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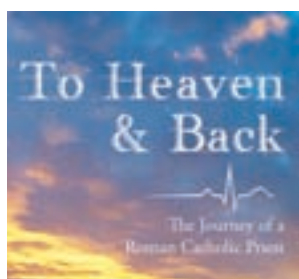
Pope Francis arrives at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. for the canonization of Saint Junipero Serra. To read more about the Holy Father's visit to the United States, and to view photos from diocesan pilgrims who attended the World Meeting of Families, see pages 9-12.

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Native of U.P. shares heaven experience

BY JAMIE CARTER
THE U.P. CATHOLIC

"I can remember saying how grateful I was to be on my way into heaven. Then Jesus said to me, 'not today, John,'" stated Father John Tourangeau, a native of Wells, who had an afterlife experience more than 22 years ago. He kicked-off a year-long speaking tour at his home parish of St. Anthony of Padua in Wells last month. He wants to share his story with others so they, too, may share any stories of trauma and tragedy.

"I think all of us are pretty good at sharing the positive stories of life, love, faith and relationships. The things that we determine or experience as trauma or tragedy we tend not to talk about, we want to hide," said Father Tourangeau who entered heaven briefly in 1993, but it took him almost 20 years to begin talking about the experience.

On Jan. 16, 1993 he was celebrating Saturday evening Mass at his parish in southeastern New Mexico. He explained that during Mass, he began to feel queasy and nauseated, but expected that it was probably the flu.

For the rest of the evening he went about his normal duties until he woke up in the middle of the night, having a hard time breathing. At that time, he was taken to the hospital.

"Upon arriving, there was this young doctor that had an attitude that I wasn't fond of," Father Tourangeau chuckled. "He said to me, 'Sir, you're having a heart attack. You waited too long to come in.' Then, he proceeded to say to me, 'if you believe in God, make peace because you're going to die.'"

It was at that instant Father Tourangeau knew he

had to give himself entirely over to God and let him take control.

"I thought in that moment, I can't control or orchestrate this any longer. So, maybe for the first time I had to trust God 110 percent. I said a prayer, 'God give me the grace to trust and let go. I can't stop this. I can't control this.'"

Following his prayer, he remembers an instant peace that he still feels today. "I experienced in that instant of uttering that prayer in my heart, the depth and peace that I can't even describe. A healing and reconciliation."

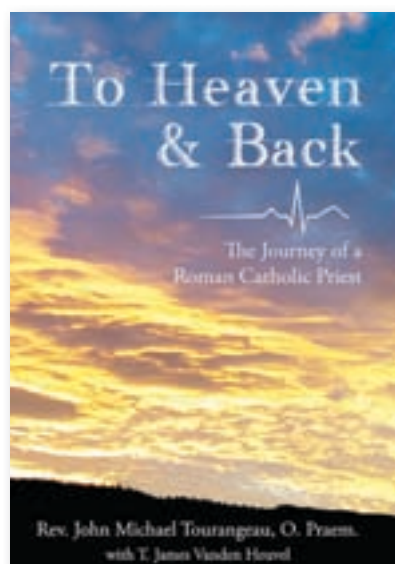
He continued the story, explaining how he saw a review of his life, including images of the joyful moments. Then he was surrounded by a white light.

"I was in the bright white light. It wasn't necessarily a tunnel, but I was enveloped by a white light. I couldn't see like you and I see. I was mindful that I was surrounded by people of love or spirits," he said. "Family, friends, what we call in the Catholic tradition 'a company of saints.' I know that I wasn't journeying alone."

"All of a sudden it turned conversational," he stated in regards to seeing Jesus face-to-face. After Jesus had told him he was sending him back to earth, Father Tourangeau asked what his mission was. Jesus responded, "You will figure it out."

At that moment, he saw the doctor with the paddles and heard the words, "We've got a heartbeat."

"I was angry, I was nervous, I was scared. I felt vulnerable. I didn't know why I had to come back. But, Jesus told me I still had a mission. So, why did I have to come back? The Christian mission and journey is that of Jesus Christ. It is to heal, to become strong from the inside, out. To heal our broken hearts, to give each other hope," he explained.



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Father John Tourangeau, a native of Wells, takes time to sign copies of his new book during a recent talk at his home parish of St. Anthony of Padua about his afterlife experience.

"When we do that for ourselves, we can begin to do that humbly with others. We can be a wounded healer. Jesus told stories, very intimate stories of life, love and relationship. That's what we're invited to do as well."

More of his story can be found in his recently published book, "To Heaven & Back: The Journey of a Roman Catholic Priest." Father Tourangeau serves as a priest with the Norbertine Community and currently resides at St. Norbert Abbey in DePere, Wis.

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JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Bishop John Doerfler

Sometimes it is easy to know what to do or what not to do, because some actions are always wrong. For example, lying is always wrong. Murder is always wrong. Embezzlement is always wrong. Yet many moral situations are more difficult to discern. How do I address the situation with my co-worker who is failing to do his work and is harming everyone else on the team? How do I discipline my children without being too harsh or too lenient? In situations like these, we need to seek wisdom or become a “wise guy.”

In my last three messages on our mystery tour, we reflected on the theological virtues, faith, hope, and charity. In this and the next three messages, I would like to reflect upon the four cardinal virtues, prudence, temperance, justice and fortitude. All these virtues are skills that help us to live the moral life well. The term “cardinal” comes from a Latin word meaning “hinge.” So the cardinal virtues are the four main virtues on which all the other virtues are hinged.

In this light we will begin our reflection on prudence, which is the virtue that helps us to know “our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.” (CCC, 1806) In other words, prudence helps us to be truly wise.

So how do we grow in prudence? Experience is the best teacher. Think

THE MORE WE IGNORE WHAT IS RIGHT AND DO WRONG INSTEAD, THE MORE OUR JUDGMENT BECOMES DARKENED.

about times you were in similar situations. Remember what you did and how it turned out. If this is a new situation for you, consult a trusted person with experience.

Another way to grow in prudence is to consider the different options available from an eternal perspective. Ask yourself these questions. When I am at the point of death and look back at my life, what choice would I have wanted to make in the present situation? When I stand before God on judgment day and look back at my life, what choice would I have wanted to make in the present situation?

In addition, the more we keep doing the right action, the better our judgment becomes. Not all situations in life are difficult. Much of the time, the right action is pretty clear. Keep doing what is good. The more we ignore what is right and do wrong instead, the more our judgment becomes darkened. If we keep throwing junk in the drawer, it gets harder and harder to find what we are looking for.

Finally, read the lives of the saints and look for similar situations in their lives and how they handled them. The saints are models of the virtues. Be confident that God does not leave us alone. Rather, he helps us to know the right thing to do. The Holy Spirit’s Gift of Counsel helps us to know the right thing to do. Pray for this Gift. Mary, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

Syrian natives speak out about civil war in homeland

BY MATT HADRO
CNA/EWTN NEWS

Syrian natives who have ministered to refugees from the civil war there are trusting in God to protect their fellow Christians.

There are many “satans” in the world, but “there’s a lot right now in Syria and Iraq,” Christian minister Joseph Sleman told an audience Sept. 18 at a religious freedom summit co-sponsored by Baylor University and hosted by the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C.

Sleman and his wife Hannah described a list of horrors perpetrated by the Islamic State against Christians in Syria amid a years-long civil war.

“The blood is shouting from this land,” Hannah said.

Yet they added that the Gospel originally spread to much of the world from Syria, thanks to St. Paul, and that “we believe that God can do it again.”

“The only hope that we have is Jesus,” Hannah said, noting that prayer and fasting have sustained the Christians in Syria far longer than expected. “We believe that the power of the Lord is working a lot in our country,” she said.

The Syrian civil war has continued since 2011, internally displacing 8 million, and forcing more than 4 million to flee the country as refugees. More than 250,000 have died in the war.

The Slemans hail from Syria,

but moved to the United States for Joseph to continue his theology education.

They have ministered to refugees in Syria for years, though; first from the Iraq War, and now from the Syrian civil war.

Before the civil war, Christians and Muslims lived together peacefully and were free to worship, they maintained. Joseph described how his childhood friends were Muslims.

“As Christians and Muslims, we have one enemy,” he said, “it’s Satan.”

Now that the civil war has erupted and the Islamic State is ravaging portions of the country, Syrian Christians live in the constant face of death,



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An attack on Christian homes in Syria left considerable devastation.

they explained, and they are “waiting for the time they will die.”

Fathers say goodbye to their families when they leave the house, knowing it could be the last time they do so. Parents cry after their children leave the house for school in the morning.

The Slemans described their own hellish experience in Syria as they endured an hour-long shelling of mortar rounds in the area of their residence as they cried and prayed on the floor. “Many children died that day,” Joseph said, adding that “many families face the same things every day.”

Islamic State militants can eviscerate whole villages in 24 hours, he explained, and they are notorious for not only mass killings but rape as well. Their trail of terror has grown

so great that some Christians have planned to kill themselves and their families rather than fall into their hands. One of Hannah’s friends armed his house with explosives in case the Islamic State took over the area, she noted, and this would have killed intruders along with his family.

The White House says the United States has taken in 1,500 Syrian refugees since the beginning of the conflict, and the president pledged to increase to accept 10,000 refugees over the course of the next year. However, more than 20 former senior White House officials urged the administration to increase that number to 100,000, citing the gravity of the situation.

Joseph and Hannah are pseudonyms, used to preserve the couple’s safety and privacy.

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INTERNAL MEDICINE Welcome Dr. Jennifer Hwang

Dickinson County Healthcare System Welcomes New Internal Medicine Specialist

Jennifer Hwang, DO has joined the Dickinson Medical Staff. Dr. Hwang will begin an Internal Medicine practice – primary care for adults – on September 8. The practice is named *Dickinson Health Partners – Internal Medicine* and is located in Suite 115 of the Dickinson Medical Building. Appointments can be made beginning August 24 by calling (906) 776-5970.

Dr. Hwang obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from Xavier University of Louisiana where she graduated Magna cum Laude. She attended the University of Michigan School of Public Health for one year before entering medical school. She earned her Medical Degree from Michigan State University - College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2009. She then completed a three year Residency Program in Internal Medicine at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

“I chose the field of medicine because I like to really connect with people and to help them understand their health. Medicine is all about communication with the patient. I believe in talking with my patients – not at them – because it is in that exchange where we can break down barriers. When trust is established between doctor and patient, the patient always does better.”

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Roses to be placed in honor of Mary

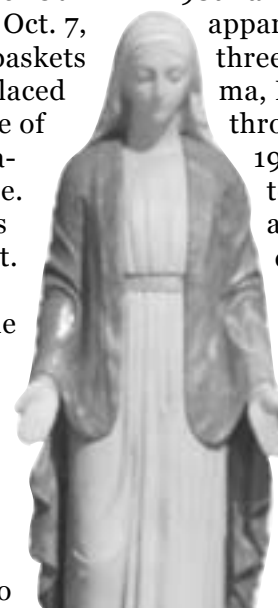
BY JOHN FEE
THE U.P. CATHOLIC

For the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, Oct. 7, 500 roses and two baskets of rosaries will be placed in front of the statue of Mary in St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. It is hoped the roses will last through Oct. 13, the day of the last apparition of the Blessed Mother at Fatima. The roses are being provided by an anonymous donor.

The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary dates back to 1573. It was established in thanksgiving to God for Christian victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto, on Oct. 7, 1571. The victory was

attributed to praying the rosary.

Oct. 13, 2015 will be the 98th anniversary of the last apparition of Mary to three children in Fatima, Portugal. From May through October in 1917, Mary appeared to Lucia Dos Santos, and her cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto. During the apparitions, the Blessed Mother emphasized the need for praying the rosary daily, prayer and penance for the reparation of sins and introduced the devotion of the Five First Fridays. Additional resources on the rosary available at www.dioceseofmarquette.org/rosary.



The statue of Mary located at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.

Holy doors established at St. Peter Cathedral



Bishop John Doerfler holds the Easter candle in front of the doors that will become the holy doors for Year of Mercy.

designated on Oct. 4 at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette during the 8 a.m. Mass. The center interior oak doors with the pope's coat of arms above them will be sealed at the Mass. The doors will remain sealed from Oct. 4 until Dec. 13, when they will formally be opened for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Currently, each of the four major basilicas in Rome has a holy door, but this is the first time a door will be designated at the diocesan level. The holy doors in Rome remain sealed shut and are only opened during years in which there is a jubilee, such as the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy. Dioceses from around the world are invited to join in having their own holy doors for the jubilee year, as according to Pope Francis, “a visible sign of the Church's universal communion.”

In response to the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy, a set of holy doors will be

Holy Father in the news



PASTORALLY SPEAKING

Bishop James H.
Garland

The Church has been receiving a great amount of attention in the newspapers, and on television and radio. Pope Francis seems to be the news-maker for the media. His openness to the reporters and the crowds he passes through in the Popemobile, his reaching out to kiss babies lifted up by their parents – all seem to attract the media and please the crowds.

I heard Cardinal Timothy Dolan speak recently. He is the archbishop of New York and occasionally walks the sidewalks of New York around St. Patrick Cathedral and his residence. One woman stopped him and asked, “Aren’t you Cardinal Dolan?” “That I am, ma’am.” “Well I just want to tell you I like your Pope Francis.” Another person on the sidewalk said to the cardinal, “I like your Pope Francis. I am not a Catholic but I’m thinking I might become one.” Pope Francis has become a hit.

I have had occasions to meet three recent popes, St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. Diocesan bishops are required to submit a report to the Holy Father delineating the state of their diocese every five years. It’s called the quinquennial report. Whether or not the pope has time to read all of them, his staff members do and they may offer suggestions or comments to the Holy Father or the bishop. At the same visit each bishop of the province, in our case Ohio and Michigan, has an opportunity to meet individually with the pope. They also may meet in small groups with the heads of the various congregations that serve the Holy Father.

John Paul II, now St. John Paul II, was accustomed to inviting the bishops to join him for celebrating Holy Mass and having lunch in the papal apartment. My first quinquennial visit was with then Pope John Paul II. This happened to be the week after the Holy Father had returned from World Youth Day in Denver, Colo. We were enjoying our lunch with the pope, and I asked if he heard the joke about the news reporter and bartender in Denver. The young people had left the city and the reporter was wrapping up his story for his newspaper. He stopped in the bar for a bite and asked the bartender how business was during World Youth Day. He said, “It was terrible! Those kids came to Denver with 10 bucks and the 10 Commandments and they didn’t break either one.” Everyone laughed except the pope! He wasn’t familiar with the colloquialism of “breaking 10 bucks.”

So then I asked if he had heard about the pope who telephoned the Lord to tell him some wonderful good news. The pope said to the Lord, “We have united all of the religions in the world. We are now one church!” The Lord said, “Wonderful! Congratulations! But where are you calling from?” And the pope answered, “Salt Lake City.” John Paul commented, “Ah, Mormons!”

Pope Francis addressed the United Nations in September. It was 50 years ago in 1965, that Paul VI made history by addressing the United Nations in New York City. Pope Paul urged peace and an end of war. He urged the leaders of the nations of the world, “Never again, one against the other, never, never again.” Blessed Paul VI continued “Was this not the end for which the United Nations came into existence ... never again war, never again war!”

“By this all will know you are my disciples,” Jesus said, “by your love for one another.”



St. John Paul II

Redesigning The U.P. Catholic



HERE AM I

John Fee

When the bishop asks if you can do something, sometimes it’s best to say, “No.”

It came about when my boss, Loreene Zeno Koskey, was having a routine meeting with Bishop John Doerfler. They called me in at the end of the meeting to talk about The U.P. Catholic newspaper.

Bishop Doerfler said he was chatting with some of our priests, who suggested the newspaper’s layout could use an update. He said it hadn’t been on his radar, but when the look of the newspaper was brought to his attention he agreed it could use some sprucing up.

He asked if I could redesign the newspaper. I said, “No.”

Then I explained.

I told the bishop if I could redesign the newspaper I would have done so already, and agreed it could use some help — maybe a lot of help.

Good design requires some specialized knowledge. To do it right, we would need the assistance of someone who would understand our readers, our needs and what makes a newspaper tick.

We looked around and found Ed Henninger. Henninger is a seasoned newspaper designer. He’s also a practicing Catholic. He’s brought new designs to publications across the United States and Canada, including some that we think look pretty sharp.

Ed’s a New Yorker, living in South Carolina, just outside Charlotte, North Carolina.

He talks fast, thinks fast and asks lots of questions. While working on the redesign, sometimes we had solid thoughtful answers to his questions. Other times we leaned on that classic, “Because it’s always been that way!”

Over the course of a week of critiques, tweaks, and clashes, while in regular consultation with Bishop Doerfler, the new design was set. A number of people have had previews of the new look and the consensus is that the hoped for open, organized and inviting feel has been achieved. The funny thing is, our previewers didn’t initially notice some of the changes, but liked them once they were pointed out. That’s good design in my book.

Rather than me running through a laundry list of the changes, please take a look at the newspaper and let us know what you think. We’d appreciate hearing what you like and anything you think could still use improvement.

Through the month of October we’ll have an email address set up to accept your input. Email us a note at redesign@dioceseofmarquette.org. You may also mail your ideas to The U.P. Catholic Redesign, 1004 Harbor Hills Dr., Marquette, MI 49855, or call me at (906) 227-9129.

If we get as many responses as we hope, we’ll not be able to respond individually. Please remember that we’re looking for positive feedback as well as constructive criticism. We’ll compile the responses, and in areas where there is a trend in thought we’ll make adjustments to the design. In fact, our designer has encouraged us to do this and has offered to help us with this process.

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African Schools for the Poor Get Important Boost From Cross Catholic Outreach Scholarships

Cross Catholic Outreach's scholarship program for the poor (see story on opposite page) is having a major impact halfway around the globe in the African nation of Kenya, and the ministry's president, Jim Cavnar, feels the timing couldn't be better given recent calls to action by our Holy Father.

"This is a significant story in light of Pope Francis' focus on helping the poor and the excitement building around the Jubilee Year of Mercy," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. "Our plan is to help American Catholics establish inexpensive scholarships to lift up the neediest children in Kenya. Those who sponsor one today will be helping educate a desperately poor child during the 2015-16 school year — a perfect tribute to the Jubilee Year of Mercy."

Even the name of the program is fitting — those who contribute fund a Sacred Mercy School Scholarship!

In addition to helping hundreds of young children gain a primary education, Cross Catholic's efforts will have an important second benefit. It will encourage and empower the priests and nuns behind two of Kenya's most exciting outreaches — the Brother Beausang Catholic School and St. Andrew Nkaimurunya School.

"The priests and nuns who established these Catholic schools have made tremendous personal sacrifices to extend Christ's love in the communities they

serve. When American Catholics step forward and fund a \$110 scholarship to their schools, it will be incredibly encouraging to them. It will show them that we American Catholics are grateful for their work and want to help them in their noble cause of educating the poorest of the poor."

Why is the Sacred Mercy School Scholarship so important? The answer is simple. Without this support, children would simply go unschooled. Families earning only a few dollars a week simply can't afford to send a child to school.

"Those who establish a scholarship are helping put a child in school for a full year and the daily classroom experience also includes a meal — sometimes the only meal that child eats all day," Cavnar said. "And what is the alternative? Leaving a child illiterate and without hope? Is that really an option? I doubt Pope Francis would see it that way."

Some will ask if there is a way to support the goal without funding a full \$110 scholarship for a school year. The answer from Cavnar was "yes!"

"Every gift, large or small, will make a difference," Cavnar said. "As a newspaper reader responding to this need, you can have a profound impact on the poor with any and every gift you make toward this cause."

Proceeds from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred during the school year. In the event that more funds are raised than



Children will walk miles to attend school — if they are given the opportunity to learn.

needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet Cross Catholic Outreach's most urgent needs.

To support the Cross Catholic Outreach scholarship program for the poor, use the ministry brochure enclosed in this issue of the paper or mail your

donation to Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01169, PO Box 97168, Washington DC 20090-7168. Please write "SCHOLARSHIP" in the comment line of the brochure to ensure your gift is routed to the proper fund.

Cross Catholic Outreach Website Highlights Ministry's Key Strengths

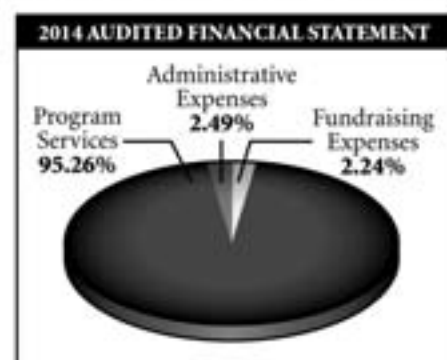
Visit the website of Cross Catholic Outreach (www.CrossCatholic.org) and you'll notice the charity's three indisputable strengths — its cost-effectiveness, its impressive Catholic leadership and its impact on the poor. The ministry is hitting high marks both overseas and here in the U.S.

"Donors often notice our outstanding ratio of effectiveness — the fact that nearly 95 percent of donations are used for program services and so little of our expenses are allocated to fundraising and administration," explained Cross

Catholic Outreach's president, Jim Cavnar. "The second thing they look for is integrity in our leadership, and they find that in the bishops and archbishops who serve on our board of directors. It shows we aren't just a charity fundraising from Catholics. We are a Catholic outreach. We promote Catholic teachings and values through our work."

This fact has been noticed by Catholic bishops and archbishops in the U.S., and they have endorsed the charity as a result. As of this moment, Cross Catholic Outreach has the endorsement of some 70 U.S. dioceses and the list has been growing steadily through the years.

"Through the years, we have provided food and safe water, constructed homes for the homeless and supported many schools and medical outreaches, doing virtually all of that work through the Catholic parishes and ministries already working in the trenches overseas," explained Cavnar. "We have embraced Pope Francis' call to action!"



Pope Francis recently met with Cross Catholic Outreach's president, Jim Cavnar.

U.S. Catholics Having Huge Impact On Illiteracy, Poverty By Sponsoring "Cross" Scholarships

American Catholics were offered a unique way to help the poorest of the poor when Cross Catholic Outreach launched a new scholarship program to help needy kids in developing countries. At a cost of just \$110 for a full year of schooling, the scholarships have been a tremendous blessing for both participating sponsors and the poor children being served.

"Cross Catholic Outreach established its Sacred Mercy School Scholarship program to fight illiteracy and poverty in Africa and it has been so successful, we plan to extend the opportunity to Catholic schools in Latin America and the Caribbean region too. The program was launched to help unschooled children ages 4 to 12, and each scholarship a donor sponsors helps us fund a life-changing education for a boy or girl at a cost of just \$110 for the full school year," explained Jim Cavnar, the Catholic ministry's president.

Many Americans are familiar with the premise of establishing a college scholarship, and this program offers a similar opportunity — even to the point of setting up the scholarship in your family's name. Mr. and Mrs. Jones can create the Jones Family Scholarship, for example, or Dr. Smith can establish the Mary Smith Scholarship in memory of his mother. Each scholarship can be for a single school year or renewed annually to keep the gift going as part of a family legacy to benefit the poor.

"Launching a scholarship will have a life-changing impact on a child in need," Cavnar explained. "It's a priceless gift you are giving. An education brings opportunities, new hope and self-dignity. You can't buy those things off a shelf, but they can be accomplished through this outreach."

Of course, Cross has also had great success with the primary goal of the scholarship — to give children a solid education in reading, writing, math and other basics. Most Catholic missionaries agree that this kind of training is essential for poor families in developing countries to break from their cycle of poverty.

"Illiteracy often plagues a family generation after generation," Cavnar said, "but an education can turn that trend completely around. Rescue a child and you can initiate a blessed cycle of prosperity for a family that will continue for many generations to come."

Since the program specifically places children in quality schools that emphasize Catholic formation in the classroom, Cross Catholic Outreach's scholarship program also supports the important goals of The New Evangelization and integral ministry — the goal of helping the poor both materially and spiritually.

"In establishing this scholarship

program, we started by choosing quality institutions that could qualify as Cross-accredited Catholic Schools," Cavnar said. "These schools are also monitored to ensure they continue to meet our standards. We insist each school has a strong Catholic identity, hires a capable staff of teachers, includes spiritual teachings within the curriculum and provides students with a broad, practical education. It's important that our scholarship students end up with a solid education and greater opportunities in their communities."

In 2015, Cross Catholic Outreach has set a goal of educating 5,000 needy youngsters



who are currently "on the outside, looking in" — and some children are literally in that position.

"When you travel to places like Haiti, Kenya, Zambia or the Philippines, you see how hungry the poor are for hope," Cavnar said. "In some of the countries where we serve, children pass by outside schools and watch longingly as others enter. They're fearful they'll forever be left outside the educational system. These kids are illiterate, but they're wise enough to know an education provides new opportunities and a way out of the slums, and they pray the school door will someday open for them."

According to Cavnar, this will only happen if poor families get help from their Catholic brothers and sisters in America. Most parents in the slums are too poor to afford even the few, meager meals, much less the expenses needed for their children to attend school.

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"Who among us can deny the value and impact of this program? The Catholic schools overseas are extremely efficient. The teachers who work there are also sacrificing. Many work for a few dollars a day in order to ensure these children get an education. When a donor contributes his or her portion by funding a scholarship, amazing things are being accomplished," he said. "So my hope is that many will step forward to sponsor one scholarship or more. If just a few dozen of this newspaper's readers make that decision, the impact will be profound. It will turn lives around."

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First Mass celebrated at grotto

Father Ben Paris celebrates Mass for the first time at the altar of the limestone grotto across the street from St. Francis de Sales Parish. The Mass was held on Aug. 15 for the Solemnity of the Assumption. The Manistique Knights of Columbus, Council #2026 color guard was also present.



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All Saints parishioners join in fellowship

Parishioners of All Saints parish in Gladstone came together for their annual parish picnic late this summer. (Top photo) members of the parish family enjoy the meal provided. (Bottom photo) children and adults participate in games on the front lawn.

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Religious store opens in Ironwood

Georgene Grenfall, a parishioner of Our Lady of Peace parish in Ironwood, stands near the new religious goods store in Ironwood. The store is named, The Joyful Visitation, and features a wide variety of Catholic and Christian items including statues, crucifixes, rosaries and books. The store is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 until 3 p.m. It is located between the All Saints Catholic Academy building and the old rectory on Marquette street.

Have photos of parish or school events? Send to:
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Pope Francis says he leaves the U.S. with heart full of gratitude, hope

(CNA/EWTN News) - As he concluded his historic visit to the United States, Pope Francis thanked organizers and volunteers, saying that he concludes his trip with appreciation and hope.

"Your care for me and your generous welcome are a sign of your love for Jesus and your faithfulness to him," Pope Francis said. "So too is your care for the poor, the sick, the homeless and the immigrant, your defense of life at every stage, and your concern for family life. In all of this, you recognize that Jesus is in your midst and that your care for one another is care for Jesus himself."

Preparing to leave, the pope said that he does so "with a heart full of gratitude and hope."

Sept. 27 marked the end of the Holy Father's trip to the United States, which also included stops in Washington, D.C., and New York, culminating at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

Pope Francis thanked Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, as well as the civil authorities, donors, volunteers and organizers that made the gathering possible.

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He also thanked the families who shared their testimonies.

"It is not so easy to speak openly of one's life journey! But their honesty and humility before the Lord and each of us showed the beauty of family life in all its richness and diversity," Pope Francis said. "I pray that our days of prayer and reflection on the importance of the family for a healthy society will inspire families to continue to strive for holiness and to see the Church as their constant companion, whatever the challenges they may face."

Reflecting on the rest of his U.S. trip, the Holy Father said that it was "particularly moving for me to canonize Saint Junípero Serra, who reminds us all of our call to be missionary disciples."

He added that he was touched "to stand with my brothers and sisters of other

religions at Ground Zero, that place which speaks so powerfully of the mystery of evil. Yet, we know with certainty that evil never has the last word, and that, in God's merciful plan, love and peace triumph over all."

Furthermore, he promised his prayers for the U.S. people, saying, "This land has been blessed with tremendous gifts and opportunities. I pray that you may all be good and generous stewards of the human and material resources entrusted to you." Pope Francis said, "I thank the Lord that I was able to witness the faith of God's people in this country, as manifested in our moments of prayer together and evidenced in so many works of charity."

"Do not let your enthusiasm for Jesus, his Church, our families, and the broader family of society run dry," Pope Francis said.

"May our days together bear fruit that will last, generosity and care for others that will endure," the pope said. "Just as we have received so much from God – gifts freely given us, and not of our own making – so let us freely give to others in return."



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Pope Francis leans out of the Popemobile to kiss a baby brought to him at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

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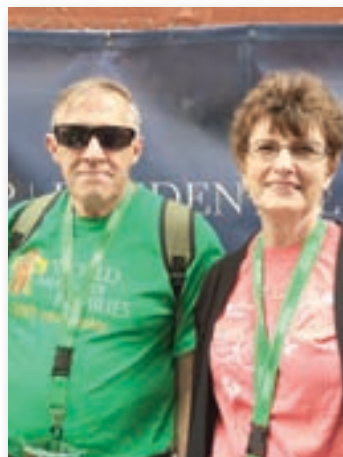
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Diocese represented

The Diocese of Marquette was represented at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia last month. They had a chance to hear several keynote talks, participate in Mass, hear from the Holy Father, explore the shrines of the city and even ran into Archbishop Alexander Sample, former bishop of the Diocese of Marquette. Those who attended were: James Butorac, Mary Butorac, Edward Custance, Robin Mary Custance, Bishop John Doerfler, Denise Foye, Deacon Thomas Foye, Edward Gardner, Barbara Ianitelli, David Guenther, Leanne Guenther, Mary Margaret Labadie and Cecile Veesser.

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'God cries' for victims of abuse, Pope Francis says

(CNA/EWTN News) - Pope Francis met with five survivors of sexual abuse during his visit to Philadelphia, telling bishops afterward that the evil acts can no longer remain in silence, and promised his personal vigilance in protecting minors.

"The stories of suffering and pain of minors who were sexually abused by priests have aggravated my heart," Pope Francis told bishops participating in the World Meeting of Families on Sept. 27.

He said he is continuously overwhelmed by the shame of "people who were responsible for the tender care of these little ones and violated them."

In the face of such heinous acts, "God cries," he said, adding that "the criminal sins of the abuse of minors can't be kept in silence any longer."

"I promise, with the vigilance of the Church, to protect minors and I promise (that) all of those responsible will be held accountable."

Survivors of abuse, he said, have become "true heralds of hope and ministers of mercy." He said we must be grateful for each one of them and their families for "their immense value in shining the light of Christ over the evil of the abuse of minors."

"I say this now because I have just met with a group of people abused as children, who are helped and accompanied here in Philadelphia, with the special affection of Archbishop (Charles) Chaput. I thought it was the right thing to do, to tell you all where I was this morning."

Pope Francis met with the abuse survivors for close to a half-hour before meeting with bishops gathered in Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families.

According to a Sept. 27 communique from the Vatican, among the five survivors who participated were three women and two men, all of whom had been abused in childhood either by members of the clergy, family members or educators.

Each of the survivors were accompanied either by a family member or person of support.

Also present in the meeting were Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, archbishop of Boston and president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia, and Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, who is in charge of the Philadelphia diocese's Office for the Protection of Minors.

During the encounter Pope Francis listened to the testimonies of the survivors and spoke a few words to them all together before greeting each one individually.

He prayed with them and expressed his participation in their suffering, as well as his pain and shame, particularly in the cases where the injury was caused by members of the clergy or Church employees.

The pope then renewed his commitment and that of the Church to ensuring that all victims are heard and treated with justice, the guilty are punished, and that the crimes of abuse are combated with an effective prevention in the Church and in society.

Pope Francis thanked the victims for their essential role in restoring the truth and in beginning the journey of healing. The meeting closed with the pope giving his blessing.

If you know of an incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by anyone in Church service including a member of the clergy, a religious, a lay employee or volunteer, the Diocese of Marquette encourages you to come forward so that action can be taken to protect others and help those who have been harmed to find healing.

To begin the process, call one of the victim's assistance coordinators: Stephen Lynott at (844) 495-4330; or Diane Tryan at (844) 694-4362; or write: Victims Assistance Coordinator c/o Catholic Social Services of the UP, 1100 Ludington St. Suite 401, Escanaba MI 49829. Please mark the letter "Personal and Confidential" and indicate in your letter how you wish to be contacted (by phone or by letter).

The Diocese of Marquette encourages you to report the incident to local civil authorities, and reports all allegations to the appropriate civil authorities.

World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia sets stage for Synod on the Family at Vatican



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A mural featuring Our Lady of Guadalupe was the backdrop to the Mass celebrated on Sept. 24 for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. All Masses were in English and Spanish at the gathering that brought people from around the world to the United States. Following the World Meeting of Families, a synod of bishops will be held at the Vatican from Oct. 4 through 25, 2015. Bishop John Doerfler requested parishioners pray a novena for the synod before it began, then to continue to pray during the synod.

Prayer for the Synod on the Family

"O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity, we give you thanks and praise for the life and ministry of St. John Paul II, whom you called to shepherd your Church. Through his teaching, we have entered more deeply into the mystery and sacredness of marriage and the family. Through his intercession and according to your will, grant your wisdom and guidance to the Synod Fathers, so that all families may come to know their dignity, the sacredness of their calling and the peace that comes through the light of your truth and mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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Pope speaks to president about religious freedom, care of common home



BY ANN SCHNEIBLE
CNA/EWTN NEWS

Religious freedom is one of America's most "precious possessions," Pope Francis reminded President Barack Obama on Sept. 23, while lauding the nation's Catholics for their work toward a society marked by tolerance and inclusiveness.

"With countless other people of good will, (American Catholics) are likewise concerned that efforts to build a just and wisely ordered society respect their deepest concerns and their right to religious liberty," the pope said at the White House in Washington, D.C.

"That freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions."

Echoing the appeals by the U.S. bishops on the issue of religious freedom, the pontiff told President Obama: "All are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it."

Pope Francis also stressed the role American Catholics have played in building a tolerant and inclusive society in the nation, one which safeguards rights of individuals and communities, while "rejecting every form of unjust discrimination."

In his remarks prior to the pontiff's, President Obama noted how the 20,000 people gathered on the White House lawn served as only a small reflection of the "deep devotion of some 70 million American Catholics."

The Pope's meeting at the White House, marking the first major event of his visit to the U.S. capital, comes at a time of uncertainty with regard to religious freedom in the country.

Affecting many Catholic as well as other religious institutions, the Obama administration's 2012 HHS mandate requires institutions to provide contraceptive services, often failing to offer exemptions to those who oppose the bill on religious grounds.

There are also concerns regarding the religious rights of those who oppose same-sex marriage after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled earlier this year to legalize marriage between gay couples across all fifty States.

Pope Francis also addressed the issue of climate change, and acknowledged U.S.'s commitment to seeking solutions to air pollution.


"Accepting the urgency, it seems clear to me also that climate change is a problem which can no longer be left to a future generation," the pope said.

He said this is a "critical moment in history" with regard to caring for our "common home."

Citing his encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis stressed the need for continued changes in the areas of "sustainable and integral development."

Pope Francis also expressed his appreciation to Obama for the welcome he had received in the U.S., while lightly alluding to the question of immigration. He recalled that America is a country largely built on immigrant families, like his own Italian family who settled in Argentina.

Concluding his White House address, the Pope said: "Mr. President, once again I thank you for your welcome, and I look forward to these days in your country. God bless America!"



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Christ as the center: focus on marriage

The Diocese of Marquette along with the other dioceses in the state of Michigan are observing 2015 as the Year for Marriage. The main goal is to present a clear and positive message of why marriage is important for every person and society as a whole. In this issue, Stephanie and John Komp of Menominee share how God has played a role in their marriage, their challenges and advice to newly married couples.



Stephanie and John Komp
Married: 20 years, Sept. 16, 1995
Parish: Holy Spirit, Menominee
Children: Nathan (6) and Carly (4)

Christ-centered: We attend Mass together as a family and prayer has been a huge part of our marriage and family. It strengthens our relationship with God. In our hard or stressful times, it has brought us closer to one another and to God.

Challenges: In 2005 we had a miscarriage, it was very tough on both of us. I (Stephanie) was not active in my own church, but John has always been a faithful member of the Catholic Church. I suffered depression and was “lost.” I did not have a strong faith to lean on and with John’s encouragement I began attending church with him. God truly led me to the Catholic Church and to the RCIA program. John was my sponsor when I received my First Communion and confirmation, it was a very special day for our marriage. Two years after I became a Catholic we welcomed

Nathan into our family. God blessed us with Carly two years later. God helped us realize we needed him in our marriage and blessed us abundantly.

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House votes to defund Planned Parenthood

BY ADELAIDE MENA
CNA/EWTN NEWS

Washington D.C. - In a 241-187 vote on Sept. 18, members of the United States House

of Representatives voted to freeze funding for Planned Parenthood for one year, following months of political debate surrounding information revealed in a series

of undercover videos on the abortion provider.

"This is about ensuring that laws are followed, that Americans know how their money is being spent, and that the con-

science rights of taxpayers are respected," Rep. Diane Black (R. - Tenn.), sponsor of the bill, said on the House floor before the vote on Sept. 18.

Black added that the De-

fund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 (H.R. 3134) will redistribute more than \$235 million saved from funding the organization to more than 13,500 health care clinics around the country.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives will continue an investigation into allegations that the abortion provider has broken federal laws banning the profit of human body parts harvested during abortions, changes in abortion procedures in order to harvest body parts, the use of illegal "partial birth abortion" techniques to harvest body parts, and the refusal of medical care to infants who survive abortion attempts.

The vote and the investigation follow a string of undercover videos by the Center for Medical Progress showing Planned Parenthood officials discussing modification of abortion procedures, suggesting that some victims of abortion are born alive at Planned Parenthood clinics, and a former technician recounting an incident where organs were harvested from an intact delivery that still had a beating heart.


The House also passed 248-177 H.R. 3504, which would add the criminal penalty of first-degree murder to the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, a law which ensures that babies who survive failed abortion attempts receive adequate healthcare care and protection.

One representative, Steve King (R-Iowa), voted as "present" for both H.R. 3134 and H.R. 3504, objecting that the bills allow abortions in cases of rape, incest, and risks to the mother's life.

While both bills passed the House, neither is expected to pass the Senate or to be signed into law by president Barack Obama. The Senate failed to bring a similar bill to the floor in early August.

In August Alabama, New Hampshire, and Louisiana each voted to strip Planned Parenthood of funding from their state budgets.

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Hopes for the Synod on the Family

The XIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family begins with Mass in St. Peter's on October 4. No synod in modern Catholic history has drawn



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE
George Weigel

such world-wide press attention or generated such controversy within the Church (with the possible exception of the special synod called by John Paul II to examine Vatican II on the twentieth anniversary of its conclusion). Synods have typically been rather dull affairs. The special Synod of 2014, called by Pope Francis to prepare the Synod about to begin, was anything but dull, and the 2015 Synod promises to generate its share of fireworks, too.

But what of the pope's intention in calling these two Synods, which was to bring the light of revelation and reason to bear on the crisis of marriage and the family that is evident throughout the twenty-first century world? What will Synod 2015 say to the world that will make the world think again about marriage and the family, before these two essential building-blocks of civilization are further dismantled and traduced?

At a conference in California this past summer, I had the opportunity to discuss these questions publicly with an old friend, Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, OP, the archbishop of Vienna and principal editor of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (a labor for which the universal Church owes him a great debt of gratitude). In his remarks, the cardinal wisely noted that "the best ally" for the Church's settled understanding of marriage and the family is human nature: "The concept of human nature is debated and contested, but, nevertheless, human nature exists....Catholic teaching corresponds deeply to human

nature. If we do not believe there is a deep correspondence between what the creator wanted for men and women and [what the creator wanted] for the family, then, of course, we have a problem."

Indeed, we do, and one of my hopes for Synod 2015 is that it challenges the world (and the people of the Church) to rediscover the truth that there are truths built into us and into our relationships, truths of human nature that we deny at the risk of personal unhappiness and social disarray.

And I have other hopes for Synod 2015.

I hope that the Synod boldly lifts up the biblical and Christian view of marriage and the family as the Church's evangelical answer to the contemporary crisis of marriage and the family.

I hope that the Synod does not bog down over a narrow set of questions of primary concern to northern European bishops, who represent local churches that have not fully embraced the New Evangelization. The problems these bishops wrestle with are real; I hope the Synod fraternally challenges those bishops to embrace the truth of the Gospel, rather than the further deconstruction of the faith, as the beginning of a serious pastoral response to their challenges.

I hope the bishops of Africa continue to bear witness at Synod 2015 to their people's experience of Christian marriage as liberating, and that the African bishops' determination to be treated as grown-ups, which was clear at Synod 2014, continues in Synod 2015.

I hope that the Synod heeds the oft-repeated caution of Pope Francis and does not produce a final report that reads like the work of an international non-governmental organization – an error, it must be said, that was not avoided in the working document for Synod 2015, the *Instrumentum Laboris*.

And I hope that the Synod summons the courage and humility to confess that the Church's own failures to speak words of persuasive truth to the cultural tsunami of the sexual revolution are a significant factor in the crisis of marriage and the family around the world today. The Church cannot ask the world to take its settled teaching seriously if the Church itself does not take that teaching seriously. It would also be a blessing if the Synod acknowledged that, in St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, Catholicism has a remarkable, and pastorally proven, resource for meeting the challenges of chastity, marriage, and family life today.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Eucharistic Congress expected to draw thousands to India

BY ANTONIO ANUP GONSALVES

CNA/EWTN NEWS

The upcoming National Eucharistic Congress of India, being held in Mumbai in November and expected to draw thousands, is meant to deepen the understanding, appreciation, and love of the Eucharist.

The event will be held Nov. 12-15 at the Archdiocese of Bombay's St. Piux X seminary, and is centered on the theme "The Eucharist: Nourished by Christ to Nourish Others."

According to Cardinal Oswald Gracias of Bombay, "The national congress will give a tremendous boost, and spur Eucharistic devotion all over the country, showing the importance of participation in the liturgy and exploring the true essence of Christian life as participating in the Paschal Mystery of the Eucharist."

"The focus is therefore that we are nourished by Christ scripturally, that is, by the Word of God and the table of the Eucharist,



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The faithful march through Mumbai in a 2014 evening Eucharistic procession.

but it should also have an impact on our lives – our personal life, family life, parish life – in our service to the country and in reaching out," Cardinal Gracias told CNA.

The cardinal has encouraged all the faithful to "appreciate the Eucharist, live the Eucharist, and share the Eucharist."

"The summary of the message is also to proclaim and share in true meaning in the Mass, which is the 'source and summit' of our lives as Christians," said Cardinal Gracias.

As many as 5,000 people from across India are expected to attend the congress. Each of the 167 dioceses in India are sending five representatives to Mumbai for the event, where the Eucharist will be celebrated in the Latin, East Syrian, and West Syrian rites.

Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith of Colombo has been appointed the Holy Father's special envoy to the event, and Pope Francis is also expected to relay a video message to its participants.

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BISHOP DOERFLER SCHEDULE			
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2: Mass, 10 a.m., Holy Redeemer, Menominee	10: Rosary rally and Eucharistic procession with reception to follow, noon, St. Anne, Baraga	Academy, Ironwood	28: School visit, Bishop Baraga Catholic School, Iron Mountain
2: School visit, St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, Menominee	10: Mass and dinner to follow, 4:30 p.m., St. Anne, Baraga	17: Mass, 4 p.m., Our Lady of Peace, Ahmeek	28: School visit, Holy Spirit Catholic School, Norway
4: Milestone wedding celebration Mass and reception to follow, 2 p.m., St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette	11: Mass and reception to follow, 8 a.m., St. Anne, Baraga (Novus Ordo-English)	17: Reception, 6 p.m., Sacred Heart, Calumet	29: Diocesan deacon conference, dinner and social, Marquette
8: Bishop's Ambassadors' Mass and dinner to follow, 5 p.m., St. Michael, Marquette	11: Mass and reception to follow, 10 a.m., Sacred Heart, L'Anse	18: Mass, 9 a.m., St. Paul the Apostle, Calumet	30: Diocesan deacon conference, Mass and program, Marquette
9: Catholic Campus Ministry Fireside chat, 5:30 p.m., St. Albert the Great, Houghton	11: Mass and dinner follow, noon, Holy Name, Assinins	18: Mass, 11 a.m., Sacred Heart, Calumet	30: Catholic Medical Association white Mass, 5:30 p.m., St. Anne, Escanaba
	14: Mass, 10:30 a.m., Our Lady of Peace, Ironwood	20: Care Clinic tour and reception, 5 p.m., Marquette	31: Mass, 4:30 p.m., St. Florence, Drummond Island
	14: School visit, All Saints Catholic	21: Curia retreat, Bay Cliff Health Camp, Big Bay	31: Mass, 7 p.m., Sacred Heart, De Tour Village
		23-26: Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Investiture, Columbus, Ohio	

DIOCESAN CALENDAR		
OCTOBER		
4: Milestone wedding celebration Mass and reception, 2 p.m., St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette	sadors' annual dinner, 5 p.m., St. Michael, Marquette	29: Diocesan principal meeting, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bishop Baraga room, diocesan offices, Marquette
5-8: Diocesan clergy retreat, Marygrove Retreat Center, Garden	16-18: Diocesan Catholic Campus Ministry retreat for college students, Bay Cliff Health Camp, Big Bay	29-31: Diocesan deacon Conference, Holiday Inn, Marquette
8: Legacy of Faith board meeting, 2-4 p.m., diocesan offices, Marquette	21: Diocesan staff retreat, diocesan offices closed	NOVEMBER
8: Legacy of Faith Bishop's Ambassadors' annual dinner, 5 p.m., St. Michael, Marquette	25: Collection, World Mission Sunday/Propagation of the Faith	1: All Saints Day
		7: See the See Middle School Youth Rally, St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette

EVENTS		
SUNDAY, Oct. 4		
A harvest dinner will be held at the Garden community building of St. John, Garden from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The menu will feature ham and turkey dinners with home-made desserts. Cost for adults is \$10, children are \$5 and age five and under are of no cost.	from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Craft items and bake goods will be available for sale. A chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. The cost of the dinner for adults is \$8, children age 6-12 are \$5 and children five and under are free.	the school's gym. There will be vendor and craft booths, a bake sale, pumpkins and corn-stalks. A movie will be shown for children. Chili, soup, cabbage rolls, hot dogs and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, call the school at (906) 863-3190.
TUESDAY, Oct. 6		
A healing Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Michael Steber at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette beginning at 7 p.m. At its conclusion, trained teams will be available to pray confidentially with anyone for healing and to receive the Lord's strength and peace.	A harvest dinner will be held at St. Jude, White Pine from 4 until 6:30 p.m. A turkey dinner and trimmings will be served. The cost for adults is \$10, children 5-10 is \$5 and ages four and under are free.	St. Andrew, Nahma will host a harvest dinner at the Nahma Township Hall from noon until 3 p.m. Menu includes turkey, ham and all of the fixings, including homemade pies. Take-out dinners will also be available. Cost for those over 12 years old is \$10, children 5-12 years old are \$5 and age five and under are of no cost.
SUNDAY, Oct. 11		
The Legion of Mary, Marquette Curia will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Our Guardian Angels, Crystal Falls.	FRIDAY, Oct. 23	WEDNESDAY, Oct. 28
	A wine tasting fundraiser to benefit Bishop Baraga Catholic School will take place at the Pine Grove Country Club in Iron Mountain at 6 p.m. It will include three unique courses, prepared by Chef Spiro, and paired with a matching wine. Drawings will also be held. The cost is \$45 per person or \$85 a couple. Tickets may be purchased at Bishop Baraga Catholic School.	The annual bazaar held by St. Joseph, Ishpeming will take place from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. A salad luncheon will be served at 11 a.m. for \$5. Items for sale include art, crafts, hand work, white elephant items and bake goods.
OCT. 12-15		
A parish mission at Sacred Heart, Ewen will begin at 7 p.m. each night. The speaker will be Father Ken Geraci of our Fathers of Mercy. The mission is presented by the Catholic churches of Ewen, Watersmeet and Bergland.	SUNDAY, Oct. 25	SUNDAY, Nov. 8
	The annual fall festival hosted by the home and school association of St. John Paul II Catholic Academy in Menominee will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in	A Diocesan Day of Consecrated Life established by Bishop John Doerfler. He invites parishes to celebrate the lives of men and women religious in the Diocese of Marquette.
SUNDAY, Oct. 18		
American Martyrs, Kingsford will host a fall festival		

Catholic Medical Association White Mass to be held

The Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga guild of the Catholic Medical Association will host a White Mass and dinner on Friday, Oct. 30 at St. Anne Parish in Escanaba. The public is invited to join with Catholic medical professionals and their spouses for the inaugural event. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with the White Mass celebrated by Bishop John Doerfler with the dinner and program to follow.

For those attending the dinner, a RSVP is required and must be made by Oct. 27. A free will offering will be accepted. To RSVP, or for more information, contact Dr. Michael DeGroot by email, madedgroot33@gmail.com, or call the St. Anne parish office at (906) 786-1421.

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers to speak in Marquette

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a highly sought-after speaker, known as the “dynamic deacon,” will present at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, Oct. 28 from 7 until 9 p.m. The title of his presentation is, “Catholic Families: The Model for a Culture of Love and Life.” The event is open to the public. There is no charge, however, a free will offering will be taken up.

His areas of expertise include marriage and family life, discerning the will of God, the sacraments, the Church’s vocational choices and how they are lived out, male spirituality, pro-life issues, evangelization, prayer, and many others.

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St. Francis de Sales names first grade teacher as new principal

BY VICTORIA LAFAVE

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
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St. Francis de Sales Catholic School (SFdS) welcomes Melissa Wood as its new principal.

Wood has a deep understanding of the school, having graduated eighth grade at SFdS. She graduated co-salutatorian from Manistique High School in 2003, and earned her bachelor's degree in 2007 in elementary education from Michigan State University with a specialization in language arts. She also earned her master's degree in teaching and curriculum from MSU in 2011.

Wood completed a one-year internship in a third grade classroom in Kentwood, Mich. at Challenger Elementary.

She began her career at SFdS in July 2008, where she taught fifth grade. Since



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New principal, Melissa Wood (left) and retired principal, Kitty Lovell, shake hands as Wood takes on the leadership of St. Francis de Sales School in Manistique.

then, she has taught fourth grade and most recently, first grade at SFdS. She will continue teaching first grade in the mornings, and will be in her principal's office in the afternoons. She is married to Everett Wood and they have two boys, Everett and Blake and reside in Manistique. She and her family are members of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

Wood said she hopes students at SFdS School this school year will succeed, both academically and spiritually.

"My goals for the students are to be the very best people they can be and simply give their best effort into all they are asked," she said. "This will benefit them both academically and spiritually. I also wish for them to be kind and respectful to everyone they meet along the way, and share their faith and love with others."

She said she wishes every student knew the importance of their faith, as well as education.

"I wish to instill in [our students] a love of Christ and learning, and to help them come to realize the value of

an education, especially one they are able to root in Christ and the Church. I wish they understood the benefits they are receiving by being blessed with their Catholic education."

Wood gives much credit to the school's staff.

"Each and every person working here is willing to go above and beyond for the students, as well as one another," she said. "They have really come together as we make this transition, in both staffing as well as curriculum. I can also attribute some success to the parents and students. The sacrifices made by parents, and the values instilled in the students help make St. Francis the wonderful school we are today."

Wood also believes that parents of her students are an integral part of their child or children's education.

"We are partners with our parents in their faith witness to their children," she explained. "We are excited to partner with them and work in cooperation with the teachers and home to make our school the best experience we can for the children."

"We aim for high standards in our curriculum, and we have the added benefit of learning about our faith and instilling the love of God into each and every one of our students," she added.

"Melissa knows the school, knows the students, and knows the parents," said School Secretary Barb Weber. "She is well grounded in Catholic education and is respected by the faculty."

Wood said she is excited to be starting the new school year as principal. She replaces Kathleen (Kitty) Lovell, who retired this past June after working in Catholic education for 19 years.

"I have big shoes to fill with the retirement of our long-time Principal Kitty Lovell, but with the help of our excellent faculty and staff, I am confident we will maintain our high standard of excellence in education that has been the norm at St. Francis for well over one hundred years."

During Lovell's time at SFdS School, she taught fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. She was principal during her last nine years at the school.

Lovell's future plans include traveling, reading and spending time with her family, including her husband Chuck, sons Billy and Matt, and their families—especially her two granddaughters, Reese and Alia.

"We will always remember Mrs. Lovell for her support, love, inspiration, and all she has done as principal of St. Francis de Sales School," Weber said.

For more information on St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, located at 210 Lake Street, Manistique, call (906) 341-5512, or visit www.sfds-raiders.com.

Manistique teacher participates in international technology institute

Edie Erickson, a teacher from St. Francis de Sales School in Manistique, recently joined 127



Edie Erickson

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"I am honored to have been selected to participate in the 2015 DENSI. During this experience I learned from and connected with other enthusiastic educators from around the world who share a passion for using the latest technologies and digital content to support the success of each learner," said Erickson. "I am excited to share the new, creative strategies and techniques for integrating technology into classroom instruction with my colleagues at St. Francis de Sales School so even more students can benefit from this great professional learning opportunity."

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Fertility and medical treatments bring about ethical questions

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occur, it's important to discuss this issue with your doctor BEFORE you start chemo. You might want to think about banking your sperm for future use.”

Various moral concerns arise in the wake of the proposal to freeze reproductive cells like eggs or sperm. Catholic teaching has always stressed the importance of the marital act in bringing about new human life. Even if sperm were procured in a morally-acceptable way — i.e. not through withdrawal or masturbation — the subsequent use of the sperm

sample would involve techniques that were either directly immoral (such as in vitro fertilization or intracytoplasmic sperm injection), or at least of a dubious moral character (such as Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer [GIFT] or intrauterine insemination [IUI]).

These latter two techniques, GIFT and IUI, have never been directly mentioned in official Church documents, so the question of whether they might be morally allowable continues to be discussed among Catholic moral theologians. GIFT involves collecting sperm after the marital act, placing it near an egg — but separated by an air bubble — within a thin, flexible tube called a catheter. After insertion into a woman's reproductive tract, the sex cells are injected into her fallopian tube so fertilization can occur inside her body, rather than in a petri dish. Meanwhile, IUI (also known as artificial insemination or AI) involves the placement of sperm into a woman's uterus by a catheter or a means other than a natural act of intercourse.

An important Vatican document known as Donum Vitae (On the Gift of Life) emphasizes that morally

“CATHOLIC TEACHING HAS ALWAYS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MARITAL ACT IN BRINGING ABOUT NEW HUMAN LIFE.”

acceptable interventions used in procreation cannot be a substitute for the marital act, but should serve to facilitate that act to attain its natural purpose. Even when sperm is collected in an acceptable manner, by using a silastic sheath during marital relations (i.e. a perforated condom without any spermicide), it still appears that the subsequent steps of GIFT and IUI involve a substitution/replacement of the conjugal act by injecting the sex cells into the woman's body via a cannula. In other words, the marital act does not itself cause a future pregnancy, but only enables the collection of sperm, which is then used for another procedure that brings about the pregnancy.

For these reasons, GIFT and IUI do not appear to be morally acceptable, and I generally discourage married men undergoing cancer treatments from banking their sperm, since there do not appear to be any legitimate procreative uses once the sample has been stored.

The situation is more nuanced when it comes to the question of banking a woman's eggs or ova. We can identify at least one technique for assisting procreation called LTOT, or Low Tubal Ovum Transfer, that would be morally acceptable and could be carried out using previously-frozen eggs. Originally designed for women with blocked, damaged, or diseased fallopian tubes, LTOT re-locates her egg, placing it into the fallopian tube below the point of damage so that her husband's sperm, introduced into her body by the marital act, can reach the egg and bring about fertilization. LTOT, however, is performed only rarely, and it can be challenging to find a reproductive specialist who routinely does the technique.

There are, moreover, safety concerns about the process of egg retrieval from a woman's body, about the high-dose hormones used, and about cryopreservation of the eggs. Strong chemicals are used in the freezing process, and no one knows how much the eggs might absorb. Moreover, there has been

little systematic follow-up of children born from frozen eggs, so it remains unclear whether they face increased health risks when they arise from an egg that has been frozen and thawed.

In principle, nevertheless, if the egg harvesting step could be carried out with low risk to women, if the egg freezing process would not cause any deleterious effects on children who might later come into being, and if the eggs were only used for morally legitimate purposes like LTOT, freezing a woman's eggs would appear to be morally allowable.

Another emerging method of preserving fertility for cancer patients relies on the removal and freezing of sections of the ovary (rather than individual eggs). This ovarian tissue can later be grafted back into a woman's body following chemotherapy allowing her to again ovulate naturally and, in some cases, conceive naturally. A number of babies have been born as a result of this technique, and insofar as a woman were enabled to conceive a child through marital acts with her husband, this approach also would not seem to raise any fundamental moral concerns.

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org

Blessing of a child in the womb

God, author of all life,
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Bishop Doerfler says respect the human body to respect creation

BY JOHN FEE

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“Human life is not disposable. It is not something to be used and thrown away. We must pray for a conversion of mind and heart that once again views and respects the material world that God has created – and the most important part of that material world, is the creation of human bodily life,” Bishop John Doerfler said to those in attendance at the annual Chippewa County Right to Life Banquet in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 16. “Our prolife efforts must get at the roots of our problems in society, if we are going to be able to foster the dignity, and respect, and care for human life.”

Bishop Doerfler noted that from the beginning of Sacred Scripture, God tells us that all he created, including our bodies, is good.

“In the creation narrative in Genesis, God looked upon what he created and saw it as good. May we, too, have this attitude. Let us start with our own lives, our own bodies,” Bishop Doerfler said.

Our bodies are not just a thing that we own, but an “integral part of the person.” Bishop Doerfler said, “What we do to the body we do to the person. Thus, a human body is not something to be manipulated at will.”

Bishop Doerfler quoted from *Laudato Si*, the recent “environmental” encyclical by Pope Francis. “The acceptance of our bodies as God’s gift is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father and our common home, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation... Also, valuing one’s own body in its femininity or masculinity is necessary if I am going to be able to recognize myself in an encounter with someone who is different.”

Pope Francis speaks of viewing humanity through a “technological paradigm,” which Bishop Doerfler said brings about an attitude that “views the human being, the unborn human being, as merely a source of materials, of organs, tissues and body parts that can be obtained, harvested and used at will.”

In vitro fertilization, or “test tube babies,” are another example of the technological paradigm



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Father Sebastian Kavumkal, MST, pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish in Sault Ste. Marie, smiles as Bishop John Doerfler asks him questions as an audience member at the Chippewa Right to Life dinner in Sault Ste. Marie.

according to Bishop Doerfler. Fertilized ova are “‘graded’ according to their quality. Those human embryos of lesser quality are destroyed or discarded, while those of a good quality are implanted in the woman’s womb.”

Bishop Doerfler asked, “Is it in accord with the dignity of the human person, the dignity of human life, to grade the quality of human beings and discard those who do not make the grade? ...At play in test tube babies, so to speak, is the technological paradigm that Pope Francis talks about, that treats human life as if it has no intrinsic worth, as if it were a thing to be manipulated and produced, or manufactured.”

“I wish to make clear that a child conceived by in

vitro fertilization does have incredible and intrinsic dignity. The problem is not with the child conceived. Rather it is the method, the method of in vitro fertilization does not respect the dignity of the human person and is evidence of the technological paradigm that Pope Francis criticizes,” Bishop Doerfler said.

“The failure to respect the dignity of human life and the failure to respect the environment are both rooted in the same mindset: the technological paradigm,” Bishop Doerfler said. “We are called to respect God’s plan in creation. In our attitudes and in our actions, we must respect the dignity of human life and the world that God has given us.”

Editor’s note: View a video of Bishop Doerfler’s talk at www.youtube.com/theupcatholic.



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