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## Celebrating women religious of the Diocese of Marquette

The Women Religious Jubilee was celebrated on Saturday, April 10 at St. Christopher Parish, Marquette. Bishop John Doerfler hosted the women religious from around the diocese for a meeting, Mass, and a meal. Pictured is Bishop John Doerfler with Sister Peggy Fornicola, who is celebrating her 60th Jubilee in 2021. For more photos of the event, as well as a feature on Sister Peggy Fornicola's jubilee, see pages 19 and 20.

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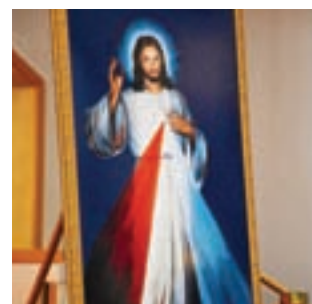
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## Through the Seasons

National Skilled Nursing Care Week • May 9-15, 2021

*Mother's Day is the start of National Nursing Home week!*  
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### Students search for signs of spring



PHOTO COURTESY OF FATHER MARQUETTE CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
 Pre-school students at Father Marquette Catholic Academy in Marquette made binoculars and went on a walk to look for signs of new life. Students reported they saw and heard birds as well as found flowers budding. Pictured, the students also happened to spy Mrs. Link through her classroom window on their walk.

### Special visitor at Holy Name Catholic School



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
 Miss Upper Peninsula, Kelsey Clark, reads to students at Holy Name Catholic School on April 8, 2021.



### Reverend Gregory Heikkala

*Dear Fr Greg,  
 Congratulations on 30 years of service to the People of God. All of us at St Christopher Parish thank you for all the ways you reveal the Kingdom of God!*

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 Marquette**

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## A letter to the Diocese of Marquette from Bishop John Doerfler

**D**ear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Praised be Jesus Christ our risen Lord!  
In this Eastertide, it is my hope and prayer that you are filled with the joy of the resurrection of Christ which renews the world.

As I mentioned in my column in The UP Catholic on March 12, the priests of the diocese and I have been meeting by video conference to discuss when and how to begin lifting the safety protocol that we have in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Considering those discussions, consultation with Catholic health care personnel in the UP, and prayerful discernment, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will be rescinded effective the weekend of Pentecost, May 22-23, 2021. If you are unable to attend Mass, you may speak with your pastor who can give you an individual dispensation. Though the pandemic is not over, the level of risk due to COVID-19 is not as high as a year ago. The level of spiritual risk due to prolonged absence from Mass is greater.

In addition, the following safety protocol is in effect through June 15, 2021.

- Church capacity is limited to approximately 50 percent.
- Churches will be regularly cleaned and sanitized.
- Face coverings that cover both mouth and nose are required except for young children and those who cannot medically tolerate a face covering.
- Keep a safe physical distance of six feet from people who are not of the same household.
- If possible, bring hand sanitizer with you and your own cleansing wipes to wipe down the area where you sit when you arrive and when you leave. If you do not have hand sanitizer, wash your hands before you come to the church and after you leave. Avoid touching your face until you have washed your hands.
- Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms such as a fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or any other symptoms of illness that could be transmitted or could compromise your health.
- Stay home if you have been exposed to a case of COVID-19 according to the quarantine protocol that is in effect. If you have had positive testing, stay at home until cleared by your doctor.
- Collection baskets should not be passed for the collection. Long handled collection baskets could be used if the handles are long enough for the ushers to keep a suitable distance.
- The congregational sign of peace may be exchanged

only if there is no physical contact.

- Serious consideration should be given to omitting congregational singing. If there is any congregational singing, it is to be strictly limited. Choirs are to be limited to a quartet with the singers wearing masks and safely spaced from each other and the congregation. Cantors are to be safely spaced from the congregation. Keep in mind that due to the projection of one's voice when singing, singers must be positioned considerably farther apart than six feet.
- Holy Water is to be removed from Holy Water fonts. Parishes may make other safe provisions for the distribution of Holy Water, such as making it available in individual, sanitized bottles or touchless dispensers.
- Communion will be distributed under the form of the Sacred Body only.
- You are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand as a temporary measure during the pandemic and as an act of charity toward the minister of Communion and the lay faithful in the Communion line.
- The principal celebrant and assisting deacon(s) should remove their face masks upon entering the sanctuary and keep a safe distance from other ministers as much as possible. Lectors may remove their face masks when proclaiming the Word of God. Servers and other ministers should wear face masks throughout the Mass and maintain a safe physical distance from other ministers as much as possible.
- The ciboria with hosts for the people should be set on a corporal towards the side of the altar. This allows the priest to proffer the words of consecration directly over the host he will consume, with the other hosts on the altar but not directly in front of the priest as he speaks the Eucharistic prayer. If the altar is small, the ciboria with hosts for the people should be covered.
- The celebrant, concelebrants and assisting deacon may receive Communion by intinction, or an individual chalice can be provided for each concelebrant and deacon. Communion should not be given to the faithful by intinction.
- All those distributing Communion should wear a face mask while distributing Communion. They should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after they put on and take off their face mask, before and after distributing Communion, and if they inadvertently contact the communicant, etc.
- The Sacrament of Penance is to be celebrated in locations that provide for the confidentiality of the penitent and safe distance between the priest and penitent. In general, confessionals should not be used because they do not provide adequate ventilation and safe distance.

• Baptisms, Confirmations, the Sacrament of Matrimony and Funeral Masses are celebrated with the same limitations on church capacity, physical distancing, etc., as indicated above.

- Mass and the other sacraments may be celebrated outdoors on church grounds.
- Outdoor prayer on church grounds is encouraged, such as adoration, benediction, rosary, May crowning, etc., provided that the people keep a safe distance of six feet.
- Parish gatherings that involve food service such as funeral lunches, coffee and donuts, etc., are permitted according to the health department regulations that are in effect.

Moreover, because the circumstances vary in different parts of the diocese, pastors have the discretion to implement additional safety protocol in their parishes, and to extend any or all the above protocol beyond June 15. Please consult with your parish for the protocol that is in place there. These are difficult decisions, and I give the pastors my full support for the decisions that they make in this regard.

I encourage you to seriously consider receiving a vaccination for COVID-19. It is morally permissible to receive the vaccines currently available, and it is a good way for us to show our love and concern for others by limiting the spread of disease in time of pandemic. I am fully vaccinated, and I am happy that I made that choice. I invite you to do the same.

As we celebrate the upcoming feast of Pentecost, let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for our spiritual renewal and the renewal of the whole Church. Now is the time to grow more fervent in the practice of our faith, particularly in the celebration of Mass.

In Sacred Scripture, heaven is often compared to a wedding banquet. Yet we do not have to die to begin to partake in it. Every time we celebrate Mass, we are participating in the eternal worship of God, and we share in the heavenly banquet of Christ's Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is not just a sign of Christ's presence. The bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Thus, we receive Jesus himself in Holy Communion. We are joined to him intimately and receive grace beyond our comprehension. We cannot fully share in this banquet by watching it on television any more than we can share a meal with family and friends virtually. We must be present to participate fully.

To help illustrate the importance of the Mass, let us look at an event in the early history of the Church.

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*"One of the graces I received manifested itself in numerous ways throughout the year: brotherhood. This was realized through close bonds formed while living in the rectory in Ishpeming, participating in Totus Tuus, and finally seminary life."*

# BISHOP JOHN DOERFLER: Letter to the Diocese of Marquette

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During the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Diocletian in the year 304 AD, a group of Christians in northern Africa were arrested for celebrating Mass. The notes of the raid and interrogation have been preserved. When the owner of the house in which the Mass was celebrated was asked why he did not prevent this from happening, he responded, "I could not because without the celebration of the Lord's Day we cannot live." These Christians were eventually put to death.

For these Christians, participating in the Mass was the

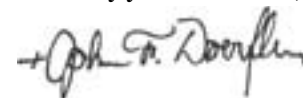
most important part of their life. Jesus in the Eucharist was the source and summit of their lives. So important to them was participating in the Mass, that they died for it. It has been some time now since we resumed the public celebration of Mass. If you have been afraid to return to Mass or have just fallen out of the practice of coming, be inspired by the example of these early Christians and come back to Mass. The Lord is inviting you to share in the heavenly banquet. Do not ignore his invitation.

How important is the Mass for us? The owner of the home said when asked why he did not stop the Mass from being celebrated in his home: "I could not because

without the celebration of the Lord's Day we cannot live." Let us strive to say the same. May the Lord bless you in abundance as you participate in the celebration of the Mass.

With prayers that your hearts be filled with the Joy of the Gospel, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, STD, JCL  
Bishop of Marquette

**ANNOUNCING  
THE ORDINATION  
OF  
DEACON  
BENJAMIN  
RIVARD  
TO THE  
PRIESTHOOD**



**AND THE ORDINATION OF  
CHRISTIAN FLAGSTADT  
AND  
BRANDON YANNI  
TO THE DIACONATE (TRANSITIONAL)**



(EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE)

**MAY & JUNE 2021**

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## Ordination season in the Diocese of Marquette

The Diocese of Marquette will celebrate two ordination Masses this year, one is scheduled in May and one in June. Bishop John Doerfler will ordain Deacon Benjamin Rivard to the priesthood, and Christian Flagstadt and Brandon Yanni to the diaconate (transitional). The ordinations will be live-streamed from St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette, and can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/theupcatholic](http://www.facebook.com/theupcatholic), or at [www.youtube.com/theupcatholic](http://www.youtube.com/theupcatholic). The ordination Masses will be invitation only this year due to COVID-19 regulations. Young men who are interested in learning more about the vocation to the priesthood are encouraged to contact vocations director Father Ben Hasse, pastor of St. Albert the Great, Houghton and St. Anne, Chassell at [benjhasse@yahoo.com](mailto:benjhasse@yahoo.com). Please continue to pray for these three men preparing for ordination, as well as an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Marquette.

### Ordination to the Priesthood



**DEACON BENJAMIN RIVARD**

**COMMUNITY:** All Saints, Gladstone  
**SEMINARY:** Sacred Heart, Detroit  
**PARENTS:** Jim & Michelle Rivard

### Ordination to the Diaconate (transitional)



**CHRISTIAN FLAGSTADT**

**COMMUNITY:** Holy Family, Flat Rock  
**SEMINARY:** Sacred Heart, Detroit  
**PARENTS:** Harold & Cathy Flagstadt



**BRANDON YANNI**

**COMMUNITY:** Holy Name of Mary, Sault Ste. Marie  
**SEMINARY:** Sacred Heart, Detroit  
**PARENTS:** Steve & Hedy Yanni

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

**Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, bishop of Marquette, announces the following:**

**Effective July 1, 2021:**

**Reverend Michael Chenier:** Reappointed Pastor of St. Joseph, Sault Ste. Marie.



Rev. Michael Chenier

**Reverend Janusz Romanek:** Reappointed Pastor of St. Mary & St. Joseph, Iron Mountain.



Rev. Janusz Romanek

**Reverend Msgr. Michael Steber:** Relieved as Vicar General for the Diocese of Marquette with gratitude for his service. He will retain his responsibilities as Pastor of St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette, and St. Mary, Big Bay.



Rev. Msgr. Michael Steber

**Reverend Timothy Ekaitis:** Relieved as Pastor of St. Mary, Norway, and St. Barbara, Vulcan, and appointed Vicar General for the Diocese of Marquette.



Rev. Timothy Ekaitis

**Reverend Martin Flynn:** Relieved as Pastor of St. Gregory, Newberry, St. Stephen, Naubinway, Our Lady of Victory, Paradise, St. Timothy, Curtis and Holy Rosary, Grand Marais, and appointed Pastor of St. Mary, Norway, and St. Barbara, Vulcan.



Rev. Martin Flynn

**Reverend Jacek Wtyklo:** Relieved as Pastor of St. John Neumann, Hermansville and Spalding, and St. Bruno, Nadeau, and as Vicar Forane of St. John Neumann Vicariate and appointed Pastor of St. Gregory, Newberry, St. Stephen, Naubinway, Our Lady of Victory, Paradise, and St. Timothy, Curtis.



Rev. Jacek Wtyklo

**Reverend Michael Ocran:** Appointed Pastor of Holy Rosary, Grand Marais, while retaining his responsibilities as Pastor of Sacred Heart, Munising, and St. Therese, AuTrain.



Rev. Michael Ocran

**Reverend Benny Mathew, MST:** Relieved as Associate Pastor



Rev. Benny Mathew, MST



Deacon Tom Moseley

of St. Louis the King, Marquette, and appointed Pastor of St. John Neumann, Hermansville and Spalding, and St. Bruno, Nadeau.

**Deacon Tom Moseley:** Relieved as deacon of St. Christopher, Marquette, and appointed deacon of Holy Rosary, Grand Marais, while retaining appointment as deacon of Sacred Heart, Munising, and St. Therese, AuTrain.

**Very Reverend Daniel Moll:** Relieved as Priest Moderator of St. Augustine, Republic, and Sacred Heart, Champion, and appointed Pastor of St. Christopher, Marquette, while retaining his responsibilities as Judicial Vicar, Chancellor and Vicar for Religious for the Diocese of Marquette.



Very Rev. Daniel Moll

**Reverend Greg Heikkala:** Relieved as Pastor of St. Christopher, Marquette, and appointed Priest Moderator of St. Augustine, Republic, and Sacred Heart, Champion, while retaining his responsibilities as Pastor of St. Michael, Marquette.



Rev. Greg Heikkala

**Reverend Dustin Larson:** Relieved as Associate Pastor of St. Christopher, Marquette, and appointed sacramental minister of St. Augustine, Republic, and Sacred Heart, Champion, while retaining his responsibilities as Associate Pastor of St. Michael, Marquette.



Rev. Dustin Larson

**Reverend Greg Veneklase:** Relieved as Pastor of St. Agnes, Iron River, St. Cecilia, Caspian, and Immaculate Conception, Watersmeet, and appointed chaplain for the Companions of Christ the Lamb Lay Association.



Rev. Greg Veneklase

**Reverend Jose Cherian:** Relieved as Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Goetzville, Sacred Heart, DeTour, St. Florence, Drummond Island, and Our Lady of the Snows, Hessel, and appointed Pastor of St. Agnes, Iron River, St. Cecilia, Caspian, and Immaculate Conception, Watersmeet.



Rev. Jose Cherian

**Reverend Jernej Šuštar:** Relieved as Associate Pastor of St.



Rev. Michael Kowalewski

Peter Cathedral, Marquette, and appointed Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Goetzville, Sacred Heart, DeTour, St. Florence, Drummond Island, and Our Lady of the Snows, Hessel.

**Reverend Michael Kowalewski:** Relieved as Associate Pastor of St. Mary Queen of Peace, Kingsford, St. Mary, Norway and St. Barbara, Vulcan, and appointed Associate Pastor of St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette, and St. Mary, Big Bay.

**Reverend Joseph Vandannoor, MST:** Relieved as Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, Rapid River, St. Rita, Trenary, and St. Joseph, Perkins, with our appreciation for his years of service to the Diocese of Marquette as he returns to serve the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle, Kerala, India.



Rev. William Ssozi

**Reverend William Ssozi:** Relieved as Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, Hancock, and St. Francis Xavier, Dollar Bay, and appointed Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, Rapid River, St. Rita, Trenary, and St. Joseph, Perkins.



Rev. Joseph Vandannoor, MST



Rev. Jubish Joseph

**Reverend Jubish Joseph:** Relieved as Pastor of Holy Redeemer, Menominee, and appointed Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, Hancock, and St. Francis Xavier, Dollar Bay.



Rev. Abraham Mupparathara, MST

**Reverend Abraham Mupparathara, MST:** Appointed Pastor of Holy Redeemer, Menominee, while retaining his responsibilities as Pastor of Holy Spirit, Menominee.

**Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, Bishop of Marquette, announces the following linkage changes:**

- Holy Rosary, Grand Marais is linked to Sacred Heart, Munising, and St. Therese, AuTrain.
- Holy Redeemer, Menominee is linked to Holy Spirit, Menominee.
- St. Christopher, Marquette is no longer linked to St. Michael, Marquette.

*Remember to pray for our clergy and religious*

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## Priest in Kenya Partners With Cross Catholic Outreach To Provide Poor With Safe Water

After more than 30 years in the priesthood, Father Fabian's passion for sharing God's mercy has only grown stronger. Originally from Ghana, he was first sent to Kenya by the Society of African Missionaries in 2002. It was there he discovered one of his life's greatest callings: bringing water to people who had none.

"That is one of my biggest dreams. Everyone should have access to clean and good water," Fr. Fabian said.

Over the course of six years, Fr. Fabian has collaborated with Cross Catholic Outreach to complete water system projects for 83,000 people in 27 villages throughout the Diocese of Lodwar. More recently, through the Good Samaritan Water Sanitation Services nonprofit he created to expand his mission, other water projects are being undertaken to benefit the poor in other Catholic dioceses. [See story on opposite page.]

"Fr. Fabian has asked Cross Catholic Outreach to join him in an ambitious plan to bring safe water to a 275-mile stretch of land shared by the Diocese of Machakos and Archdiocese of Mombasa," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. "We have completed six water systems so far, blessing about 50,724 people in the region, and we hope to bring safe water to 10 additional communities in the months ahead."

When Fr. Fabian first enters a new community to assess its situation, he begins by asking a simple question.

"You start by asking, 'What do you need?'" Fr. Fabian says. "Most of the time water is the first on their list."

According to Fr. Fabian, meeting

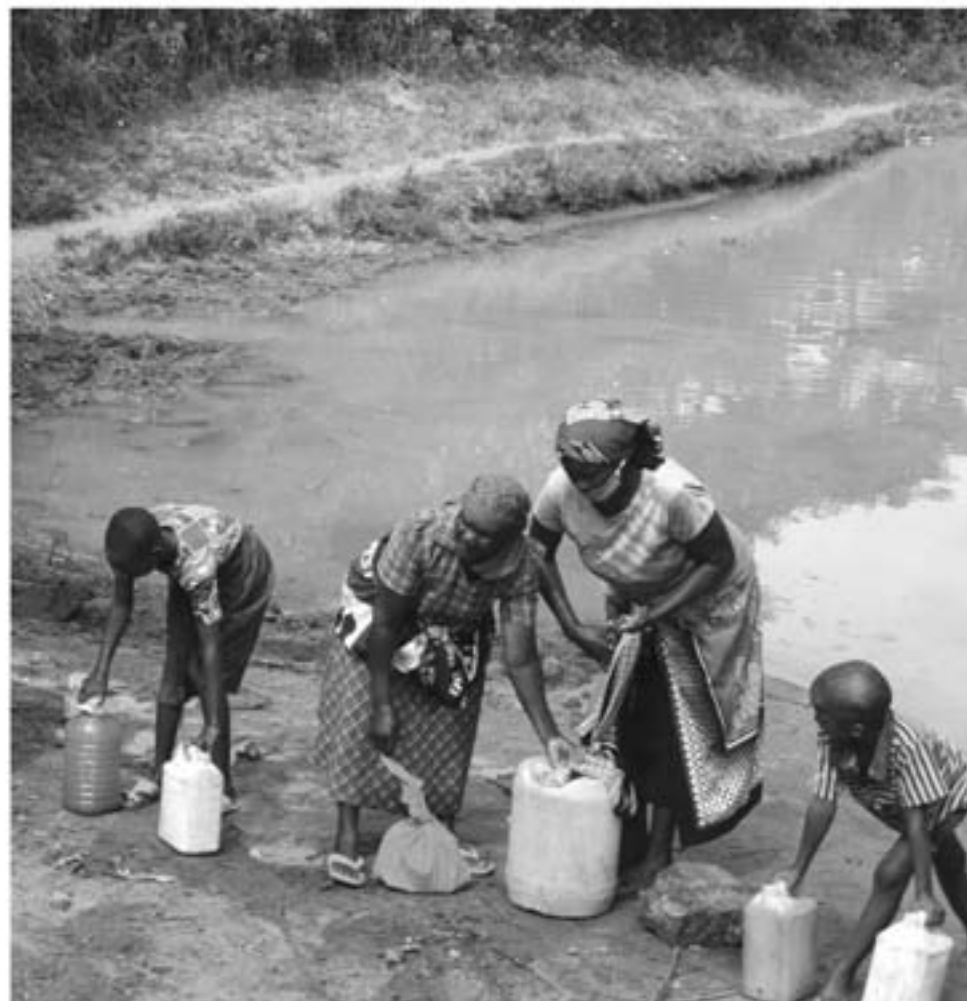
a community's most critical need — water — is the perfect way to share the love of God. One benefit is the way Fr. Fabian works through local parishes, empowering priests to care for their communities by overseeing water projects and appointing village water committees. This strengthens the relationship between the people and their parish, and many experience a deeper understanding of the abundant life that is available to them in Christ.

Many immediate benefits become apparent once communities gain access to clean water. Improved health and



restored faith are often two of the first blessings to reveal themselves.

"It saves the lives of most of these children. It also helps the spirituality of the people, giving them time to go to church," Fr. Fabian explained. "Priests call thanking you, saying, 'You can't imagine how many people



Fr. Fabian was appalled by the muddy water sources families were using, and he sought help from Cross Catholic Outreach to drill wells and install improved water systems. Working together, they hope to expand these efforts even more this year.

are attending Mass!"

There are other spiritual blessings that come from these projects too. According to Jim Cavnar, U.S. Catholics who help fund the work through Cross Catholic Outreach often share their enthusiasm for supporting mission work and say the experience gives them a greater appreciation for the impact of Catholic charity.

"Most American Catholics want to be more involved in helping the poor in developing countries, but they want to do something specific and meaningful like this," said Cavnar. "I'm sure they will rally to help Fr. Fabian with the work he has planned — and that they

will be blessed by the experience if they do."

*Readers interested in supporting Cross Catholic Outreach water programs and other outreaches to the poor can contribute through the ministry brochure inserted in this issue or send tax-deductible gifts to: Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01677, PO Box 97168, Washington DC 20090-7168. The ministry has a special need for partners willing to make gifts on a monthly basis. Use the inserted brochure to become a Mission Partner or write "Monthly Mission Partner" on mailed checks to be contacted about setting up those arrangements.*

## Legacy Giving Provides Catholics With Unique Opportunity To Bless Others

If you are like many Catholics born in the 1950s or before, you have probably begun to think about the spiritual legacy your life and actions represent. What did we care about? What did we value? These are some of the things we hope will be remembered.

"For a growing number of Catholics, this introspection has led to the exploration of 'legacy giving' — the use of one's will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy — to leave behind a blessing for others that will reverberate beyond their own lifetime, hopefully

influencing their family and others they cherish," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, an official Catholic relief and development charity with staff dedicated to such estate planning.

According to Cavnar, Cross Catholic Outreach has helped many Catholics establish these legacy gifts and expects them to play a significant role in future ministry missions.

"A will or trust can also reflect a person's special heart for a country or for an area of need. It can be used to

build houses for poor families or to build classrooms to educate children, for example," Cavnar said. "Others simply want to help the poorest of the poor and make their legacy gift for that purpose. It's their way of saying, 'As a Catholic, I value life and support works of mercy. I want my family to understand that calling and believe in it too.' And because legacy gifts can be quite large, they often achieve incredible things. A single one might build an entire school or fund the construction of hundreds of homes. It's producing an amazing impact

and serves as an incredible testament to the faith of the giver."

In addition to this service, Cross Catholic Outreach's staff can also support donors seeking to establish a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust or special endowment. Financial planners can also obtain information to help those who seek professional counsel or have donor-advised funds.

To learn more about these services, the charity recommends readers visit its special online portal at [CrossCatholicLegacy.org](http://CrossCatholicLegacy.org).

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# U.S. Catholics Are Blessing the Poor in Kenya by Addressing Their Urgent Need for Safe Water

Gladys Mghoi is helping to raise her grandchildren in Mokine, a small village situated in the Archdiocese of Mombasa. Every morning, she wakes up at around 4 a.m. to start the long and arduous process of collecting water for the day.

"In Gladys' simple home, there is no tap to turn to get a supply of water. She lives in an impoverished village, and like most everyone else there, she must travel to a distant source to get the water her family needs," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a leading relief and development charity assisting Catholic missions in Africa. "It's tragic, but water scarcity is common in many parts of Kenya. People in remote areas tend to be desperately poor, and their villages have no infrastructure to supply water. To get what they need to survive, they face a lot of hardships."

In Gladys' case, quenching the thirst of her grandchildren means a walk of nearly 2 miles to a dry riverbed. There, villagers have dug a hole that allows water to seep up from the ground. It is a slow process, so Gladys and the others who come to the spot often have to wait in line more than an hour to fill their containers with muddy water from the pit.

The walk home with this "reward" is also a challenge because the jerrycan she uses can become very heavy when it is full.

Because of Gladys' age and health, her older grandchildren usually assist with this exhausting process. When they do, it disadvantages the family again. Water collection often takes so long the children either arrive late to class or miss school altogether.

According to Cavnar, solving the water scarcity problem is a priority for Cross Catholic Outreach because a lack of clean water has a negative impact in so many areas of a poor family's life.

"One of our biggest concerns is the poor quality of the water they currently collect," he said. "The muddy stuff is often tainted with bacteria, parasites and the chemical runoff from local farms."

Gladys is aware of this threat too, but since there is no alternative, she sees no other way to proceed.

"We collect water which is very, very dirty, and then it will become very difficult for us and very unhealthy for our consumption," Gladys admitted. "This water is very dirty. It is very murky. At the same time, because we



*Gladys Mghoi and her grandchildren face tremendous challenges obtaining their daily water supply. They currently walk far to collect contaminated water — because they have no other option. With the help of the Church, this hardship can end.*

have no option, we have to drink it the way it is."

As bleak as this situation may seem, Gladys and her neighbors have a reason to feel hopeful. A local priest has become aware of the village's hardships and is working to provide relief through a partnership with Cross Catholic Outreach. If this project is successful, the challenges she faces in collecting water may soon be over.

"Our goal now is to get the financial backing of U.S. Catholics to fund this special project," Cavnar said. "If they respond generously, and I believe they will, we can ensure Gladys and her grandchildren have safe water to drink for many years to come."

Addressing specific needs like this is what Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to accomplish. For nearly 20 years, the Catholic ministry has partnered with a local Catholic priest, religious sisters or missions to solve the problems of the poor.

"U.S. Catholics have been very interested in helping the poor using our approach because they like funding specific needs and supporting the local Catholic clergy," Cavnar said. "They

want their donated dollars to have a profound and lasting impact, so water projects are the kind of outreach they like best. Providing safe water addresses many needs — from quenching thirst to restoring health to supporting educational goals. In this case, it will also bring long-awaited relief to precious people like Gladys."

The grandmother confirmed that fact as she explained yet another reason she sees the proposed water project as a blessing.

"It is not very safe for me to collect water as an elderly person, but since there is no alternative, we have to

risk our lives," Gladys explained.

"Sometimes because of my weakness, I can fall down. Sometimes there are also wild animals [such as] hyenas in the area."

These risks will also be eliminated when the water project is completed.

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## Holy Name Class of 2017 visits elementary school

BY VICTORIA LAFAVE  
THE U.P. CATHOLIC

Members of Holy Name Catholic School's Class of 2017, who will be graduating from high school this spring, visited Holy Name on April 8. They attended a special Mass celebrated by Father Robb Jurkovich, chaplain at OSF St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group.

In his homily to the students, Father Jurkovich encouraged the students to water the seeds of their Catholic faith and to pray the simple prayer, "Jesus, I trust in You" often. Doing this, he said, will keep them connected to Jesus Christ and help them to remember what is important in their lives.

Holy Name principal Joseph Carlson then spoke to the graduates after Mass, describing them as a very kind, close-knit group. Carlson shared memories with the students and reminded them of their votes for Class Favorites. He thanked the students' parents and other family members who were present for the Mass, including those who participated virtually via Zoom. "You're a great group, and I know you will go on to do great things," Carlson said, assuring them that he is proud of their achievements. He summed up by encouraging the graduates to always remember Holy Name as they go on in their lives.

Holy Name's alumni/development director Michelle Bink also spoke to the students and gifted them—on behalf of HNCS—with San Damiano crosses (with "J.M.J. Holy Name Catholic School Class of 2017" printed on the back) and personalized gourmet cookies.

Students and their families then watched



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Pictured is the HNCS Class of 2017, including the following students: In the back row (from left to right) are: Derek Douglas, Eastin Young, Spencer Fennell, Trevor Englund, Aaron Rosendahl, and Dayton Benson. Pictured in the front row (from left to right) are: Grace Rexford, Ava Burrows, Lisette LaFave, Ariella Murray, Vanessa Fields, Madison Mishica, and Liliana Benoit. Kendra Bouchard, Caleb Lake and Caleb Ouwinga, were not able to attend.

a short slideshow showing photos from their time at Holy Name. The graduates then enjoyed lunch together and were invited to walk through the school to see their former teachers and the improvements that have been made to the building since they graduated.

Most of the graduates will be attending college. Two will be playing sports in college: Madison Mishica will play women's hockey for Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., while Derek Douglas will compete in track & field and cross country at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn.

*Holy Name Catholic School, located at 409 So. 22nd Street, is currently offering open registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Call the school office at (906) 786-7550 for more information.*

## Baby Bottle Boomerang challenge at Father Marquette Catholic Academy



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Father Marquette Catholic Academy recently organized a Baby Bottle Boomerang challenge, where all the classes competed to raise money for the Care Clinic MQT-Sawyer-Ishpeming. The students brought in their change at the end of the challenge and raised more than \$1,000. Pictured is Greg Gostomski, executive director of the Care Clinic, with Miss Wayland's 4th grade class. These students raised the most money during the school-wide challenge and were treated to a pizza party.



# Benedict XVI turns 94 years old

(CNA) Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was born 94 years ago on April 16, in the town of Marktl, Bavaria. More than eight years after he announced his retirement from the papacy in 2013, Benedict continues to live a retired life in the Mater Ecclesiae monastery on Vatican grounds.

Despite growing feebleness, the retired pope is in good health, and has marked his April 16 birthday each year, sometimes in the presence of family and friends. This is Benedict's first birthday since the death of his older brother Georg Ratzinger on July 1, 2020 in Bavaria. The pope emeritus was able to say a last goodbye to his brother during a trip to Germany at the end of June.

Benedict's birthday in 2020 was marked quietly, as Italy was under lockdown because of the COVID-19 pandemic. His personal secretary, Archbishop Georg Ganswein, told Vatican News Benedict XVI's 93rd birthday began with Mass in the monastery chapel, and included prayer and reading. He also listened to a few traditional songs from his homeland of Bavaria. Since he could not have visitors, Benedict received many

emails, letters, and phone calls wishing him a happy birthday.

In 2018, Benedict was treated to a private concert by the Swiss Guard band. The day after his 90th birthday in 2017, he was thrown a Bavarian-style party, complete with pretzels and German beer.

The Schützen association, which re-enacts a 19th-century Tyrol military, played music for the party; guests included Georg Ratzinger and the Bavarian Prime Minister Horst Seehofer. This party is the origin of iconic photos of Benedict XVI holding a large stein of beer, though the manager of an Austrian restaurant near the Vatican said Benedict usually preferred to drink orange soda, known by the brand name Fanta, on his frequent visits to the eatery as a cardinal.

Benedict XVI resigned from the papacy in 2013, citing advanced age and declining strength that made it difficult to carry out his ministry. He was the first pope to resign in nearly 600 years. Since his retirement, Benedict's birthday celebrations have sometimes included visits or messages from Pope Francis.

In 2008, in a speech to the participants

in the plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Family, Benedict XVI reflected on the place of grandparents in society and warned that an individualistic mindset is injuring the elderly.

"In the past, grandparents had an important role in the life and growth of the family," he said. "Even with their advancing age they continued to be present with their children, their grandchildren and even their great-grandchildren, giving a living witness of caring, sacrifice and a daily gift of themselves without reserve. They were witnesses of a personal and community history that continued to live on in their memories and in their wisdom."

Today, he continued, "the elderly, including many grandparents, find themselves in a sort of 'parking area:' some realize they are a burden to their family and prefer to live alone or in retirement homes with all the consequences that such decisions entail."

"Unfortunately, it seems that the 'culture of death' is advancing on many fronts and is also threatening the season of old-age," Benedict said. "With growing



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Pope Francis greets Benedict XVI after the creation of new cardinal Nov. 28, 2020

insistence, people are even proposing euthanasia as a solution for resolving certain difficult situations."

He encouraged Catholics to join together to defeat "all forms of marginalization, for it is not only they -- grandfathers, grandmothers, senior citizens -- who are being injured by the individualistic mindset, but everyone."



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## Soon-to-be-beatified Italian woman pioneered faith-based feminism

(CNA) Armida Barelli, a lay Catholic leader who formed “generations of conscious and motivated women” in the faith, will be beatified after the Church approved a miracle attributed to her intercession.

Born in Milan in 1882, Barelli came of age at a time when Italy’s first secular feminists emerged from the women’s suffrage movement, adding calls for divorce rights and more non-religious schools to their campaigns. She served as president of the National Girls Youth of Catholic Action for more than three decades, helping young women to be formed in “a Eucharistic spirituality” and to recognize their equal “baptismal dignity” with men, according to the vice postulator for her sainthood cause, Ernesto Preziosi.

“She had a unique way of enhancing ‘the feminine genius,’” Preziosi said.

“Ultimately, hers was not a feminism seen in the wake of the secular and socialist movements then present; for her and for the young women gathered in the National Girls Youth of Catholic Action, the dignity and freedom of women had a spiritual foundation, nourished by formation,” he said.

“In fact, she mobilized thousands of young women — without following in the footsteps of secular feminism which was then in the process of spreading — helping them to find their baptismal dignity and substantial freedom with recognition of equal dignity with men, all rooted in a Eucharistic spirituality,” he said.

Barelli was raised in an upper-class family in Milan,

where she was educated by Ursuline nuns in primary school before being sent to a boarding school in Menzingen, Switzerland run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Barelli was drawn to dedicate herself to the Lord and serving the poor, particularly orphans and children of prisoners. Under the spiritual guidance of Franciscan Father Agostino Gemelli, Barelli discerned a lay vocation as a Third Order Franciscan in 1910. Blessed Cardinal Andrea Ferrari, the archbishop of Milan, asked her to help found the city’s Catholic women’s chapter of Catholic Action and then recommend her abilities to Pope Benedict XV.

At first, Barelli did not especially want to accept her archbishop’s invitation to lead the women’s group, Preziosi said. “But then noticing the difficulties with which the young women lived at that time, she accepted the challenge and went on to work tirelessly, reaching unimaginable results... in the formation of the Catholic laity.”

Barelli met with Pope Benedict XV in 1918 for a private audience in which he appointed her as president of National Girls Youth of Catholic Action. Serving in that role from 1918 to 1946, Barelli formed “generations of conscious and motivated women,” Preziosi said. Barelli had a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which helped to spread among the Catholic women she encountered. “For her, the Sacred Heart is the ‘Heart of the King’, the merciful love of Christ, which invests every

human action,” Preziosi said.

She went on to help found the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan, collected a fund to open an orphanage in northern China, and founded the Secular Institute of the Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ together with Father Gemelli. She died in 1952 after suffering for three years from a progressive chronic illness. Barelli’s cause for sainthood was opened by the Archdiocese of Milan in 1960. Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed her Venerable in 2007 in recognition of a life of heroic virtue. On Feb. 20, 2021, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to Barelli’s intercession, paving the way for her upcoming beatification.

The miracle involved the healing of Alice Maggini, who was hit by a truck while riding her bicycle in 1989 in Prato, Italy after which the doctors predicted severe neurological repercussions. Maggini’s family invoked the intercession of Barelli, who was then a Servant of God, and Maggini was completely healed in a scientifically inexplicable way and did not suffer any later consequences of the injury until her death in 2012.

The current president of Italy’s Catholic Action, Matteo Truffelli, welcomed the news that Barelli will soon be declared a ‘Blessed.’ “Traveling down unexplored paths in the proclamation of the Gospel, Armida met thousands of young women, arousing in all of them a creative, daring, courageous and enthusiastic faith, and stirring in them the desire to involve many other people in this mission,” Truffelli said.



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### Divine Mercy celebrated at St. Michael Parish, Marquette



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(Top) Brigitta Gedvillas gives a presentation about her prayerful construction of the Divine Mercy tapestry on display for veneration at St. Michael Parish in Marquette on April 11, 2021. Photo albums and scrapbooks were available for viewing that detailed the history of the tapestry, as well as the various places Gedvillas has traveled for the tapestry to be venerated. (Middle) Matt Surrell takes a photo from the aisle during the Divine Mercy service. (Bottom) Brigitta Gedvillas bows her head in prayer as the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed.



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# Being a witness as a young family

A Q&A with Megan & Jake Hansen

BY HATTIE HANOLD  
THE U.P. CATHOLIC

**Tell me about yourselves:**

**Megan:** My name is Megan Hansen. I live in Escanaba and have lived here my whole life. I am currently a stay-at-home mom. I attend St. Anne Parish of Escanaba. I love spending time outside hiking and camping. I also enjoy coordinating the Youth Encounter movement.

**Jake:** Hi, I'm Jake Hansen. I live in Escanaba, with my wife Megan and our daughter. I am a realtor for Premier Real Estate, working in the Delta County area. I attend Mass at St Anne Parish in Escanaba, and in my free time I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family and dog.

**Where and when did you get married?**

We got married on July 13, 2019 at St. Anne Parish in Escanaba

**What was the best piece of advice you received before entering the sacrament of marriage?**

**Megan:** To keep our marriage focused on God and to always listen to what the other has to say.

**Jake:** The best piece of advice that I received before getting married is to always remember to have God at the center of our relationship and not stress about anything else.

**You welcomed your first child in 2020, how has becoming parents impacted your faith life?**

**Megan:** It has helped me grow in my faith to make sure I am the best example for her.

**Jake:** Since having our daughter I have come to realize how important it is for me to be a witness of our faith in my everyday life and to set an example for others around me.

**Who is a person that has influenced your Catholic faith?**

**Megan:** A person who has influenced my faith



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Jake and Megan Hansen pose for a family photo with their daughter, Georgianna.

life is Matt Buchmiller. He was my high school youth group leader.

**Jake:** One Catholic who has influenced my life greatly would be St. Padre Pio. I feel that his life and dedication to the faith is something that we should all imitate.

**What is your favorite family tradition during the liturgical year?**


**Megan:** My favorite tradition is attending the Easter Triduum Liturgies. I also look forward to starting new ones with our daughter.

**Jake:** My favorite tradition during the liturgical year is setting up the nativity set in our living room.

**Any advice for Catholics young and old?**

**Megan:** My advice would be to always turn toward God, and even when you think he is not there He is. You just need to be patient.

**Jake:** My advice for today's Catholics is to remember to keep your faith rooted in Christ and Christ alone.



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## Allentown bishop proclaims Year of the Real Presence

(CNA) The bishop of Allentown, Pa. has proclaimed a jubilee year to promote a greater dedication to the Holy Eucharist.

Bishop Alfred Schlert of Allentown declared a "Year of the Real Presence," which began on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, and will end on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022. The jubilee also aligns with the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the diocese.

During the jubilee year, Catholics in the diocese can obtain a partial indulgence by taking part in any of the jubilee events, including the closing Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins which have already been forgiven. It may be applied to oneself or to a soul in Purgatory.

Bishop Schlert's decree clarified that those who are sick, elderly, or unable to leave their homes may still obtain the indulgence if they spiritually unite themselves to the event taking place and offer their prayers and sufferings to God.

A 2019 Pew Research study found that just 31 percent of U.S. Catholics believe that the bread and wine used in the Eucharist, through a process called transubstantiation, become the Body and Blood of Jesus—a fundamental teaching central to the Catholic faith, known as the Real Presence. The survey's release prompted calls for better catechesis and formation for Catholics in the

country.

Bishop Schlert said it is his obligation as a bishop to foster greater devotion to the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and provide spiritual sustenance to help the faithful maintain their Christian vocations so "that they may know more fully, and live out the Paschal Mystery of Christ, by leading lives of holiness, promoting the growth of the Church, and contributing to the sanctification of the world."

He challenged all Catholics in the diocese to reflect on the Last Supper, when Christ instituted the Eucharist. He said the bread and wine, which become the Body and Blood of Christ, are a promise of God's love for his people.

"Because this Mystery of Faith was mandated by Christ to be carried out by the Apostles and their successors until He returns, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated down throughout the ages," he said.

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*Turning to Nature, escaping for a while the pressing and sometimes obsessive rhythm of the city, allows you to listen to that ancient and always new language which, by way of beauty, brings one to the threshold of mystery. Oh, if we could only make enough silence around and within us to listen to that language and let it speak to our hearts.*

- Pope John Paul II

# Statement of USCCB Chairmen on verdict in trial of Derek Chauvin

WASHINGTON – Following the verdict in the trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis, Minn. on April 20, 2021, Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development issued a statement.

The bishops' full statement follows:

"Today, a jury found Derek Chauvin guilty of the murder of George Floyd. As we receive this result, we recall that God is the source of all justice, love, and mercy. The death of George Floyd highlighted and amplified the deep need to see the sacredness in all people, but especially those who have been historically oppressed. Whatever the stage of human life, it not only matters, it is sacred.

"The events following George Floyd's death also highlighted the urgent need for racial healing and reconciliation. As we have seen so plainly this past year, social injustices still exist in our country, and the nation remains deeply divided on how to right those wrongs. We join our voices and prayers in support of Archbishop Bernard Hebda of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and the entire Minnesota Catholic Conference which said today:

'As a diverse community, the Catholic Church is committed to changing hearts and minds and to

moving the conversation about race in this country beyond accusations and recriminations toward practical, nonviolent solutions to the everyday problems that are encountered in these communities.'

"Let us pray that through the revelation of so much pain and sadness, that God strengthens us to cleanse our land of the evil of racism which also manifests in ways that are hardly ever spoken, ways that never reach the headlines. Let us then join in the hard work of peacefully rebuilding what hatred and frustration has torn down. This is the true call of a disciple and the real work of restorative justice. Let us not lose the opportunity to pray that the Holy Spirit falls like a flood on our land again, as at Pentecost, providing us with spiritual, emotional, and physical healing, as well as new ways to teach, preach, and model the Gospel message in how we treat each other."

The USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism has prepared resources for prayer which may be found here; earlier this week, Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and priests across the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis offered special Masses "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice." Last summer, several bishop chairmen of USCCB committees and the president of the Conference issued statements regarding George Floyd's death in addition to the individual statements by bishops from around the United States.

## Receiving the Eucharist: is one species sufficient?

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that receiving the bread alone "has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But the 'sign of Communion is more complete when given under both kinds'" (CCC, No. 1390). The U.S. bishops have approval from the Holy See to authorize the distribution of both species at Communion.
- The Church has taught that each species (bread and wine) alone contains the body, blood, soul and divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which can never be separated.
- From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal: "Above all, they [pastors] should instruct the Christian faithful that the Catholic faith teaches that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and consequently that as far as the effects are concerned, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any of the grace that is necessary for salvation" (No. 282).
- Because the distribution of both the Body and Blood at Holy Communion is not a universal practice, the 2011 Vatican document "Doctrinal Formation and Communion Under Both Kinds clarifies the following: "The purpose, then, of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds, is not that the faithful receive more grace than when they receive it under one kind alone, but that the faithful are enabled to appreciate vividly the value of the sign. Sadly, this distinction has not always been made clear and some people, when not offered Holy Communion under both kinds, have expressed a sense of bewilderment, even thwarted entitlement, or a feeling that Holy Communion under one kind alone was, to some extent, deficient."
- Did you know? During the holy sacrifice of the Mass, only the priest celebrant is obligated to receive both the consecrated bread and consecrated wine. He fulfills the commands Christ gave to the apostles at the Last Supper "to eat of it, drink from it, do this in memory of me."

• If the chalice is not offered to parishioners, bread alone suffices as it contains the Body and Blood of Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote: "The perfection of the sacrament does not lie in the use of the faithful, but in the consecration of the matter. And hence, there is nothing derogatory to the perfection of this sacrament: if the people receive the body without the blood, provided the priest who consecrates receives both" (Summa Theologiae III, 86, a 12, ad 2).

Information adapted from and provided by OSV News. To read the full article, visit: [www.osvnews.com/2020/06/12/communion-under-one-kind/](http://www.osvnews.com/2020/06/12/communion-under-one-kind/)



## USCCB pro-life committee on chemical abortion pill policy change

WASHINGTON – The Food and Drug Administration announced April 20, 2021 that they will no longer be enforcing the "in-person dispensing requirement" for the chemical abortion pills during the remainder of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This requirement was put in place by public health officials over twenty years ago, under President Bill Clinton, as a necessary precondition to ensure that pregnant women do not have contraindications that would make the abortion pills even more unsafe and possibly deadly for the woman. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued the following statement:

"It is difficult to see the FDA's decision to not enforce important safety protocols as anything other than callous capitulation to the requests of abortion activists without regard for the health and safety of the women involved. An in-person evaluation by a medical professional is necessary to accurately determine the age of the baby (abortion pills are only approved for use in the first 70 days), whether the pregnancy is ectopic (which the woman has no way of knowing on her own), and to test and treat for Rh-incompatibility between mother and baby. Without this information and proper treatment, a woman's health, future fertility, and life are placed in serious jeopardy. With this decision, not only are women being sold the lie that abortion will solve their problems, but also that chemical abortion is a safe and easy way to go about it. By pushing women away from medical oversight, abortion advocates are luring women into isolated, unsafe, and medically unwise decisions. The inalienable dignity of women and their unborn children deserves so much more."

## Catholics can now support national programs with #iGiveCatholic

WASHINGTON - Catholics can now support eight programs administered by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) through the online giving platform #iGiveCatholic Together. The programs being supported provide material aid to people of all faiths and support Catholic ministries in regions where the Church cannot sustain itself. Annual national collections have been the primary source of funding for these vital programs since their inception. People can learn more about each of the eight programs at [www.usccb.org/committees/national-collections](http://www.usccb.org/committees/national-collections).

"These programs help those living on the margins of society and those who are spiritually isolated, said Archbishop Paul D. Etienne of Seattle, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on National Collections. "The need is great because gifts to some of these programs plummeted by more than half in 2020 with the COVID pandemic. These programs rely on the modest gifts that make a tremendous impact in the lives of people who are hungry, persecuted, or in spiritual need."

"#iGiveCatholic makes it simple to do what our Lord has told us to do: to love God and our neighbors," Archbishop Etienne said. "Gifts to these USCCB programs are a tangible testimony of the love and mercy of Catholic people across the United States. Together, we are one Church with one mission." #iGiveCatholic is the nonprofit parent organization of #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday, the U.S. Catholic Church's Giving Day. The newly established #iGiveCatholic Together is a year-round platform to connect the generosity of faithful donors with ministries that impact our communities locally, nationally, and around the world.

#iGiveCatholic Together expands opportunities to give, supplementing the online and e-giving platforms of dioceses and parishes

## *During pandemic, Catholic schools rise to the challenge*

Every year at the end of January, Catholics across the country observe Catholic Schools Week. The celebration, usually marked by service projects and activities to build camaraderie and school spirit, honors the quality, values-based education offered by Catholic schools. While the COVID-19 pandemic changed how staff and students were able to celebrate this year, it also clearly emphasized the significant impact schools have on Michigan families, especially during difficult times. One example of this impact is mentioned in a resolution passed by state lawmakers in January: “Catholic schools provided nearly uninterrupted instruction to their students during state-mandated pandemic school building closures” (Senate Resolution 6 of 2021 and House Resolution 21 of 2021).



### THE WORD FROM LANSING

Paul A. Long

That nearly uninterrupted instruction has mattered a great deal for students attending Catholic schools. In the midst of dramatic changes caused by the pandemic, Catholic schools have been a consistent, positive presence for many families. Administrators and staff have implemented vigorous safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing, physical barriers for desks, mask policies, and sanitation stations. They have spent countless hours seeking creative solutions to ensure that academic growth continues in their students, despite the unpredictability of the virus. And recognizing the severe mental health outcomes that have arisen during this difficult time, they have also worked to provide safe, in-person schooling

options or opportunities for virtual connection whenever possible.

The financial investment these schools have made has not gone unnoticed. In December 2020, the U.S. Congress passed a \$900 billion coronavirus relief bill that was signed into law by then-President Donald Trump. Included within the package was approximately \$2.75 billion for the Emergency Assistance to Non-public Schools (EANS) program for states to opt-into, which will assist nonpublic schools with costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, such as personal protection equipment, learning recovery programs, and cleaning supplies. Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) encouraged Governor Whitmer’s office to apply for Michigan’s share of the funds—almost \$87 million—and expressed its gratitude when the request was made.

Michigan Catholic Conference, in partnership with the Michigan Association of Non-public Schools (MANS), has collaborated with the Michigan Department of Education to develop a plan for grant submission and the distribution of funds. The three organizations have also assisted non-public schools by sharing information about the funding’s availability and the application process. Even though the money was awarded to the state, the Michigan Legislature is required to appropriate the funds through a budget bill in order for them to be disbursed. Nearly 1,300 grassroots messages were sent to lawmakers through MCC’s grassroots email network requesting the funding be approved. Members of the House and Senate have expressed support for the appropriation and have included it in supplemental budget bills to be disbursed before October 1 of this year. Unfortunately, disagreements between the Legislature and the Governor’s office have brought about uncertainty about the

funding for schools, including two vetoes.

These disagreements are holding up needed aid for schools in order to keep Michigan children safe. Coming to an agreement is critical, especially as a new round of federal COVID relief signed into law by President Joe Biden provides additional aid for Michigan schools, public and nonpublic. Student needs must come before politics.

Prior to the pandemic, MCC has been a strong advocate for caring for all students, regardless of the type of school they attend. Over the last several years, the Conference championed the inclusion of funding in the state budget to assist nonpublic schools with costs related to State health, safety, and welfare requirements. These requirements included maintaining vaccination records, conducting criminal background checks on school staff, and taking attendance. While the funding has been a topic of discussion before the Michigan courts due to the state’s strict limits on aid to nonpublic schools, Michigan’s Supreme Court recently upheld a lower court ruling that the funding is constitutional.

The past thirteen months have been difficult, but Catholic schools have risen to the challenge to make a positive difference for families. MCC will continue to urge elected officials in Lansing to recognize their effort and to put the safety of all students first.

*The Word from Lansing is a regular column for Catholic news outlets and is written by Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) President and CEO Paul A. Long. Michigan Catholic Conference is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in this state.*

**For the latest updates on the EANS funding, visit [www.micatholic.org](http://www.micatholic.org).**

## Vatican dedicates May to global rosary ‘marathon’ for end of COVID

(CNA) The Vatican has announced a rosary initiative dedicating the month of May to prayer for an end to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization said April 21 that “for the deep desire of the Holy Father, the month of May will be dedicated to a prayer marathon with the theme ‘Prayer to God went up incessantly from the whole Church.’”

The council said that the world’s Catholic shrines would be involved in a special way as promoters of the rosary among Catholic individuals, families, and communities.

Thirty of the shrines will take turns leading a daily live-streamed rosary at 12 p.m. Eastern time, the council said.

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Francis will open the month of prayer on May 1, asking for Mary’s intercession.

Pope Francis spoke about the coronavirus and its

economic effects in a video message to participants in the 27th Ibero-American Summit in Andorra April 21.

The COVID-19 pandemic “has demanded enormous sacrifices from each nation and its citizens,” he said. The crisis has called on “the entire international community to commit, united, with a spirit of responsibility and fraternity, to face the many challenges already in action, and those which will come.”

The pope said that he had prayed for the millions of people who have died from COVID-19 or who are suffering from the illness, as well as their families.

“The pandemic has made no distinctions and has hit people of all cultures, creeds, social and economic strata,” he said.

He emphasized the importance of considering anti-COVID vaccination as a “universal common good.”

He said: “In this area, initiatives that seek to create new forms of solidarity at the international

level are particularly welcome, with mechanisms aimed at guaranteeing an equitable distribution of vaccines, not based on purely economic criteria, but taking into account the needs of all, especially those of the most vulnerable and needy.”

“It is urgent to consider a recovery model capable of generating new, more inclusive and sustainable solutions, aimed at the universal common good, fulfilling God’s promise for all men,” Pope Francis said.

He added that, in responding to the coronavirus, attention should be paid to reforming the international debt structure and allowing access to external financing to promote economic development “so that everyone can get out of the current situation with the best chance of recovery.”

“None of this will be possible without a strong political will that has the courage to decide to change things, mainly priorities, so that it is not the poor who pay the highest cost for these tragedies that are hitting our human family,” he said.

### Blessing of a child in the womb

God, author of all life, bless, we pray, this unborn child; give constant protection and grant a healthy birth that is the sign of our rebirth one day into the eternal rejoicing of heaven.

## St. Joseph opens our eyes

On Dec. 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared the entire upcoming year to be the Year of St. Joseph. He did this to honor the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, which occurred on Dec. 8, 1870. Pope Francis said that he was also drawn to honor St. Joseph because the coronavirus pandemic has prompted him to consider the virtues of this quiet hero from the Gospels.

### LIGHT ONE CANDLE

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In his Apostolic Letter "With a Father's Heart," Francis related the character of St. Joseph to the heroic nature of those on the front lines of the pandemic. Specifically, he referenced a line from his own 2020 "Meditation in the Time of Pandemic," in explaining his desire

to honor St. Joseph, saying:

"My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how 'our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in

these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others."

What a beautiful analogy Pope Francis draws between St. Joseph and those who toil in our own time to serve those who God has entrusted to their care. Consider the courage of caregivers who have continued to show up for work over the past year, in situations that were invariably much riskier than most other jobs; or the cleaning personnel in hospitals and other public buildings, who have made the world a safer place for the rest of us. These are unsung heroes who have answered the call to protect, defend, and watch over others in the same way Joseph was called to protect, defend, and watch over Mary and Jesus.

Doing our duty is usually not a glamorous endeavor, yet it is often the endeavor that draws us closest to God, and this is because doing our duty requires love and fidelity to the mission God has given us. God wants us to be capable of standing up for what's

right, and we exercise that ability every time we humbly take up our cross and perform the tasks that have been put before us.

We currently find ourselves in between the two feast days of St. Joseph. The first was on March 19, when we celebrated Joseph as father figure and patron of the Universal Church and the dying. The second is on May 1st, celebrating St. Joseph the Worker. So, as we find ourselves in this Year of St. Joseph, this is a good time to reflect upon the way in which this great saint is a model for us all.

St. Josemaria Escriva once said, "Joseph's faith does not falter, he obeys quickly and to the letter." What a profound statement about the loyalty Joseph showed to God throughout his life. Joseph's faith in God strengthened him to protect the Holy Family and to help Mary raise Jesus in the right way so that he could fulfill his mission. We are all called to this kind of service, to trust in God and remain loyal to all that is good and true, so that we can do our part to foster a world where Christ can flourish.

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## Countering Catholic misinformation about vaccines

A priest recently mentioned to me that he was not planning to get the COVID-19 vaccine. He told me he was concerned that RNA vaccines could alter our DNA and he heard there were also risks to fertility.

I replied that those particular concerns were unsubstantiated, and not scientifically correct, and encouraged him to be vigilant about various forms of misinformation, including "Catholic" misinformation that can spread rapidly on social media.

In a January 2021 article in *Crisis Magazine*, for example, AnnaMaria Cardinalli repeats several errors regarding a cell line widely used in vaccine production and research. Her comments appear to be based on a problematic LifeSite News interview by John Henry Westen with former graduate student Pamela Acker:



### MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

Father Tad  
Pacholczyk, Ph. D

"Acker speaks about her research into the HEK-293 cell line specifically, and talks about the number that's at the end of that cell line name. 'HEK' stands for Human Embryonic Kidney and the '293' actually reveals the number

of experiments that a specific researcher did to develop that cell line. 'It doesn't mean there were two hundred and ninety-three abortions, but for two hundred and ninety-three experiments, you would certainly need far more than one abortion. We're talking probably hundreds of abortions,' Acker shares."

In reality, the HEK 293 cell line was obtained from a single fetus, and only one abortion occurred, not hundreds. Cells were removed from the kidney, modified, and grown subsequently for many years in the laboratory of Alex van der Eb in Leiden, the Netherlands. This cell line, generated in 1972 or

1973, underwent many "passages" and purification steps, leading to the number "293."

Whether there were hundreds of abortions or just one is not the key issue, since harvesting cells from even a single abortion is still unethical. However, in Acker's interview, the sense of outrage for the audience is ramped up in proportion to the overstated claims about the number of abortions. This phenomenon is understandable, since there are some Catholics who do not seem to grasp the problem with abortion-derived cell lines at all, or minimize it, which can generate frustration among others who may be tempted to overstate their case.

When Catholics disseminate incorrect medical, scientific or factual information in their discussions, or subscribe to urban legends and conspiracy theories, it raises serious concerns. Some of this scientific fake news comes from those who are generally opposed to vaccinations and perhaps more gullible when it comes to false scientific claims. We face a particular obligation to get our facts straight because "the establishment" will fact-check us very strictly even as it allows certain liberal distortions of truth to pass unchallenged, particularly when it serves the narrative that the Church is "anti-science." In terms of COVID-19 vaccines, we spend a fair amount of time at the National Catholic Bioethics Center countering "Catholic" misinformation and/or disinformation about cell line usage from abortions, whether from those who believe one can never get vaccinated, or from those at the other end of the spectrum who believe there is no moral problem at all with the continued use of these cell lines in research.

Cardinalli also offers the claim that the HEK-293 cell line was obtained from a living baby because once a child dies, the cells are basically no longer useful: "HEK stands for human embryonic kidney. To harvest a viable embryonic kidney for this purpose, sufficiently healthy children old enough to

have adequately-developed kidneys must be removed from the womb, alive, typically by cesarean section, and have their kidneys cut out. This must take place without anesthesia for the child, which would lessen the viability of the organs."

These claims are not correct, and there is no historical evidence that a C-section was ever done to obtain the HEK-293 cell line. Rather, procurement of the kidneys relied on standard abortion techniques. It is also noteworthy that extracted kidneys can survive and even function for many minutes following the death of an individual — that is how cadaveric kidney transplantation between adults originally took place — and cells can be successfully derived from kidneys quite some time after their removal from the body.

The best response to these forms of misinformation from well-intentioned Catholics is to provide accurate guidance and scientific explanations to our Catholic faithful, hoping they will have ears to hear and hearts open to dialogue and reflection when presented with factually correct information.

None of this is to reduce the obligation we have to object strongly to the continued use of abortion-derived cells in vaccine work and other forms of research, as I have emphasized in several recent essays available at [ncbcenter.org](http://ncbcenter.org) and [fathertad.com](http://fathertad.com).

But Catholics have to be on guard against anti-science prophets, no matter how well meaning, and the false witness they bear. We should give witness to the truth in all its forms, including in the important and highly influential worlds of science and medicine.

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May 21 issue: Submit items by April 30  
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## Pope Francis says:

- "The Church is a great school of prayer. And this is an essential task of the Church: to pray and teach how to pray, to transmit from generation to generation the lamp of faith with the oil of prayer."

- "After certain passages in life, we realize that without faith, we would not have been able to get through it and that prayer has been our strength. Not only our personal prayer, but also that of our brothers and sisters and of the community that accompanied and supported us, of the people who know us, of the people we ask to pray for us."

- "Holy women and men do not have an easier life than others, on the contrary, they too have their problems to face and, moreover, they are often the object of opposition. But their strength is prayer, through which they always draw from the inexhaustible well of Mother Church."

- "In Luke's Gospel, Jesus poses a dramatic question that always makes us reflect: 'When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?' Or will he find only organizations, such as a group of 'entrepreneurs of the faith,' all well organized, who do many things for charity... but will he find faith? Without faith, everything collapses. And without prayer, faith is extinguished. Faith and prayer, together. There is no other way. For this reason, the Church, which is a home and school of communion, is a home and school of faith and prayer."

*Quotes from Pope Francis's general audience livestream on April 14, 2021*

## THE U.P. CATHOLIC CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, May 7

Aquinas College in Grand Rapids welcomes high school students to its campus for an upcoming AQ Day. Experience first-hand what it means to be an Aquinas Saint. Events include an overview of the college and a campus tour. See the Aquinas mission in action and how small is indeed mighty. Details and registration information can be found at [Aquinas.edu/visit](http://Aquinas.edu/visit).

### MAY 8-9

St. Christopher, Marquette is hosting a Diaper Drive for the Care Clinic of Marquette after the weekend Masses. Bring any size/brand diapers to Mass to support the Care Clinic ministry.

### MAY 14-15

St. Louis the King Women's Club will host a rummage sale on Friday, May 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET and Saturday, May 15,

from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET. St. Louis the King is located at 264 Silver Creek Road, Marquette.

### MAY 21-23

Save the date for the Upper Peninsula Catholic Charismatic Renewal Retreat: "Love Poured Out: The Healing Power of the Holy Spirit" with Sister Miriam Heidland. For more information on how to register, call St. Peter Cathedral's office at (906) 226-6548.

### FRIDAY, June 11

The Bishop Baraga Catholic School golf outing will be held at Oak Crest Golf Course in Norway. Put together your team and register to play. For registration and more information, including how to sponsor a hole for the event, visit the school website at [www.baragaup.com](http://www.baragaup.com) or call the school office at (906) 774-2277.

## Free video resource for parishes, schools, families

Schools and parish faith formation programs are continuing to adapt during the pandemic. Students continue to ask questions like, "Does God exist" and "Do I have a soul?" They speculate whether humans came from chimpanzees and why do Catholics seem to be against evolution. They wonder why women are not allowed in the Catholic priesthood. The questions are endless, and these questions keep youth from a conversation of heart towards belief in God and towards what the Church teaches. The Magis Center's Catholic Education content, Credible Catholic, recognizes the need to have quick access to solid, apologetical answers to student's honest questions on faith and so it has produced a video series to answer these questions for you. The Most Asked Questions video series answers your student's most pressing questions in short 5 to 10-minute videos. For free access to some of the most popular videos on "Science" and "Purpose in Suffering" visit <https://bit.ly/2JunUV1>.

## Catechetical opportunity

The Liturgical Institute at the University of Our Lady of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary has developed a video course titled, "An Introduction to the Sacred Liturgy" that is being offered at no charge to the lay faithful. This course consists of five one-hour sessions. The link to the classes is: <https://liturgy.teachable.com/courses/>. For more information, contact Deacon Tom Foye at (906) 362-2002 or email [tfoye@dioceseofmarquette.org](mailto:tfoye@dioceseofmarquette.org).

## Daily Readings

April 30 - May 21

**April 30:** Acts 13:26-33/John 14:1-6

**May 1:** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 (284) or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58 (559)

**May 2:** Acts 9:26-31/Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**May 3:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

**May 4:** Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

**May 5:** Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

**May 6:** Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

**May 7:** Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

**May 8:** Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

**May 9:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**May 10:** Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a

**May 11:** Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

**May 12:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15

**May 13:** Our Lady of Fatima, Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

**May 14:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

**May 15:** Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

**May 16:** The Ascension of the Lord, Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**May 17:** Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

**May 18:** Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

**May 19:** Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

**May 20:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

**May 21:** Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

## Bishop Doerfler's monthly prayer intentions

**April:** For those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and for those making their First Communion, that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God.

**May:** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit transforms all of God's people into Spirit-filled evangelizers.

*Women Religious celebrated at St. Christopher Parish, Marquette*



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Top: Sister Clemence Mira, SPC, lectors during the Women Religious Jubilee Mass at St. Christopher Parish, Marquette. Sister Clemence celebrates her 60th jubilee this year. Sister Marie Kim Nguyen, SPC, celebrating 45 years, looks on toward Sister Clemence Mira, SPC. Bottom: The sisters gathered for a meal following the Mass celebrated by Bishop John Doerfler. (From front left, clockwise) Sister Marie Kim Nguyen, SPC; Sister Delfina Tede, SPC; Sister Marcelyn Gervais, OSF; Sister Clemence Mira, SPC.

**Congratulations to these Jubilarians, as well as all the Priests, Deacons and Women Religious who are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2021!**

**25 Years**

Dcn. Vince Beckley  
Dcn. Scott Jamieson  
Fr. Timothy Hruska



**30 Years**

Fr. Gregory Heikkala  
Bsp. John Doerfler  
Fr. James Ziminski



**35 Years**

Fr. Peter Fosu  
Fr. Michael Ocran  
Msgr. Michael Steber



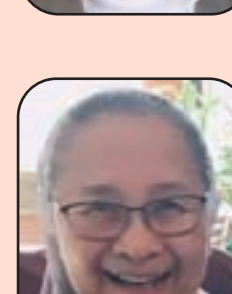
**40 Years**

Fr. Joseph Vandannoor



**45 Years**

Sr. Marie Kim Phuong  
Nguyen, SPC



**60 Years**

Sr. (Peggy) Mary M.  
Fornicola, OP  
Sr. Clemence Mira, SPC



*Thank you for sharing your ministry in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and beyond!*

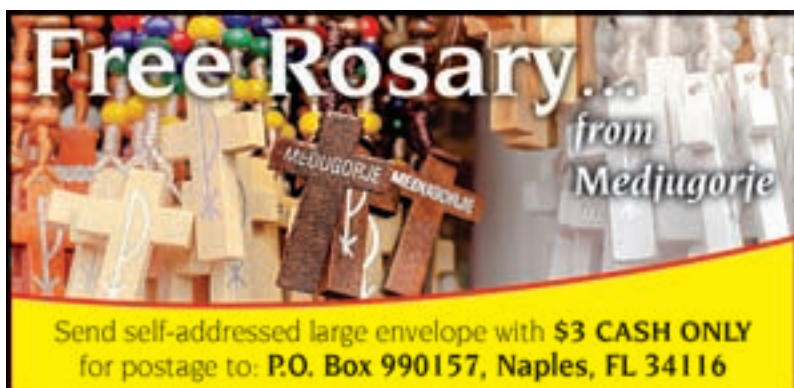
**+ Bishop John F. Doerfler  
+ Bishop Emeritus James Garland  
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## Congratulations on your 60th Jubilee Sister Peggy Fornicola!



*We are so blessed  
that you continue to  
serve our parish in  
so many ways.  
You have always gone  
“above” and beyond!  
Thank you for your  
generosity of time  
and talents!*

Love, your parish family at  
**St. Joseph’s Parish**  
in Sault Ste Marie.



## May God Bless Sister Peggy Fornicola on her 60th Jubilee!

*Congratulations  
and thank you  
for everything you  
have done and  
continue to do  
for us.  
We love you!*



From the Students & Faculty of  
**St. Mary’s Catholic School**

## Reaching beyond the classroom

Celebrating Sister Peggy Fornicola's 60th Jubilee

BY CAROL HOLLENBECK  
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Sister (Peggy) Mary Fornicola, OP, has a passion for teaching. That’s evidenced by her 60 years – and counting – in the profession.

Although she insists she officially retired eight years ago, when she left full-time work, Sister Peggy continues to take on students who need extra help.

“I just couldn’t keep my nose out of the school,” she said with a laugh. After her retirement from St. Mary Catholic School, Sault Ste. Marie, she was approached by a kindergarten student’s parent. “She asked if I’d be willing to help out with her cognitively impaired son,” Sister Peggy explained.

“So I was right in the classroom with him. I’m still assisting him in eighth grade now. He’s come a long way. He still has lots of issues, but he’s going on to school in Rudyard.”

But that’s not the end of her teaching career. Sister Peggy said that last year, St. Mary Catholic School principal, Hedy Yanni, asked her if she’d be interested in being a reading support teacher for students who aren’t reading at their grade level.

“Reading has always been my baby. You can’t get far without reading,” she said. She has continued with those sessions this year. “I love teaching. It’s such a gift to be able to give to children. It’s such a joy to see the growth in the students,” she said.

“It’s good to work with kids now. I’m grateful to God that I’m still able to do it. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed it.”

Sister Peggy’s first assignment was to St. Albert the Great School, Oak Lawn, Ill. She was a professed sister under temporary vows and was considered a full-time teacher under a seasoned teacher, but she had her own classroom.

“It was a huge school with five classes in each grade level. I was a 17-year-old girl with 50 students,” she said. “I guess I did OK. I was there for five years.”

After her mother passed away, her community leader felt her father would appreciate having Sister Peggy closer to home. So Sister Peggy was assigned to Iron Mountain, since her leader thought she was from Iron River.

She taught there for 24 years and then became principal. “I was four years as principal,” she said. “It was not my thing at all.”

She decided to resign as principal, and then heard that there would be teaching positions open at St. Mary School in her hometown of the Soo. She applied, was hired and began teaching there in 1996 until her retirement.

Sister Peggy had an unusual call to the religious life. She attended St. Joseph School and Catholic Central High School.

“In those days, girls were allowed to enter the convent at a very young age, after their sophomore year. That’s what I did, at age 15. I entered the Adrian Dominican motherhouse on June 26, 1961.

“I had a classmate who was a close friend, and she was just gung-ho about becoming a nun,” Sister Peggy continued.

“She very much admired our eighth-grade teacher and wanted to be a sister like her. I just tagged along. I credit her call as my call. By October of that year, she had left the convent. Sixty years later, here I am. God works in strange ways.”

Sister Peggy is also involved in her church as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and lector for daily Mass one day a week. She is in charge of recruiting and training lectors and Eucharistic ministers, and scheduling them.

For the past year, with the pandemic, that’s been difficult. But now people are starting to return to liturgical ministry.

Sister Peggy said that women who are thinking about entering the convent should turn to prayer.

“We need to open ourselves to God to see if that is truly the calling,” she said. She added that she thinks it’s more difficult for women today because congregations aren’t taking young girls as they used to do. Women become established in careers and while they may serve as lay ministers, it’s harder to consider entering a convent, she said.

Sister Peggy said her family is planning a celebration of her 60th Jubilee in July in Sault Ste. Marie.

Her Adrian Dominican community has not been able to celebrate any jubilees recently, but hopes to celebrate with two or three groups of jubilarians once everything opens up again.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SISTER PEGGY FORNICOLA  
Sister Peggy Fornicola reads to students at St. Mary Catholic School in Sault Ste. Marie.