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Parishioners prayed during an opening Mass celebrated by Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre at the Archdiocesan Encuentro X Sept. 2 at St. Rita Church in Okolona.

Archbishop: Church needs gifts of Hispanics

By RUBY THOMAS
Record Staff Writer

The close to 400 Hispanic and Latino parishioners who attended the Archdiocesan Encuentro X Sept. 2 heard from Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre that they are an important part of the local church and that

'You are an important part of this archdiocese,' Archbishop Fabre tells Hispanic, Latino parishioners

their gifts are needed. Archbishop Fabre spoke to adults, young adults and chil-

dren from nine parishes during an opening Mass in Spanish at St. Rita Church in Okolona.

During his homily (translated to Spanish by Father Mike Tobin, pastor of St. Rita) the archbishop called the congregation's attention to the Gospel reading from the Book of Matthew. In the reading, Jesus shares the Parable of the Talents, where a
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Respect life leaders consider next steps



Record Photo by Marnie McAllister

Representatives of parish respect life committees listened to a presentation Aug. 30 about the landscape of pro-life ministry in Kentucky.

With abortion essentially banned in Kentucky, new efforts to focus on helping women and families

By MARNIE McALLISTER
Record Editor

With abortion essentially banned in Kentucky, though available in neighboring states, about two dozen parish respect-life committee members in the Archdiocese of Louisville gathered Aug. 30 to consider their next steps.

"How do we reduce abortion now?" asked Jason Hall, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, and the event's guest speaker.

The answer, he said, is to make abortion unthinkable for Kentucky women.

"What drives most women to abortion is
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FAITH & SCIENCE

Archdiocese offers opportunity to stargaze

Telescope from the 19th century has been restored and is ready for use

By RUBY THOMAS
Record Staff Writer

The Archdiocese of Louisville is providing a rare opportunity to gaze at the moon and stars through the lens of a 150-year-old telescope that belonged to Monsignor Michael Bouchet. Monsignor Bouchet was an inventor and served as vicar general for the Diocese of Louisville in the 1870s.

Starting in mid-September, Chris Graney, an astronomer with the Vatican's astronomical observatory, and Tim Tomes, archivist for the Archdiocese of Louisville, will take the telescope out and invite individuals to a series of stargazing events titled "Kentucky's Oldest Telescope: Born and Bred in Louisville."

The events "interconnect religion, science and local history,"
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Chris Graney, an astronomer with the Vatican's astronomical observatory, left, and Tim Tomes, archivist for the Archdiocese of Louisville, looked at Monsignor Michael Bouchet's telescope Aug. 31. The 150-year-old telescope is on display in the Archdiocesan History Center located in the Patterson Education Center on South Fifth Street.

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Pope visited nation of Mongolia Sept. 1-4
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Being a Catholic does not destroy or replace a person's culture, and wanting to share the Gospel message does not mean wanting to take someone's allegiance away from their nation, Pope Francis said to the people of Mongolia during his Sept. 1-4 visit.

Dioceses are engaging in 'green revolution'
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Many Catholics, increasingly aware of the environmental impact of fossil fuels, are at the forefront of a "green revolution," heeding the call of several popes to explore and implement alternatives.

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THE SCHEDULE OF ARCHBISHOP SHELTON

- Sept. 7-8 — Diocese of Knoxville.
- Sept. 9 — 4 p.m. Grandparents Mass, St. Xavier High School.
- Sept. 10 — Noon, Blue Mass, Cathedral of the Assumption; 4:30 p.m. WLCR River Cruise.
- Sept. 12-13 — Diocese of Knoxville.
- Sept. 14 — 8 a.m. Catholic Relief Services Board of Directors, Remote.
- Sept. 15 — 7 p.m. Walking Together Pilgrimage Keynote, Flaget Center.
- Sept. 16 — 6 p.m. Vespers for Installation of new Shrine of St. Martin of Tours.
- Sept. 17 — 8:30 a.m. Mass, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church; Noon Anniversary Mass for those married 30, 40, 50 and 60+ years, Cathedral of the Assumption.
- Sept. 18 — 11:30 a.m. Speak at St. Serra Club Lunch, Pastoral Center.
- Sept. 20 — Noon Orientation meeting for new employees, Pastoral Center; 6 p.m. Salt and Light Event, Log Still Distillery at Dant Crossing, Gethsemane, Ky.
- Sept. 21 — 11:30 a.m. Salute to the Game Luncheon, Galt House; 2 p.m. Pontifical Mission Society Board of Directors, Remote.

Follow @ArchbishopFabre on X, formerly known as Twitter, for meditations on Scripture and feast days.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Retreat for the chronically ill and their caregivers set for Nov. 4

A Maranatha Retreat, designed for those who are chronically ill and their caregivers, will be held at the Nazareth Retreat Center in Nazareth, Ky., from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 4.

The center is located three miles north of Bardstown on Highway 31E.

The retreat will offer spiritual presentations, small-group sharing, time for meditation and the opportunity to take part in various sacraments. It will be offered to 10 individuals living with chronic illnesses and 10 caregivers.

The retreat is free, but registration is required. To register, contact Denise Bouchard in the Family Ministries Office at 636-0296 or dbouchard@archlou.org.

Holy Family Church will host health and safety fair Sept. 24

Holy Family Church, 3938 Poplar Level Road, will host its 17th annual Community Health and Safety Fair Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Saffin Center.

The free event is open to the public and offers more than 60 exhibitors as well as medication disposal, health screenings, educational information, and flu and COVID-19 vaccines from Walgreens, Norton Healthcare, Baptist Health and UofL. Health will be on-site.

Free refreshments will be provided and there will be door prizes and other giveaways.

Holy Family also will be collecting non-perishables for area food pantries and gently used or new shoes for WaterStep, which is a water purification organization providing safe drinking water in needy communities.

"Be the Match," a national bone marrow collection registry, will also be in attendance. Volunteers between the ages of 18-40 may be tested to become donors with a cheek swab and added to the donor registry.

CEF's 16th annual Salute to THE GAME set for Sept. 21

The Catholic Education Foundation will host its 16th annual Salute to THE GAME luncheon at noon Sept. 21 in the grand ballroom of the Galt House Hotel in downtown Louisville.

The event celebrates the "rivalry and thrill" of the annual football game between St. Xavier and Trinity high schools.

Last year's luncheon raised an all-time record of \$550,000. Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$4.3 million, all of which benefits the CEF in its work to provide tuition assistance and grants supporting Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

The rivalry game will take place at 8 p.m. Sept. 22 at Cardinal Stadium.

Podcast will discuss mental health issues faced by students

The September episode of "What's New in Archlou," an Archdiocese of Louisville podcast, is available now.

This month's guests are Martine Siegel, director of counseling services for the archdiocese, and Emily Lindon, a school counselor for St. Patrick School. They will join Dr. Brian B. Reynolds, chancellor, to discuss the mental health challenges facing children and youth, how Catholic schools are addressing the social and emotional health of students and how they are helping parents deal with these issues, according to an announcement.

The monthly podcast highlights the people and ministries of the archdiocese and the Catholic Church in central Kentucky.

"Each month, we welcome new guests to discuss what's going on in the archdiocese and invite you to get involved as you deepen your engagement with your Catholic faith," the announcement said.

The podcast is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, iHeart Radio, the Faith channel and the archdiocese's YouTube channel, Facebook page and website, archlou.org.

Nine Dominican Sisters celebrate jubilees

Record Staff Report

Nine Dominican Sisters of Peace who served in the Archdiocese of Louisville are celebrating jubilees this year.

The sisters were honored during an event at St. Rose Priory in Springfield, Ky., earlier in the year.

"Our Sisters living in the Archdiocese of Louisville represent more than 595 years of service to God and God's people as consecrated religious," said Sister Pat Twohill, prior-

ess of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. "Just as we have been blessed to call these women members of our community, the Louisville community has been blessed by their service as educators, spiritual directors, parish leaders, prison ministers, missionaries and more."

The jubilarians are:

80 Years

Sister Patricius Henderson

75 Years

Sister M. Josepha Buckley and Sister Joan Miriam Glaser

65 Years

Sister Mary Costello, Sister Eileen Linehan and Sister Diane McOsker

60 Years

Sister Maryann Tarquinio and Sister Teresa Tuite

50 Years

Sister Marcellino Nguyen

The Dominican Sisters of Peace was formed by the merger of seven Dominican communities on Easter Sunday of 2009. The Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine, Ky., were part of the merger.

The congregation, which has about 400 members and 750 associate members, serves in 22 states and in Peru and Nigeria.

Sisters of Charity install new leaders

Record Staff Report

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth installed a new president and vice president during a prayer service Aug. 26 at the Motherhouse in Nazareth, Ky.

Sister Jackulin Jesu, who has been an SCN since 1987, is the new president. She previously served the congregation as vice president and treasurer.

Sister Amrita Manjaly, who has been an SCN since 1981, is the new vice president. She previously served as provincial for the Bangalore Province.

The sisters who are from India will take office this month and guide the congregation

The sisters, who are from India, will take office this month and guide the congregation in fulfilling its "sacred mission," said an announcement from the SCNs.

Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre attended the installation and spoke to the sisters.

"I pray that your time will be a time of great joy, for there is great joy in leader-

ship," he said. "I hope that it will be a time of growth and a time of bringing to fruition the many, many things that the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth are about."

Sister of St. Joseph Carol Zinn, executive director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, and Archbishop Sebastian Kallupura of Patna, India, also spoke to

the new leaders via a video message.

Sister Jesu and Sister Manjaly were elected during the congregation's General Assembly held May 29 to June 13 on the Motherhouse campus. The gathering drew sisters from the United States, Belize, India, Nepal, Botswana and Kenya — the six nations where the SCNs serve, according to the announcement.

During the assembly, the sisters also updated their mission statement and decided to transition from having two vice presidents to one.

U.S. bishops issue labor day statement

OSV News

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the U.S. bishops' domestic policy committee said the nation has "urgent work" to do to really show a "radical solidarity with working families" and provide ongoing support for the well-being of all families.

"There are signs of improvement and concern regarding the economy," Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia said in an Aug. 30 statement the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued in advance of Labor Day on Sept. 4.

Despite positive economic indicators of low unemployment, slowing inflation and new jobs being added, "more families feel like they are worse off today than the year before," he said, citing a Federal Reserve report.

"There is still urgent work needed to exercise radical solidarity with mothers, children, and families," said the archbishop, who is the chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. "Let us pray and act towards this end, always listening to the Lord who fulfills glad tidings in our hearing his word each day."

Archbishop Gudziak also said "the essential role labor unions can and often do play in society must be acknowledged and affirmed," and added that unions should "continue to be supported in their work that supports healthy, thriving families, especially those who are most in need."

The archbishop highlighted the needs American families were facing in today's economy.

"The percentage of Americans who cannot afford an unexpected \$400 expense has increased to 37%. While price

Nation has 'urgent work' to do to show 'radical solidarity' with mothers, children and families, archbishop says

increases are not as steep as they once were, grocery prices have still risen nearly 5% over the last year," he said, pointing to other statistics, including that three out of 10 mothers report "there have been times in the past year when they could not buy food."

"Millions have been priced out of homeownership while rental housing becomes even less affordable," he continued, and the cost of health care "is becoming out of reach for too many."

"We are called to join Jesus in his ministry to bring glad tidings to the poor. We must do more to support families," he said, noting that last October, the chairmen of several U.S. bishops' committees called on Congress to show a "radical solidarity" with mothers, children and families in a post-Roe world. In June 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization ruling overturned its 1973 Roe v. Wade precedent that legalized abortion nationwide, sending the issue back to the states.

In an Oct. 26, 2022, letter to Congress, the bishops' chairmen for their pro-life activities, family life, domestic policy and migration committees shared "their vision for an authentically life-affirming society that truly prioritizes the well-being of families and generously welcomes new life."

"They highlighted the USCCB's long history of support for nutrition programs, affordable housing, access to

healthcare, safety net programs, and justice for workers — including things like just wages, support for organized labor, and safe working conditions regardless of immigration status — and called for policy solutions to support all children and families," Archbishop Gudziak recalled. Those priorities remain the same for the U.S. church, he said.

He pointed to laws Congress did enact at the end of last year that support families, measures the U.S. bishops backed, such as the Providing Urgent Maternal Protections (PUMP) for Nursing Mothers Act and a permanent option for states to extend postpartum Medicaid coverage for one year after birth.

But Congress should strengthen the Child Tax Credit, Archbishop Gudziak said. Congress allowed the measure to expire at the end of 2021, with the consequence that 3.7 million children slipped back into poverty, with Black and Latino families experiencing the biggest impact, according to Columbia University's Center on Poverty and Social Policy.

Archbishop Gudziak also called for "national support for paid family leave," emphasizing it is "pro-life to support families", and he said there needed to be "better access to affordable, quality child care and pre-kindergarten, which also ensures just wages for child care workers and teachers."

Additionally, he said "families that choose to care for

children at home should be supported."

"Faith-based child care and early education programs have served families for decades and should be included as part of the solution, in a manner consistent with their freedom to retain their religious character," he said.

"It is good that bipartisan discussions are happening right now around all of these issues," Archbishop Gudziak said. "Congress should take prompt action in all of these areas to protect the well-being of mothers, children, and their families."

But he added, "Public policy changes are not the only way we can help families thrive."

He said, "Communities can organize to call attention to the problems facing families and to bring about solutions," adding that the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the bishops' domestic anti-poverty program, "supports this work and is a great help to families that are struggling."

One example he pointed to is Washington Home Care Cooperatives in western Washington state, which receives CCHD support to provide "good-paying jobs through worker-owned businesses to those who deliver in-home care to elders and people with disabilities."

The bishops started CCHD 50 years ago to "empower people experiencing poverty to take action to help themselves," Archbishop Gudziak said.

He stressed labor unions are key to working families' thriving and should be "encouraged in maintaining and increasing their focus on performing that critical role."

"Indeed, as Pope Francis has suggested, 'there are no free workers without trade unions,'" he said, underscoring the pope's statement that they must also "be a voice for the voiceless."

"The purpose of the economy is to enable families to thrive. This notion is deeply rooted in Catholic social teaching," he said, adding that the church officially teaches that businesses, professional organizations, labor unions and the state must "promote policies that, from an employment point of view, do not penalize but rather support the family nucleus."

The Second Vatican Council said the "entire process of productive work ... must be adapted to the needs of the person and to his way of life, above all to his domestic life, especially in respect to mothers of families," Archbishop Gudziak said. "Are we meeting these standards? There is much more we can do."

LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Collection for higher education planned

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Message from 'heart of Asia': Pope's words go beyond Mongolian borders

By CINDY WOODEN
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Being a Catholic does not destroy or replace a person's culture, and wanting to share the Gospel message does not mean wanting to take someone's allegiance away from their nation.

Visiting Mongolia Sept. 1-4, Pope Francis encouraged the nation's tiny Catholic community to grow in faith and charity, but the visit also was designed to reassure the government that it has nothing to fear from the Catholic missionaries who arrived in the country in 1992.

The pope's speeches in Ulaanbaatar, the national capital, repeatedly referenced positive contacts between Mongolians and the Vatican going back to 1200s when Pope Innocent IV sent an emissary to Güyük Khan, the ruler of the Mongol Empire and grandson of Genghis Khan.

Pope Francis used the ger, the traditional round house of the nomadic Mongolians, as symbols of warmth and unity. And he made repeated references to the "big sky" of Mongolian poetry as a sign of the Mongolian people's constant attention to the transcendent.

At the end of Mass Sept. 3, the pope praised Mongolians as "good Christians and honest citizens," and told them to "go forward, gently and without fear, conscious of the closeness and the encouragement of the entire church, and above all the tender gaze of the Lord, who forgets no one and looks with love upon each of his children."

Earlier, meeting with the missionaries in the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Pope Francis told them: "Closeness, compassion and tenderness: treat people like that, personally caring for them, learning their language, respecting and loving



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Pope Francis greeted a child as he arrived at the inauguration of the House of Mercy in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, the final event of his four-day trip to Mongolia before returning to Rome Sept. 4.

their culture, not allowing yourselves to be tempted by worldly forms of security, but remaining steadfast in the Gospel through exemplary moral and spiritual lives."

And while the focus was on Mongolia and its 1,400 Catholics, China — and perhaps Vietnam — was never far from Pope Francis' mind.

The Catholic Church is registered as a "foreign NGO" in Mongolia, not as a church. Individual parishes are registered separately. Missionaries receive visas that must be renewed each year. And for every foreign missionary granted a visa, the church must hire at least five Mongolians.

The bigger challenge, Catholic missionaries told reporters covering the trip, is convincing Mongolians that Catholic missionaries are not some kind of advance team preparing for a Western invasion of their country.

Similar suspicions exist in China, and to a lesser degree, Vietnam.

Pope Francis flew over China early Sept. 1 before

landing in Ulaanbaatar and again Sept. 4 on his way back to Rome, sending courtesy telegrams to Chinese President Xi Jinping, thanking him for allowing the papal plane to enter Chinese airspace and offering his blessings and good wishes to the nation.

Throughout his stay in Mongolia, Pope Francis was accompanied by bishops from Central Asia and beyond. They included Cardinal-designate Stephen Chow Sau-Yan of Hong Kong and the city's retired Cardinal John Tong Hon.

At the end of Mass Sept. 3 in Ulaanbaatar's Steppe Arena, the pope called the two over to him and told the international congregation, "I want to take the opportunity of their presence to send a warm greeting to the noble Chinese people."

To Chinese Catholics, he added, "I ask you to be good Christians and good citizens."

Mao Ning, spokeswoman of the Chinese foreign ministry, was asked about the

pope's remarks at a Sept. 4 news conference.

"We noted the reports," she said. "China is positive toward improving the relations and we are in contact and communication with the Vatican."

Bishops and priests from mainland China were not permitted to travel to Mongolia, but several small groups of lay Catholics from China did manage to cross the border to see the pope.

A large group of Catholics from Vietnam also were present and were hopeful that the pope could visit their country soon.

"I don't know if I will go, but John XXIV certainly will," the pope, using the name he has invented for his successor, told reporters on his flight back to Rome.

The Vatican and Vietnam's communist government have a joint working group focused mainly on bilateral relations and trying to reach an agreement on establishing diplomatic ties. "I am very positive about the relationship with Vietnam; good work has been going on for years," Pope Francis told reporters on the plane Sept. 4.

"When a culture is open, there is possibility for dialogue; if there is closure or suspicion, dialogue is very difficult. With Vietnam, the dialogue is open, with its pluses and minuses, but it is open and slowly moving forward. There have been some problems, but they have been resolved."

Pope Francis and his predecessors have been betting on a similarly patient dialogue with China for decades. And Pope Francis shows no sign of giving up.

"The relationship with China is very respectful, very respectful," he told reporters on the flight back to Rome. "I personally have great admiration for the Chinese people."

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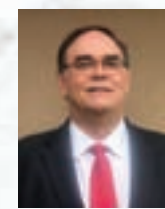
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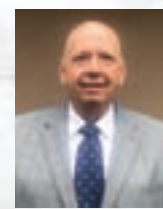


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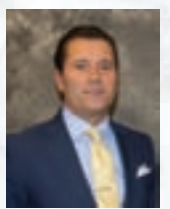
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COMMENTARY

On the way to school

In today's world, we are surrounded by constant noise and distractions. At home, we are always connected to media such as smartphones, computers, television and tablets. In the car, we are also saturated by noise and radio programs with commentary often inappropriate for our children's ears.

How do we bring some peace into our lives and share more time with our children?

I want to share some of the routines that can help us now that our children are heading back to school.

When my seven children were younger, I took them to school, which was 20 minutes from home. Those rides became a very special time for us.

Usually, when I was alone in the car, I would have the radio on or listen to some audiobook, religious music, or the news, but when I was with my children, I would turn the radio off and we would enjoy a bit of conversation. I would begin by asking what they were doing at school, and to share one thing they had learned that week, or what projects they had.

When we were halfway through, we would offer morning prayer, and each day we would take turns leading the prayer.

Beginning with the sign of the cross, each of us would thank God for something or someone in our lives. Then, each would offer an intention, asking for something or someone. Finally, we concluded with the Lord's Prayer and three Hail Marys, ending with the Glory Be.

Through their prayers, I could see what was in my children's hearts and minds. It gave me great joy to see how sensitive they were, how they cared for their little classmates and often included them alongside their parents and siblings in their prayers.

I was also happy to see they were very grateful and humble, with hearts willing to help others.

It is important for us as parents to have those conversations, to know what is going on in their lives and for them to feel how supported and treasured they are by their family.

With that in mind, here are a few practical tips to get everyone back to school feeling that supported:

- Establish a daily routine including wake-up times, study times, meals, art activities, sports, free time and family prayer time. It may help to have a calendar of activities posted in a visible place. Part of that routine can include leaving everything organized in the evenings, such as uni-

forms, school supplies and snacks, to avoid worrying and running around in the mornings.

- Maintain active communication: Talk to your children about their expectations and concerns. Sit down with them daily and ask them how school went. Listen to them carefully, so they can feel understood and supported.

- Maintain a healthy diet: In our home, several of our children had hereditary autoimmune diseases. Eliminating sodas, foods high in chemicals, preservatives, and limiting sweets has significantly improved our children's health.

- Have a quiet place to study free of noise and distractions.

- Help your children identify and participate in at least one extracurricular activity that interests them, such as art, theater, or sports, to complement their education and develop their talents. At our home, most of our children have learned an instrument and many have played soccer.

- Limit electronic devices and television to no more than 2 hours a day, and ensure they do not interfere with school responsibilities. A good practice is to put the phone in another room and turn off notifications during homework and family dinner time.

- Pray as a family: I love Father Patrick Peyton's phrase: "The family that prays together, stays together." Today, more than ever, it is important to recover that time of the family dinner and to start with a prayer, thanking God for the blessings and asking together for our needs. Also, find a time to pray the rosary at night, at least a few times during the week.

In our home, many of us have the practice of visiting the chapel and spending time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. My daughter Emily (now Sister Juan Maria) spent 15 minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament every day before school and it helped strengthen her faith, especially during the challenging teenage years.

For several years, my wife and I were homeschooling our children. Now that my youngest daughter is about to enter high school, we enrolled her in a Catholic school 20 minutes from home. It will be very exciting and special to renew our routines of conversation and prayer on the way to school.

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SPEAK TO ME LORD

Sunday Scripture for September 10

JEM SULLIVAN



The bold witness to Christian faith expressed in the lives of many prophets and saints often resulted in their rejection, false accusations, and condemnation to death. Take Sts. Peter and Paul, who were both martyred for their fearless proclamation of faith in the saving power of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Or consider holy men and women down the ages — like Sts. Thomas More, Maximilian Kolbe, Maria Goretti, Catherine of Siena and Josephine Bakhita, to name just a few — whose holiness and faith in Jesus Christ challenged powerful rulers, totalitarian ideologies and unjust systems. The lives of countless saintly men and women remind us of the truth and beauty of God's word proclaimed this Sunday.

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel reminds the Israelites of their responsibility to serve as "watchmen for the house of Israel." In this role they were not to sit in judgment over each other. Rather they were to express their love for God in love of neighbor, especially when someone strayed from God's commands. For the commandments were not

burdensome restrictions but trustworthy paths to discovering their dignity as children of a loving, creator God. When one person abandoned the ways of God, it was the responsibility of the community to lovingly point the way back. This service was offered in the order of love, not of superior dominance or harsh judgment. For God's laws are not ends in themselves but privileged means to grow in love of God through love of neighbor.

Similarly, St. Paul reminds the Christians of Rome, and us, that love is the fulfillment of the law when he sums up the commandments in one saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," for "love is the fulfillment of the law." Paul challenges our approach to the commandments. Do we see them as restrictive obligations that "take the fun out

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First Reading:

Ez 33:7-9

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

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Rom 13:8-10

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of life?" Or do we welcome the commandments as paths to encounter God's mercy and peace through love of neighbor?

Jesus presents his disciples with a transformative vision of Christian discipleship in the Gospel as he urges his disciples to exercise the loving (and often difficult) task of guiding those who abandon God's ways and separate themselves from the community of faith. In return they are to expect rejection, false accusation, and even martyrdom. Yet their service is an act of love for God expressed in love of neighbor for, as Jesus reminds them, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

For the courage to express our love of God in our love of neighbor we pray, "speak to me, Lord."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

BLESSED FREDERIC OZANAM, SEPT. 7

At Frederic's 1997 beatification in Paris, St. John Paul II called him a model for Catholic lay people. Though he earned a doctorate in law and his father hoped he would become a judge, Frederic turned to literature and charity for his life's work.

He taught literature at the Sorbonne, was happily married and had a daughter. Beginning in 1831 he was part of a group of young Catholic intellectuals who discussed literature, history and society, while also visiting the poor and sick at home.

They became the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which is still active worldwide. Frederic joined the Third Order of St. Francis shortly before his death at age 40.



SHARE THE JOURNEY

Journey with refugee families

RACHEL VAN DYKE

I credit the job I have now at Catholic Charities to an Afghan family I met back in November 2021.

My church, Grace Anglican, partners with Refuge International, a nonprofit that helps give local churches opportunities to meet and serve refugee families.

That November, I found myself in a half-empty apartment on Fegenbush Lane, vacuuming bugs, hanging shower curtains, organizing kitchen cupboards, and laying out fresh bedding for a family that would arrive in Louisville the next day. My church's job was to help set up their apartment, pick them up at the airport, and prepare a hot meal for them to come home to.

I'll always remember when they entered the apartment for the first time. The father stopped in the doorway and thanked God for bringing them to safety and providing them a home.

I learned a lot watching the family go through their first few days and weeks in the country: shopping at Walmart for the first time, figuring out the TARC bus, scheduling an appointment with an eye doctor, trying to revive an old cell phone SIM card, picking up produce and clothes at local donation centers, searching for a job in their field, and certainly not least of all, coordinating their asylum interview appointment.



I was so impressed by the family's independence, intelligence, good humor and resourcefulness. They were also endlessly kind to me, always asking how my husband was doing, sharing about their country and culture and pouring me endless glasses of cardamom green tea.

At that time I realized I needed to quit my job and start working with refugee families full-time in some capacity.

I interviewed at Catholic Charities of Louisville with the lovely Layne Sanders in June 2022, originally for a youth caseworker position, but ultimately found myself very interested in the coordinator position for the Youth Mentoring Program. I loved the idea of facilitating a relationship-based program that gave Louisville natives the opportunity to meet refugee families face-to-face, hear their stories, share resources and build friendships.

I just hit my one-year anniversary in the position and consider it a major privi-

lege to enjoy the people I work for and work with on a daily basis. I've learned a lot about the challenges facing refugee and immigrant youth in Louisville, and I love witnessing the ways kids grow and conquer those challenges through their own resourcefulness and through having a positive adult mentor in their life, cheering them on.

I'd love to take this opportunity to say: We're accepting applications for new mentors! Today, more than 25 refugee kids and young adults are on our program waitlist, waiting to be matched with a mentor.

We're looking for applicants who:

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- Can bring enthusiasm to planning activities based on their mentee's interests and help them make progress in their goals.

The first step is to submit a volunteer application at <https://cclou.org/volunteer-application/>.

Anyone interested can also reach out to me directly with questions at rvan.dyke@archlou.org. I'd love to talk to you and see if this program could be the right fit for you.

A TIME TO SPEAK

The importance of the Red Mass

R. KENYON MEYER

After the great fire of 1666 that destroyed London, a famous architect was commissioned to rebuild St. Paul's Cathedral. One day, the architect observed three bricklayers at work. The architect asked each bricklayer, "What are you doing?" The first bricklayer replied, "I'm a bricklayer. I'm working hard laying bricks to feed my family." The second bricklayer responded, "I'm a builder. I'm building a wall." But the third bricklayer replied, "I'm a cathedral builder. I'm building a great cathedral to the Almighty."

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 12:15 p.m. all who work in the legal profession, regardless of religious affiliation, are invited to the annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption. This celebration serves as an important annual reminder of the great blessing that we in the legal profession have to use our gifts to build a great cathedral — or as we say in the Catholic tradition, to reflect the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Christians believe that the Holy Spirit is alive and at work in our world. We in the legal profession have unique opportunities (and responsibilities) to assist the Holy Spirit's work in the world.



The calling of those in the legal profession is not easy. We choose this life despite stress and precious time away from our families. When we fully invest in our vocations, we are cognizant that we make these sacrifices for something greater than ourselves.

Every human interaction we have and every mundane task we perform are opportunities to build the cathedral. When we treat those in need with respect and dignity, we build the cathedral. When we treat difficult and unpleasant people not as they treat us but as we would like to be treated, we build the cathedral. When we use our talents to end conflict, we build the cathedral.

This means that everything we do is important. Every "hello" to a person in the office, every email to opposing counsel, every oral presentation to an unsympathetic judge, every time we

decline a request to represent someone and every time we communicate to a client that we have failed to achieve the result they hoped are occasions we are called to manifest the presence of the Holy Spirit. Even in the moments we like least in our professional lives, we have an obligation to build the cathedral.

I fail miserably every day to do this. This is why I need reminders like the Red Mass. Because no matter how many times we fail, every day presents new opportunities. And when we are at our best, we in the legal profession, more than any other profession, live and reflect Matthew's beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit.... they who hunger and thirst for righteousness.... the merciful.... the clean of heart.... the peacemakers.... they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness... Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

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Excitement for National Eucharistic Congress is growing, says official

By NATALIE HOEFER

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INDIANAPOLIS — Local and national organizers of the National Eucharistic Congress — which will take place in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024 — have been meeting virtually for some time.

But for the first time, scores of them met in person in Indianapolis Aug. 30 at Lucas Oil Stadium, where in less than a year tens of thousands of Catholics will gather for the closing Mass of the historic event — the first such event in 83 years. The congress will launch the third year of a three-year National Eucharistic Revival, an initiative of the U.S. Catholic bishops to renew devotion to the Eucharist.

“The Holy Spirit is inviting the United States to find unity and renewal through a grassroots National Eucharistic Revival,” Jaime Reyna, event lead for the National Eucharistic Congress, said, quoting remarks from a letter written by executive director Tim Glemkowski. “This movement — discerned and approved by the bishops of the U.S. — is critical to rekindling a living faith in the hearts of Catholics across America, unleashing a new missionary chapter at this pivotal moment in church history. ... The goal is to start a fire, not a program.”

More than 25,000 have already registered for the event, said Reyna.

“We just have a lot of people who are excited about gathering,” he noted. “Remember that feeling after COVID when people just wanted to come back together? It’s almost the same way, that there’s that spiritual connection of wanting to come together and pray and for the many different reasons that people are just wanting to come together.”

In addition to general and breakout sessions, the five-day event will be filled with

National gathering is set for July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis

opportunities for prayer, worship and the sacraments, said Father Patrick Beidelman. The pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis is chair of the National Eucharistic Congress liturgy committee.

“We’ll have a large Mass each day, three at the Indiana Convention Center and the closing Mass at Lucas Oil Stadium, ... and opportunities for confession all over the place,” he said, adding that St. John the Evangelist Church across from the convention center “will be turned into a place of perpetual adoration starting on Wednesday evening through Sunday.”

The route of a massive Eucharistic procession during the congress is still being determined, he noted.

The day before the five-day congress opens, Catholics from around the U.S. participating in pilgrimages leading to Indianapolis will converge on the city. Planning is well under way for “Eucharistic caravans.” There will be four, each following a different route and each with its own name: the “Marian Route” the “Juan Diego Route,” the “Seton Route” and the “Junipero Serra Route.” Pilgrims on all four routes will begin their journeys with Pentecost weekend celebrations May 17-18, 2024, leaving May 19. They will all reach Indianapolis July 16, 2024.

In his remarks Aug. 30, Reyna spoke with excitement about the speakers scheduled for the general and breakout sessions at the National Eucharistic Congress. Among them are well-known Catholic speakers, including priests, religious and bishops.

The church is diverse, Reyna also noted, and event coordinators are taking that into consideration. In addition to programming in English and Spanish, he said the congress team is working with existing ministries to address other language needs as well.

“We’re talking about Vietnamese, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Islanders and others,” he said.

The team also is cognizant of engaging those with special needs.

“We are working with national ministry organizations, like the National Catholic Office for Deaf Ministry,” said Reyna. “We also (are) trying to be as inclusive as possible for all our brothers and sisters, including those who may have some physical disabilities, to make sure that they are able to participate and to see how we can accommodate and serve them.”

The event will involve “hundreds if not thousands” of volunteers, said Nikki Slater of Maribeth Smith & Associates, the Indianapolis-based event planning firm contracted to coordinate the National Eucharistic Congress.

While registration for specific volunteer opportunities and shifts will go live next spring, Slater noted that a section of the congress website — <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org> — will be created soon for people to sign up as interested in volunteering.

The Knights of Columbus are providing many volunteers as well.

“I’m on the volunteer committee, so I’m working with NEC to figure out where

they need volunteers,” Scott Schutte said after the meeting in an interview with The Criterion, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Schutte is state deputy of the Indiana Knights of Columbus. “I’ve got guys who are all excited about being part of the event.”

His current efforts are focused on the four routes pilgrims will walk from the north, south, east and west portions of the United States, all meeting in Indianapolis just before the National Eucharistic Congress begins.

“We’re trying to get with diocesan coordinators (for the routes) to find out where the Knights can provide water, food, a place to rest, maybe direct a little traffic, whatever, or at least participate in some way,” said Schutte.

He noted that the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is a national sponsor for the congress.

“We want to give our 33,000 men the opportunity to be involved,” he said.

Speaking on behalf of Indianapolis Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, Christopher Walsh, the archdiocesan chancellor, said it is “a tremendous honor to be the host diocese for this historic event.”

He noted the archdiocese’s commitment to the effort. But he also recognized the vital help from all of the local organizers — including state and local police, firemen and emergency medical services — for their help “in making this event the success that we certainly know it is going to be.”

Walsh called the National Eucharistic Congress “truly an event for all, as all are united in the mystical body of Christ.”

“That is what this is about, and certainly about representing the real presence of Christ in the world today through this event.”

AROUND THE WORLD

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U.S. bishops’ delegation sees hard realities, pastoral needs of farmworkers

YAKIMA, Wash. — “The church doesn’t have a mission; the mission has a church,” said Bishop Joseph J. Tyson of the Diocese of Yakima, not quite pounding the table.

He spoke to a group of 24 delegates taking part in an Aug. 28-29 pastoral visit organized by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Participants from the USCCB, the Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network and related ministries met in Yakima to witness, support, and learn from the diocese’s work with migrant and immigrant agricultural workers.

They visited both the work and living sites of some of the Mexican-born workers who grow and harvest the fruit and vegetables that Washington state ships around the world. While about 70% of farmworkers are year-round residents of Washington, and make up a substantial percentage of Catholic parishioners in the Yakima Diocese, the rest either follow the harvest, or are here on an H-2A temporary agricultural visa.

In either case, they are often separated from the support of their home community for months at a time.

“They are homesick, anxious and can’t sleep sometimes,” said Father Jesús Mariscal, parochial vicar at Yakima’s St. Paul Cathedral. “There is a lot of ministry to be done in these little communities. It is only by being there, that you can discover how to help.”

In Wenatchee, about two hours drive from Yakima, Sandra Barros of St. Joseph Catholic Church, described their ministry. “We bring food, and diapers for the families, but most of all, we bring the sacraments,” she said. “They feel we are with them.”

Mexico high court ruling could end abortion restrictions nationwide

MEXICO CITY — Mexico’s Supreme Court overturned a state-level abortion ban, a decision observers say could hasten the removal of restrictions on the procedure nationwide. The first bench of the Supreme Court ruled Aug. 30 against a law banning abortions in the western state of Aguascalientes, instructing the local congress to revise its legislation.

The court’s bench, or panel of justices, also ordered the state government to guarantee access to abortion in its hospitals.

“The court’s argumentation sets a binding precedent for all local and federal judges, who will have to resolve any similar matters based on the court’s decision, which was approved by four votes (out of five),” the Information Group on Reproductive Choice, one of the litigants, said in a statement.

“It was Mexico’s Roe v. Wade,” Luis Martínez, Human Life International’s representative at the Organization of American States, said.

The decision means 12 of Mexico’s 32 states have decriminalized abortion since Mexico City approved the first law doing so in 2007.

Vatican says Ulma child was born during mother’s execution

VATICAN CITY — With a beatification Mass for the Ulma family set for Sept. 10, the Vatican emphasized that all nine members of the Polish family are considered martyrs, including the child who was born during the massacre.

In December Pope Francis recognized the martyrdom of the entire family for having sheltered a Jewish family during World War II. Józef and Wiktoria Ulma and their seven children, including the child she had been carrying in utero, were killed by the Nazis along with the eight Jews they had taken in. The recognition of martyrdom cleared the way for all nine members of the Ulma family to be beatified.

However, with some news reports saying the beatification would mark the first time an unborn or pre-born child would be beatified, the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints issued a written clarification Sept. 5. Wiktoria Ulma was in the final stage of pregnancy with her seventh child when she was killed, said the note, signed by the dicastery’s prefect, Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, and secretary, Archbishop Fabio Fabene.

“This child had been born at the moment of the mother’s martyrdom,” it said, adding that the child was one of the seven children, who are also martyrs. “In fact, with the martyrdom of the parents, it received the baptism of blood.” Cardinal Semeraro will preside over the beatification Mass for the Ulma family Sept. 10 in Markowa, Poland.

Labor issues are on American minds

By KIMBERLEY HEATHERINGTON

OSV News

As Americans were heating up the backyard barbecue for Labor Day weekend, news headlines daily shout about the cooling down of the U.S. job market.

“Demand for Workers Cools,” said The Wall Street Journal. “US labor market loses steam as job openings, resignations decline,” stated Reuters. And The New York Times informed its readers, “Job Openings Dropped in July as Labor Market Cooled.”

On Aug. 30, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported, “Unemployment rates were lower in July than a year earlier in 192 of the 389 metropolitan areas, higher in 176 areas, and unchanged in 21 areas.”

The country’s unemployment rate currently stands at 3.5%, representing 5.8 million total unemployed.

“I definitely think this Labor Day, there’s more of a focus by the nation on the state of labor,” said Daniel Graff, director of the Higgins Labor Program at the University of Notre Dame’s Center for Social Concerns. “Coming out of the pandemic — and with the rise of labor organizing we’ve seen the last couple of years — it’s clear that Americans are talking about labor questions more than in the recent past.”

The first half of 2023 witnessed a sharp uptick in labor union activity, including strike actions. Preliminary U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data indicate some 295,000 American workers have participated in work stoppages through July of this year, which Reuters reported Aug. 30 is “putting 2023 on track to become the busiest year for strikes since 2019.” In 2022, the Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations Action Tracker registered 424 work stoppages by 224,000 employees, including 417 strikes and seven lockouts.

Diverse commercial sectors have been impacted, including media, parcel delivery, aerospace, auto and steel production, retail, hospitality and health care. Striking workers were not restricted to traditional manufacturing trades, either, with Hollywood writers and actors, airline pilots and nurses all staging strikes or leveraging new contract negotiations.

Among the companies involved were “household names” such as UPS, FedEx, American, Delta, United Airlines and Starbucks.

Over a year ago, Amazon workers hailed their first union in the U.S. — at an 8,300-person warehouse on Staten Island — but have since gained little ground.

“Lots of Americans are struggling — whether it’s due to inflation, or the erosion of the job contract, or the requirement that you have two full-time workers per household to sustain a working-class lifestyle,” Graff said.

Graff said, “I think it’s still — in this country, and in this climate — really hard to organize a union, and get to a first contract. We haven’t seen that many ‘paper wins’ yet. ... It’s the conversations and the visibility that are causing people to take notice.”

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, union membership rate — the percent of wage and salary workers who were members of unions — was 10.1% in 2022, down from 10.3% in 2021.

The AFL-CIO found in a recent poll that more than two-thirds of Americans support labor unions; among people younger than 30, 88% expressed solidarity.

“I do think young people are really questioning the economy they’re inheriting, and trying to find a job in,” said Graff.

On Aug. 28, the U.S. Treasury Department released a report concerning

the economic impact of labor unions.

“Unions could contribute to reversing the stark increase in inequality we’ve seen in recent decades,” Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen observed in a press teleconference, “promoting economy-wide growth.”

Unionized workers, Yellen said, earn up to 15% more pay than nonunion workers in the same occupations. She also cited a higher rate of retirement benefits, medical benefits, life insurance and other fringe benefits.

Yellen noted that the report’s findings “challenge arguments that unions hold back growth.”

“I certainly see with my students at Notre Dame a greater interest in unions and questions about unions as vehicles for upward mobility, for security for households, and even linking it to child care,” Graff said. “You don’t have to be a union partisan to think these are good developments if it means we might raise the wages of an entire group of Americans, and deliver secure and better employment relationships.”

The right to unionize and seek workplace equity — and to strike, if necessary — is fundamental to Catholic social teaching. Pope Leo XIII, St. John XXIII, St. Paul VI, St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have all expounded on unionized labor topics, in both official and unofficial pronouncements.

More recently, Pope Francis — addressing the Italian General Confederation of Labor in December 2022 — declared, “there are no free workers without trade unions.”

However, the famously rugged spirit of American individualism, labor historians say, can sometimes complicate U.S. labor organizing efforts.

“I think we as a country have a major psychological tension between our profound love of autonomy —

being an autonomous citizen on our own and bucking at any kind of authority over us — and at the same time, trying to build a trade union system,” said Father Sinclair Oubre, the spiritual moderator of the Catholic Labor Network and pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Orange, Texas.

“When you’re trying to organize a union, it means that you’re going to have to sacrifice your personal ambition to the well-being of the greater community so that everybody moves forward together,” explained Father Oubre. “And that’s really hard in a country that says, ‘I can do whatever I want, and I have no obligations to anybody else.’”




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Telescope ready to show the heavens

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said Graney during a recent interview.

When participants in the first stargazing event, set for Sept. 15, look through the lens of the telescope, it'll likely be the second time anyone has done so since Monsignor Bouchet used it to look at the heavens more than a century ago.

Tomes showed Graney the telescope for the first time in 2016, and both men took a look. At the time, the telescope didn't have a mount. It lay on a table and they were able only to look at the lights in a parking lot adjacent to the Cathedral of the Assumption, Graney said.

"Nevertheless, it was very cool to think that Tomes and I might well have been the first people to have looked through Bouchet's telescope in over a century," he later wrote in an article for the Vatican Observatory.

Monsignor Bouchet was an inventor. He converted a small space in the cathedral's rectory into a workshop filled with tools, all sorts of machinery and "clever devices," according to a 1958 article published in The Record. He was known to work on the



Chris Graney worked with a tiny screwdriver as he restored the telescope.

stuck, and gummed up. I spent lots of time tapping lightly, oiling and hours getting the screws undone."

Graney noted that loosening more than a century-old brass screws proved to be a challenge. For some guidance, he reached out to his scientific circle online and found it in Paolo Del Santo of the Museo Galileo in Florence, Italy, who responded with encouragement and useful tips.

Del Santo, who Graney said has worked with Galileo's original telescope, cautioned him against trying to get the telescope to look like a replica and to be happy with the telescope's ancient look.

"It was tedious, old-school kind of work, but it worked," said Graney. "We've seen the moon, we've seen Venus. It has certain limitations but if someone saw Saturn or Jupiter they'd think it looked pretty cool."

Graney believes it's the "oldest surviving telescope in Kentucky." It was made by A.C. Schuman, a maker of scientific instruments located a short distance from the cathedral, Graney said. An old receipt shows Monsignor Bouchet re-ordering parts for the lenses from Schuman in 1890.

Tomes believes that following Bouchet's death, the telescope was housed in the cathedral's museum and later moved as the archives were moved. "We're lucky it survived," he said.

Graney purchased a wooden mount from the Louisville Astronomy Center, which is co-sponsoring the first stargazing session. It is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 15 at Tom Sawyer Park's Urban Astronomy Center.

The other presentations will take place at 7 p.m. as well at the following locations:

Sept. 24 at Our Lady of the Woods Chapel on the campus of Bellarmine University, 2001 Newburg Road.

October 1 at St. Gregory Church in Samuels, Ky.

cathedral's organ and almost up until his death in 1903, he'd climb into the cathedral's spire to fix the clock.

His first invention was a folding bed. And his most famous invention was an adding machine, which he used for bookkeeping for the diocese. Tomes noted that a version of that machine is in the Smithsonian Museum and Monsignor Bouchet is credited with its invention.

"He liked to tinker and he paid attention to his passions," said Tomes. "It enriches your mind and life and when you're able to share that, it enriches others."

His telescope, made of brass, needed some work to get it in shape for public use.

"Getting it back into operation was a matter of taking it apart and cleaning," said Graney, who spent hours taking it apart. "It was dirty,

Pope says religion and culture can be misused to frighten and oppress

Catholic News Service
ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM MONGOLIA — When religion or culture is used to sow division or to impose a certain world view on others, it becomes an ideology, Pope Francis said.

"When culture is distilled and transformed into ideology, this is poison," the pope told a reporter who asked about his remarks in August to young Russian Catholics about being proud of their cultural heritage. The pope

admitted Sept. 4 it was not his best moment when he cited the examples of Peter the Great and Catherine II, who conquered and subjugated neighboring nations and who Russian President Vladimir Putin has evoked as role models in his war on Ukraine.

The pope insisted people must learn to "distinguish between the culture of a people and the ideology of some philosopher or politician who belongs to that people."

"This is true for the church as well," he said. "Many times people propose ideologies that detach the church from the life that flows from its roots and rises; they detach the church from the influence of the Holy Spirit."

"It is an ideology incapable of incarnating itself. It's just ideas, but an ideology that gains strength and becomes politics usually ends up a dictatorship with an inability to dialogue and to move ahead with cultures."

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Dioceses are engaging in the 'green revolution' championed by popes

By KIMBERLEY HEATHERINGTON
OSV News & Record Staff Reports
Many Catholics, increasingly aware of the environmental impact of fossil fuels, are at the forefront of a "green revolution," heeding the call of several popes to explore and implement alternatives.

Some Catholic dioceses are observing the 2023 Season of Creation, Sept. 1-Oct. 4, and becoming better caretakers of the earth.

In the Archdiocese of Louisville, a clergy-led effort is ongoing to educate Catholics about climate change. Several buildings, including archdiocesan, parish and school structures, use solar energy. And a new effort, launched as the Season of Creation began, is encouraging more Catholics to become involved in protecting the earth.

In the Diocese of Brooklyn the Laudato Si Corporation — a green energy initiative to generate renewable energy, managed by Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens' Progress of Peoples Development Corporation — is quite obviously inspired by Pope Francis' landmark 2015 ecological encyclical, "Laudato Si'."

"The goal at the beginning was to leverage our work developing affordable housing — for more than 50 years, at that point — with sustainable development," said David Downs, a vice president at Catholic Charities and director of the Laudato Si Corporation.

The corporation worked with a variety of different partners to assess the viability of installing solar panels on the rooftops of 30 Catholic



Charities-owned residential buildings in Brooklyn and Queens, New York. The assessment narrowed to about five properties and launched with a test pilot project.

The first installation took place in June 2021.

"We would love to do this on every building where it makes financial sense," Downs said. "The goal is to get it to a place where we have no work left to do."

The Department of Energy website reports there are over 1 million solar installations across the U.S., and that "the solar resource of the United States is enormous ... just one hour of noontime summer sun is equal to the annual U.S. electricity demand."

As the department also notes, solar panels can reduce electrical bills, potentially increase property resale value and decrease carbon footprints.

On the 1990 World Day of Peace, St. John Paul II cautioned, "Industrial waste, the burning of fossil fuels,

unrestricted deforestation ... all of these are known to harm the atmosphere and environment."

Pope Benedict XVI, often dubbed "the Green Pope," in 2008 oversaw the installation of 2,400 solar panels on the roof of the Paul VI Audience Hall.

Advocating for the switch to cleaner energy at a June 2018 Pontifical Academy of Sciences conference, Pope Francis urged, "we need to talk together — industry, investors, researchers and consumers — about transition and the search for alternatives. Civilization requires energy, but energy must not destroy civilization!"

In 2020, the Vatican committed to achieving its own net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

As of May 2022, only about two dozen U.S. Catholic dioceses — out of 194 territorial archdioceses and dioceses, the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services and the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter — had ex-

pressed a commitment to the Vatican's multiyear, church-wide Laudato Si' Action Platform, according to the National Catholic Reporter.

But in the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, a thriving community of almost 450,000 Catholics in 70 parishes, care for creation is very much a priority of Bishop Michael F. Burbidge.

"We know this is a major emphasis of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminding us that we all, as children of God, are stewards of creation — and we must have a common home, and be united in that," said Bishop Burbidge in the Aug. 23 edition of his "Walk Humbly" podcast.

"In our diocese, we want to have the message of 'Laudato Si' in front of us — and we're doing some great work. Currently, our diocese has four parishes with operational solar rooftops," Bishop Burbidge shared.

Across the Potomac River in Washington, the mission of Catholic Energies, launched in 2016, is apparent from its name. A program of the Catholic Climate Covenant — a nonprofit formed with the help of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that, with 20 national partners, guides the U.S. church's response to climate change — Catholic Energies and its partner Mission Energy began with simple energy efficiency projects.

Dan Misleh, the covenant's founding executive director and visionary behind Catholic Energies, said he knew that "if we could help Catholics facilities reduce their energy cost, then we would have their attention."

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Holy Hour for vocations planned

The Saint Serra Club of Louisville, which promotes religious vocations, will hold a Holy Hour for Vocations at 12:45 p.m. (following the noon Mass) on Sept. 13 in the chapel at St. Margaret Mary Church, 7813 Shelbyville Road. All are welcome.

Services, Devotions

The annual Red Mass, which invokes God's blessing and guidance on all those in the legal community, will be celebrated on Sept. 26 at 12:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 S. Fifth Street.

People of all faiths who serve in the legal profession are invited to attend, including attorneys, judges, paralegals and clerks. Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre will be the celebrant.

The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville will host a Taizé prayer service at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 in the Motherhouse's Heritage Room on the Ursuline campus, 3115 Lexington Road.

A Special Disciples of Jesus Mass will be celebrated Sept. 17 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.

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Anniversaries



Steven and Margaret Kraus, members of St. Patrick Church, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Sept. 10. Mrs. Kraus, the former Margaret Kopatz, is audit manager for the Diocese of Richmond, Va., and formerly worked for the Archdiocese of Louisville. Mr. Kraus is human resources manager for Catholic Charities of Louisville. The couple have two children.



Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blum, members of St. Edward Church, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 8. Mrs. Blum, the former Madonna Ballweg, retired from administrative management in 2008 after 38 years of service. Mr. Blum retired in 2022 after 50 years in business management. The couple have two children and three grandchildren.

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Support Groups

A grief support group for those who have lost someone to addiction or substance use disorder — GRASP (Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing) — meets at Holy Trinity Church, 501 Cherrywood Road, in the multipurpose building on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. For additional information, email Lindacicca@yahoo.com.

The Hope and Healing Grief Group for those touched by the loss of a loved one to substance abuse meets at St. Albert the Great Church, 1395 Girard Dr., 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 lgraven@stalbert.org or 425-3940, ext. 169, for more information. All are welcome.

A NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) family support group is offered at St. Albert the Great Church, 1395 Girard Dr., on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. The group is designed to provide an open and supportive environment for those caring for a person with mental illness, including anxiety, depression, addiction, suicidal ideation or other diag-

noses. All are welcome.

Nourish for Caregivers — a program for those caring for an aging parent, spouse or loved one — meets in St. Margaret Mary Church's Spirituality Center, 7813 Shelbyville Road, every second Wednesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Participants can also join via Zoom. The next meeting is Sept. 13 and the topic is "The Thing About Compassion." To register and receive the Zoom link, contact Denise Ruiz at druiz@stmm.org or call 690-2834 for more information.

Here and There

Trivia Night at Holy Cross High School, 5144 Dixie Highway, will be held on Sept. 30. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the games begin at 8 p.m.

The cost is \$200 per table of eight. To purchase a table or sponsor the event, contact Susan Ryan at sryan@holycrosshs.com or visit one.bidpal.net/hctrivia23/welcome.

The Knights of Columbus Bardstown Council 1290 will host its annual Bourbon Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon on Sept. 16 at the Bardstown Event Center. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 13. The event is open to the public. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

WLCR 1040 AM Holy Family Radio will host its 24th annual Belle of Louisville Cruise on Sept. 10th from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will feature dinner, live music, a cash bar and activities for the family.

Tickets are \$40 per adult and \$20 for children ages 2 to 10. To sponsor the event or to order tickets, call 502-

Education and Enrichment

A 10-week Monday Evening Bible Study on the Letter to the Ephesians will be held at St. Patrick Church, 1000 N. Beckley Station Road, from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 18 in the parish's Schindler Hall.

Dr. Scott Shuler will discuss questions explored by the Apostle Paul in his letter, including, "Why is it so important for Christian believers to be part of a community?"

All are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be provided. To reserve a spot, contact Joe Gates at mrjogates@gmail.com or text 544-9391.

"More than Bread and Wine: Encountering Jesus in the Eucharistic Revival," an event with wine and hors d'oeuvres, will take place in the Hospitality Room at St. Margaret Mary Church, 7813 Shelbyville Road, following the 5 p.m. Mass Sept. 9. Dr.

Karen Shadle, director of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Worship, will be the guest speaker.

The Archdiocese of Louisville Ministry Institute will offer the following classes:

■ "Encountering Christ: Developing Relationship as the Foundation of Catholic Education" on Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Lawrence Church, 1925 Lewiston Drive, in the Community Room. Dr. Thomas Malewitz will be the presenter.

■ Overview of Catechetical Ministry Part II on Sept. 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church in Mt. Washington, Ky. Debbie Minton will be the presenter.

■ Multicultural Ministry on Sept. 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes, Adult Formation Room, 508 Breckenridge Lane. Annette Mandley-Turner will be the presenter.

451-9527 or visit www.holyfamilyradio.org/.

The St. Agnes Seniors Senga will host its next meeting on Sept. 13 at 1 p.m. in St. Aloysius Hall, located on the west side of St. Agnes, 1920 Newburg Road. Special guests will be Trish Aaron and service dog Olive from the Louisville School for the Blind.

Holy Trinity School Clifton is hosting an opening reception for the renovated Eifler Theater Sept. 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the school's campus, 2117 Payne St. Members of the community are invited to attend. For more information, call the school at 896-8480.

Alumni Events

Holy Spirit School, 322 Cannons Lane, will hold a 50-year reunion Oct. 21 for its class of 1973. The event will begin at 3:30 p.m. with a tour of the school and Mass in the church.

A reunion party will follow at the Manhattan Project, 2101 Frankfort Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

The cost for the party is \$35 per person. Register by Sept. 30 by sending an email to Rose Wetterer at rose.wetterer@gmail.com. For more information, contact the school at 893-7700.

The Flaget Alumni Association will hold its September meeting and luncheon at noon on Sept. 13 at the Elks Lodge #8, 2824 Klondike Lane, across from St. Martha Church.

The speaker will be Matt Austin, former SEC football official and ESPN/SEC Network analyst. The cost for lunch is \$9. For more information, go to Flaget.org.

The classes are \$10. To register or for more information, contact Lynn McDaniel at lmcDaniel@archlou.org or 636-0296, ext. 1267.

The Adult Christian Enrichment Programs of St. Albert and St. Bernadette churches are exploring challenges in Scripture related to faith, the church and the world today through a series of classes offered via Zoom. The programs are on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and again on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The next dates and topics are:

■ Sept. 14 and 15: The harlot and the imperial economy.

■ Sept. 21 and 22: The battle, the kingdom and last judgment.

■ Sept. 28 and 29: New creation and new Jerusalem. Call Lynnette LeGette at 802-5966 to register for free and receive a link to the class. All are welcome.

Synod assembly won't be secret, but won't be open to press, pope says

By CINDY WOODEN
Catholic News Service

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM MONGOLIA — The Synod of Bishops is not a television show or a parliamentary debate, and its discussions will not be open to the public or to reporters, Pope Francis said. "We must safeguard the synodal climate," the pope responded Sept. 4 when asked by journalists about access to the discussions at the assembly of the Synod of Bishops Oct. 4-29.

"This isn't a television program where you talk about everything; no, it is a religious moment, a religious exchange," he told reporters flying back to Rome with him from Mongolia.

The synod process began in October 2021 with a session of listening sessions on the parish, diocesan, national and regional levels focused on creating a more

"synodal church," where each person feels welcomed, valued and called to contribute and to share the Gospel. After so many Catholics around the world devoted their time and their prayers to the process, an initial idea was to livestream the general discussions from the synod hall or at least allow reporters some access.

Pope Francis made it clear on the plane that would not happen. An official summary of the day's discussions — without saying who said what — will be made by the synod's communication committee, led by Paolo Ruffini, prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication.

Beyond the anonymous, summarized points, journalists will try to interview participants to at least get individual points of view about the day's synod work. Pope Francis told report-

ers that each synod member — including women and laymen for the first time — would have three or four minutes to address the assembly. Each address will be followed by three or four minutes of silence "for prayer."

"Without this spirit of prayer, there is no synodality, it's just politics, parliamentarianism," he said.

Having a committee summarize the discussions for the press is necessary "to safeguard the religiosity (of the synod) and safeguard the freedom of those who speak" but may not want to do so publicly, he said.

"But more open than that, I don't know," he said. "The commission will be very respectful of the speeches of each person and will try not to gossip, but to recount things about how the synod is progressing that are constructive for the church."

Your gifts are needed, archbishop tells Hispanic and Latino Catholics

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man goes on a long journey and entrusts his servants with talents — large sums of money — in varying amounts.

“In a similar manner Jesus has entrusted to you and me many abilities and talents that are very precious and we’re to use them until he returns,” said Archbishop Fabre.

The master didn’t tell his servants exactly what to do with the talents, instead, he entrusted each one with a different amount.

In his ascension, Jesus has gone on a long journey like the master in the parable, but he will return, said Archbishop Fabre.

“We cannot sit on the gifts and abilities that Jesus has given us,” he said. “I beg you to put your gifts into practice for the local archdiocese, the Hispanic community and all communities. You are an important part of this archdiocese. We need your gifts.”

Following the Mass, Eva Gonzalez, director of the Office of Hispanic Ministry, welcomed participants, saying in Spanish, “This is the 10th Archdiocesan Encuentro. That means we have been gathering for 10 years,” said Gonzalez. “This is an archdiocesan event which means we are a part of something larger than our parish.”

Referencing the event’s theme, “Llamados por Nuestro Nombre” (Called by Name), Gonzalez said, “We’re called by name to use our gifts. How will we respond? I invite you to enter into this day of reflection with an open mind.”

The day-long event included a keynote address from Dominican Father Sergio Serrano, who delivered



Record Photo by Ruby Thomas

Following an opening Mass for the Archdiocesan Encuentro X Sept. 2 at St. Rita Church, Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre greeted Tita Velez and her children.

a presentation on “Sacred Scriptures in the Life of the Faithful.”

Father Serrano — host of Ascension Press’ Bible in a Year podcast in Spanish — said the words of sacred Scripture “can transform our daily lives.”

Reading the Bible can be challenging, he said, but the Catechism of the Catholic Church states strength is found in the words of the Bible. That strength, he noted, nourishes the soul, the spiritual life and the family.

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'Abortion didn't grant us freedom,' woman testifies, as thousands march for life

By SIMON CALDWELL
OSV News

LONDON — More than 7,000 people took to the streets of London for the annual March for Life, which had as its theme "Freedom to Live."

March participants were seen holding signs with messages such as "Abortion destroys the freedom to live" and "Life from conception, no exception."

Organizers said later that more than 10,000 might have attended the rally, which went from the Emmanuel Center in Westminster to Trafalgar Square and ended in Parliament Square, but a rail strike stopped people traveling into the capital from outside the city.

The ninth annual march was nevertheless attended by Auxiliary Bishop John Sherrington of Westminster, the lead bishop for life issues of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, as well as Bishop Richard Moth of Arundel and Brighton, Bishop John Keenan of Paisley, Scotland, and Msgr. Keith Newton, who heads the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

In a homily in Westminster Cathedral ahead of the Sept. 2 march, Bishop Sherrington said he prayed the witness of the demonstrators "will help to change hearts and minds and make women and men think again about the goodness of the dignity of unborn life in the womb."

"We pray that this witness will lead fewer women to choose abortion, fewer men to urge or support this choice, and more women and men to choose to respect and protect the lives of mothers and their unborn children," he said. "We want to witness to respect for the preciousness of life and give the freedom to live to the unborn child."

The bishop added: "While the focus of this March for Life is about abortion, our prayers are also needed as the debate to provide legislation and permit 'assisted suicide,' or assisted dying as it is euphemistically called, continues with great pace and public support."

"On an almost daily basis, there is one or another newspaper article supporting such a choice. Such choice is based on a freedom to choose which separates itself from the truth about the gift of human life," the bishop said.

The 1967 Abortion Act permits abortions within 24 weeks of gestation and when authorized by two doctors. Abortions of babies with disabilities are allowed up to birth.

Since the passage of the act, more than 10 million abortions have been performed on women in Britain.

The rally also was addressed by a young woman introduced only as Ellie who expressed regret for having three abortions.

"I think I can speak for every post-abortive woman here today that abortion didn't grant us freedom, but made us captives in one way or another," she said.

Conference supports efforts to improve childcare assistance, family leave policy

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economic uncertainty, relationship uncertainty and access to medical care," Hall said.

The Catholic Conference of Kentucky, which is the public policy arm of the state's four bishops, supports a variety of legislative efforts to help alleviate these challenges, he said.

The conference, he noted, supports efforts to improve child care assistance, family and medical leave policy, access to specialized medical care and postpartum coverage under Medicaid, funding for pregnancy care centers and tax policy that is more "pro-family."

"We can build coalitions across the aisle and get some of these done," he said.

Hall noted that the landscape in pro-life work has shifted dramatically since last summer, when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the Roe v. Wade decision that had legalized abortion. The Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision on June 24, 2022, returned abortion policy to the states.

The move triggered a Kentucky law that essentially bans abortion in the state. But abortion is widely available in nearby states, Hall noted.

"Surrounding states make abortion available within a short drive," in particular, he pointed out access is widely available in Illinois and Virginia. In Ohio, a constitutional amendment that would protect a right to abortion is pending. "If it's available one state over, it's available."

Last fall, Kentucky voters here rejected a proposal that would have amended the constitution to explicitly state there's no right to abortion guaranteed by the constitution.

Hall noted that the Dobbs decision was, "a tremendous victory 50 years in the making."



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Jason Hall, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, spoke to parish respect life leaders Aug. 30 about the landscape of pro-life ministry in Kentucky.

"At the same time, the pro-life movement was very focused on overturning Roe. Sometimes victory is very difficult for a movement to adapt to," he said.

Hall encouraged pro-lifers to keep in mind, as they work on the issue, why the Catholic Church is so concerned about abortion.

"We need to be clear we are pro-life because of the sanctity of life of the unborn child," he said. "That's really important. ... It's not misogynist; it's about the child."

By the same reasoning — the sanctity of life — the conference is also concerned about a potential resumption of executions, in Kentucky, Hall told those gathered.

In 2022 the legislature banned death sentences for people who are severely mentally ill. But in 2023, Hall said, another bill expanded the death penalty by expanding the list of crimes that qualify for death sentences.

In the meantime, more legislators have suggested they are against capital punishment, Hall said.

this could become a live issue," he said.

After Hall's presentation, the Archdiocese of Louisville's pro-life coordinator, Stuart Hamilton, asked the respect life committee members to raise awareness about the pro-life landscape, both in their parishes and among parish youth.

The "Walking with Moms in Need" initiative, in which parishes provide support ministry to women in crisis, has had some successes, said Hamilton, encouraging parishes to get involved in the initiative.

Noting that his "heart is in youth ministry," Hamilton also urged parishes to address respect life issues with young people.

"Currently youth are not polling pro-life," he said. Yet, "this is the most justice-oriented generation since the 1950s."

Hamilton said youth are receiving a "distorted version" of abortion. "Our parishes need to engage the youth" and help them understand the sanctity of life, he said.

The conference is also monitoring the governor's efforts to amend regulations that could allow executions to resume, he said. Kentucky has had a moratorium on the death penalty since 2010.

"Trends may collide and

The archdiocese's Office of Family and Life Ministries, which sponsored the gathering Aug. 30, is planning four major events during October, Respect Life Month. The topics and dates are:

- **Adoption and Foster Care**, Oct. 4., St. Bernadette Church in Prospect, Ky., 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mass will precede it at 6:30 p.m.
- **"Modern Slavery: Human Trafficking in Kentucky,"** Oct. 11, St. Peter the Apostle Church, 5431 Johnsonstown Road, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Mass at 6:30 p.m.
- **"Preparing for End-of-Life,"** Oct. 18, St. Gabriel Church, 5505 Bardstown Road, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Mass at 6:30 p.m.
- **"Open Wide Our Hearts: A Pastoral Letter Against Racism,"** Oct. 23, Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 S. Fifth St., 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Ministry.



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