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*Contributions from supporters of Catholic education provide tuition assistance for families*

By OLIVIA CASTLEN  
Special to The Record

Supporters of Catholic education spent the evening of March 10 expressing their gratitude at the 36th annual Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner.

The event is the largest fundraiser of the Catholic Education Foundation, which provides tuition assistance for Catholic school students. This year, the sold-out event held at the Galt House Hotel in downtown Louisville raised \$1.8 million for tuition assistance, setting a record for the 17th consecutive year.

Richard A. Lechleiter, the foundation's president who emceed the event, said enrollment in the archdiocese's Catholic schools is rising and that "more



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Father Charles D. Walker, center, received a Distinguished Alumni Award at the 2026 Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner on March 10 at the Galt House hotel in downtown Louisville. The award was presented by event chair Mark Raque, left, and Archbishop Emeritus Joseph E. Kurtz.

and more families are realizing the tremendous value of Catholic education."

"For the 11th year in a row — 11 — every single family who

reached out to us qualified for tuition assistance in fact earned an award, every single one," he said.

He also told the crowd that

the \$100 million capital campaign — "The Answer is Yes! For Everyone. Forever." — has raised \$96 million thus far.

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## Campaign for tuition assistance nears goal

*Catholic Education Foundation announced March 10 that commitments are \$4 million shy of its \$100 million goal*

By MARNIE McALLISTER  
Record Editor

The Catholic Education Foundation's capital campaign has reached \$96 million in commitments from donors, bringing the campaign close to its \$100 million goal.

The public phase of "The Answer is Yes! For Everyone. Forever." campaign was announced by the CEF during its 2025 Salute to Catholic School Alumni.

At this year's event, CEF President Richard A. Lechleiter told the crowd, "I'm so pleased to tell you that we now stand at an incredible \$96 million in campaign commitments. Thank you.

"From our small beginnings in 1999, when we awarded scholarships to 220 students, we're now offering tuition assistance to an amazing 3,700 students with record funding of \$8.6 million," he said.



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Richard A. Lechleiter, president of the CEF, emceed the Salute to Catholic School Alumni March 10.

The campaign contributions will fund direct tuition assistance and build the permanent endowment, Lechleiter said in a February interview. At the time, he said the direct assistance commitments had reached \$50 million, gifts to the permanent endowment had exceeded \$20 million and some donors have made "deferred gifts" in their

estate plans totalling \$24 million.

Lechleiter said in the interview that the \$100 million goal is "a reach" for the CEF. A consultant first suggested a \$70 million goal, he noted.

"We tried to project our needs for the next 10 years. It kept coming back to \$100 million," he said. "The board courageously accepted that goal in 2020 — in the middle of Covid. Thanks be to God and donors, we're going to hit that goal and it's going to transform the foundation forever.

"We've been working really hard for the last year," Lechleiter added, noting at the time the campaign had \$5 million left to raise. "That will be a tough five, but we are working really hard. We would love to finish the campaign, to reach the goal by the end of the fiscal year. That would be a six-year campaign. We've had some gifts that came to us literally out of nowhere. It's crazy how God works."

During the March 10 Salute to Catholic School Alumni, Lechleiter asked the crowd to "join us in this game-changing endeavor."

"Every donation is important and none is too small," he said. "Once completed, this endeavor will be the largest of its kind in the 218-year history of the Archdiocese of Louisville."

## Archbishop Fabre urges prayers for peace



OSV News screenshot/Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

Pope Leo XIV prayed for world leaders to "abandon projects of death" in a video message released by the Vatican March 5, asking people around the world to pray for peace. Speaking to pilgrims after praying the Angelus prayer March 8, the pope called for an end to the war in Iran and warned that the conflict could drag more countries in the Middle East into instability.

*Archbishop joins the pope, U.S. bishops in appealing for peace as war spreads in the Middle East*

Record Staff Report  
and OSV News

From Pope Leo XIV to bishops around the world, religious leaders are appealing for peace after the United States and Israel launched attacks on Iran and violence began spreading throughout the Middle East.

Asking the faithful to join him in prayer, Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre of Louisville added his voice to the appeals for peace in a statement released by the Archdiocese of Louisville on March 4.

"I am deeply troubled by the ongoing violence and rising tensions in the Middle East," the statement says. "In solidarity with Pope Leo XIV and Archbishop Paul Coakley,

president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I invite the faithful of the Archdiocese of Louisville to join me in praying for peace in the Middle East, for our military, and for the victims of this conflict."

He concludes with the prayer, "Through the intercession of Our Lady Queen of Peace, let us continue to pray for an end to the war in the Middle East and for peace."

The attacks in Iran began Feb. 28 with strikes that killed Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the nation's leader. Iran subsequently targeted Israel and U.S. military assets in the region, including in Qatar, the

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## THE SCHEDULE OF ARCHBISHOP SHELTON

- March 12 — 2 p.m., Priest Personnel Board.
- March 14 — Noon, Mass, St. Brigid Church; 4 p.m., Confirmation, Our Lady of the Hills and Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Our Lady of the Hills in Finley.
- March 15 — 10:30 a.m., Confirmation, St. John Paul II Church; 7 p.m., I Am Encounter, Adoration.
- March 16 — 10 a.m., Mass, Ursuline Chapter of Affairs, Ursuline Motherhouse.
- March 17 — 10 a.m., Blessing of Intergenerational Life Center and Child Enrichment Center, Harbor House.
- March 18 — 7 p.m., Confirmation, St. Frances of Rome and Holy Trinity at Holy Trinity.
- March 19 — 1 p.m., Priest Council Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation, St. Margaret Mary Church.
- March 20 — 1 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Calvary Cemetery.
- March 21 — 4:30 p.m., Confirmation, Holy Family Church.

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## Official

Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre has made the following retirement announcement.

**Reverend Louis J. Meiman** retired on March 1. He most recently served as sacramental modera-

tor of St. Ignatius Martyr and St. Teresa of Calcutta churches.

Current addresses for priests and deacons can be found at: [www.archlou.org/about-the-archdiocese/](http://www.archlou.org/about-the-archdiocese/).

## Obituaries

### Deacon Theodore 'Ted' Luckett, retired detective, dies at 76

Deacon Theodore Carl "Ted" Luckett, who served at St. Christopher Church in Radcliff, Ky., died on March 4. He was 76 and had served as a deacon since his ordination in 2008.

Deacon Luckett, a Louisville native, graduated from Bishop David High School and retired as a detective sergeant from the Louisville Division of Police.

As a deacon, he served at the following parishes in the Archdiocese of Louisville: St. Aloysius in Pewee Valley, St. Aloysius in Shepherdsville, St. Benedict in Lebanon Junction and St. Christopher.

In addition, Deacon Luckett founded the Louisville Police football team, coached and mentored young men in basketball and football for more than 50 years and did outreach with underprivi-



leged children in West Louisville.

He is survived by his wife, Melinda; his sons Bryan (Kelly), Brandon and Ted Jr. (Sarah); 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 10 at St. Christopher, followed by burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery in Pewee Valley, Ky.

### Deacon Lee Bidwell, who served at St. Helen in Glasgow, dies at 85

Deacon Lee Gerard Bidwell, a retired deacon of the Archdiocese of Louisville, died on March 9 at Shanti Niketan Hospice Home in Glasgow, Ky. He was 85 and had served as a deacon since he was ordained in June of 1981.

Deacon Bidwell, a native of Owensboro, Ky., was a veteran of the United States Navy and retired as administrator of the Metcalfe County Nursing Home. He

served as a deacon at St. Helen Church in Glasgow for 44 years.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Frances "Fran" Bidwell; sons Greg (Susan), Tony (Felicita), Jeff (Deanna) and Scott (Coleen); eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Helen on March 11. Military honors were provided by Glasgow DAV Chapter #20.

# Award-winning teacher reflects on service

By MARY-CATHERINE KINSLOW

Record Staff Writer

Third-grade teacher Debbie Tucker embodies the mission of Catholic education and is a cornerstone of the St. Rita School community, according to principal Neil Hulsewede.

"Her deep institutional knowledge and unwavering loyalty to St. Rita make her a cornerstone of our community." And she "actively integrates her faith and professional learning into daily instruction," wrote Hulsewede in his nomination of Tucker for the 2026 Father Joseph McGee Award for Outstanding Catholic Educator.

The award was presented to Tucker at the Catholic Education Foundation's Salute to Catholic School Alumni dinner March 10 at the Galt House Hotel in downtown Louisville.

In an interview at St. Rita Feb. 25, Tucker noted that she currently has 23 students in her classroom. Over the last 22 years of teaching at St. Rita, she estimates she's taught more than 400 students, and she's been able to "live her faith through them," she said.

She credited the St. Rita community and her family with her success as a teacher.

"I am grateful to my husband, my son, and my family support system here. It's awesome," she said. "I'm very grateful to the Catholic Education Foundation for this honor — it's huge. And of course, through the center of all of this is our faith, and how strong our faith is to allow this to happen. God is the center of everything I do."

Tucker said her parents emphasized the importance of a Catholic education and she carried on that tradition when her son Matthew



Record Photo by Mary-Catherine Kinslow

Debbie Tucker complimented her third-grade students at St. Rita School Feb. 25 during a math lesson, telling them, "I love the way you all are working so hard."

**'We work together so well in trying to meet the needs of all the kids. Each of them are so different ... and you've got to try and figure out what they need, and then try to meet that need.'**

Debbie Tucker, third-grade teacher, St. Rita School

was in school. She said she was certain that the "support and foundation of a Catholic education will last him all his life."

The faculty and staff of St. Rita, charged with caring for St. Rita's 270 students, also received Tucker's recognition.

"We work together so well in trying to meet the needs of all the kids," she said. "Each of them are so different ... and you've got to try and figure out what they need, and then try to meet that need."

Before going back to school in her 40s to earn a master's degree in education at

the University of Louisville, Tucker said she worked with children at a nonprofit organization. She found herself being called to the classroom in a more "hands-on" way, she said.

"I always wanted to work in a Catholic school because of my faith, and to be able to share my faith with others — that was very important to me," she noted.

She sees her experience in the St. Rita community as a "full circle." Her parents were married at St. Rita Church, she was baptized there, and her first year of teaching began there while her son was

a sixth grader at the school. "I love the community," said Tucker. "We are like a family."

Before becoming a teacher, Tucker already made a lasting impact on the school. She served as president of St. Rita's parent-teacher organization in the early 2000s. According to Hulsewede, she "led the major fundraiser that made the school playground a reality — an enduring symbol of her service."

In his nomination of Tucker, Hulsewede also highlighted her involvement in St. Rita's "Desk to Pew" initiative, "a program encouraging students' participation in parish Masses, bridging the school and parish communities."

During her 22 years of service at St. Rita, the school and church community have changed a lot, she noted.

"We are now 60% Hispanic, which is awesome to be able to serve a community that I didn't know much about in the beginning," Tucker said. "Now, I've just embraced it and have learned so much from them. I think a diverse community is so important, because we learn from each other."

Hulsewede lauded Tucker's proactive approach to this shift in his nomination.

"She has met these changes with compassion, equity, and cultural responsiveness, ensuring that every student is seen and supported," he said.

Tucker said she was looking forward to attending the Salute dinner with her fellow St. Rita teachers and noted that "it's a big honor for all of the teachers here to feel like we could do this together. They're going to support me, but I want them to see the fun part of this, too, because we get to share it. We're really excited."



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Catholic high school students received Father John H. Morgan Scholarships at the Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner held March 10 at the Galt House Hotel. Each student will receive a \$10,000 scholarship for college from the Catholic Education Foundation.

# Catholic school alumni honored

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The campaign's public phase was announced by the CEF during its 2025 Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner.

Archbishop Emeritus Joseph E. Kurtz also spoke at the event, telling the crowd, "The more I think about my Catholic education, the more grateful I am."

"I counted the number of years that I sat in a desk in a Catholic school: 22," he said.

With a laugh, he told the crowd, "If somebody said, 'Well, archbishop, you're not so perfect.' I would say to them, 'You should see what I would be like if I didn't have a Catholic school!'"

The event celebrated the achievements of six alumni of Catholic schools: Diane M. Gahafer, David A. Koch, Edward J. "Jody" Meiman III, Michael T. Paradis, Katherine Wintergerst Rogers, and Father Charles D. Walker.

St. Rita parishioner and schoolteacher Deborah A. Tucker was awarded the Father Joseph McGee Award and Michael A. Pollio, retired senior associate athletic director of the University of Louisville and parishioner of St. James Church in Louisville, was awarded the Com-



Record Photo by Mary-Catherine Kinslow

Honoree Edward J. "Jody" Meiman III, a graduate of Holy Cross High School, shook hands with Archbishop Emeritus Joseph E. Kurtz at the Catholic Education Foundation's Salute event March 10.

community Service Award.

The dinner also honored nine high school students presented with Father John H. Morgan Scholarships. The chosen students will each receive \$10,000 in college scholarships.

They are: Leah Dale Johnson of Assumption High School, Catherine Grace Osborne of Bethlehem High School, Bryston Crain Wechter of DeSales High School, Jenna Riley Campbell of

Holy Cross High School, Molly Elizabeth Bales of Mercy Academy, Madeline Claire Galligan of Presentation Academy, Lila Jane Burke of Sacred Heart Academy, Ethan Miles Bell of St. Xavier High School and Zachary David RoBards of Trinity High School.

Laughter rippled through the ballroom as keynote speaker Adriana Trigiani, a "New York Times" bestselling author, related her childhood

stories of attending public school as a Catholic in the town of Big Stone Gap, Va., where "less than one percent of the population is Catholic."

One year, after learning that the school was serving hamburgers for lunch on Fridays during Lent, her father approached the public school's principal, asking him to switch the burgers out with a vegetarian meal, she recollected.

As her father "expounded upon no meat on Fridays, and suffering, and Lent," the principal interrupted her father to say, "We don't have a problem here."

"You're going to switch the hamburgers off of Friday?" her father asked.

The principal replied, "There ain't no meat in them burgers."

Thanking the crowd for their support of Catholic education, Trigiani noted that to have faith, and to be Catholic, poses the question, "How can I pay it forward?" she said.

Faith "was described to me this way from my grandmother. She said, 'It's your rope. You gotta hold onto that rope.' ... That rope is what saves us. And the best thing we can do is hand it off to the next group," Trigiani added.

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### Students lend a hand

Student volunteers from Virginia Tech, from right, Sara Ugaz and Jake Varley helped Myya Little unload donated food March 10 at the Catholic Enrichment Center in west Louisville. Students, from left, Ryan Jasudowich and Liam Hopkins, helped move the products to the center's food pantry. The donations benefit the center's Dare to Care food pantry, which helps feed community members in need. The students, associated with the university's Catholic Newman Center, are on spring break this week and helped out at the center in various ways.

## 'Bishop's Blend' is the latest offering in the Faithfully Crafted series of spirits

By MARNIE McALLISTER  
Record Editor

A new spirit that blends Kentucky wheated bourbon with Tennessee whiskey is designed to celebrate the Catholic heritage of both states, which are united in the leadership of Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre, the metropolitan of the states' dioceses.

The second offering in the Faithfully Crafted series made by Log Still Distillery in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Louisville is on sale now. The 90-proof Bishop's Blend is a nod to the shepherds who lead dioceses in Kentucky and Tennessee, said J.W. "Wally" Dant, founder and president of Log Still in Gethsemane, Ky.

"We call this the Bishop's Blend, and the reason we did that was that the archbishop watches over the Tennessee bishops. Bishop (J. Mark) Spalding of Nashville is from here; the Bishop of Knoxville Mark Beckman used to be my pastor in Tennessee," where Dant and his family lived for about 20 years, he said. "There's these connections." The distillery is tucked into the heart of what area Catholics call the Kentucky Holy Land — a trio of counties settled by Catholics from Maryland, drawn to the Kentucky wilderness in the late 1700s in search of religious freedom.

While Dant has lived in several states, including Tennessee, mostly following his late father's job with UPS, the Holy Land is his home today — and it holds his roots, he said.

"Many of the distiller families migrated to this part of the world — the Kentucky Holy Land from Maryland," he noted. The Faithfully Crafted series is "one way to honor our collective heritage and create something that hasn't been done before, in such a way that is mindful of our faith and reach a broader audience with what we can do with our gifts and talents."

"For me, it was also to honor my dad, who was a priest in the archdiocese," he noted. Father John Wallace "Wally" Dant had been an ordained deacon of the Archdiocese of Louisville for about six months when his wife died. Responding to a call to the priesthood, he was ordained a priest in 2006.

Dant said a portion of the Faithfully Crafted proceeds goes to the Archdiocese of Louisville to support charitable efforts of its choosing, "and we feel fortunate to be able to do that."

But that's not where the real benefits lie, Dant said. He hopes the Faithfully Crafted line leads to a kind of evangelization.



**'When we're asked to evangelize, and we can do that over a glass of bourbon and share our faith journey, this allows us to open up a little bit.'**

Wally Dant, founder and president of Log Still

Wally Dant, left, placed a label with the Archdiocese of Louisville's coat of arms on a bottle of Bishop's Blend, the second edition in the Faithfully Crafted series of spirits by Log Still.

Photo Special to The Record by Allie Thompson, Log Still Distillery

"We know that sharing a bourbon amongst friends can open a conversation," he said. "That's really what evangelization is all about. We can say, 'Go to church,' but at the end of the day, ... when we're asked to evangelize, and we can do that over a glass of bourbon and share our faith journey, this allows us to open up a little bit."

"I'm proud we can give back financially, but I think the more important aspect is living your faith and delivering the message that God is a loving God. It's a different way of looking at it," he said. "We're all put on earth to really help our fellow neighbors get to heaven — that's the end goal," said Dant. "When we can take our talents — whether it's making bourbon, growing corn in the field or working for the archdiocese — we're put here to do God's work here on earth."

The first bourbon in the series, the Trinity Blend, hit the market in December of 2024. With a run of 5,000 bottles, it has sold out, though Dant said he has kept a few back. Students from Bethlehem High School in Bardstown, Ky., hand-delivered one to Pope Leo XIV during an audience in Paul VI Hall on Jan. 14. And Dant is pretty proud of that.

"I was able to sign it," said Dant. "I was really grateful to Bethlehem for asking me to do that and to the archdiocese and the archbishop for thinking that was a good idea."

About 10,000 bottles of the Bishop's Blend will be produced. It's already for sale in Kentucky and will eventually be sold in Tennessee, too, said Dant.

A description of the blend provided by Log Still says: "On the nose, Bishop's Blend

opens with warm caramel and toasted oak, layered with vanilla bean and honeyed grain. The palate is silken and mouth-coating, unfolding with butterscotch, toasted marshmallow, baked Dutch apple, and soft wheat sweetness. A subtle oak backbone and gentle spice provide structure, while the finish lingers with charred oak,

light cinnamon warmth, and a touch of sweet tea, fading smoothly and cleanly."

"Faithfully Crafted: Bishop's Blend, Second Edition" is available for \$54.99 at Log Still Distillery tasting rooms in Gethsemane and at the Log Still satellite tasting room at Monks Road Boiler House on Whiskey Row in downtown Louisville.

### LENTEN DINING

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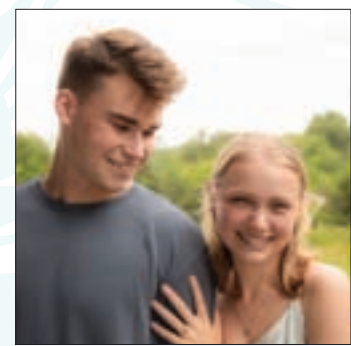
### Bolt-Garvey

Cortney Ann Bolt and John "Jack" Joseph Garvey IV will be married on July 11 at St. Louis Bertrand Church. The bride is the daughter of Troy and Robin Bolt of Louisville. She is a graduate of the University of Louisville and is employed by Rosstrant Architects. The groom is the son of the late Michelle Garvey and John Garvey III of Ft. Mitchell, Ky. He is attending medical school at the University of Louisville. The couple will reside in Louisville.



### Bruns-Freeman

Katherine Daly Bruns and John Owen Freeman will be married on April 24 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Cincinnati. The bride is the daughter of Robert Bruns of Cincinnati and Karen Bruns of Cincinnati. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and is pursuing a master's degree at Xavier University. The groom is the son of Clifton and Pamela Freeman of Louisville. He is a graduate of the University of Dayton and Capital Law School. The couple will reside in Cincinnati.



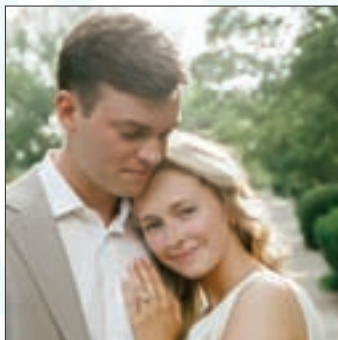
### Jacob-Valle

Sarah Jacob and Benjamin Valle will be married on July 18 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The bride is the daughter of Matthew and Diana Jacob of Brownsburg, Ind. The groom is the son of Alejandro and Laura Valle of Indianapolis. The couple will reside in Louisville.



### Krumpelman-Keller

Gabrielle Marie Krumpelman and Grant William Keller will be married Aug. 22 at Holy Cross Church in Covington, Ky. The bride is the daughter of Kurt and Ann Krumpelman of Covington, Ky. She graduated from Western Kentucky University and works as a design and digital media specialist for The Record. The groom is the son of Alan and Sherri Keller of Jasper, Ind. He graduated from Indiana University and is a software engineer for Humana. The couple will reside in Louisville.



### Bosch-Young

Olivia Katherine Bosch and Charles William Young will be married on March 27 at Immaculata Church in Cincinnati. The bride is the daughter of Michael and Michelle Bosch of Edgewood, Ky. The groom is the son of Daniel and Catherine Young of Louisville.



### Cook-Wibbels

Allison Nicole Cook and Andrew Forest Wibbels will be married on May 22 at St. Margaret Mary Church. The bride is the daughter of Samuel and Kathryn Cook of Prospect, Ky. She is a graduate of the University of Louisville. The groom is the son of Ronald and Deborah Wibbels of Prospect, Ky. He is a graduate of Hanover College. The couple will reside in Kentucky.



### Broadus-Cummins

Mollie Kay Broadus and Ryan James Cummins will be married on May 9 at St. Boniface Church. The bride is the daughter of Matthew and Darla Broadus of Louisville. She graduated from the University of Louisville and works at Mercy Academy as an admissions coordinator. The groom is the son of Mark and Karen Cummins of Louisville. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville and works as an inventory and production manager at Barrels and Billets. The couple will reside in Louisville.



### Donohue-Kramer

Katherine Ryann Donohue and Benjamin Thomas Kramer will be married on June 20 at St. James Church. The bride is the daughter of Chris and Michele Donohue of Louisville. She is a graduate of the University of Dayton. The groom is the son of Stephen Kramer of Dayton, Ohio, and Kimberly Kramer of Dayton. He is a graduate of the University of Dayton. The couple will reside in Kettering, Ohio.

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## Lawson-Graft

Eva Lawson and Matthew Graft will be married on Sept. 26 at the Ursuline Motherhouse Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The bride is the daughter of Bryan and Donna Lawson of Louisville. She graduated from the University of Kentucky and works for Stock Yards Bank and Trust. The groom is the son of Raymond and Cynthia Graft of Louisville. He graduated from Xavier University and works for the Farmers Bank of Milton. The couple will reside in Louisville.



## Seeger-Ferllini

Mary Olivia Seeger and Brandon Alexander Ferllini will be married on Aug. 22 at the Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown, Ky. The bride is the daughter of Harry Louis Seeger IV of Bardstown and Stephanie Smith Seeger of Bardstown. The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem High School, Bellarmine University and the University of Dayton. The groom is the son of the late Alexis Mendez-Ferllini of Chicago and of Jon Berman and Giovanna Mendez of Chicago. He is a graduate of DePaul University.



## Leitner-Reid

Mary Leitner and Phillip Reid will be married on April 18 at St. Luke Church. The bride is the daughter of the late William and Theresa Smith. The groom is the son of the late Chester and Mary Reid. The couple will reside in Louisville.



## Spalding-Rayburn

Grace Kaelin Spalding and Anthony Shilo Rayburn will be married on April 18 at St. James Church. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Stuart and Susan Spalding of Louisville. She is a graduate of Bellarmine University and is a medical laboratory scientist. The groom is the son of Shilo and Sarah Rayburn of Louisville. He is a graduate of the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training. He serves as a sergeant in the Kentucky Army National Guard and works for the Department of Homeland Security. The couple will reside in Louisville.



## Rogers-Whitehouse

Caroline McAllister Rogers and Colby Stephen Whitehouse will be married June 25 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Denver. The bride is the daughter of Maureen McAllister of Louisville. She attended Sacred Heart Academy and will graduate from the University of Notre Dame in May. The groom is the son of Jason and Tamera Whitehouse of Denver. He is a graduate of Regis Jesuit High School in Denver and will graduate in May from the University of Notre Dame.



## Thieneman-Harvey

Tiffany Thieneman and Seth Harvey will be married on June 6 at St. Michael Church. The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Cindy Thieneman of Louisville. She is a graduate of Presentation Academy. The groom is the son of Sean Harvey of Madison, Ind., and Carol Box of Jeffersonville, Ind. He is a graduate of St. Xavier High School. The couple will reside in Jeffersonville.



## Sasnau-Rodriguez

Marina Nicole Sasnau and Oscar Antonio Rodriguez will be married Oct. 11 in Santa Prisca de Taxco, Mexico. The bride is the daughter of John and Terriann Sasnau of Illinois. She is a graduate of the University of Louisville and works as a resident physician at UofL Hospital. The groom is the son of Cipriano Damasco of Louisville and Margarita Carrera of Louisville. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville and is a resident physician at Adventhealth Orlando. The couple will live in Louisville and Orlando.



## Wilder-Byrne

Alyssa Wilder and Elijah Byrne will be married on June 6 at the Ursuline Motherhouse Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The bride is the daughter of Benjamin and Michelle Wilder of Louisville. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and works in strategic communications. The groom is the son of Gabriel and Carrie Byrne of Louisville. He attended the University of Kentucky and works for the Lee Company. The couple will reside in Nashville.

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# MARRIAGE

## Announcements



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### Cochran-Garrett

Casey Jane Cochran and William Theodore Garrett were married Oct. 18, 2025, at St. Augustine Church in Lebanon, Ky. The bride is the daughter of Steven and Michele Cochran of Harveysburg, Ohio. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and works as an agronomist at Peterson Farms. The groom is the son of Christopher and Kathryn Garrett of Bardstown, Ky. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and is a farmer. The couple will reside in Lebanon.



### Thomas-Kinslow

Mary Catherine Thomas and Dalton Lee Kinslow were married Dec. 13, 2025, at St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green, Ky. The bride is the daughter of Randy and Jenny Thomas of Bowling Green. She is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and works as a reporter for The Record. The groom is the son of Steve and Ann Kinslow of Austin, Ky. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky's College of Pharmacy and works as a staff pharmacist. The couple will reside in Louisville.



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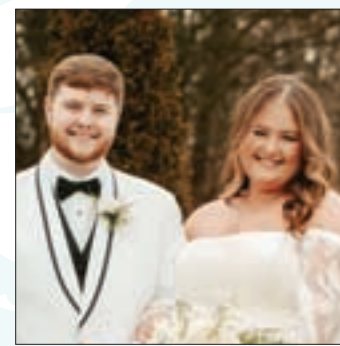
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### Hartlage-Roser

Jordan Nicole Hartlage and Matthew Douglas Roser were married on Feb. 21 at the Cathedral of the Assumption. The bride is the daughter of Gary and Mary Sue Hartlage of Elizabethtown, Ky. She is a graduate of Central Hardin High School and the University of Louisville and is employed by Bullitt County Public Schools. The groom is the son of Douglas and Kathleen Roser of Louisville. He is a graduate of St. Xavier High School and the University of Louisville and he works for Texas Roadhouse. The couple will reside in Louisville.



### Strite-Kasko

Meghan Katherine Strite and Chase Austin Kasko were married Dec. 31, 2025, at St. Albert the Great Church. The bride is the daughter of David and Lisa Strite of Louisville. She is a graduate of the University of Dayton and works at the DePaul School. The groom is the son of Gary and Susan Kasko of Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Dayton and works in diversified automation. The couple will reside in Louisville.

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## Faithful are asked to join in prayers for peace

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United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Kuwait.

A March 1 statement released by the USCCB said Archbishop Coakley calls on the U.S., Iran, and the international community "to return to dialogue and pursue every avenue toward a just and lasting peace."

"The growing conflict risks spiraling into a wider

**'Through the intercession of Our Lady Queen of Peace, let us continue to pray for an end to the war in the Middle East and for peace.'**

Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre

region "with profound concern" and called for an end to the conflict before it becomes "an irreparable abyss."

"Stability and peace are not built through mutual threats, nor with weapons that sow destruction, pain, and death, but only through reasonable, authentic, and responsible dialogue," the pope said.

The pope called on Catholics to pray "that the roar of bombs may cease" and dialogue may begin. "I make a heartfelt appeal to all the parties involved to assume the moral responsibility of halting the spiral of violence before it becomes an irreparable abyss."

The pope expanded on his appeal for peace, speaking after the Angelus prayer March 8 saying recent developments have caused "deep dismay," as violence spreads and fears grow that other countries could be drawn into the fighting.

regional war. As the Holy Father has warned, we are faced with the possibility of a tragedy of immense proportions," said Archbishop Coakley. "My brother bishops and I unite our voice with our Holy Father and make the heartfelt appeal to all parties involved for diplomacy to regain its proper role."

"We ask for a halt to the spiral of violence, and a return to multilateral diplomatic engagement that seeks to uphold the 'well-being of peoples, who yearn for peaceful existence founded on justice,'" he said. "All

nations, international bodies, and partners committed to peace must exert every effort to prevent further escalation.

"At this critical moment, I invite Catholics and all people of goodwill to continue our ardent prayers for peace in the Middle East, for the safety of our troops and the innocent, that leaders may seek dialogue over destruction, and pursue the common good over the tragedy of war."

Pope Leo said during his Sunday Angelus address on March 1 that he was following developments in the re-

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## Pope Leo XIV meets with evacuated Tehran cardinal as strikes continue

By COURTNEY MARES  
OSV News

ROME — Pope Leo XIV met privately March 11 with the cardinal archbishop of Tehran after the Belgian-born prelate was evacuated from Iran amid U.S. and Israeli military strikes on the country.

Cardinal Dominique Mathieu, the Franciscan archbishop of Tehran and Isfahan, arrived in Rome March 8 as part of the complete evacuation of the Italian Embassy, where the archdiocese is headquartered. His meeting with the pope came on the same day Pope Leo made a public appeal for peace before thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square.

"Dear brothers and sisters, let us continue to pray for peace in Iran and throughout the Middle East, especially for the many civil-

*Tehran's cathedral and cardinal's residence are on the grounds of the Italian embassy*

ian victims, including many innocent children," the pope said at his Wednesday general audience.

Cardinal Mathieu's whereabouts had been unknown for days after the U.S. and Israel launched joint strikes against Iran on Feb. 28, killing Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and several top officials.

In a brief statement to the Belgian Catholic news outlet Cathobel March 9, Cardinal Mathieu said he had left "not without regret and sorrow

for our brothers and sisters in Iran."

"While waiting to return, pray for the conversion of hearts to inner peace," Cardinal Mathieu wrote.

The cardinal's departure from Tehran was tied to the closure of the Italian Embassy. Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani announced March 5 that the embassy would be temporarily shut, with a group of roughly 50 Italian nationals crossing into Azerbaijan. Embassy staff relocated to Baku, though Tajani said Italy was keeping diplomatic channels with Tehran open.

Tehran's Cathedral of the Consolata, along with the cardinal's residence and administrative offices, sits on the Italian Embassy grounds, making the evacuation effectively inseparable from the church's own displacement.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Charities hosts 'Coffee and Conversation'

"Coffee and Conversation with Archbishop Shelton and Lisa DeJaco Crutcher, CEO of Catholic Charities of Louisville," will be held on March 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Catholic Charities Center, 435 East Broadway in downtown Louisville. They will discuss services to the refugee and immigrant population, food insecurity, human trafficking, emergency assistance and more. RSVP at [www.cclou.org/events](http://www.cclou.org/events).

### Services, Devotions

**The Way of the Cross** for Young Christians, organized by the Catholic Cemeteries Office, will be prayed in cemeteries around Louisville on the Fridays of Lent at 1 p.m.

On March 20, Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre will lead stations at Calvary Cemetery, 1600 Newburg Road. Prayer will begin near the office parking area. Students from St. Francis of Assisi School will host the prayer service.

Walking distance is about 300-400 yards. Severe weather may cancel. For more information, call the office at 451-7710.

**Lenten Bible study** led by Father Joe Rankin will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 24 at St. Rita Church, 8709 Preston Highway. The topic is: "When God fought for us."

**A Special Disciples** of Jesus Mass will be celebrated on March 29 at 3 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church, 7813 Shelbyville Road. Special needs families and friends are invited to attend the shortened Mass intended for children. A light reception will follow. For more information, contact Tara Mattingly at 690-2851 or [tmattingly@stmm.org](mailto:tmattingly@stmm.org).

**Mass of the Air** will broadcast a service on Good Friday, April 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on WBKI and from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. on WDRB. This is the first holy day it has aired.

**The Young Adult Ministry** at St. Raphael Church, 2141 Lancashire Avenue, will lead the Stations of the Cross on March 20 at 4:30 p.m. Afterward, those aged 18 to 40 are invited to the fish fry in the Raphael Room for the first young adult fellowship event. For more information, email co-chair Jacob Brady at [bradyjacob02@gmail.com](mailto:bradyjacob02@gmail.com) or Angie Fox, director of discipleship, at [afox@sraparish.org](mailto:afox@sraparish.org).

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Common Earth Gardens**

will host a volunteer opportunity on March 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for clean-up and invasive weed removal at 7635 Third St. To sign up, visit the SignUp Genius page at [bit.ly/4rFuaIV](http://bit.ly/4rFuaIV) or email Debbie Belt at [dbelt@archlou.org](mailto:dbelt@archlou.org).

**"Family Mentor"** volunteers are needed to help refugee families settle into their new homes. Volunteers provide English tutoring, homework assistance, friendship and support as families adjust to life in a new community. Contact Debbie Belt at [dbelt@archlou.org](mailto:dbelt@archlou.org) for information.

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### Here and There

**Slugger Field** will host an Archdiocese of Louisville Night on March 27, the Louisville Bats Home Opener.

At 7 p.m., Father Cole McDowell will sing the national anthem and Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre will throw the first pitch. School families and parishioners are encouraged to attend and may buy tickets at [www.gofevo.com/event/Archdioceselouisville26](http://www.gofevo.com/event/Archdioceselouisville26).

For more information, call the Office of Mission Advancement at 585-3291.

**The Catholic Single Adults Club** will meet for dinner at Bristol Bar & Grill on March 22 at 5 p.m. For more information and directions, call 553-1476.

**St. Xavier High School's** Lumen Theater Company, 1609 Poplar Level Road, will present "The Wizard of Oz" this weekend and next. Upcoming performances include March 18 at 3:45 p.m., March 20 at 7 p.m. (Theatre Alumni Night) and March 21 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The production

includes flashing lights and loud sound effects.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and non-St. X students, and \$5 for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. St. X students and faculty, as well as children in pre-K and under, receive free admission. To purchase tickets, visit [www.saintx.com/experience/arts](http://www.saintx.com/experience/arts).

### Support Groups

**The Hope and Healing Grief Group** for those touched by the loss of a loved one to substance use or addiction meets at St. Albert the Great Church, 1395 Girard Drive, on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Center. Contact Laura Graven at [Ingraven@aol.com](mailto:Ingraven@aol.com) for more information. All are welcome.

**Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL)** meets weekly on Sundays from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. John Paul II Church, 3525 Goldsmith Lane.

### Education and Enrichment

**The Community Education Series** at Nazareth Home will host its next event on March 25 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Highlands Campus Chapel, 2000 Newburg Road.

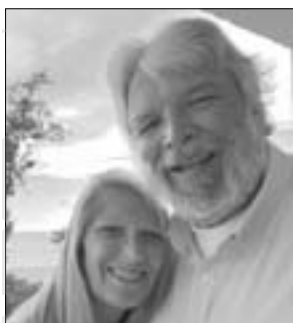
Bunny Nash will present "Mindfulness and Meditation to Support Healthy Aging." The event is free and open to the public. Register by visiting [www.nazhome.org/rsvp/](http://www.nazhome.org/rsvp/).



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### Anniversaries



Frank Jr. and Therese Fenwick Hayden, members of Mary Queen of Peace Church, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on March 7. Mr. Hayden retired from the American Printing House for the Blind. Mrs. Hayden retired from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.



James Edward and Mary Ellen Fleming Dailey, members of St. Agnes Church, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 13. Mr. Dailey retired from management with JBS Swift after 25 years of service and is a veteran of the United States Navy. Mrs. Dailey is a retired nurse who served for 25 years at Our Lady of Peace Hospital. The couple have four children and 12 grandchildren.

## Parishes have an urgent, liberating task of showing people Jesus is near, pope says

By CAROL GLATZ  
Catholic News Service

ROME — Every Catholic parish needs to show that Jesus, who promises a just, true and full life, is always near, Pope Leo XIV said.

"I encourage you to ensure that parish activities are a sign of a Church that — like a mother — takes care of her children, without condemning them, but rather welcoming them, listening to them, and supporting them in the face of danger," he told parishioners at the Church of St. Mary of the Presentation in Rome in his homily March 8.

"As a good and caring Shepherd, the Lord always waits for us and accompanies us, wherever we live and however we are. He mercifully heals our wounds and gives himself as a gift to us, enabling us in turn to become a gift for our brothers and sisters," he said.

Earlier in the day, before praying the Angelus at midday with people gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pope urged Catholics to be men and women of peace and charity, which the world is thirsting for.

"Let us ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to be able to serve, with Jesus and like Jesus, those men and women thirsting for truth and justice," he said. "This is not the time for opposition between one church and another, between 'us' and 'them': those who worship God seek to be men and women of peace, who worship him in Spirit and in truth."

Later in the early evening, Pope Leo made his fourth visit



Pope Leo XIV greeted people after celebrating Mass at the Church of St. Mary of the Presentation in Rome March 8.

to a parish in Rome in the run-up to Easter. As bishop of Rome, he has been celebrating Mass and meeting with the faithful and priests in different parts of his diocese, most often in neighborhoods that face a variety of difficulties, such as poverty, violent crime and drug dealing.

"Young people risk growing up deceived by those who peddle death or disillusion about the future," he said in his homily. "Many are waiting for a home, a job that ensures a dignified life, safe spaces where they can meet, play and plan something beautiful together."

"Men and women arrive at this parish wounded in spirit, their dignity injured and thirsting for hope," he said. "You have the urgent and liberating task of showing them the closeness of Je-

sus, his desire to redeem our existence from the evils that threaten it with a proposal for a just, true and full life."

The faithful can find strength in the Eucharist, he said, "and may the Gospel, which springs forth in us as a source of truth, help each of us to open our eyes, to wisely evaluate what is good and what is evil, thus forming free and mature consciences."

Before celebrating Mass, the pope met with families and young people outside.

"Jesus is coming to your home, in your heart, in your life. We have to be ready to open that door to find Jesus, who is waiting for us," he said.

"Jesus is close to us. Let's open our eyes!" he said, indicating the Lord can be found in those who suffer or seek help. "He asks us to bring them what we have received."

Pope Leo also urged the children to make peace with everyone in their lives as part of bringing peace to the world, which is "truly necessary today."

There is always a way to overcome disagreements and difficulties without resorting to bullying or violence, he told the children.

Before visiting the parish in the early evening on the outskirts of Rome, Pope Leo prayed the Angelus at midday at the Vatican.

The pope highlighted the day's Gospel reading of the Samaritan woman meeting Jesus at the well (John 4:5-42).

"According to custom, he ought to have simply ignored that Samaritan woman; instead, Jesus speaks with her, listens to her and shows her respect — without a hidden agenda and without disdain," he said.

"How many people seek in the Church this same sensitivity, this availability! And how beautiful it is when we lose track of time in order to give attention to the person we are encountering," he said.

So many people in the world are searching "for this spiritual spring," he said, quoting the Dutch Jewish writer Etty Hillesum, who was killed at age 29 in the Auschwitz death camp in 1943: "Sometimes I am there too. But more often, stones and grit block the well, and God is buried beneath. Then he must be dug out again."

"Dear friends, there is no energy better spent than that dedicated to freeing our heart," the pope said.

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# Meet Sr. Judy

*A Sister from your Diocese*



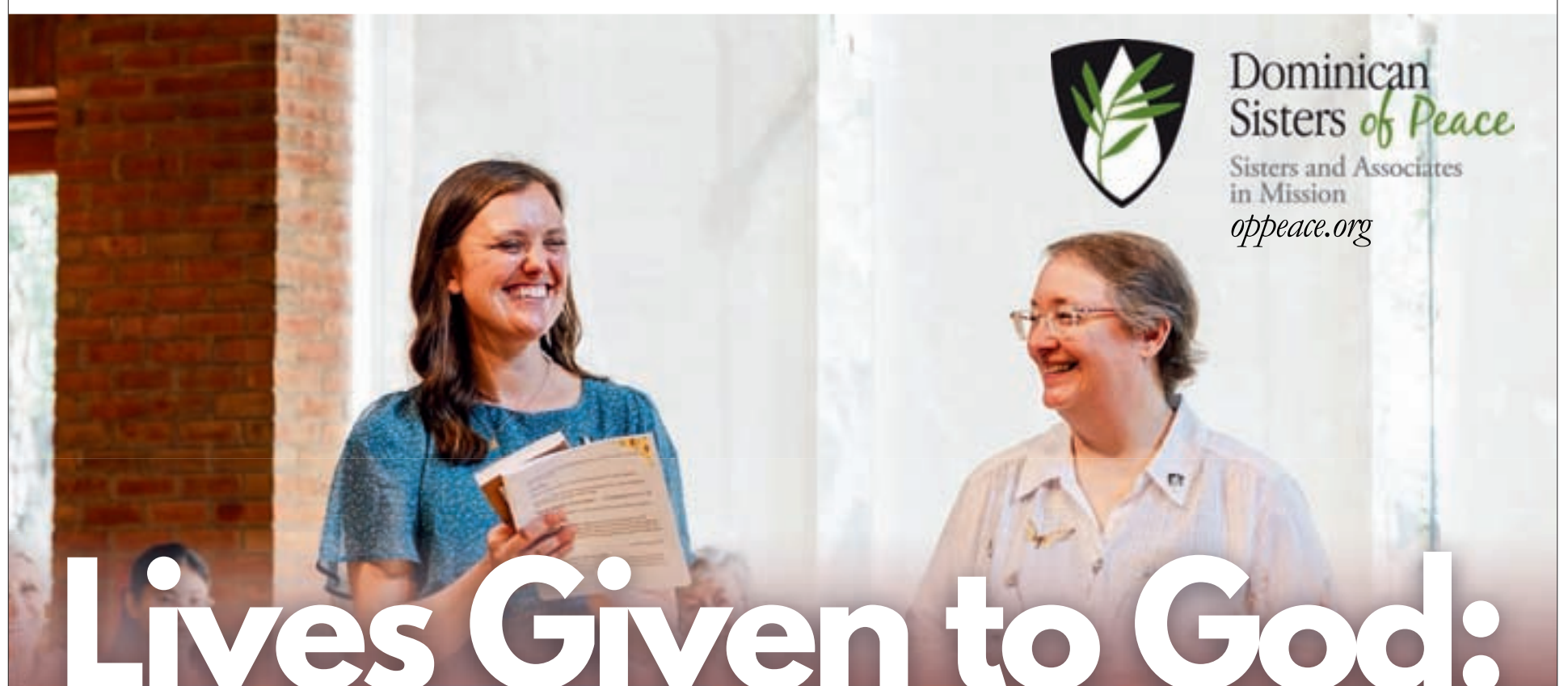
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*Top photo, Sisters Terri Schell and Paula Danforth celebrated their vows in August 2025. Above, Sr. Annie Killian, OP.*

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## Vatican releases synod report on women's role in Church leadership

By COURTNEY MARES  
OSV News

ROME — The Vatican has published the final report of the synod study group examining women's participation in the Church, which calls for expanded roles for women in Church governance and leadership in roles not including ordained ministry.

The 75-page document, published in English and Italian on March 10, discusses women's leadership in the Church, but not the specific question of a possible female diaconate.

It is the third of 15 final reports expected from the study groups of the Synod on Synodality in the coming weeks. Cardinal Mario Grech, the secretary general of the Synod of Bishops, has characterized these reports as "working documents" which will be used to form proposals submitted to the pope for consideration.



CNS Photo by Vatican Media

The late Pope Francis viewed an art installation at the Church of Our Father at Rome's Rebibbia prison Dec. 26, 2024. The project was coordinated by the Dicastery for Culture and Education, including its curator Cristiana Perrella, center. Pope Leo XIV named Perrella president of the Pontifical Insigne Academy of Fine Arts and Letters of the Virtuosi al Pantheon on Sept. 6.

forms may be found to make effective the participation of women in roles of leadership within the Church.

"There is no reason or impediment that should prevent women from carrying out leadership roles in the Church," the report states.

The document also recommends a "reformulation of the areas of competence of the ordained ministry," suggesting that redefining those boundaries "could open the way to recognize new spaces of responsibility for women in the Church."

### Female diaconate not addressed

Notably, the report does not address the specific question of a possible female diaconate, a controversial topic of debate within the Synod on Synodality. During the second session of the synod, Pope Francis reactivated a commission studying women's access to the diaconate under Cardinal Giuseppe Petrocchi. That commission's conclusions, published in December 2025, stopped short of recommending the female diaconate but approved by a wide margin a proposal to broaden women's access to instituted ministries, like that of catechist.

### The Virgin Mary as a model

Drawing on Scripture and Church tradition, the report invokes both the Virgin Mary and St. Mary Magdalene as paradigms for female authority in the Church.

"Mary is the supreme

model of the charismatic dimension. Though she does not belong to the hierarchical structure, she possesses within the Church a unique authority and spiritual fruitfulness," it states.

The document also notes that Christ chose a woman, Mary Magdalene, to first announce the Resurrection, "The Apostles themselves received this proclamation from her."

### Pope Leo's appointments of women to Roman Curia

The report outlines appointments made by both Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV as evidence that women can and already do lead at the highest levels of the Church.

It cites the Apostolic Constitution "Praedicate Evangelium," which allows the possibility for a laywomen to head a Vatican dicastery, "depending on the power of governance and the specific competence and function of the Dicastery or Office in question."

At the same time, the report states that women working in the Roman Curia have indicated "that certain attitudes marked by clericalism persist" in which "women, even in positions of responsibility, sometimes struggle to be involved and listened to on equal footing with male colleagues, particularly in interactions with ordained ministers."

The study group highlighted Pope Leo XIV's appointments of Trappistine Mother

Martha Elizabeth Driscoll, and Sister Iuliana Sarosi, a member of the Congregation of the Mother of God, as consultants to the Dicastery for the Clergy and of Cristiana Perrella as president of the Pontifical Insigne Academy of Fine Arts and Letters of the Virtuosi al Pantheon.

The report also cited Pope Leo's comments in an interview in July 30 in which he said that "the role of women in the Church has to continue to develop" and expressed his intention to continue "in the footsteps of Francis, including in appointing women to some leadership roles at different levels in the Church's life."

### Women in the Bible and Church history

The synod final report is organized in three parts. The first recounts the history of the study group and the second offers a "synthesis of the themes" emerging from the synodal process.

The third part is an extensive appendix containing six sections: female figures in the Old and New Testaments; significant women in Church history; contemporary testimonies of women in Church leadership; the Marian and Petrine principles; ecclesial authority; and the contributions of Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV.

Among the examples of women highlighted by the document are St. Catherine of Siena, St. Joan of Arc, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Maria Montessori, and Servant of God Dorothy Day.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Roses & Rosé event set for April 26

St. Vincent de Paul's eighth annual Roses & Rosé brunch will take place on April 26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at The Olmsted, 3701 Frankfort Ave. This year's brunch is Derby-themed.

Proceeds from the event benefit St. Vincent de Paul's Domestic Violence Transitional Housing Program, which serves survivors and their families fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault or human trafficking.

In the last fiscal year, the program assisted 234 people, including 125 children, according to the organization. Of those assisted, 92% moved from St. Vincent de Paul into stable housing.

Tickets for the event are \$85. Individuals in the community may also sponsor the cost of a meal for families in the Domestic Violence Transitional Housing Program, who will attend a separate catered event for survivors. Tickets, sponsorships and more details are available at svdplou.maestroweb.com/.

### Flaget Memorial awards grants to three organizations for wellness initiatives

Flaget Memorial Hospital in Bardstown, Ky., has awarded nearly \$60,000 in grants to three local organizations to help "improve well-being and healthy equity in the Bardstown area," according to a press release from CHI St. Joseph Health. Flaget, a Catholic Hospital, is part of the St. Joseph Health system, which operates at 100 locations in 20 Kentucky counties.

The hospital awarded CommonSpirit Community Health Improvement Grants to the following:

The UP Foundation received \$19,500 to educate families about wellness, nutrition and exercise. The Isaac W. Bernheim Foundation received \$19,500 to support its "immersive nature-based field trips" for Nelson County students. The Loretto Living Center at the Loretto Motherhouse received \$19,500 for programming that serves its resident seniors and individuals with disabilities.

### A 'charismatic path' for women

In the document, the study group calls for "new spaces" for women to exercise leadership in evangelization and administration in collaboration with ordained ministers.

"Alongside the sacramental path and distinct from it, there is also a charismatic path that can be fruitfully pursued to open new spaces of participation for the lay faithful, particularly for women," it states. "It follows that even in the exercise of governance within a Diocese, opportunities of this kind may arise and should be employed."

The report argues that laywomen possess distinct charisms from the Holy Spirit that demand recognition.

"Today laywomen have the right to affirm their participation in the mission of the Church not only on the basis of their equal human and Christian dignity but also on the basis of the charisms given by God," it says.

"A new evangelization has become urgent," it adds. "One that depends less exclusively on priestly resources and is enriched by the presence and contributions of women."

### 'New forms of exercising authority'

The synod study group calls for theology and canon law to "explore new forms of exercising authority grounded in the Sacrament of Baptism and distinct from those deriving from Holy Orders, so that adequate canonical

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## SAINTS for KIDS



Elsie Brown, a first grader at St. Albert the Great School, depicted St. Patrick with this drawing.

### How to celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick Feast day: March 17

Patrick was born in Britain around the year 385 AD. When he was a teenager, he was brought to Ireland as a slave. During his years in slavery, Patrick grew in love for God and prayer.

After six years tending sheep, he escaped slavery and was reunited with his family in Britain.

When he returned to his home, he became a priest, and then he became a bishop.

One day, he had a dream in which he received a call to go back to Ireland. So he went back to Ireland, bringing Christianity to the country and baptizing thousands of people. He is often shown with a bishop's hat or staff.

To celebrate his feast, pray the "St. Patrick's Breastplate" prayer. This is one version of the prayer:

*"Christ with me. Christ before me. Christ behind me. Christ in me. Christ beneath me. Christ above me. Christ on my right. Christ on my left. Christ when I lie down. Christ when I sit down. Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me. Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me. Christ in the eye that sees me. Christ in the ear that hears me."*

## Seeking student artists to depict the saints

Youth who are high school age and younger are invited to submit original visual art, such as a drawing or painting, to be featured in the "Saints for Kids" section of Youth Focus.

For the next Saints for Kids, the subject of the artwork is Saint Catherine of Siena. A photo of the artwork can be submitted via email to [record@archlou.org](mailto:record@archlou.org) or the original can be mailed to

the attention of **The Record at the Maloney Center, 1200 S. Shelby St., Louisville, Ky., 40203**, with a stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

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A la carte Sides  
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Fridays, Feb. 13 - Mar. 27  
Dine-In, Carry-Out, 5 - 7:30 p.m.  
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Fried Fish, Oysters, Egg Rolls  
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MC/Visa/Cash  
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**ST. AUGUSTINE**  
Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27  
11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Dinner - Fish sandwich, 2 sides, \$14  
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Greens, Homemade Desserts  
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Dinner: 5-7:30 p.m.  
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Oysters, Fish Tacos, Pasta  
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Dine-In and Carry-Out  
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Fridays, Feb. 13 - Mar. 27, 4-7 p.m.  
Fish Dinner / sandwich  
Baked fish, cheese pizza,  
Cole slaw, fries, onion rings,  
Hush Puppies, Green beans, desserts  
Dine-in / Carry-out  
Pull Tabs and Cake Wheel  
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**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**  
Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27,  
5-7:30 p.m.  
Dine-In and Carry-Out  
Baked/Fried Fish, Cake Wheel,  
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Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27, 5-8 p.m.  
Fried/Baked Cod,  
Shrimp, Pizza, Sides  
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Fridays, Feb. 13 - Mar. 27  
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5-7:30 p.m.  
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Cheese Pizza & Sides  
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**ST. JOHN PAUL II**  
Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27  
Lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m.  
Fish Sandwiches, Pizza  
Fish or Shrimp Tacos  
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Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27,  
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Dinner 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
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**ST. LAWRENCE**  
Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27,  
5-8 p.m.  
Fish Dinner / sandwich,  
Shrimp basket, Cheese pizza,  
Coleslaw, fries, onion rings,  
green beans, Baked potatoes  
Dine-in / Carry-out  
Pull-tabs / Cake Wheel  
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**ST. MARGARET MARY**  
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Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 20,  
5-8 p.m.  
Dine-In and Carry-Out  
Fried/baked fish, Shrimp,  
Fish Tacos, Rolled Oysters,  
Various sides. Kids/Seniors pricing  
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Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27  
11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
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Fried Fish, Salmon Croquettes  
Various Sides and Desserts  
Cash, Debit, Credit

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**  
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Vine Grove, KY  
Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27,  
4 - 7 p.m.

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Shrimp basket, Salmon Croquettes  
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Sides, Onion Rings,  
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Raffles, Pull-Tabs, Cake Wheel  
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**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**  
Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27, 5-7:30 p.m.  
Dine-In, Carry-Out, Drive-Thru  
Shrimp, Pan Fried Oysters,  
Pizza, Sides, Cake Wheel,  
Lic. #1903

**ST. RAPHAEL**  
Fridays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27, 5-8 p.m.  
Dine-In and Carry-Out  
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Baked Fish, Shrimp Basket  
Cheese Pizza, Coleslaw, Onion Rings  
Fries, Green Beans, Cookies

**ST. RITA**  
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Lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
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Fridays, Feb. 13 - Mar. 27,  
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## PAPAL AUDIENCE

The following is the full text of Pope Leo XIV's general audience address given March 11 in St. Peter's Square.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

Continuing in our reflection on the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium* (LG), today we will look at the second chapter, dedicated to the People of God.

God, who created the world and humanity, and who wishes to save every man, carries out his work of salvation in history, choosing a real people and dwelling among them. For this reason, He calls Abraham and promises him descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore (cf. Gen 22:17-18). With Abraham's children, after freeing them from slavery, God makes a covenant with them, accompanies them, cares for them, and gathers them together whenever they stray. Therefore, the identity of this people is given by God's action and by faith in Him. They are called to become a light for other nations, like a beacon that will draw all peoples, the whole of humanity, to itself (cf. Is 2:1-5).

The Council affirms that "All these things, however, were done by way of preparation and as a figure of that new and perfect covenant, which was to be ratified in Christ, and of that fuller revelation which was to be given through the Word of God Himself made flesh" (LG, 9). Indeed, it is Christ who, in giving His Body and His Blood, unites this people in Himself and in a definitive way. It is a people now made up of members of every nation; it is united by faith in Him, by adherence to Him, by living the same life as Him, animated by the Spirit of the Risen One. This is the Church: the people of God who draw their existence from the body of Christ and who are themselves the body of Christ; not a people like any other, but the People of God, called together by Him and made up of women and men from all the peoples of the earth. Its unifying principle is not a language, a culture, an ethnicity, but faith in Christ: the Church is therefore — according to a splendid expression of the Council — the assembly of "all those who in faith look upon Jesus" (LG, 9).

It is a messianic people, precisely because it has Christ, the Messiah, as its head. Those who belong to it do not pride themselves on merits or titles, but only on the gift of being, in Christ and through Him, daughters and sons of God. Above any task or function, therefore, what really matters in the Church is to be grafted onto Christ, to be children of God by grace. This is also the only honorary title we should

seek as Christians. We are in the Church in order to receive life from the Father unceasingly and to live as His children and brothers and sisters among ourselves. Consequently, the law that animates relationships in the Church is love, as we receive and experience it in Jesus; and her goal is the Kingdom of God, towards which she walks together with all humanity.

Unified in Christ, Lord and Saviour of every man and woman, the Church can never turn inwards on herself, but is open to everyone and is for everyone. If believers in Christ belong to it, the Council reminds us that "All men are called to belong to the new people of God. Wherefore this people, remaining one and unique, must extend to the whole world and to all ages, so that the intention of God's will may be fulfilled, who in the beginning created human nature as one and wants to gather together his children who were scattered" (LG, 13). Even those who have not yet received the Gospel are therefore, in some way, oriented towards the people of God, and the Church, cooperating in Christ's mission, is called upon to spread the Gospel everywhere and to everyone (cf. LG 17), so that every person may enter into contact with Christ. This means that in the Church there is, and there must be, a place for everyone, and that every Christian is called to proclaim the Gospel and bear witness in every environment in which he or she lives and works. Thus, this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the Gospel to purify them and to raise them up (cf. LG, 13).

In this regard, the Church is one but includes everyone. A great theologian described it thus: "The unique Ark of Salvation must welcome all human diversity into its vast nave. The only banquet hall, the food it distributes is drawn from all of creation. The seamless garment of Christ, it is also — and it is the same thing — the garment of Joseph, with its many colours".

It is a great sign of hope — especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars — to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages and cultures live together in faith: it is a sign placed in the very heart of humanity, a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

## SPEAK TO ME LORD

Scripture reflection for March 15

DEACON GREG KANDRA

"Now you know the rest of the story."

For years, the broadcaster Paul Harvey signed off his daily radio show with that phrase. He would spend several minutes relating a true story that may have seemed, at the time, obscure.

Sometimes it was about a person from the news, or from history or some seemingly insignificant event that, as we'd find out at the end, was really something monumental. "Now," Harvey would say, "you know the rest of the story."

We might say that about this Sunday's Gospel.

It's really one of the more unusual miracles we hear about, and it shows us a side of Jesus' ministry that we don't often consider — the realization that even an astounding healing can come at a cost.

Scholars tell us that this account about how Jesus healed a man "blind from birth" is the only time the gospels mention a disease or a condition that a person was born with. Not only that: it's a story with an abundance of characters — from the blind man to his parents to the Pharisees. What occurs sends ripples through the community.

And there is more — what comes after the healing, the rest of the story. There are aftershocks, consequences,

questions.

With most of these kinds of encounters, Jesus simply performed the miracle — helping the blind to see, the lame to walk, the lepers to be cleansed and then moved on. The person who was healed disappears and is never heard from again.

But this time, it's different. We learn reactions; the man is summoned, interrogated, ridiculed. This encounter with Christ even prompted people to question just what Jesus had done and what sort of man he might be; after all, he had dared to perform a miracle on the sabbath!

All that prompted an extraordinary response from Jesus. As he did so often, Jesus went in search of someone who was rejected, the scorned, the marginalized. He didn't abandon him or leave him alone. He had one more miracle to perform: bringing the fullness of light, of understanding, to the one who had been in darkness.

Christ sought the man who had received sight — to help him see even more clearly what had happened and just who had healed him. "I came into this world," Jesus told him, "so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

It is a powerful proclamation and it stands before

Fourth Sunday  
in Lent



First Reading:  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading:  
Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

us right now as a challenging meditation for these last weeks of Lent.

How is our own vision? Do we see Christ at work in our lives? Or are we blind, distracted by the petty aggravations and obligations of the world?

During an audience, Pope Francis once said that this episode asks us to consider — and reconsider our own faith. Think about the questions Jesus asks at the end of this Gospel — and then think how they pertain to us. "Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?" Pope Francis asked. "Do you believe that he can change your heart? Do you believe that he can show reality as he sees it, not as we see it? Do you believe that he is light, that he gives us the true light?"

During these 40 days, we're called to redirect our hearts to these questions and to seek Christ's light, remembering the flame that was passed to us at baptism and anticipating the explosion of fire that will come forth at Easter.

This week, this Gospel gives us "the rest of the story." But it also asks us to think more deeply about our own narrative. What will be the rest of our story?

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

LOUISE DE MARILLAC, MAR. 15

Born in Auvergne, France, Louise married an official of the royal court, Antoine Le Gras. Following his death in 1625, and despite strained finances and bouts of melancholy, she was an active supporter of St. Vincent de Paul's charitable works and became co-founder with him of the Daughters of Charity. She drew up the first draft of their rule. By the time of her death, the order had established 40 houses in France, and Daughters of Charity were looking after the sick poor in Parisian parishes and sheltering hundreds of women.



## CARE FOR CREATION

Change begins with lunch

BY JULIA GERWE-NICHOLSON

Every Thursday at noon, a sacred experience begins in Springfield, Ky.

At 11:45 a.m., I leave my office and walk to the public library, where our local Rotary Club meets weekly to share a meal, discuss our local service projects and/or hear from a guest speaker from our community.

To be clear, Rotary International is not a religious group, nor is the nonprofit for which I work, New Pioneers for a Sustainable Future. And yet, the simple act of gathering in community, listening to each other and sharing a meal feels sacred — especially in a rural community where connections, like cornbread recipes, run deep.

New Pioneers for a Sustainable Future is a nonprofit promoting sustainability through education and advocacy in central Kentucky. We're building a grassroots movement to live lightly on the Earth — a mission that deeply aligns with the Archdiocese of Louisville Creation Care Team and the call of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'."

Like many things in rural towns, the root of this work lies in community. Here, relationships are formed over Cattleman's cookouts and church picnics. The mundane becomes meaningful when community comes together.

In his Lenten message, Pope Leo XIV calls us to listening, fasting and togetherness. During a time when our world is deeply divided, our communities are in crisis, and our environment is suffering at an unprecedented rate, this



learn and speak words of peace as we come to understand one another. It all begins with connection.

There is a thread underpinning relationships in rural communities that acknowledges that we are all in this together. We need each other — oftentimes relying on our neighbors for rides in the snow, favors to help mend a fence or even for chicken eggs.

My experience may not represent that of everyone living in a rural community, but I have found that promoting sustainability in rural spaces offers a beautiful vision of how we can come together; a path forward from the instability and insecurity so rampant in our world.

This Lent, may we embrace Pope Leo's invitation by paying attention: Keeping our eyes and ears open to the needs of those around us, including the Earth. May we fast from unkind words as we see all species as connected, and may we allow this connection to challenge our lifestyles and habits so that we can truly support our communities and ecosystems.

And may we start soon, by getting out and sharing a meal this afternoon.

*Julia Gerwe-Nicholson is executive director of New Pioneers for a Sustainable Future, working to promote sustainability in the rural central Kentucky counties of Nelson, Marion and Washington. She is an associate member of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and lives in Danville, Ky., with her husband and cat.*

## BETWEEN AMENS

Laetare Sunday, a brighter spot in Lent

DR. KAREN SHADLE

On Sunday, March 15, the Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as "Laetare" Sunday.

It mirrors "Gaudete" Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent. Both words — "Laetare" and "Gaudete" — are from the Latin introits for these Masses, and both mean "Rejoice."

These are the only two days in the liturgical year when the celebrant may wear rose-colored or pink vestments, because each represents a bright spot in the midst of a long and otherwise subdued liturgical season — Advent, a season of preparation, and Lent, one of penance. These days anticipate the full joy of Christmas and Easter, respectively.

At the approximate halfway point of Lent, Laetare Sunday shows us the lighter and brighter side of Lent, a season that can seem, well, gloomy. It is quickly followed by two happy feasts celebrating the earthly parents of Jesus — the feast of St. Joseph on March 19 and the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25.

There's also St. Patrick's Day on March 17, which is relatively less important in the Church's calendar, but ranks high in the hearts and minds of many of the faithful.



Lenten feasts present some interesting liturgical possibilities. During Lent, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal calls for a kind of sensory fasting in the church environment. Flowers may not be used to adorn the sanctuary, and purely instrumental music is forbidden. But on Laetare Sunday and on some other feasts and solemnities within the season, there's a temporary halt to these restrictions. It's a brief pause for celebration and a momentary departure from strict adherence to our Lenten discipline.

The documents of the Second Vatican Council remind us that "Lent has a twofold character: penance and baptism. This is a key point when exploring the totality of the Lenten calendar. There must be both self-denial and refreshment.

I remember a time when

many churches emptied the water from their fountains during Lent and replaced it with sand as a very literal representation of Jesus's 40 days in the desert. The Church has since explained that this is inappropriate. We need the holy water as a reminder of our baptismal call, perhaps during Lent more than ever.

Indeed, all the sacraments, which find their foundation in baptism, have a home in the season of Lent. There is a misconception that weddings, infant baptisms, first communions, ordinations and confirmations need to be scheduled outside of Lent. This is false. The sacraments are, in fact, necessary reminders of God's grace and mercy at all times in the liturgical year.

Lent is not meant to be a constant drudgery. Laetare Sunday seems to acknowledge that we are human, after all, and we need a break sometimes. It points to other feasts and sacraments that similarly bring light to the darkness.

To me, the feasts of the Lenten season always feel extra-special because of this contrast. Feasting is more fun after a period of fasting. May we savor these little oases in the desert with great rejoicing.



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ACROSS

- Catholic actor/comedian Murray
- 6 AM prayer time
- Legal asst.
- Melville work
- Builder of the golden calf
- Thor's father
- Type of art
- Tumults
- Grant temporary use of
- Shaggy-haired wild ox
- There was no room here
- The priest's are anointed during ordination
- Approaches
- Actor who played a Corleone
- Book before Hab
- Football statistics
- It precedes Mal
- He and Deborah defeated the army of Sisera in Judges
- Dad's counterpart
- One of the four marks of the Church
- Chou En-\_\_\_
- Oil units (abbr.)
- "...thus death came to \_\_\_" (Rom 5:12)
- Capital of South Korea
- Describes the Shepherd in Jesus' parable
- Master of any art
- Collection of miscellaneous data
- "...do not let your left \_\_\_ know ..." (Mt 6:3)
- Chief island of the Philippines
- Church days
- \_\_\_ pro nobis
- Church \_\_\_
- Broad valley
- Yields
- Sound amplifier
- Faucet problem
- Harsh squeaky sound
- Level
- Affirmative replies
- Catholic priest-explorer
- Spawning area of salmon

DOWN

- \_\_\_ of Christ
- "That is..."
- "Social Contract" Philosopher
- Forfeit or sum paid into the pool
- Part of a diocese
- "...and sends \_\_\_ on the just and on the unjust" (Mt 5:45)
- Metallic element
- Witty remark
- Abstract being
- Casimir is patron of this nation
- Capital of Yemen
- Outer covering
- Pair makers
- What you should do when the herald angels sing
- Suffix denoting state or quality
- Encouraging word
- A Doctor of the Church from Jerusalem
- US road service org.
- Stand in the sanctuary
- The New Jerusalem in Revelation was made of this
- Printer's measures
- French novelist
- Femme's pronoun
- The Body and \_\_\_ of Jesus
- Non-pro sports org.
- Brother of Shem
- Father of Obed
- "O, \_\_\_ of wonder..."
- Sea eagle
- Oxlike antelope
- False prophets come in this kind of clothing
- The Diocese of Fairbanks is here
- Biblical tree
- "...and you clothed me" (Mt 25:36)
- Whirlpool
- Female horse
- Radar screen warning
- River in central Europe
- The back of
- Travel
- Hypo units
- "\_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
- Sea, to Sartre

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