of St. Mary's Parish.

Lemire served as Assistant District Attorney for Worcester County until April 1988. He then served as a special prosecutor in 2001 and 2009. He previously served on the Massachusetts State Senate Committee on the Public Service and was chief of staff and legal counsel. He operated the law office of Gerald A. Lemire from 1988 until his appointment as a Clerk in November 2009.

Lemire is a trustee, Knights of Columbus Uxbridge Council and past Grand Knight. He worked diligently with the community and his hard work helped revive the Knights of Columbus Uxbridge Council.

He is a graduate of Assumption College with a bachelor's degree in political

science and a graduate of New England School of Law.

He is a trustee of St. Mary's Cemetery and a former corporator for UniBank for Savings and former member of the Town of Uxbridge Finance Committee and the Uxbridge Charter Committee. He is presently a member of Our Lady of the Valley Consultant Board and a past member of the Worcester County Bar Association Executive Committee.

**The Monsignor F. Stephen Pedone Distinguished Attorney Award — Gerald J. Power, a private practitioner since 1974, with an office in Worcester and Rutland**

Attorney Power is a graduate of St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, St. Anselm College and Suffolk University School of Law. Upon graduating from law school he served in the United States Naval Reserve — active duty Ninth Naval District Law Center, Chicago, Illinois, from 1969 to 1970. From 1970 to 1974, Power was an Assistant District Attorney for Worcester County.

He has been engaged in the private practice of law since 1974. Power and his wife Mary have four children and five grandchildren.

He is a member of the First Friday Club in the Diocese of Worcester. He is active in St. Patrick Parish in Rutland.

He has served as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, on the St. Patrick's Finance Board, as a catechist and on the parish social committee. Power is a Knight, Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta — Hospitaller, Boston Area, for the Diocese of Worcester.

He is a board member and past chairman for the McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, Leicester.

He is a director and clerk of the corporation for the Bay State Savings

Bank, Worcester. Also, Power is a past member and chair of the Town of Rutland Board of Appeals and a member of its Finance Committee.

**Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan Ecumenical Award — Rev. Dean N. Paleologos, retired, St. Spiridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester**

Father Dean served as a spiritual leader of St. Spiridon's for more than 30 years. He distinguished himself as a clergyman with selfless dedication to his faith, community and beyond.

Father Dean is the son of Rev. Nicholas Paleologos and Presvytera Theodora Talambocos. He received a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Hellenic College, a master's of divinity degree from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and an honorary doctorate degree in divinity from Worcester State University.

Father Dean married his wife Cynthia in 1974 and they have three children and six grandchildren. Following his ordination in 1974, Fr. Dean was assigned to ministry in Illinois, but, in 1981, returned to Worcester to serve as a spiritual leader of St. Spyridon Church. He was instrumental in elevating the church to a cathedral status in 1985.

Father Dean has served with the campus ministry groups at area Worcester colleges and in local prison ministry. He also led the efforts of his faith community in making the bi-annual Grecian Festival one of the premiere cultural celebrations in New England, drawing crowds in excess of 25,000.

He served on the Worcester County Ecumenical Council, the Worcester County Interfaith Alliance, the Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Board of Directors, and the National Council of

Christians and Jews, who honored him with its Brotherhood Citation in 1992.

In 2006, Father Dean hosted His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston and Most Rev. Robert McManus, Bishop of Worcester for the service of the Feast of Three Hierarchs. This event represented a momentous ecumenical encounter of leaders in the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches in Massachusetts.

**Distinguished Catholic Lay Person — Philip P. Carofaniello, Assistant Chief Probation Officer Dudley District Court, Dudley**

Carofaniello and his wife Mara have three children and four grandchildren. He is a United States Army Veteran. He was employed by the Massachusetts Department of Correction for more than 10 years and was instrumental in creating the first statewide electronic monitoring program. The monitoring program was important in the supervision of state inmates released to reside and work in the community.

Carofaniello has been a probation officer for more than 16 years and currently serves in the position of Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Dudley District Court. He has worked hard to develop an aggressive supervision program to reduce illegal and harmful behaviors of offenders living in the community and to reduce recidivism. His success has been the product of his hard work and the collaboration and outreach with other local agencies.

He has been a parishioner of St. Ann Parish in North Oxford for 20 years. Prior to that he was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Worcester. He has been involved in many ministries through his adult life, most recently as a member of the St. Ann Parish Council.

## St. Bernard's Council Knights rewards student with Better Grades Incentive Program

Chris Charest of Our Lady of Providence Parish at St. Bernard's Church is the first recipient of scholarship money in the Knights of Columbus Better Grades Incentive Program sponsored by the St. Bernard's Council #13455.

Mr. Charest, a sophomore at Westfield State University, received \$100 for earning two marks of "A" and \$70 for two "B's" last semester. According to Bill Mitchell, Deputy Grand Knight, the money from the program helps to cover costs, such as laundry, extra fees, etc., that college students unexpectedly encounter each semester.

According to a press release provided by Mr. Mitchell, the money earned for better grades helps not only to defer some of these hidden costs but also becomes a reward for the student's diligence. It also becomes an incentive to avoid distractible habits that could reduce a student's GPA (grade point average) thereby reducing their opportunities for future assistance.

Furthermore, according to the press release, the higher GPA, through the increased performance of the student, will subsequently result in a better opportunity for their future



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Chris Charest receives a check from Bill Mitchell, Deputy Grand Knight.

careers.

Lastly, the incentive program is also significant in that when students feel the support of the community, it elevates their self-esteem and motivation to do well, the press release stated.

The program is open to members of the parish, Mr. Mitchell said. He said membership in the Knights of Columbus is free for students 18 years old or older through all four years of college and into graduate school. Mr. Charest is a new member of the Knights, he said.

## Celebrate Priesthood!

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS



Join us for our 2nd celebration of the gift of the Worcester diocesan priesthood — and raise funds to benefit the retirement care of our priests.

**Wednesday, October 28  
Mechanics Hall, Worcester  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets: \$100 per person

Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, cash bar and entertainment

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