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Totus Tuus summer program goes digital

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As the camera rolls Mary Sacha, a Totus Tuus missionary, plays the role of a young student while diligently reading her Book of Saints. This year's Totus Tuus summer program has gone completely digital due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more on page 19.

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Soul of Christ, sanctify me
 Body of Christ, save me
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me
 Water from Christ's side, wash me
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me
 O good Jesus, hear me
 Within Thy wounds hide me
 Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
 From the malicious enemy defend me
 In the hour of my death call me
 And bid me come unto Thee
 That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
 and with Thy angels
 Forever and ever
 Amen



On Sunday, June 14, 2020 the Catholic Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Parishes throughout the diocese honored the day by holding Eucharistic processions in surrounding neighborhoods. (Top photo) A procession is held in Ironwood, led by Father Binu Joseph. (Bottom left photo) Bishop John Doerfler leads the procession out of St. Peter Cathedral. (Bottom right photo) Servers lead the way back to the cathedral.

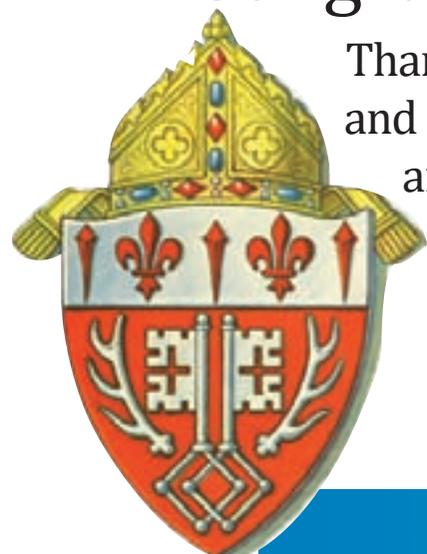
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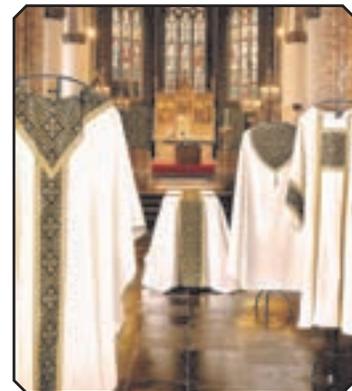
Congratulations on your retirement!

Thank you for 34+ great years of serving the Curia, Parishes and Schools across the Upper Peninsula. Your infectious laugh and institutional knowledge will be sorely missed. We pray that Kim, Charlie, Anna and your grandchildren will enjoy the extra attention we have all been blessed with.

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The virtue of friendliness

In the last message in this series, we considered how friends give hope. In this and the next two messages, let us reflect on how we build relationships that are fertile ground for us to introduce our friend to Jesus. In this message, we will reflect on the first step, the virtue of friendliness. (I am basing these reflections on St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, II-II, q. 114.)



JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Bishop John Doerfler

The virtue of friendliness consists of the consistent behavior of relating to each other with the words and deeds that are the outward signs of friendship. This behavior is rooted in the respect we owe each other because of our equal human dignity. Thus, we can approach others, even complete strangers, in a pleasing

manner: a cheery hello, a smile, a friendly wave, a compliment, or a word of gratitude.

Being friendly means being polite and courteous, just as my parents always taught me to say “please” and “thank you.” We are friendly when we hold a door open for someone, allow someone else to go ahead of us in line or engage in the Yooper custom at the Mackinac Bridge of paying the toll for the person behind us.

Being friendly means spreading a positive attitude, expressed in the words, for example, “Keep calm and Yooper on!” Friendliness brightens the other person’s day with a ray of joy. Friendliness raises others up instead of dragging them down.

This kind of behavior is the building block of friendship. Who, after all, wants to be friends with someone who is a sourpuss, grumpy, negative, quarrelsome, bitter, or disagreeable? Friendliness is op-

posed to the false praise uttered by people to “butter us up” to get what they want, the empty compliments that do not truly help us, or worst of all, the praise or acceptance of evil deeds.

It is important to be deliberate about practicing friendliness. The more we do so, the more it becomes “second nature” to us. We then become friendly and easily relate to others this way. It is good to have a plan to be friendly. For example, when I go to the grocery store today, I will smile at other people, let someone else go before me in the checkout line, and wish the checkout clerk a great weekend. Deliberately plan how you will be friendly when you use social media. Imagine what a difference we can make if all our social media interactions are marked by friendliness!

Following Jesus who desires to be our friend, let our interactions with others radiate friendliness.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

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



Rev. Benny Mathew, MST

Louis the King Parish, Marquette.

Effective June 13, 2020:

Reverend John Martignon:

His resignation as Vicar Forane of the Most Holy



Rev. John Martignon



Very Rev. Corey Litzner

Litzner: Appointed Vicar Forane of The Most Holy Name of Jesus Vicariate for a five-year term.

Very Reverend Timothy Hruska: Reappointed Vicar Forane of Holy Name of Mary Vicariate for a five-year term.



Very Rev. Timothy Hruska

Name of Jesus Vicariate has been accepted, with gratitude for his years of service.

Effective July 9, 2020:
Very Reverend Corey

Bishop Baraga's birthday celebrated



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On June 27, the Bishop Baraga Association hosted an outdoor birthday celebration in honor of Venerable Frederic Baraga's 223rd birthday, which is June 29. (Left photo) Members of The Well band plays outside of the Bishop Baraga Association. (Right photo) The afternoon also included a scavenger hunt and activities for children.

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Do justice, love goodness, and walk humbly with God

“You have been told...what the LORD requires of you: only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8).

Throughout history, this powerful line from Sacred Scripture has informed and inspired people of faith. It has particular significance this year in the wake of the killings of George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, and others in the black community who have sadly lost their lives. These tragic events have pushed society to consider how best to move forward through the anger, the grief, and concern for the future.

Catholic teaching offers a path. It starts with acknowledging and treating every person with the dignity he or she deserves as a unique individual. All are made in the image and likeness of God: those of every race, age, and circumstance. Our teaching has clear direction for the way Catholics should interact with one another; it means that the unborn, the immigrant, the elderly, the imprisoned, and those struggling with poverty, illness, or other challenges have inherent value. Everyone's status as a child of God demands respect.

It is crucial in the current moment to reaffirm specifically the dignity of black lives, especially those that have been lost to senseless acts of violence. To do so does not negate the fact that all lives have value. Instead, it speaks in a special way to the challenges that the black community is facing and recognizes that threats to any one community undermine the value of life for others.

The ongoing conversations on race, injustice, and police reform are important. They are opportunities for people with differences to better understand each other's experiences and to seek mutual understanding. The Church can assist in these conversations: providing safe spaces for people to come together, sharing the importance of loving one's neighbor, encouraging active listening over partisan bickering (from all political persuasions), calling out the evil and sin of racism, and advocating for policy changes that address unjust societal structures, especially those that disproportionately impact people of color.

Combating racism is a pro-life issue. “Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism” including racist acts, jokes, and insults; racial profiling; racial discrimination in hiring, housing, and educational opportunities; and higher rates of minority incarceration. The U.S. bishops call these personal and systemic incidences “[failures] to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God” (“Living the Gospel of Life” and “Open Wide Our Hearts”).

With great sadness, the U.S. bishops have

witnessed the destruction and looting that has accompanied the anger. Violent responses to needless violence have regrettably moved the spotlight off addressing injustice, have distracted from the listening that must take place, and have put more community members in harm's way. Similarly, conversations that belittle and dehumanize the police or that promote attacks against their person or occupation damage the cause for justice and healing (“Open Wide Our Hearts”). In the midst of a year beset by pandemic, anger, and violence, the Church calls for peace.

CATHOLIC TEACHING OFFERS A PATH. IT STARTS WITH ACKNOWLEDGING AND TREATING EVERY PERSON WITH THE DIGNITY HE OR SHE DESERVES AS A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL.

To contribute to the dialogue, the U.S. bishops have participated in ongoing discussions about police reform and accountability, providing members of the U.S. House and Senate with insights from Church leaders and supporting policies such as de-escalation training, collection of use-of-force data, a chokehold ban, and efforts to end racial-profiling. Michigan Catholic Conference has also supported state measures that would require law enforcement recruits and current officials to undergo training on de-escalation techniques, implicit bias, and mental health resources. These bills have received unanimous support from Michigan lawmakers.

The events taking place may feel paralyzing at times. Individuals may not feel equipped with the right words or actions to make a difference. However, Catholics of all races are called by their faith to move beyond the rhetoric, to listen to one another, and to engage in difficult conversations, including within the Church. America's ongoing quest to expunge the ignorance and intolerance of racism will not be successful unless individuals are willing to engage in a conversion of heart to reform the very causes of racism – namely ignorance, lack of love for the other, and an inability to forgive - and to shift toward potential solutions (“Open Wide Our Hearts”).

Taking steps to learn from one another and to reflect deeply on the root causes of racism will not be easy for everyone. Yet, let us not shy away from Jesus's teaching to love God and neighbor. These steps are a critical part of the Catholic call “to do justice, to love goodness, and to walk humbly with God.” They are absolutely worth doing, for our communities and our souls.

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 resources on combating racism, visit uscbb.org/racism and nbccongress.org.



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An invitation to fellowship, truth, the Lord

A Q&A with Zach Smith

HATTIE HANOLD
THE U.P. CATHOLIC

Tell me about yourself:

My name is Zach Smith. I am from Belleville, Mich., located west of Detroit. My home parish is St. Anthony's. I attended Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. Currently I am finishing my degree in computer engineering at Michigan Tech and will be graduating this December. I really enjoy photography, camping, hiking, downhill skiing, and hanging with friends and family. Recently I have been getting more into mountain biking as the trails in the U.P. are so wonderful!

You've been actively involved in campus ministry at St. Albert the Great, how did being a part of campus ministry shape your collegiate experience and help you grow in faith?

It has changed my life in a few major ways. I came to Michigan Tech seeking truth, beauty, belonging and a degree in computer engineering. But I was not sure how to order my life about all these things. I met Father Ben (Hasse), the pastor at St. Albert the Great on a visit before I was enrolled and upon moving in on campus, I immediately got involved at the parish. I helped prepare food for our weekly Friday Night Fireside with my friend James for our first two years. Eventually I was asked to be the Student Organization and Pastoral Council president for the 2018-19 academic year and was honored to serve the community and students (to win winter carnival outright!)

The thing that kept me coming back to St. Al's was the invitation to fellowship, truth and most importantly the Lord. I was invited into a Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) Bible study and for the first time had really encountered and seen the way in which scripture is alive and applicable to my everyday life. Building on this time with God's word was the countless opportunities that St. Al's offers for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and reconciliation each and every week.

Something that really took me time to realize and understand was how I viewed God and who I was in light of him. An important gift that I received at St. Al's was the realization that I saw God as only a part of my life and not actually the source and provider of it. I now know that putting my relationship with God above all other things will lead to peace and true joy.

I struggled with who I was as well. Thinking that I needed to prove that I was worthy of God's love by earning it was a lie. I am a son of God. Thankfully, God continues to choose us despite our failures!

The third and final thing I would like to share is the impact that a local and physical community of people seeking Christ together had on me. For the past three years I have been living in the St. Joseph Catholic Men's house, a part of the St. Al's community. And living in the St. Al's community each day with brothers and sisters in Christ strengthened me in ways that I could have never known about or could have realized on my own. What is so unique is the ability to chat or listen with others

about what you are struggling with, praying about, or reading about in light of the faith. The community at St. Al's is contagious in the way that you begin to desire to know Christ to the point of imitating him together as a community. Walking this journey of faith must be done in community!

As you prepare to become a FOCUS Missionary, what inspired your "yes?" What are you looking forward to the most?

Yes, I said "yes" to be a FOCUS missionary! I will be one of more than 730 missionaries serving on more than 160 campuses and eight parishes across the U.S. and Europe. FOCUS was founded in 1998 and invites college students into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship and friendships in which they lead others to do the same. The Goal of FOCUS is to encourage lifelong Catholic mission. Tens of thousands of students like myself have been involved with FOCUS, who after graduation have the opportunity to move into parish life to continue their missionary work. By 2022, FOCUS expects — God willing — to have 75,000 students transitioned into many of America's 17,000+ Catholic parishes.

What inspired my "yes" was the deeper and clearer understanding of the great commission in Matthew 28:19-20. Jesus commands us to make disciples of all nations. The simplicity of Jesus' own method of evangelization investing in Peter, James and John became so straight forward and actually doable to me. As previously I had thought evangelization to be something reserved for the few who were super holy and righteous. I began to see where I could myself bring those who were already in my life closer to Christ and invite them to do the same.

The true joy and fearlessness that I could see in the FOCUS missionaries at Michigan Tech impacted my life in their example of how to seek the Lord: daily and without fear. Getting to know them and hear their own stories showed me that they were just like me. I was encouraged to think about applying a few times by one of the missionaries, but did not really think much about it until this past summer. I reconsidered this when Michigan Tech Alumnus and previous FOCUS missionary Alex Gill passed away tragically in a car accident. I attended his funeral and was so struck by his "yes". He had given such a gift of himself to those whom he served, through his time and service on campus. Being that he graduated with degree in software engineering and was kind of nerdy he still saw the



PHOTO COURTESY OF ZACH SMITH

Zach Smith, a Michigan Tech University student is currently preparing to become a missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

need and importance of the mission. I resonated with him as I feel like a nerd too but I thought that if I believe all that the Catholic Church teaches to be true why would I not apply and say yes to FOCUS? Why not allow God to work in and through me as a missionary like Alex? Why not say yes?

What is an issue that the Catholic Church supports that you are passionate about and why that issue in particular?

The Catholic Church's teachings on the infinite dignity and worth of each and every human being is something that I think is so important. There are so many oppositions to the flourishing of human life in our world and people are told to believe or treated like they are worthless. This teaching is so important because life is a gift, it is good! God values us so highly that he sent his only Son to die for our sins. God wants us to be in union with him! We must imitate Christ and love and protect each person as their worth is immeasurable.

Do you have any advice for Catholics young and old?

"Holiness does not consist in not making mistakes or never sinning. Holiness grows with capacity for conversion, repentance, willingness to begin again, and above all with the capacity for reconciliation and forgiveness." -Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Legacy of Faith announces more than \$275,000 in grants

Legacy of Faith has been awarding grants to Catholic parishes, schools and social services since 2002. The latest round of grants approved for 2020-2021 mark the endowment fund's 20th year of grant making.

Terri Gadzinski has served as director since the fund's inception. "We never envisioned grant making during a global pandemic, when our diocese has just begun the second phase of reopening by resuming the public celebration of Mass. But, these times do make us ever more grateful for the stability the endowment brings to Catholic education and ongoing faith formation offerings, and for the people who have supported Legacy of Faith with donations," she said.

Over \$3.7 million in Legacy of Faith grants has been distributed over the last 20 years to foster the Catholic faith in the Upper Peninsula.

The 2020-2021 grant approvals were made with an awareness that people will still need to observe social distancing precautions for some time. "It is expected that all parishes, Catholic Schools, and organizations receiving Legacy of Faith grant funds for 2020-2021 will adhere to all applicable directives at the time the grant-funded program occurs," wrote Bishop John Doerfler in a letter that accompanied all recent grant approvals.



Stella Sysko, a Father Marquette Catholic Academy (Marquette) student uses technology ranging from modern laptops to old school pencils and paper. Legacy of Faith grants empower Catholic schools, parishes, and Catholic Social services to respond to the changing needs of the people they serve.

COURTESY PHOTO

and Escanaba. Legacy of Faith provides a \$30,216 distribution for services this year.

YOUTH EDUCATION

All Catholic schools in the diocese receive a grant each year from the Legacy of Faith Fund. Over \$151,000 will be awarded to eight schools throughout the U.P. In addition, Legacy of Faith supports a variety of youth programming including Totus Tuus for Grades K-12 and Steubenville Youth Conference. New this year, Legacy of Faith is supporting Youth Encounter 906, a diocese-wide movement that reaches primarily young people between the ages of 16-20, and St. Augustine Catholic Homeschool Co-op in Chassell.

ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION

Adult faith formation is key to evangelization efforts. Grants are supporting continuing Catholic education for young adults participating in campus ministry, as well as adult programming in parishes such as scripture study and a variety of new books and media. A popular parish program is FORMED, a powerful video-based education tool that can be utilized by parishioners for at-home learning as well as for small group learning in the parishes and parishioner's homes.

TECHNOLOGY

This year's grants include support for a variety of technology upgrades to improve access to, and participation in, quality faith offerings. Grants will support enhancements to parish web sites, live-streaming capabilities, and more. St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Houghton is planning to purchase a short-throw projector that will deliver a large, vivid image on a wall or screen, which they will use for multi-week courses, single evening events and educational seminars available on the internet.

Legacy of Faith grants have empowered Catholic schools, parishes, and social services to respond to the changing needs of the people they serve. As we celebrate 20 years of grantmaking, we wish to thank the many supporters of Legacy of Faith.

For a complete list of grants see page 7. For more information on Legacy of Faith and to make a legacy gift contact Terri Gadzinski at tgadzinski@dioceseofmarquette.org or (906) 227-9108. To donate online visit www.Legacyof-Faith.net.

Donations may also be mailed to: Legacy of Faith, 1004 Harbor Hills Dr, Marquette, MI.

The Legacy of Faith Fund, held by the U.P. Catholic Foundation, was founded in 2001 by Bishop James Garland. In addition to Bishop Garland, two succeeding bishops have also led the Fund - Archbishop Alexander K. Sample (now archbishop of Portland, Oregon) and presently Bishop Doerfler. The fund's advisory committee and faith formation grant review committee submit recommendations to Bishop Doerfler.

Recently 62 grants were approved totaling more than \$275,000 to Upper Peninsula initiatives that will benefit Catholic schools, social services, and

parish faith formation in 2020-2021. Catholic parishes, missions, Catholic schools, and Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula are the recipient organizations.

In accordance with Legacy of Faith endowment guidelines, half of the available grant funds support Catholic schools, 30 percent to parish faith formation, 10 percent to Catholic Social Services of the U.P., and 10 percent to Catholic Action Fund, which supports new and emerging programs and ministries.

Highlights from the recent grant approved include initiatives in:

EVANGELIZATION

The fiscal year 2020-2021 is year four of four for the implementation of evangelization plans that parishes submitted to the diocese in 2017. In this final year of plan implementation, special consideration was given to grant requests to achieve parish-specific evangelization goals. In addition, this past year Bishop Doerfler asked all parishes to consider incorporating into their evangelization plans ways to reach the religiously unaffiliated.

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Legacy of Faith grants awarded

Below is a list of Legacy of Faith grants that were recently approved. The grants are awarded annually to Catholic schools, parishes, and missions of the Diocese of Marquette, as well as Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula. This year's grants totaled more than \$275,000. To learn more about Legacy of Faith, see the story on page 6.

DIOCESAN-WIDE IMPACT

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Annual Distribution 2020-21, \$30,216

DIocese OF MARQUETTE: Totus Tuus 2021, \$28,000

DIocese OF MARQUETTE: Catechist Formation, \$7,000

DIocese OF MARQUETTE: Small Group Discipleship (E. Fritz), \$3,000

STEPHENSON, PRECIOUS BLOOD: Steubenville Youth Conference 2021, \$15,000

MARQUETTE, ST. PETER CATHEDRAL: Cathedral Concert Series - Year 4, \$3,716

HOLY NAME OF MARY VICARIATE

SAULT STE. MARIE, ST. JOSEPH: Pearls of Wise Living, \$350

SAULT STE. MARIE, ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 2020-21 Unrestricted, \$18,592.80

SAULT STE. MARIE, LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER: LSSU Newman Center Retreats 2020-21, \$1,200

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS VICARIATE

CALUMET, SACRED HEART: Catholic Answers, \$435

CALUMET, ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE: Word on Fire, \$250

CHASSELL, ST. ANNE: St. Augustine Catholic Homeschool Co-op, \$1,500

HOUGHTON, ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA: Faith Formation Technology Upgrades, \$1,500

LAKE LINDEN, ST. JOSEPH: Franciscan University Online Learning, \$225

LAKE LINDEN, ST. JOSEPH: Matthew Kelly Christmas & Easter Books, \$750

L'ANSE, SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 2020-21 Unrestricted, \$15,210.06

L'ANSE, SACRED HEART OF JESUS: Matthew Kelly Books for Parishioners, \$200

L'ANSE, SACRED HEART OF JESUS: One Bread One Body Daily Devotional, \$500

L'ANSE, SACRED HEART OF JESUS: Rebuilt Conference 2020, \$795

ST. JOHN NEUMANN VICARIATE

MENOMINEE, HOLY REDEEMER: Projection Equipment, \$600

MENOMINEE, ST. JOHN PAUL CATHOLIC ACADEMY: 2020-21 Unrestricted, \$18,728.11

SPALDING, ST. JOHN NEUMANN: Faith Formation Technology Upgrades, \$1,500

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK VICARIATE

BARK RIVER, ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON: FORMED, \$750

BARK RIVER, ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON: FF Technology Upgrades, \$500

ESCANABA, HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 2020-21 Unrestricted, \$27,838.97

ESCANABA, ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE: NET Retreat 2021, \$555

ESCANABA, ST. ANNE: Crusaders 4 Life Pro-life Group, \$225

ESCANABA, ST. ANNE: Faith Formation Technology Upgrades, \$375

ESCANABA, ST. ANNE: Project 177, \$400

ESCANABA, ST. ANNE: Rise Up! Junior High Retreat, \$500

GARDEN, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: Youth & Adult Faith Formation, \$350

GLADSTONE, ALL SAINTS: FF Technology Upgrades, \$1,000

GLADSTONE, ALL SAINTS: NET Retreat 2021, \$550

MANISTIQUE, ST. FRANCIS DE SALES: Adult Scripture Study, \$500

MANISTIQUE, ST. FRANCIS DE SALES: Faith Alive Program, \$500

MANISTIQUE, ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 2020-21 Unrestricted, \$18,637.91

PERKINS, ST. JOSEPH: Youth & Adult Faith Formation Resources, \$150

PERKINS, ST. JOSEPH: FORMED, \$775

PERKINS, ST. JOSEPH: Vacation Bible School 2021, \$350

TREARY, ST. RITA: Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk, \$935

ST. MARY NORWAY VICARIATE

IRON MOUNTAIN, ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH: FORMED, \$750

IRON MOUNTAIN, BISHOP BARAGA CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 2020-21 Unrestricted, \$17,555

NORWAY, ST. MARY: FORMED, \$1,400

NORWAY, HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 2020-21 Unrestricted, \$15,886.61

ST. MARY ROCKLAND VICARIATE

BESSEMER, ST. SEBASTIAN: NET Retreat 2021, \$555

IRONWOOD, OUR LADY OF PEACE: An Encounter with God, \$382

IRONWOOD, OUR LADY OF PEACE: The Word Among Us Magazine, \$1,561

ST. PETER CATHEDRAL VICARIATE

GWINN, ST. ANTHONY: FORMED, \$550.00

ISHPEMING, ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST: Mystery Path & 20 Mysteries Card Game, \$275

ISHPEMING, ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST: Youth Encounter, \$3,500

ISHPEMING, ST. JOSEPH: Parish Library, \$600

ISHPEMING, ST. JOSEPH: Livestreaming on Website, \$900

MARQUETTE, FATHER MARQUETTE CATHOLIC ACADEMY: 2020-21 Unrestricted, \$18,728.11

MARQUETTE, NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY: CCM Peer Ministry Initiative, \$4,000

MARQUETTE, ST. CHRISTOPHER: FORMED & Dynamic Catholic, \$975

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MCC applauds decision against Blaine Amendments

Michigan Catholic Conference released the following statement after the Supreme Court of the United States ruled 5-4 earlier this month in *Espinoza v. Montana*. The Court found unconstitutional that state's policy to prohibit religious schools from equal access to a public education benefit. The full impact of the ruling on the State of Michigan and Article 8 Section 2 of the state constitution – Michigan's "Blaine Amendments" – will require additional review and study.

"We're pleased with the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court and believe it is an important step toward bringing an end to 50 years of systemic and state-recognized discrimination and injustice against Michigan's non-public schools, students and families," said Michigan Catholic Conference President and CEO Paul A. Long. "While the decision will require a full review for its impact in Michigan, it is clear that the Court has handed down a path forward toward educational freedom and opportunity for all."

In 1970 the Michigan Constitution was amended to prohibit state aid to nonpublic schools and is considered among the most prohibitive "Blaine" amendments in the country. Such amendments are named after James G. Blaine, a former U.S. Senator from Maine, who sought a federal constitutional amendment in the late 19th Century to prohibit state aid to Catholic schools. Although Blaine was unsuccessful at the federal level, his legacy endured at the state level as 37 states, including Michigan, prohibit aid to religious schools.

Michigan Catholic Conference is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in this state.

Bishops address SCOTUS decision on legal definition of "sex" in Civil Rights Law

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, provided a statement on the decision issued June 15, 2020 by the Supreme Court of the United States – combining *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*, *Altitude Express v. Zarda*, and *R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes v. Equal Opportunity Employment Comm'n*. The justices ruled that the prohibition on "sex" discrimination in employment in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 now prohibits discrimination based on "sexual orientation" and "transgender" status.

Archbishop Gomez's statement follows:

"I am deeply concerned that the U.S. Supreme Court has effectively redefined the legal meaning of 'sex' in our nation's civil rights law. This is an injustice that will have implications in many areas of life.

By erasing the beautiful differences and complementary relationship between man and woman, we ignore the glory of God's creation

and harm the human family, the first building block of society. Our sex, whether we are male or female, is part of God's plan for creation and for our lives. As Pope Francis has taught with such sensitivity, to live in the truth with God's intended gifts in our lives requires that we receive our bodily and sexual identity with gratitude from our Creator. No one can find true happiness by pursuing a path that is contrary to God's plan.

Every human person is made in the image and likeness of God and, without exception, must be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. Protecting our neighbors from unjust discrimination does not require redefining human nature. We pray that the Church, with the help of Mary, the Mother of God, will be able to continue her mission to bring Jesus Christ to every man and woman."

On Aug. 23, 2019, the USCCB, joined by other national religious organizations, filed amicus curiae briefs in the cases. They are available at usccb.org/about/general-counsel/amicus-briefs.



USCCB chairmen praise decision recognizing the right of the Church to choose own leaders

The Supreme Court of the United States has issued its decision in the consolidated cases of *Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru* and *St. James School v. Biel*. These cases involved the right of Catholic schools, free of government interference, to choose teachers who will teach and model the Catholic faith. By a vote of 7-2, the Court ruled in favor of the schools.

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Religious Liberty, and Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. of Oakland, chairman of the Committee on Catholic Education, have issued a statement addressing the decision:

"Education is a central aspect of the Church's mission. Indeed, teach-

ing is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. James schools continue the Catholic tradition of offering Christian education. As institutions carrying out a ministry of the Church, Catholic schools have a right, recognized by the Constitution, to select people who will perform ministry. The government has no authority to second-guess those ministerial

decisions. We welcome the Supreme Court's decision, which rightly acknowledged this limit on state authority. This decision means that the Church can continue to serve her neighbors with integrity."

The USCCB filed an amicus curiae brief supporting these religious institutions, which may be found here at usccb.org/about/general-counsel/amicus-briefs.



Due to Covid-19 delaying many of the Rites of Initiation this year, our annual Sacrament Supplement will publish later this Fall. Pastors, please send individual or group photos of your parish 1st Communion & Confirmations to news@dioceseofmarquette.org as they occur. Thank you to the Michigan State Knights of Columbus for your generous sponsorship which makes this section possible.



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statement: June Medical Services v. Russo

On June 29, the Supreme Court of the United States announced its decision in an abortion case out of Louisiana, June Medical Services v. Russo. The Court ruled 5 to 4 to strike down the Louisiana law that requires abortion doctors to have hospital admitting privileges. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Pro-Life Activities issued the following statement:

"Abortion violently ends the life of a child, and often severely harms women. Abortion becomes even more destructive when basic health and safety standards are ignored, and profit margins are prioritized over women's lives. As Catholics, we condemn abortion as a grave injustice that denies the fundamental human right to life. Yet even as we seek to end the brutality of legalized abortion, we still believe that the women who seek it should not be further harmed and abused by a callous, profit-driven industry.

"The Court's failure to recognize the legitimacy of laws prioritizing women's health and safety over abortion business interests continues a cruel precedent. As we grieve this decision and the pregnant women who will be harmed by it, we continue to pray and fight for justice for mothers and children.

"We will not rest until the day when the Supreme Court corrects the grave injustice of Roe and Casey and recognizes the Constitutional right to life for unborn human beings. And we continue to ask all people of faith to pray for women seeking abortion, often under enormous pressure, that they will find alternatives that truly value them and the lives of their children."

The USCCB filed an amicus curiae brief in the case urging the Court to uphold the law. The brief can be viewed on the USCCB's website at usccb.org/about/general-counsel/amicus-briefs.

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Helping women understand their fertility

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Once a biomedical engineer, Kylie Hoehn of Houghton, now uses her passion for working with biological details as a Creighton Model practitioner, which is recognized by the Catholic Church as a form of Natural Family Planning (NFP), to assist women in managing their fertility and gynecological health.

Though there are a number of NFP methods that are in line with the Catholic Church, Hoehn's passion lies within the Creighton Model as it "has an especially wide range of application as well as a very thorough teaching and support program."



Kylie Hoehn

According to Hoehn, like with all methods, Creighton has the obvious family planning component to avoid or achieve pregnancy. However, Creighton also heavily emphasizes charting for women's health, allowing it to be used more broadly among single women than some of the other methods that focus specifically on avoiding or achieving pregnancy.

Hoehn is often found teaching Creighton to students at the Catholic Campus Ministry at St. Albert the Great on the campus of Michigan Tech University. She says she is blessed to have the opportunity to teach there as one of her goals is "to teach as many women as possible about the existence of NFP and help them to develop a solid, healthy understanding of their fertility."

For women who are new to charting their cycles, "the Creighton Model is a great place

to start learning about NFP as it is very detailed," said Hoehn. This model also has the extra medical component that is valuable to women who might be facing hormone difficulty or for couples experiencing infertility.

NFP can certainly be intimidating to learn, regardless of practicing through the Creighton Model or another method. But as Hoehn stated, "there is so much more to fertility than what most of us were ever taught in school!"

Hoehn advises those who are new to NFP or looking to learn more about it to do two things: 1) don't be afraid to ask questions and 2) learn early.

"I teach people about cervical mucus, so odds are good your awkward question is not going to be the most awkward I have heard! The same is going to be true of most people teaching NFP, so do not be afraid to reach out."

The second piece of advice is to learn early. Hoehn explains to learn before you are married, or even engaged. "Every woman has a right to know how her body works so she can best take care of herself. Knowing how to chart her cycle is valuable for every woman no matter her state in life."

But, on the other hand, "it is never too late to learn!"

Hoehn primarily teaches classes in person in the Houghton area, but also teaches virtually. If you're interested in learning more about the Creighton Model, contact Hoehn via email at Kylie@mtucatholic.org.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recognizes July 19-25 as Natural Family Planning Awareness week. To learn more about the Church's teaching on NFP, visit usccb.org/nfp.

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New diocesan contact for marriage ministry

Deacon Steve Gretzinger is the new Diocese of Marquette contact for marriage and family ministries. Pastors and marriage mentor couples may contact Deacon Gretzinger for questions regarding the process of marriage preparation, including training and procedures.

Deacon Gretzinger remains in his position as the advertising manager of The U.P. Catholic. He can be contacted at (906) 863-7460 or ads@dioceseofmarquette.org.

Natural Family Planning: Instructors in diocese

July 19-25 is recognized as Natural Family Planning Awareness Week by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. There are several methods offered to learning NFP. Below is an overview of NFP instructors in the Diocese of Marquette, along with a brief explanation of the method they teach. To see if there is an NFP instructor in your area, contact your local parish office.

Mary Kay and Curt Patz of Menominee teach the Couple to Couple League's Symp-



Mary Kay & Curt Patz

to Thermal Method, which primarily incorporates a woman's basal body temperature to help pinpoint signs of fertility.

According to Mary Kay Patz, "Couples learn about their mutual fertility & how to use that information throughout their marriage to either achieve or postpone pregnancy."

The course consists of three classes that are held one month apart. The next series is scheduled to begin on Sept. 13 at Holy Redeemer Parish in Menominee.

Visit ccli.org to register for this course and for a listing of additional courses. For more information, contact Curt & Mary Kay Patz by phone at (906) 864-2980 or (906) 290-2780, or by email, patzfarm@gmail.com.



Lisa LaBar

Another method of NFP is the Marquette Method. Locally, Lisa LaBar of Marquette is trained in teaching.

This method "integrates urinary hormone levels, an algorithm, and other biological indicators of fertility. By observing and charting natural biological signs of fertility women and couples identify the day closest to ovulation and narrow the estimated fertile window."

This makes the method objective for couples who want to avoid or achieve pregnancy. The Marquette Method is only taught by healthcare professionals who are specially trained.

LaBar is currently accepting clients. To learn more about the Marquette Method, contact LaBar at lisa.m.labar@



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gmail.com.

In Escanaba and Houghton the Creighton Model is available.

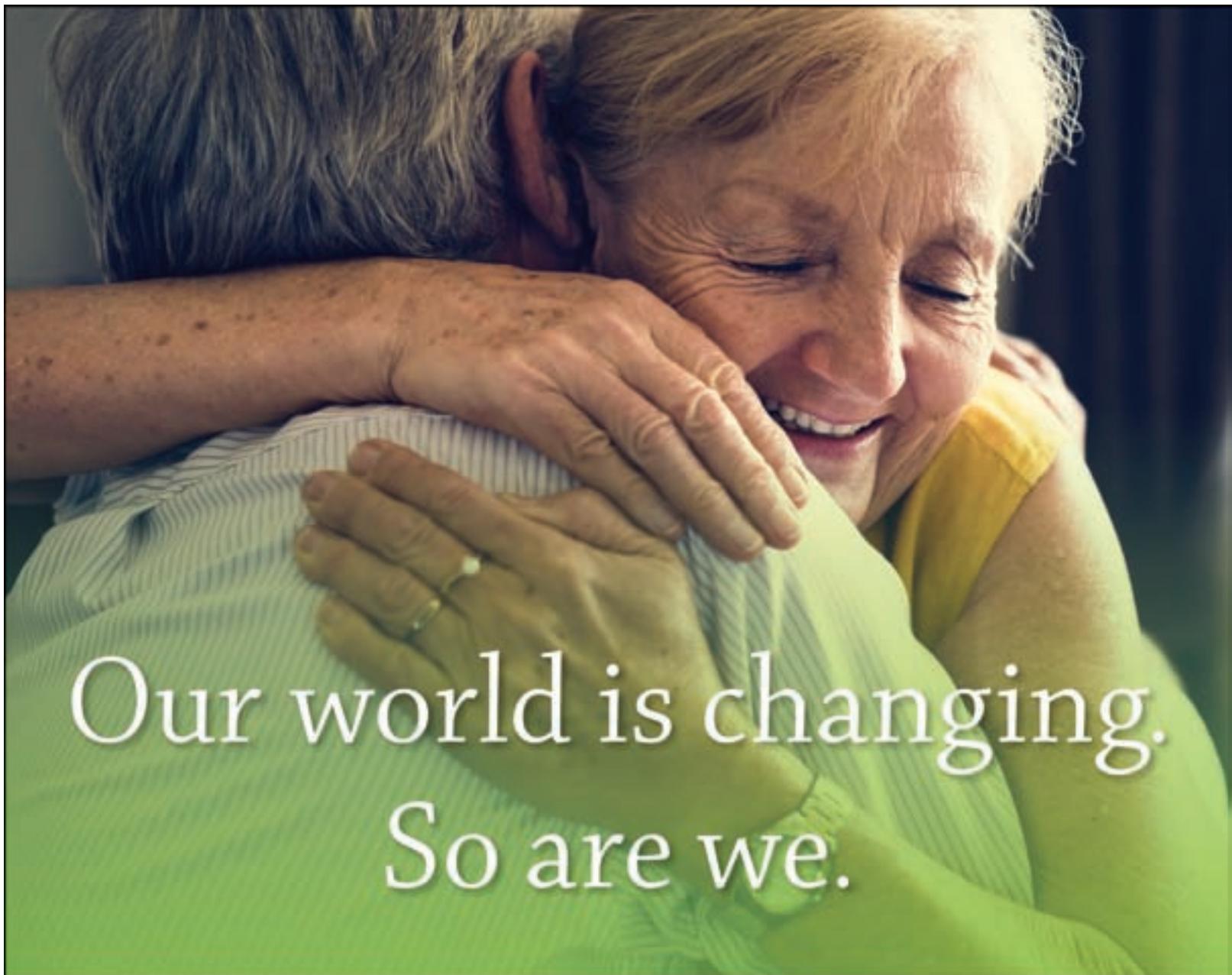
This model is based on the observation and tracking of physical signs a woman has when she is fertile. It also has the extra medical component that is valuable to women who are facing hormone difficulty or for couples experiencing infertility. (To

learn more about the Creighton Model, see the story on page 10).

This model is taught by those who have undergone special training to teach.

In Escanaba, Kayla Peltin, teaches out of the OSF women's center. An introductory session can be scheduled with Peltin by calling OSF at (906) 786-1356.

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Czerkes appointed Care Clinic medical director

The Care Clinic recently welcomed a new medical director, Dr. Michael Czerkes.

Dr. Czerkes grew up in Charlevoix, a small town on the northern shore of Lower Michigan. He grew up with a nurse for a mother and a pharmacist for a father, which influenced him as a child to get into the medical profession. He didn't expect to get into obstetrics and gynecology, but during a routine rotation during medical school, he realized he really enjoyed deliver-



Dr. Michael Czerkes

ing babies and helping couples struggling with infertility. He attended medical school at Michigan State University, and completed his OB/GYN training in Portland, Maine at Maine Medical Center. He is currently employed full time at OSF Healthcare in Escanaba.

Dr. Czerkes believes in treating patients with openness and honesty, and he takes a teamwork approach to patient care.

He has a passion for Natural Family Planning and how it promotes a fuller understanding of a woman's cycle to achieve a state of health. Dr. Czerkes believes in respect for all human life, and feels this is

vitaly important to practicing medicine and most especially women's health.

Dr. Czerkes and his wife, Heidi, have six children and are heavily involved in their church community. In his free time, he likes to spend time with his family outdoors camping, backpacking, hiking, bicycling, skiing and snowshoeing.

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Annual Care Clinic Life Walk held virtually

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With the theme of "Every Heartbeat Matters," participants were encouraged to get out and support life by walking in their neighborhoods on June 6, 2020 and pray for their community to embrace life.

"We were blessed to meet our goal, even though we couldn't gather in person," stated Cindy Asher, executive director of the Care Clinic. "We are so grateful to the walkers that stepped up and the generous donations."

The annual fundraiser allows the Care Clinic to provide free services to families at all three locations: Ishpeming, Sawyer, and Marquette.

In addition to the successful event, the clinic saw a 30 percent increase in services this spring. Due to COVID-19, the clinic building was closed for three months. However, according to Asher, "diapers were dropped off at homes, and online education between the mentor and the client were held through and online platform."

As of June 8, the Care Clinic re-opened the building doors to serve clients. The online platform also remains open.

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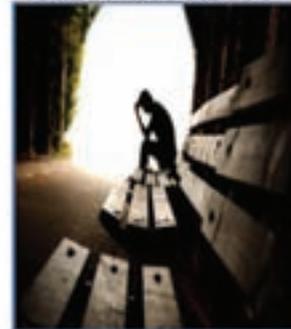
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Language ☒ veiling or unveiling moral truth?

To sanction or encourage certain wrongful actions, it is often necessary to manipulate language. The plain meaning of words can get in the way of convincing others they should tolerate or participate in wrongdoing, or otherwise embrace situations of evil or injustice. Verbal obfuscation becomes necessary to veil evident moral truths.



MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

Father Tad Pacholczyk, Ph. D

A recently-published book by Laura Fabrycky, the wife of a U.S. diplomat in Berlin, offers insight into this phenomenon during the Nazi regime. Fabrycky served for several years as a tour guide to the house of anti-Nazi dissident and Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Fabrycky describes how bewildered she was coming across a seemingly mundane bureaucratic memorandum in an exhibition

catalogue. Only after reading it through several times did its meaning begin to “coalesce with nauseating clarity. It concerned vehicles...that the Nazis designed to kill people—Jewish people, mostly. These mobile units killed through asphyxiation. Nazis loaded Jewish people into them, filled the vehicles with carbon monoxide, and then emptied the dead from the killing machines. Whoever wrote the memo, however, used language to tap dance, delicately, almost soothingly, around the subject at hand to obscure the heavy murderous footfall of its horrific real-

ities....The quicksand sentences swallowed more than they said; these ear-ticklers softened the blow that plain and direct speech would easily level on human conscience.”

The careful hijacking of language by purveyors of wrongdoing described by Fabrycky is a widely-deployed tactic in the battle for the soul of every culture. The phenomenon is especially prevalent when discussing bioethical situations in which the human person and the human body are systematically violated, often under the aegis of the medical profession and the health sciences.

“EVEN LANGUAGE HAS A MORALITY, OR IMMORALITY, IN WHETHER IT DISCLOSES OR SEALS OFF FACTS AND RESPONSIBLE THOUGHT, IN WHETHER IT SERVES THE TRUTH OR LIES.... LANGUAGE OFTEN DOES OUR THINKING FOR US. WE TAKE IN WORDS AND PHRASES LIKE AIR, AND THIS AMBIENT LANGUAGE FORMS OUR THOUGHTS WITHOUT EVER STIMULATING OUR MINDS TO INTERROGATE THEM.”

A current example can be found in the April 2020 issue of the “Mayo Clinic Proceedings” in an article entitled, “Fertility Preservation for Transgender Individuals: A Review.” The problem of fertility preservation in transgender individuals, of course, arises precisely because physicians carry out interventions that deliberately disrupt and suppress healthy hormonal physiology and mutilate healthy sexual anatomy to the point that properly functioning fertility may be permanently lost.

The authors consequently attempt to identify ways to “salvage” fertility while carrying out, or in the wake of, direct medical attacks on the human body. Throughout the article, the destructive interventions are carefully veiled by the almost compulsive use of jargon such as “gender-affirming hormone therapy and gender-affirming surgery.” Such euphemisms obscure the fact that the procedures, while affirming subjective gender feelings, most decidedly do not affirm objective biology.

The article would read quite differently if such phrases were replaced by “biology-opposing” surgery or

“biology-denying” hormone therapy. Similarly, if one were to replace “gender-affirming” with the more accurate “fertility-denying” or “fertility-destroying” therapy, the moral implications and objections surrounding these “treatments” would come into much clearer focus. The use of tap-dancing and ear-tickling language, however, veils the reality of unethical medicine directed against the human person.

Similar tap-dancing is evident in the morally problematic world of infertility treatments and in vitro fertilization. As David Dodge notes in his 2014 New York Times article, “Fertility clinics, in particular, have mastered the art of sperm donor doublespeak.” Instead of the clinic’s staff “greeting me with, ‘This way, please, to the masturbation room,’ ...at my scheduled ‘donation time,’ a technician guides me to the ‘collection room,’ points out my various ‘entertainment options,’ and hands me a sterile cup for my ‘specimen.’ I realize all this veiled terminology is supposed to make the process less awkward for me. Somehow, though, it just makes things worse.”

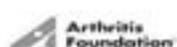
Msgr. William Smith, the late and renowned moral theologian at New York’s Dunwoody Seminary, once quipped that had society been courageous enough years ago to speak frankly about the issue of contraception, it would have termed it “life prevention” rather than “birth control.” That would have led to a much different social dialogue regarding the ethical and medical harms of contraception. It would be hard to imagine husbands asking their wives the question, “Honey, did you remember to pick up the Life Prevention Pills at the pharmacy today?”

During the Covid-19 pandemic, verbal gymnastics have also been evident in media headlines like, “Abortion Services Unavailable During the Lockdown,” or “Texas Clinics Resume Abortion Services.” Abortion, of course, is never a “service,” but rather a lethal disservice for every pre-born human victim it ensnares. The moral nausea caused by such direct acts of killing almost demands linguistic recasting to tickle our ears and assuage our consciences.

Fabrycky’s provocative encounter with the Nazi memo led her to conclude that “even language has a morality, or immorality, in whether it discloses or seals off facts and responsible thought, in whether it serves the truth or lies.... Language

often does our thinking for us. We take in words and phrases like air, and this ambient language forms our thoughts without ever stimulating our minds to interrogate them.”

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



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I never expected to feel this sense of loss over my youth. Whatsoever is lovely. Youth is so very lovely. I want it back. Not the high school days so much as those mid- to late- thirties. Some may not say that is young, but on this side of fifty, it's young.

My mind wanders to a place in Sacred Scripture. Philipians to be exact. I don't think St. Paul had clothes and plastic surgery in mind when he wrote his famous words. "Whatsoever is true, whatsoever is honorable, whatsoever is just, whatsoever is pure, whatsoever is gracious, whatsoever is lovely . . . think on these things."

I am taking a summer class on Guadete Et Exsultate, the call to holiness. In paragraph nine, Pope Francis says, "Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church (9)." My heart made a full stop when I read these words. If I want to be attractive – and I do – I need to pursue holiness. Holiness is lovely.

Not some passing kind of lovely, but the kind of lovely that gets better with age. That isn't to say it is wrong to want to look good and feel good about one's self, and the Catechism doesn't reject the possibility of certain medical procedures, but at my age, the best path to being attractive is to be holy. Obsessing over physical appearance is not an attractive trait. Holiness is. There's another thing about holiness. I honestly think it gets easier to pursue it with age. There aren't many things that fit in the category of "getting easier" anymore.

What is holiness and why does age make it easier? It is becoming like Jesus Christ. I am holy to the degree the Father sees his Son when he looks at me and to the degree the world encounters Jesus Christ when it encounters me.

Detachment is lovely. Being attached to something so strongly you hold on with your fingernails – not lovely. As we age, we learn to detach from one thing and one person after another. That familiar ache becomes an offering of detachment.

Mercy is lovely. We let go of our rigid rejection of people who are different from us. Almost everyone is different from us as we age. We learn to be merciful and realize not everyone will look like I look, sound like I sound or act like I act.

Sacrifice is lovely. We have made many sacrifices throughout life. Aging is rife with aches and pains that can be offered up. We give birth to children and welcome grandchildren who require us to pour out ourselves non-stop.

Love is lovely. It is the highest degree of holiness, but love is so much broader than romantic love, and it certainly isn't about the self-love that seeks a taut jawline or flat tummy. It's loving your grandbabies. Loving your co-workers. Loving pets. Loving your spouse. Loving your priest. Loving the neighbor and the stranger. Loving the unlovable.

As we age, we lean into the wisdom gained with years of faith formation and the passing seasons of life. Wisdom is lovely.

Aging isn't easy. The mirror, the bathroom scale, the way my clothes fit – it seems like everything is changing. It is like puberty all over, except things sometimes feel like they are going haywire rather than a flower reaching full bloom.

Maybe it's a kind of puberty for eternity. Spiritually, we are reaching full bloom. Let the rest go. Detach.



LAST
CHAPTER
Denise Bossert

'We are overjoyed': Little Sisters of the Poor react to court's decision

CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY STAFF

Catholic leaders and religious liberty advocates have welcomed the Supreme Court ruling in favor of the Little Sisters of the Poor on July 8.

"We are overjoyed that, once again, the Supreme Court has protected our right to serve the elderly without violating our faith," said Mother Loraine Marie Maguire of the Little Sisters.

"Our life's work and great joy is serving the elderly poor and we are so grateful that the contraceptive mandate will no longer steal our attention from our calling."

The Little Sisters' victory at the Supreme Court comes nine years into their legal fight against the Obama-era "contraception mandate" which obliges employers to provide cost-free coverage for contraceptives, sterilizations, and "emergency birth control" in employee health plans under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

In 2017, the Trump administration granted a religious and moral exemption to the mandate for the sisters and other objecting groups, but then states including Pennsylvania and California filed lawsuits saying that the burden of providing coverage was being shifted onto the states and claiming that the administration violated the Administrative Procedure Act in setting up the exemption.

This month, the court found that the Trump administration "had the statutory authority to craft that exemption, as well as the contemporaneously issued moral exemption," and "that the rules promulgating these exemptions are free from procedural defects."

Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami, chairman of the U.S. bishops' religious liberty com-

mittee, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, who chairs the committee on pro-life activities issued a statement together.

"This is a saga that did not need to occur. Contraception is not health care, and the government should never have mandated that employers provide it in the first place," the bishops wrote.

"There were multiple opportunities for government officials to do the right thing and exempt conscientious objectors," they said. "Time after time, administrators and attorneys refused to respect the rights of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the Catholic faith they exemplify, to operate in accordance with the truth about sex and the human person."

The Little Sisters are "committed to building a culture of life. They care for the elderly poor. They uphold human dignity. They follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and his Church. The government has no right to force a religious order to cooperate with evil."

The court's decision was widely hailed as a final victory for the sisters after nearly a decade of legal battles, including two trips to the Supreme Court. However, the court's decision only found in favor of the executive action excusing the sisters and others with conscience objections – action that could be revoked or reversed by a subsequent administration.

The bishops ended their statement on a note of caution: "We welcome the Supreme Court's decision. We hope it brings a close to this episode of government discrimination against people of faith. Yet, considering the efforts we have seen to force compliance with this mandate, we must continue to be vigilant for religious freedom."

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Robert Martignon

Robert Martignon, 93, of Norway, father of Reverend John Martignon, died on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

He was born on Aug. 16, 1926 in Norway, the son of the late Ernest and Ida (Ziller) Martignon. Martignon served in the US Navy during World War II.



On Aug. 10, 1951, he married Betty VanLeisel. He was also a lifelong member of St. Barbara Parish in Vulcan.

Martignon is survived by his sons Robert Martignon, Jr. of Kingsford, and Father John Martignon of Houghton; daughter Sandy Johnson

of Frederick, Maryland; granddaughters Beth and Carrie. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, and brother Norman.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on June 30, 2020 at St. Barbara Parish in Vulcan. Father Timothy Ekaitis was the principal celebrant, and Father John Martignon concelebrated.

Benedict XVI's brother, Georg Ratzinger, dies at age 96

COURTNEY MARES
CNA

Pope emeritus Benedict XVI's older brother Georg Ratzinger died July 1, just a little more than one week after the pope emeritus' visit. He was 96.

The pope emeritus was able to say a last goodbye to his older brother on June 22 at the end of a four-day trip to Germany.

"One can only wish everyone such affection, such a fraternal togetherness, as witnessed in the relationship of the Ratzinger brothers. It lives on fidelity, trust, selflessness and a solid foundation: in the case of the Ratzinger brothers, this is the common, living faith in Christ, the Son of God," Bishop Rudolf Voderholzer of Regensburg said June 22.

Bishop Voderholzer said that the Eucharist was offered every day at Georg's bedside during Benedict's visit. The bishop said that when he participated in the Mass with the two brothers he felt that this "is the source upon which they live."

Msgr. Ratzinger was born in Bavaria on Jan. 15, 1924 as the first son of Joseph and Maria Ratzinger. He expressed an early talent for music, learning to play the violin and the church organ as a child.

He went on to serve as the choir master of the Regensburger Domspatzen, the cathedral choir of Regensburg, from 1964 to 1994.



PAUL BADDE | EWTN

Msgr. Georg Ratzinger, the brother of pope Benedict XVI, passed away earlier this month.

On June 29, 2011, he celebrated his 60th anniversary as a priest in Rome together with his brother. Both men were ordained priests in 1951.

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July 17: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8

July 18: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

July 19: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

July 20: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42

July 21: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50

July 22: Song of Solomon 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18

July 23: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17

July 24: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23

July 25: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28

July 26: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew

13:44-52

July 27: Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35

July 28: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43

July 29: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; John 11:19-27

July 30: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53

July 31: Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58

Aug. 1: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12

Aug. 2: Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Aug. 3: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36

Aug. 4: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36

Aug. 5: Jeremiah 31:1-7;

Matthew 15:21-28

Aug. 6: (*The Transfiguration of the Lord*) Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Aug. 7: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28

Aug. 8: Hebrews 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20

Aug. 9: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Aug. 10: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Aug. 11: Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Aug. 12: Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20

Aug. 13: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Aug. 14: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12

Rediscover the Miraculous

It seems like just about every community in the world has undergone some form of quarantine over the past months. It's an experience of physical and spiritual denial that makes you consider what matters most in life. Some Catholics have been reawakened to a hunger for the Mass, while there has also been concern that time away from church attendance will lead others to stray from the faith.

I think we can all agree that, as we gather again in community in our Church, we should be aiming for things to be better than they were before. A sure way to achieve this is to

highlight the importance of the Eucharist. If there's one thing faithful Catholics missed most during quarantine, it's the Eucharist. Yet sadly, a poll conducted last year showed that only one third of U.S. Catholics believe in the real presence of Christ

in the Eucharist. If we want our Church to become stronger than it was before, we need to change that statistic.

So how do we increase faith in the real presence? I believe it is to increase faith in the miraculous, because it takes belief in the miraculous to understand the Eucharist. Stories of the miraculous abound in the Church, and maybe we're reticent to share those stories because we know that our faith must not depend on miracles. But Christ performed miracles in order to strengthen people's faith, and stories of miracles can help us to see God's hand at work in all things and especially in the sacraments.

Eucharistic miracles are some of the most fascinating stories in history, yet they don't get nearly as much attention as they deserve. Though there are many credible reports of Eucharistic miracles, the Church has only official-

ly recognized five instances due to the rigorous process any claim must undergo.

The oldest officially recognized Eucharistic miracle took place in the 8th century in Lanciano, Italy. A Basilian Monk who was having doubts about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist was performing the consecration during Mass, when the host turned to living flesh and the wine turned to living blood. The Church of San Francesco in Lanciano now holds the relics from this miracle, displayed in a silver and glass reliquary and proven authentic by scientific studies conducted in the 1970s.

Evidence surrounding the Miracle of Lanciano and the four other officially recognized Eucharistic miracles shows a match to the type of blood found on the Shroud of Turin. I share all of this information not to encourage people's faith to depend on miracles. Christ did not want that, as he said to Thomas after proving the Resurrection to him, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (John 20:29). But this information is there for us in moments of doubt, and we should not hesitate to share stories of miracles with others when they doubt.

Christ wants us to believe so completely in His transcendent power that He invites us to a regular Eucharistic celebration without material proof of the real presence. We might look upon it as a profound spiritual exercise in which we stretch every aspect of our being, from our intellect to our ability to think creatively. Christ wants us to discover the faith of one who has not seen. When we discover that faith, we prepare ourselves to recognize God's miraculous hand at work in the world and in all aspects of our lives.

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Photos for sacrament supplement

Due to COVID-19 delaying many of the Rites of Initiation this year, The U.P. Catholic's annual Sacrament Supplement will publish later this fall. Pastors are asked to send individual or group photos of your parish first Communion and confirmations to news@dioceseofmarquette.org as they occur.

National Church Collection, Aug. 15-16

All parishes and missions in the Diocese of Marquette will take up the National Church Collection, Aug. 15-16. The National Church Collection supports the following outreach ministries to the Universal Church: the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the National Retirement Fund for Religious, and the Catholic University Collection.

Monthly Lansing State Capitol rosary crusade

A rosary is being held monthly on the 13th of the month through October, which are the anniversary dates of the Fatima Apparitions. It will be held at the Lansing State Capitol Building to pray for our state and nation. It is also offered via livestream through Facebook by searching for "Capitol Rosary Crusade." The intentions of this rosary include: life, marriage and family; conversion of souls; reparation for sin; and state and national leaders. Tune into the livestream on the 13th of the month beginning at 3 p.m. ET.

Submit items to The U.P. Catholic Newspaper

The U.P. Catholic invites all parishes, missions and schools to submit events for possible publication in the newspaper's calendar. Events can be submitted to news@dioceseofmarquette.org. Submission deadlines for upcoming issues:

Aug. 14 issue: Submit items by July 24

Sept. 19 issue: Submit items by Aug. 21

Cancellations of events across diocese

Due to directives from the State of Michigan regarding COVID-19, events across the diocese are being cancelled or modified in accordance with regulations. Check your parish bulletins, websites and Facebook pages, as well as the diocesan website and The U.P. Catholic Facebook page for the most up-to-date event cancellations. For information on the response to COVID-19 in the Diocese of Marquette, visit www.dioceseofmarquette.org/response.

Carmelite Silver Tea Cancelled

Due to COVID-19, this year's Carmelite Silver Tea is cancelled. The event will be postponed until next year. The Sister's thank everyone for their generosity and look forward to next year.

See the See Youth Rally cancelled

See the See, which usually occurs in the fall, has been cancelled. Due to lessening attendance over the past few years, it has been decided to focus on supporting youth faith formation in other ways.

Milestone Marriage Mass cancelled

The Milestone Marriage Mass, previously scheduled for Sept. 13, has been cancelled for 2020.

Do you have photos from a parish or school event?

Send your photos with the event information for possible publication to:

news@dioceseofmarquette.org, or by mail to Photos - The U.P. Catholic, 1004 Harbor Hills Dr., Marquette, MI 49855.

Upper Peninsula native accepted into Novitiate

Mary Jane Schwartz was accepted into the Novitiate of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in Manitowoc, Wis. during the Rite of Initiation into Religious Life on Saturday, June 13.



Sister Mary Jane Schwartz

During the afternoon ceremony, Sister Natalie Binversie, community director of the Franciscan Sisters, conferred upon Mary Jane the religious name Sister Mary Jane.

Sister Mary Jane is the daughter of Wayne and Lanita Schwartz. She is from L'Anse, Michigan and was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, L'Anse, in the Marquette Diocese. Sister Mary Jane will be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood - Middle Childhood Education at University of Wisconsin, Green Bay.

Plan to change

Over the years, while working at various newspapers as an editor, I've told new reporters to make a plan then plan to change. This year has taken that to a new level.

We plan way ahead at The U.P. Catholic. When we send one issue to the printers, we meet to flesh out the next issue, and look at the issue or two beyond that. We keep a calendar that extends more than a year out in our planning materials to help ensure we don't miss anything. Hattie Hanold, assistant editor, and I check the snail mail and email (news@dioceseofmarquette.org) to see what has come in.



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John Fee

Deacon Steve Gretzinger, our advertising manager (ads@dioceseofmarquette.org) has had the arduous task of figuring out our publishing schedule. With an odd number of issues, taking into account set (Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas) and moving (Ash Wednesday, Easter) holidays and holy days, planning the schedule is no mean feat.

Our 2020 calendar was on the diocesan website well before the year began (visit www.thedioceseofmarquette.org/mediakit), and work on the 2021 calendar began months ago. Then we had to change.

With 2020 being what it is, our budget took a hit in various ways. We took a hard look at what we need to do to cover costs in these challenging times. This doesn't seem like the right time to ask for more parish support (\$4.25 per registered household per year). So, with the agreement of the diocesan finance council and our bishop, we're changing from 18 issues to 16 issues per year beginning with Fiscal Year 2021 (Nov. 1 - Oct. 31).

While I would have preferred our change in plans to be an increase in issues, I firmly believe that this is the fiscally responsible and right thing to do. We'll be open to adding issues in the future should that become a reasonable option again.

Another shift, but not so drastic, is a change in publishing the annual Sacraments section (sponsored thanks to the Michigan Knights of Columbus). We had planned on having it in this issue of the newspaper. However, with the celebration of Sacraments of Initiation delayed

this year, we're holding off until September or October to give parishes a chance to send in photos. If you haven't, please send photos by email to news@dioceseofmarquette.org with names listed (left to right, front row, second row, etc., back row). We expect to receive a lot of individual photos as many have been celebrated one person at a time. That's fine. Please send yours in.

The annual diocesan Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Peter Cathedral has just been canceled this year. We're not sure what new plans will be made at this time and will have to make a decision soon concerning our Golden Age themed issue of the newspaper (planned for Oct. 9, 2020), which normally includes photos of parishioners celebrating their golden wedding anniversaries. Watch for more information in the next issue of The U.P. Catholic.

In the meantime, we've recently launched a new website (www.yoopercatholic.org), which will share more stories and photos from across the diocese. A lot of people have put much effort into this, not the least are Fathers Ryan Ford and Ben Hasse, along with Sarah Williams at St. Albert the Great Parish in Houghton. While you do have to be online, you don't have to join anything or have a social media account to view the content.

The diocese has also partnered with Flocknote to provide parishes an easy and quick way to keep in touch with parishioners via email and text messaging. It's pretty slick. Perhaps your parish has already joined. If you're a pastor or parish administrator, contact Terri Gadzinski for more information (tgadzinski@dioceseofmarquette.org).

A lot of thought and effort has been put into working through these issues and making changes to our plans. I know I can get frustrated when my plans don't work out, or worse, get dropped. We appreciate your patience as we work through these changes.

And the good news, is the Good News. God's got a plan. He's in charge. It's all going to work out. We just have to be faithful.

Editor's note: Most parishes have a special The U.P. Catholic collection in February, although they may choose another time or to have a second collection. The funds raised in this collection do not go to the newspaper, but stay with the parish to help cover costs. We encourage you to generously support your parish during this collection.



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O Holy Spirit come into my life and my heart. By the fire of your love, transform me and all Catholics throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula into Spirit-filled evangelizers. I pray that more and more people may come to know the love of Jesus Christ and make a personal decision to follow him. I pray for all the people that I know who are not practicing any faith. Touch their hearts with your love, O Holy Spirit. Work through me so that they may have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and follow him in faith. To you, O Holy Spirit, and to the Father and to the Son, be glory and honor for ever and ever, Amen.

Lights, camera, Catechism

Totus Tuus goes online this summer



Drew Langston in the role of St. Peter holds the keys to the Kingdom as Grace Howard runs the camera for a virtual Totus Tuus session.

EDDIE O'NEILL
THE U.P. CATHOLIC

It is a Wednesday afternoon in June in the basement of St. Albert the Great Parish at Michigan Tech University and the call has just gone out, "Quiet on the set." A team of Totus Tuus (totally yours in English) missionaries are getting ready to create another teaching video.

There's St. Gianna Molla with her white lab coat and stethoscope. St. Peter holds a larger-than-life set of keys to the Kingdom while a bare-footed St. Padre Pio adjusts his beard. Welcome to Totus Tuus's summer catechetical program COVID-19 style.

During a typical week of this Catholic summer camp, which has been around for more than 30 years (and since 2013 in the Diocese of Marquette), dozens of school-aged kids from grades K-12 would gather each day and night at a local parish for an age-appropriate look at the Faith. A typical week would include skits, games and fun activities. However, the COVID-19 pandemic this spring uprooted all things typical.

"How on earth is this going to happen?" asked Mathijs Dijkstra after finding out that Totus Tuus would be all online. "It is difficult enough in a live-classroom setting. How are we going to do this through a computer screen?"

Grace Howard, of Bruce Crossing, echoed a similar sentiment. "I was skeptical that this would work," she said. "We tend to thrive on that in-person interaction."

However, all would agree that it has been working. Under the fearless leadership of Father Ben Hasse, pastor at St. Albert the Great, and the creative guidance of Diocese of Marquette seminarian Zach Mazurek, this missionary team of nine college-age students has turned this church basement into a virtual Catholic TV studio.

"As we got closer to the end of school this past spring, the conclusion was that if we evangelized one person it would be worth it," related Mazurek who will begin his second year at Sacred Heart

Seminary in Detroit in the fall.

The teams are producing several videos a day based on the theme of the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary and the Ten Commandments and posting them on YouTube.

They have even set up live Zoom meetings with their audiences throughout the day. These live sessions are divided into age groups just as they would be if it was a "normal" week of summer. In the morning families of kindergartners through third grade can log on for a short teaching moment. Then there is fourth through sixth grade, seventh and eighth grade, and the high school students have a longer session live on the computer each evening.

"We have tried to keep things creative, using silly songs and music," said Mary Sacha, of Grand Rapids. "We are looking to create that same energy on the screen as if we were in person."

According to Mazurek the feedback has been positive.

"We have gotten several emails from parents who stated that our videos have been fun and engaging, and their kids have been enjoying it.

"One thing that hasn't changed this summer is the group's Thursday-night Eucharistic adoration for the middle and high school students. They have been invited to show up and participate following the latest COVID-19 guidelines. Around 10 students came to pray at St. Al's at the end of the first week."

"Adoration and the chance to go to confession is one of the highlights of the week," noted Sacha. "We want to make sure that it continues to still a key part of the Totus Tuus experience this summer as well."

All the missionaries said that this Totus Tuus experience wasn't what they expected when they applied way back in December. However they have all put on a true-missionary spirit.

"It has worked out well, said Sacha. "We've adapted and are learning as we go."

For more information visit: Totus Tuus Diocese of Marquette on Facebook or YouTube.



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A group of Totus Tuus team members pause from filming for a group photo. From left: Zach Mazurek, Mathijs Dijkstra, Grace Howard, Richard Nalette III and Mary Sacha.

Rev. Michael Woempner



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