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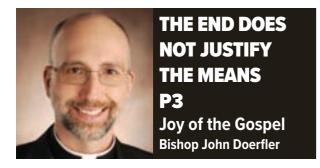
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#### Baraga Days blessings given with Bishop Baraga's crucifix

Amelia Scibelli receives a blessing from Fr. Timothy Ferguson with the crucifix of Bishop Frederic Baraga at St. Joseph Parish in Sault Ste. Marie at this year's Baraga Days. The event celebrating Bishop Baraga was held Sept. 8-9. For more about Baraga Days, see page 19.

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**RESPECT LIFE: OCTOBER MARKS** RESPECT LIFE **MONTH** 

#### Priests of the diocese gather for convocation



COURTESY PHOTO

Priests of the diocese of Marquette pose for a photo with Bishop John Doerfler at the priest convocation that was held in Door County, Wis., on Sept. 18-20. The convocation is an opportunity for priests of the diocese to gather for prayer, fraternity and recreation over a few days.

#### Reverend Daniel Fosu

God bless you Fr. Daniel! Thank you for being here for us.



Together, we are blessed.

Your friends atSt. Agnes & St. Cecilia

#### Seminarians visit Carmelite monastery



COURTESY PHOTO

On Aug. 14, the seminarians of the diocese gathered together at the Monastery of the Holy Cross in Iron Mountain, the home of the Discalced Carmelite nuns. From left are seminarians: Thomas Lundholm, Ethan Wilcox, Charles Tackman, Drew Langton, Tyler Rivard, Zachary Mazurek, William Heiny and Mark Beukema. Behind the grate are the Discalced Carmelite nuns.

#### Reverend Peter Fosu



Fr. Peter,
Thank you
for being here
with us!

We are inspired by you and will continue to pray for you and your ministry!

Immaculate Conception in Watersmeet

#### **CORRECTIONS**

- Fr. Daniel Fosu is the pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Iron River and St. Cecilia Parish in Caspian. The parishes were incorrectly listed in the Sept. 15 issue of the newspaper.
- Catholic Service Award recipient Bob Bink and his first wife, Millie, raised their children. Bink married his second wife, Sherri, in 2010 following the death of Millie. This information was incorrect in the Sept. 15 issue of the newspaper.
- Regarding the Sept. 15 Word from Lansing column on Michigan Catholic Conference's FOCUS on Church efforts to prevent abuse, it should be noted that dioceses are subject to regular reviews of their compliance with the Charter requirements, which are conducted by an external third-party compliance firm on a three-year basis. Between those on-site visits, dioceses must also submit reports on an annual basis to the firm. The auditor can ask questions regarding those annual reports to check for Charter compliance between the three-year reviews.

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#### The end does not justify the means

HOWEVER, TAKING THE LIFE

OF AN INNOCENT UNBORN BABY

IS NEVER JUSTIFIED. EVERY

**HUMAN LIFE HAS INTRINSIC** 

DIGNITY THAT MUST BE RESPECTED.

s we continue to reflect on "living the truth in love" in our world, let us consider the following passage from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 12:2:

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is



**JOY OF** THE GOSPEL Bishop John Doerfler

the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.'

It is often said that the Catholic Church is out of touch, or needs to change its teachings. Those calling for such a change have conformed themselves to this age. Instead, we should conform ourselves to the Sacred Scriptures and the teaching of

the Church. When our minds and hearts

are formed by the Word of God, we can live the truth in love.

In this context, consider an area of our culture in which it is very easy to be conformed to this age. Our culture is permeated by the false moral rea-

soning that the end justifies the means. For example, when I was growing up and we learned in school about **American History** and the Second World War, we

were taught that it was justified to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki because it would bring a quicker end to the war and many more lives would be saved. The end of saving more lives, it was said, justified the means of dropping the bomb and obliterating entire cities.

Yet the Church teaches that it is never permissible to destroy whole cities no matter what the reason is, "Every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against

> God and man, which merits firm and unequivocal condemnation" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2314).

In our culture, we see the same reasoning that the end justifies in other life issues as well. In the case of abortion, it is

said that abortion is necessary to help a woman who is pregnant and facing many challenges. Of course, we should help women who are facing challenges when they are pregnant. That is why we have a national program for parishes called "Walking with Moms in Need," and crisis pregnancy centers that strive

to walk with and help pregnant women in their time of need. However, taking the life of an innocent unborn baby is never justified. Every human life has intrinsic dignity that must be respected.

Another example can be found with physician assisted suicide and euthanasia. It is said that the end of helping people who are suffering justifies either helping them end their lives or killing them. It is so important for us to walk with people who are suffering, but every human life is to be treasured. It is never permissible to end a human life to relieve suffering.

Let us be on the lookout for other areas in our culture that strive to justify immoral behavior by the false moral reasoning the end justifies the means. In a particular way in this month dedicated to the respect of human life, let us strive to uphold the dignity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

#### **OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS**

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

Effective September 27, 2023:

**Very Reverend Timothy** 



Hruska: Relieved as Vicar Forane of Holv Name of Mary Vicariate. He will retain his responsibilities as pastor of St. Joseph Parish,

Rudyard, St. Mary Mission,

Trout Lake and St. Francis

Xavier Parish, Brimley.

Timothy Hruska



Very Rev. **Allen Mott** 

Mott: Appointed as Vicar Forane of Holy Name of Mary Vicariate. He will retain his responsibilities as pastor

of Mary, Sault Ste. Marie, and Sacred Heart Mission, Sugar Island.

**Effective Oct** 30, 2023:

**Rever**end Daniel





of Holy Name

Rev. Daniel

**Dapaah:** Appointed as pastor of Guardian Angels Parish, Crystal Falls and St. Rose Parish, Channing.

Effective Oct. 15, 2023: **Reverend Ronald** 

Relieved as temporary administrator of Resurrection Parish. Hancock, and St. Francis of Assisi Mission, Dollar Bay.

Timock:



Rev. Ronald

Effective Nov. 6, 2023: **Very Reverend Corey** Litzner: Relieved as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, L'Anse, St. Ann Parish, Baraga, and Most Holy Name of Jesus/St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Very Rev. Assinins, and

**Corey Litzner** appointed pastor of Church of the Resurrec-

tion Parish, Hancock, and St. Francis of Assisi, Dollar Bay. He will retain his responsibilitv as Vicar Forane of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Vicariate. **Reverend Jins Joseph:** 

Appointed as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, L'Anse, St. Ann Parish. Baraga, and Most Holy Name of Jesus/St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, As-

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"There are several saints who intercede for me regularly and those on my heart. I'd say St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Andrew Kim Taegon and the Korean martyrs are uniquely special to me. St. Andrew and the Korean martyrs were but on my heart during my years living and teaching in Korea as my heart was being moved toward the Church. St. Kateri, though, I feel, forced her way on to my heart when I was doing Totus Tuus. I owe so much to these saints. They've greatly enriched my

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#### This November, March for Life and combat extreme abortion policies

ext month, the first-ever statewide March for Life will take place at the state Capitol in Lansing. It is set for Nov. 8 to mark the first anniversary of the unfortunate approval of Proposal 3, which created a right to abortion in the state constitution.

Besides marking this solemn occasion, the March will gather the pro-life movement of Michigan to



THE WORD FROM LANSING

Paul A. Long

present a powerful public witness to the dignity of human life. To march in support of the unborn and human life at all stages is more important than ever in this state – and not just because of Proposal 3.

In recent months, pro-abortion lawmakers have introduced legislation

known as the "Reproductive Health Act" with the backing of the governor and abortion advocacy groups like Planned Parenthood. These bills would remove many common-sense limits on abortion intended to protect women who seek abortion.

The legislation would repeal the requirement to provide a woman informed consent prior to an abortion as well as repeal state licensing and inspection requirements on abortion clinics. MCC was a strong advocate in 2012 for state licensing and inspection laws for abortion clinics because if women do make the choice for abortion, they should be assured they will be present in a location that meets basic health and safety standards. Anything less is an affront to her dignity.

On a broader scale, the RHA package would essentially repeal nearly every pro-life law enacted in Michigan over several decades. The RHA would repeal numerous guardrails on abortion practices like ensuring the ethical and compassionate disposal of fetal remains after an abortion, and the prohibition against gruesome, late-term partial-birth abortions.

These bills, if signed into law, would mark a dangerous step back in

Michigan for protecting the dignity of human life and the health and safety of vulnerable women – even further back than the passage of Proposal 3.

Supporters of the RHA say Proposal 3 is the reason why they are pushing the RHA – even though most Michiganders support the policies the RHA would repeal, including people who voted for Proposal 3.

Proposal 3 has also been the justification used by lawmakers this year to pass bills that remove criminal penalties for causing the death of a woman during an abortion, as well as legislation that mandates employer coverage for abortion if the employer also provides benefits related to pregnancy or childbirth.

These extreme policies – which have been signed into law by the governor – go too far on abortion, even for Michigan voters who approved Proposal 3. Those abortion policies and now legislation like the RHA are more reason why lawmakers need to see thousands of people who support human life on the steps of the Capitol on Nov. 8.

We encourage Catholics across the state to make a pro-life pilgrimage to Lansing for the Michigan March for Life. There will first be a Mass for Life at 9:30 a.m. that day at St. Mary Cathedral, which is steps away from the Capitol. After Mass a worship music concert will commence on the Capitol lawn, followed by the rally and the March.

There are buses leaving from all parts of the state with open spots available. To find a local bus, visit www.marchforlife.org/michigan-march-for-life/ and in the FAQ section, click on "Can I Find a Bus from my Area" and follow the link there. If there are no local buses, consider organizing a parish group to make the trip.

We hope Catholics from across Michigan will join the March for Life at the state Capitol this November, and in the years to come.

The Word from Lansing is a regular column for Catholic news outlets provided by Michigan Catholic Conference, the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in this state.

# International conference seeks to enrich ministry to Catholic Indigenous populations

Representatives from Catholic Indigenous organizations came together with Catholic bishops and staff from the episcopal conferences of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States last month for the International Conference on Catholic Indigenous Ministry (ICCI). The gathering in Washington was a historic occasion of dialogue, learning, and fellowship for those who work with Indigenous communities in the Catholic Church.

Hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Subcommittee on Native American Affairs, the purpose of the week-long gathering was to share experiences, ideas, resources, and best practices encountered in the relationship between the Catholic Church and Indigenous communities.

"My hope is that the conversations that were started at this meeting will continue to grow and lead to deeper understanding and engagement with our Native and Indigenous communities," said Bishop Chad Zielinski of New Ulm, chairman of the USC-CB's Subcommittee on Native American Affairs. "I am grateful for the collaboration with other episcopal conferences to have meaningful conversations with representatives from the Native and Indigenous communities. Some of the topics we addressed dealt with history that can be difficult and painful to discuss, but we must be willing to face these issues so we may also bring real and honest dialogue to lead towards healing, and a heightened awareness so that

history is not repeated. But our gathering was also an opportunity for joyous celebration of the diversity of our cultures, and how the Indigenous communities enrich our shared Catholic faith."

The gathering added an international component to the wider and comprehensive synodal approach that the USCCB's Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church is taking to reinvigorate ministry with various ethnic and cultural communities. Included as a key part of the meeting agenda was a listening session for the bishops with representatives from Catholic Indigenous organizations, with the intent that it will help charter a path for ministry to the Indigenous at the international level. The topics of discussion emphasized the importance of being both Catholic and Indigenous, and included evangelization, education, reconciliation, healing, and inculturation, as well as social concerns such as poverty, racism, and the environment.

The meeting enhances the work of the Subcommittee on Native American Affairs as they prepare to present a new pastoral framework for Indigenous ministry, Keeping Christ's Sacred Promise, that will be voted on by the body of bishops during their November plenary. This pastoral framework has been developed after extensive consultation with U.S. Catholic Native leaders and it is designed to refocus and reinvigorate Catholic Indigenous ministry in the United States.

# Bishop Monforton appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit

Pope Francis has appointed Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton as Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, transferring him from the Diocese of Steubenville and assigning him the Titular See of Centuria. The Holy See has also appointed Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley, bishop emeritus of Kalamazoo, as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Steubenville.

The appointments were publicized in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 28, 2023, by Cardinal-designate Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

The Archdiocese of Detroit is comprised of 3,901 square miles in the State of Michigan and has a total population of 4,323,432 of which 907,921, are Catholic.

The Diocese of Steubenville is comprised of 5,913 square miles in the State of Ohio and has a total population of 481,411 of which 28,339, are Catholic.

## Pope Francis: It's never 'too late' to receive God's love

BY COURTNEY MARES

CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

Pope Francis said on Sept. 24 that regardless of one's stage of life, it is never too late to receive God's love.

Speaking in his Angelus address, the pope said that God is seeking us out at every hour of the day and that his "bighearted" love for us is not based on our merits.

"This is how God is: He does not wait for our efforts to come to us," Pope Francis said. "He does not give up if we are late in responding to him. On the contrary, he himself has taken the initiative and through Jesus came to us to show us his love."

"And he seeks us at all hours of the day, which, as St. Gregory the Great states, represent the different stages and seasons of our life up to old age (cf. Homilies on the Gospel, 19)."

"For his heart, it is never too late; he is always looking for us and waiting for us."

The pope spoke from the window of the Apostolic Palace overlooking St. Peter's Square one day after he gave a strong condemnation of euthanasia on his return flight from Marseille in southern France, saying there is such a thing as "bad compassion."

Pope Francis spent two days in the French city, where he spoke at a meeting of young people and bishops called Mediterranean Encounter with a message that the deepening migrant crisis unfolding in the Mediterranean is "a reality of our times" that calls for wisdom and a collaborative response from European nations.

"Dear brothers and sisters, [on Sept. 24] we celebrate World Migrant and Refugee Day, under the theme 'free to choose whether to migrate or to stay,' as a reminder that migrating should be a free choice and never the only one possible," he said.

Reflecting on his trip to France, Pope Francis said that the challenge of creating communities that can welcome and integrate migrants was "at the heart" of the Mediterranean Encounter event.

"It is necessary that every man and every woman be guaranteed the opportunity to live a dignified life, in the society in which they find themselves. Unfortunately, misery, wars, and climate crisis force so many people to flee," he said.

"Therefore, we are all called to create communities ready and open to welcome, promote, accompany, and integrate those who knock on our doors."

"May Our Lady help us to convert to God's measure: that of a love without measure," he said.

#### Every human life is precious

ecently I traveled downstate to visit family over a weekend and stopped at a Catholic Church to fulfill my Mass obligation. I decided to sit a little bit towards the back. Since I got there early, people began to fill in the pews after I was already seated. In the pew behind me was a family with a little baby who



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Caty Mraz

looked to only be a couple of months old. She was very well behaved and smiled a lot, and the girl who I assume was her sister was absolutely enamored with her, holding the bottle for her as she fed during Mass.

There was an older lady holding the baby, who I found out afterwards was the baby's

grandmother. When I spoke with her briefly after Mass she talked fondly about her grandkids. I could tell that the family was very close-knit. It was a simple interaction, but it was an enjoyable one, and it brightened my day. It also highlights, I think, the importance of respecting life from conception to natural death.

When I was in middle school, I walked in the March for Life at least twice. Seeing the amount of people there was a powerful testament to how many people care about protecting the unborn and standing up for their mothers. I've also had interactions with older men and women at nursing homes at various youth group events, and they always seemed to enjoy the company, while I liked hearing more about them—sometimes the things they would share were so fascinatingly dif-

ferent from how things are nowadays.

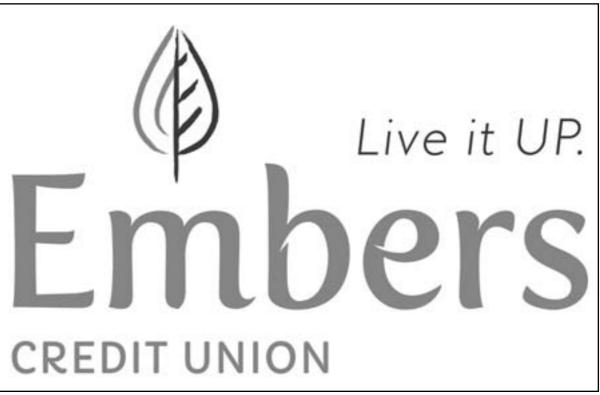
Babies and young children have so much of their lives ahead of them and so much potential for what they can bring to the world, while the older generations have lots of wisdom that they can share with us because of their various life experiences. Every human life is precious!

October is Respect Life month, and there are many different things that you can do to help build a culture that cherishes and protects human life. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities has helpful resources that can be found at www.respectlife. org/respect-life-month, though other parts of the site are also worth a read for more information.

Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington wrote a statement highlighting "radical solidarity" with pregnant mothers facing difficult circumstances and I think he posed a series of great questions to ask yourself: Do you know what efforts are happening in your area to help women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? What are the needs, and what are the gifts and talents that you can offer to help? This could apply not only to pregnant moms, but perhaps to helping older folks around you. Is there something you can do to help out an older neighbor, like raking leaves this fall, or shoveling their driveway? Is there someone you could visit and give company to that might be lonely and want someone to talk to? What gifts or talents do you have that could help them out?

Pray that those in political office will protect life from conception to natural death, and for a culture that respects life!





with college students allows for the Creighton Mod-

el to be used as an evangelization tool and teaching

them that the Church is not anti-women and teach

them to see the model as a beautiful thing and a tool,"

Hoehn said. "There's a shift in young women saying, 'I

want to know what's going on [with my body]." Most

parish, though some students will come for details for

Weber is currently at St. Joseph in Sault Ste. Marie.

"Fr. Brad Sjoquist has provided office space for me to

use. It's super nice to have Jesus close by there to have

extra prayer time and guidance," she said. Weber and

her husband have four children, ranging from age 16

to age 4. She added, "I'm looking forward to my kids

grow up. They've been exposed to how it is used in our

Hoehn said, "We create a non-judgmental atmo-

them a sense of peace." She added that the Creigh-

ton Model has a strong emphasis on teaching about

conception and the process of the growth of the infant

in the introductory session. She said, "One thing I see

working with couples is a look of awe and wonder on

the man's face when he learns about this if he wasn't

already knowledgeable about it, when he gets an un-

derstanding of it and a new appreciation for the wom-

an's body and the smallest lives that need protecting."

Hoehn shared that resources are offered if they are

needed for those facing an unexpected pregnancy, and

that practitioners teaching about the Creighton Model

can also be a support system. "The more people there

people there are that can be a support system for each

are doing the model and talking about it, the more

sphere, meet clients where they're at and want to give

being more aware of the Creighton Model as they

of Hoehn's clients are active at St. Albert the Great

class projects or to get information and talk to their

friends about it.

#### Helping women better understand their fertility

BY CATY MRAZ

THE U.P. CATHOLIC

Throughout the Diocese of Marquette, there are many Natural Family Planning (NFP) practitioners who offer their aid to those seeking to monitor the naturally occurring cycles of a woman's body to either achieve or avoid pregnancy without drugs, devices, or surgery. They are also able to assist women who are seeking to gain a better understanding of their health.

Two such individuals are Kylie Hoehn of Houghton who serves as a Creighton Model practitioner and



Kylie Hoehn

Emily Weber of Sault Ste. Marie, who is currently an intern learning how to instruct in the Creighton Model. Hoehn is located at St. Albert the Great Parish, while Weber is located at St. Joseph Parish in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Creighton Model, which is recognized by the Catholic Church as a form of NFP, assists women in managing their fertility and gynecological health. It is highly effective and supports the Church's call to responsible parenthood, without the use or interference of contraceptives or artificial reproductive technology.

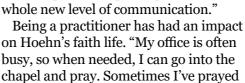
The Creighton Model is used for achieving pregnancy, gynecological health monitoring, and infertility. It can also be used to avoid pregnancy by tracking when a woman is fertile, and the couple can abstain accordingly. It is a cervical mucus only method that involves tracking patterns present in the woman's cycle. Referrals to a doctor are only necessary if additional help is needed in addressing matters such as infertility, maintaining pregnancy, or polycystic ovarian syndrome. Practitioners help with charting and recognizing patterns, and will then recommend them to a doctor if needed.

Hoehn, who began instructing in the model in 2018, described the Creighton Model as a two-part journey and said, "Clients gain fertility appreciation and management, and they can look at a chart and see where they may struggle with issues such as infertility or endometriosis." She said, "About half of my cli-

ents are single women using the Creighton Model primarily to track their gynecological health."

Weber and her husband have used the Creighton Model for 16 years. She said, "I can see benefits of it in our marriage and it

works. I've always kind of had a passion to share [the Creighton Model]. Not a lot of people know about it. There's a lot of ways thrown at us to manage fertility ... It's good to have more information about it out there. You couldn't do the Creighton Model and not get closer to your spouse. It opens up a whole new level of communic



'what does this next client need?' Working



Emily Weber

other," she said.

For more information about the Creighton Model, visit www.creightonmodel.com. Hoehn primarily teaches classes in person in the Houghton area, but also teaches virtually. For more information, contact her via email at kylie@mtucatholic.org, or visit www.coppercountryfertilitycare.com. Weber may be reached at eupfertilitycare@gmail.com, and she

offers classes in person or virtually.

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# U.S. bishops ask for "Radical Solidarity" with mothers in Respect Life Month statement

While efforts must remain strong to end legalized abortion, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, affirmed the personal responsibility of all Catholics to "thoroughly surround mothers in need with life-giving support and personal accompaniment."

Bishop Burbidge added that being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances "means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own." He said, "Pope Francis reminds us that solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset," a transformation within our own hearts."

Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as "Respect Life Month." This year, Bishop Burbidge invited Catholics to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Respect Life Month by embracing "radical solidarity" with women facing difficult or challenging pregnancies.

Bishop Burbidge echoed Saint John Paul II, who coined the term "radical solidarity" in reference to the care owed to vulnerable pregnant women: "In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman."

"God has given each of us particular gifts, and with those gifts He entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. Embracing an attitude

of radical solidarity calls us to honestly reflect on some challenging questions and to consider specific actions we can take to foster an authentic culture of life," Bishop Burbidge said in his statement. "Some questions we might ask ourselves could include: Do I know what efforts are happening in my area to help women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? What are the needs? What are my gifts and talents? How can I adjust my schedule or budget to assist efforts to help moms in need and their children? Radical solidarity can be lived out in countless ways, including volunteering at your local pregnancy center; helping an expectant mother find stable housing; babysitting so a mom can work or take classes; providing encouragement and a listening ear to a mom without a support system.

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own," Bishop Burbidge said at the conclusion of his statement, inviting all Catholics to think about building a culture of life in terms of radical solidarity. He added, "We are the Church. Our prayers, witness, sacrifices, advocacy, and good works are needed now, more than ever. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world today and we each have a personal responsibility to care for one another.'

To read Bishop Burbidge's full statement, "Living Radical Solidarity," visit www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-23-RLM-Statement.pdf.

## MCC calls on House, Senate members to oppose deregulation of abortion industry

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Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) is calling on the consciences of members of the House of Representatives and state Senate to oppose appalling legislation passed by the House Health Policy Committee that overturns widely-supported limitations on abortion and policies that require accountability and transparency over Michigan abortion facilities.

A package of bills operating under the name Reproductive Health Act (RHA) would legalize third trimester partial-birth abortions in Michigan, deregulate abortion clinics by ending state-required inspection and licensure standards, and remove a Right to Know informed consent for women prior to an abortion, among other provisions.

"The bills that emerged from committee are likely the most extreme policies passed in the recent history of the Legislature due to their blatant prioritization of the abortion industry over women's health and safety," said Rebecca Mastee, J.D., policy advocate for MCC. "The majority of Michiganders support and expect longstanding regulations and limitations on abortion to remain in place, limits that were legal under Roe v. Wade. All human life, including the life of a woman seeking an abortion, has inherent value and is worthy of legal protection. We call on members of the Michigan Legislature to turn to their consciences and oppose the

Reproductive Health Act."

Bills passed by the committee that are part of the RHA package would repeal numerous protections currently in place related to abortion limitations, which MCC says will result in minimal to no transparency or accountability for abortion clinics due to a proposed removal of clinic reporting requirements, including for instances of complications that occur during an abortion, and more women having an abortion they do not want due to a proposed repeal of a screening for coercion prior to an abortion. It will also result in more aborted children discarded in public waste containers due to a proposed repeal of requirements to dispose of fetal remains safely and humanely.

Polling data from Marketing Resource Group, commissioned by MCC in March 2023, found that 90 percent of the public support licensing and inspecting abortion clinics, and nearly two-thirds of those surveyed, 63 percent, support a Right to Know period before an abortion takes place. The poll also revealed that 97 percent of "prochoice" respondents support clinic regulations while 65 percent are in favor of the 24-hour Right to Know policy.

"The Reproductive Health Act would advance an unregulated abortion environment in Michigan, prioritizing the financial, political and business interests of the abortion industry over the health and safety of women in this state," Mastee said.

#### Join the March for Life in Michigan

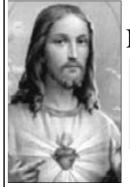
Right to Life of Michigan will be hosting the first-ever Michigan March for Life on Nov. 8, 2023 at the Capitol in Lansing. It will be held on the anniversary of the approval of Proposal 3 and will serve as an important step toward bringing about a culture of life in Michigan.

A bus from the Diocese of Marquette is being organized by Fr. Ryan Ford. The charter bus will leave Ishpeming on Nov. 7, traveling overnight. Attendees will attend Mass and have breakfast in Lansing on Nov. 8. The group will attend the prayerful rally beginning at 11 a.m., and the peaceful march around the Capitol, scheduled at noon.

The bus will return home after the march with a stop for dinner. Cost is \$125 per person and includes the bus travel, T-shirt and a hat. Registration information can be found at www.ishpemingcatholic.com/march.

Speakers include: Bishop Earl Boyea, bishop of the Diocese of Lansing; Jeannie Mancini, president of the National March for Life; Pro-life State Senator Thomas Albert from the 18th senate District; and Representative Jaime Greene, from the 65th House District.

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# Box of Joy Gifts Link US Catholics With Needy Children in Developing Countries

Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy\*
ministry is underway again this year, and
there are high expectations it will provide
bountiful blessings to thousands of poor
children living in developing countries of
the world. When faithful Catholics in the
U.S. participate in the program by sending
Christmas gifts to children in Africa,
Latin America and the Caribbean, they are
offering those boys and girls more than
toys, clothing and school supplies — they
are delivering much-needed hope.

The story of Rocelin Pineda demonstrates the power of this loving gesture. The little girl and her two brothers live in the Guatemalan village of Pueblo Viejo, and they have faced a lot of challenges in their young lives. Last year, Rocelin was involved in a motorcycle accident that put her in a coma for two months. She underwent several surgeries on her stomach and head and had to learn how to walk and talk all over again. Extensive medical needs also kept Rocelin from attending school.

Now 6 years old, the little girl's health has finally improved, and she can socialize with children her own age again. The arrival of a Box of Joy gift from a U.S. Catholic donor served as a big encouragement to her.

Rocelin's mother, Tatiana, said, "I'm so very grateful for the gifts for my daughter — she looks very happy! I also ask for your prayers for her health and wish with all my heart that God blesses you."

Connecting Catholics living in different parts of the world has always been an important part of the Box of Joy program's appeal. In many cases, families, parishes and Catholic school groups that take part also add special notes and drawings to the boxes to give the children receiving them extra encouragement.

"I have seen heartwarming cards and wonderful artwork in some of the boxes we've prepared for shipment overseas," confirmed Michele Sagarino, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. "I can only imagine the excitement those children felt as they took their crayons out to write those notes or make those special pictures. It must have been a thrill for them to





Through Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy ministry, U.S. Catholics pack or sponsor gifts for children in need. Rocelin has been through many challenges, so the gift she received was a big encouragement to her — and a blessing to her mother as well.

know that the art or message they were sending in that Box of Joy would be shared with a boy or girl in a place like Haiti or Guatemala. God bless them for taking the time to send a personal and encouraging message of love and support to children overseas!"

Because many of the children in the countries Cross Catholic Outreach serves are living in extremely poor communities, the gifts inside each Box of Joy have a big impact too

"If you have been to Haiti, Guatemala or some of the other developing countries where we distribute Box of Joy gifts, you know just how important these simple gifts will be to the children who receive them," Sagarino added. "Some of the boys and girls have never owned a new toy or

had a new piece of clothing. Some have never received a Christmas gift of any kind, so their faces light up like Christmas itself when the boxes arrive."

This year, Cross Catholic Outreach hopes its Box of Joy program will have its biggest reach ever, with gifts going to even more countries and blessing even more children with Christmas joy.

"Ultimately it's the compassion of American Catholics that makes this program successful," Sagarino said. "Our hope is that every Catholic household in the U.S. will want to get involved."

Readers interested in supporting Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy program can learn more about giving and volunteering opportunities at the organization's website, found at boxofjoy.org.

#### Donors Send A Box of Joy to Children Who Would Otherwise Go Without Christmas Gifts

There's nothing quite like Christmas time in a household of young children. Even before the Thanksgiving menu has been set, their eyes are already sparkling with anticipation for the holiday to follow. Everything about Christmas is exciting to children, especially opening the presents under the tree.

That's why Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy<sup>(0)</sup> program is so important. It supplies fun gifts and Christ's love to thousands of boys and girls in developing countries who would otherwise go without any presents at Christmas — or any other time of the year.

"It's a sad truth, but the struggle for survival in some developing countries is so intense that many parents simply can't afford to give their sons and daughters Christmas gifts of any kind," explained Michele Sagarino, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, the respected relief and development ministry behind the Box of Joy program. "This year, as Christmas approaches, thousands of children will be wishing for just one gift, but most will expect to be disappointed. They have lived in poverty their whole lives, so they're used to having the joys of childhood denied them. We want to restore their hope this year by blessing them with a Box of Joy."

The Box of Joy program mobilizes Catholics in the U.S. to pack small Christmas gifts that are then shipped to parishes, Catholic schools and other ministries in developing countries where they are distributed to children living in the poorest communities. "Box of Joy is a wonderful way for Catholics in the U.S. to involve their children, schools, parishes or groups in a hands-on outreach that benefits the poor. When they pack our special shoeboxes with toys and practical gifts like clothing, hygiene items and school supplies, they help the Church overseas become a real source of joy in the communities they serve," Sagarino said. "If your readers want to learn more, they can visit boxofjoy.org for all of the details."

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### Schools, Families and Individuals Are Using Box of Joy Outreach to Bless World's Neediest Children

When you think about Christmas mornings from your past, it's likely that a few nostalgic sights, sounds and smells come to mind — a beautifully decorated tree, brightly colored presents with secret treasures inside, the chatter of excited children eager to open gifts and the mouthwatering smells of a special meal being prepared.

This is the Christmas many of us grew up with and the one we eagerly share with our children, but it is far from the experience most boys and girls in developing countries have known. For these children, Christmas is like any other time of the year, and its sights, sounds and smells are rooted in the extreme poverty their families endure.

"It blesses the children, their families and the ministry work Church leaders are doing in the community as a whole."

> Michele Sagarino, Cross Catholic Outreach

"On Christmas morning, most poor children from Haiti or Guatemala will wake up in a patchwork home without running water or electricity, and they are likely to be expected to take care of their usual daily chores, such as collecting water from a distant source. Some walk 10 miles or more to attend Christmas Day Mass. Theirs is a Christmas without a decorated tree, gifts or a special meal. In fact, some have never received a Christmas present in their lives," explained Michele Sagarino, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a Vatican-recognized relief and development ministry serving poor families in the developing world. "That's why we established our Box of Joy® program. It offers a little joy and hope to the thousands of children who have none of the many blessings we enjoy during the Christmas season."

The concept behind Cross Catholic
Outreach's Box of Joy ministry is simple
but powerful. Compassionate parishes,
schools and families in the U.S. take a little
time before the Advent season to prepare
special Christmas gifts for children in need.
There is also an option on the ministry's
website (boxofjoy.org) for individuals to
sponsor boxes and have them packed and
sent by volunteers on their behalf.

This year, the program is being featured in a special Christmas catalog produced by Cross Catholic Outreach to encourage U.S. Catholics to make Christmas gift purchases that will benefit the very poor.



Many Catholic schools, such as St. Ambrose Catholic School, have adopted Box of Joy as an activity to involve students and their families. The boxes they assemble or sponsor by signing up at boxofjoy.org are sent to Catholic ministries in developing countries where they are distributed to children living in poverty. For a boy or girl who wishes for just one gift, the arrival of a Box of Joy is an answer to prayer.



The catalog can be found at CrossCatholic. org/Christmas.

"We hope thousands of additional Christmas gifts will be funded through our website and catalog this year," Sagarino said. "The website and catalog are great options for people who don't have the time to pack a gift box themselves but want to ensure needy children are sent a gift in celebration of Christ's birth." Sagarino added that the impact of this gift-giving ministry actually goes beyond the delivery of the Box of Joy itself. A portion of the funds donors provide to ship the boxes is used to support the overall mission work of in-country priests, religious sisters and Catholic laypeople who help Cross Catholic Outreach deliver the gifts to children in their communities.

"All gift distributions are coordinated through local Catholic ministries already serving in those developing countries," she said, "and our intention is to help those ministries achieve their other objectives as well. That means some of the funds Box of Joy donors contribute go toward outreaches such as feeding centers, housebuilding initiatives, medical care and educational programs. That's why it is a great way to help the poor with your seasonal gift. It blesses the children, their families and the ministry work Church leaders are doing in the community as a whole."

With Advent upon us, many will be nostalgic about past Christmas joys, and Sagarino hopes those reflections will motivate them to remember the poor and give generously to ensure their families are blessed this season too.

#### How to Help

To fund Cross Catholic Outreach's effort to help the poor worldwide, use the postage-paid brochure inserted in this newspaper, or mail your gift to Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC02633, PO Box 97168, Washington, DC 20090-7168. The brochure also includes instructions on becoming a Mission Partner and making a regular monthly donation to this cause.

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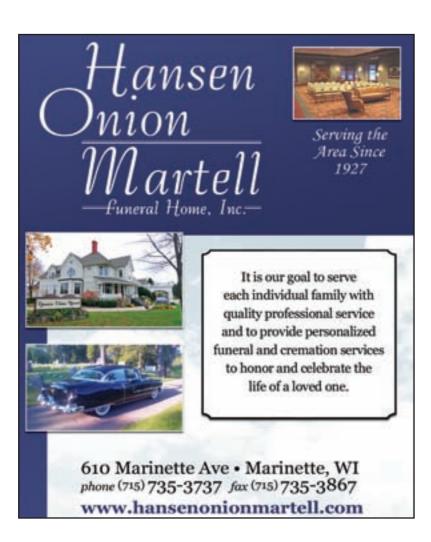
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#### Couples celebrate golden anniversaries

Couples in the Diocese of Marquette celebrate their 50th wedding anniversaries in 2023. Featured are couples who submitted their photos as a part of the Milestone Wedding Anniversary celebration held each year at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.



Tom & Susan Beauchamp St. Joseph, Perkins



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#### **MILESTONE PHOTOS:** 50th anniversaries



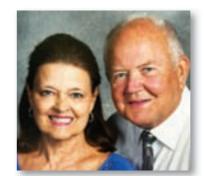
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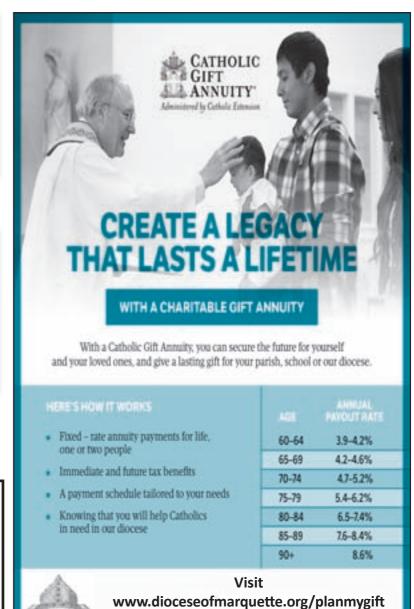
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#### Keeping the faith, 70 years and counting: Art & Dorothy Aregoni



COURTESY PHOTO

Art and Dorothy Aregoni with their pastor, Fr. Daniel

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On Aug. 8, 1953, in the original basement church of St. Cecilia parish in Caspian, 27 year old Arthur and 19 year old Dorothy (Benson) Aregoni were united in the sacrament of marriage by Art's cousin, Fr. Arthur Parrotta.

70 years later, the faithful couple is still going strong.

Dorothy, a native of Bates
Township, and Art, a native of
Caspian, met in April of 1952 at
the Ten Pin Grille in Caspian,
following a show at the City Hall
where Art performed Italian
songs and told jokes. Dorothy
was a senior at the Iron River
High School at the time. The
couple was engaged six months

after their meeting – on her birthday – in October 1952 in Racine, Wis., where she also converted to Catholicism.

Art and Dorothy are the proud parents of three sons, as well as two infant boys who died at birth. They are blessed with three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Art is actively involved with the Iron River Knights of Columbus and is a 3rd and 4th degree Knight. Prior to being elected trustee with Iron River Council 2300, he held the position as recorder for the past 42 years. He currently serves as the faithful navigator and commander of Iron River 4th Degree Assembly 501 Honor Guard. He is also the secretary treasurer of the Caspian Progressive Men and the Caspi-

an Housing Authority. Art was involved in other various church activities until he underwent heart surgery in 2017.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Art served during World War II and is believed to be the last surviving WWII veteran in West Iron County. He served in both the Mediterranean Theater and the South Pacific.

Dorothy was also very involved with church activities, including membership with the Caspian Progressive Women and serving as a Cub Scouts den mother, until she suffered a severe stroke in 2000. Today, Dorothy is a faithful cochair for Art's various fundraiser projects for the organizations he serves.

To this day, Art and Dorothy live in the house where Art was born in

1926 in Caspian, and still faithfully attend St. Cecilia Parish where they were married and where Art was baptized.

Upon the celebration of their platinum anniversary this year, the couple has simple and sage advice for Catholic couples just starting out in their marriages: "Just keep the faith."



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#### Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated









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Bishop John Doerfler celebrated the Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Peter Cathedral on Sept. 17, 2023. Msgr. Michael Steber, pastor of St. Peter Cathedral and St. Mary Misson, Big Bay, concelebrated, Dcn. Terry Saunders of Escanaba was the assisting deacon, and Dcn. Greg St. John was the master of ceremonies. Couples present enjoyed a reception and socializing after the Mass. (Top left photo) Mary Ann McClelland of St. Ignatius Parish in St. Ignace smiles while receiving a rose as her husband, Dcn. Tom McClelland, looks on. (Top right photo) Larry and Kathy Bourdeau of St. Barbara Parish in Vulcan stand together at Mass. (Bottom left photo) Dcn. Saunders assists Bishop Doerfler at Mass while Msgr. Steber looks on. (Bottom right photo) From left, Bishop Doerfler, Georgene and Richard Grenfell of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Ironwood pose for a photo after the Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass. The couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the event.

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#### Centenarian Corner: Dorothy Sullivan

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St. Joseph Parish in Perkins celebrated the 100th birthday of parishioner, Dorothy Sullivan, on Sept. 10. Sullivan attended Mass with her children, who also served as lectors, Eucharistic ministers and gift bearers. Following Mass the congregation joined Sullivan and her family for fellowship in the parish hall, where her daughter gave a presentation on the changes in the Catholic Church over the last 100 years. Sullivan (right) is pictured with fellow parishioner, Elaine Demeuse (left), who recently turned 101.

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#### **National Eucharistic** Congress to run sacred art exhibition

The National Eucharistic Congress is calling sacred artists in the United States to submit entries for a new Catholic art exhibition with the theme: "Do this in memory of me." Selected works will be displayed at a traveling exhibition that will begin in the spring of 2024. The exhibition organizers are accepting submissions of 2D art (painting, drawing, stained glass, relief works, etc.) and 3D works like sculptures or installations.

The exhibition is the result of a partnership between the National Eucharistic Congress and St. Edmund's Sacred Art Institute. The contest and exhibition are meant to answer the call of the National Eucharistic Congress for "God's people to draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord." Artists of any age and skill level are welcome to submit their entries for the exhibition. The only requirement is that they live in the United States. A jury of sacred art experts from the institute will select which artworks will be accepted, and featured in the roaming art show on the regional and national level.

A full schedule of stops has yet to be released, though organizers note that they will begin the exhibition in Mystic, Conn. and are in talks with the Museum at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven, as well as other locations.

The exhibition has allocated over \$3,000 in awards for works that are selected, with the first-place artwork earning \$2,000. Artists can further make some money from the exhibition through print sales both online and from the official catalog, in which all selected works will be featured. Organizers note that the exhibition will take a 20 percent cut of sales in order to cover the costs of the show.

An invaluable opportunity for any Catholic artist, both amateur and professional, the contest will allow artists to have their works seen and contribute to the millennia-old tradition of Catholic sacred art. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 25, 2024, with winners announced on Feb. 10, 2024.

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The U.P. Catholic is holding a Fall Colors photo contest. Take a photo of your parish during peak conditions of the fall colors for a chance to win a prize. Also accepted are photos of other places of Catholic interest in the U.P. Photos can be submitted to news@dioceseofmarquette.org. Please send full size, current photos taken in the U.P. for potential use in The U.P. Catholic, other print items, and online, such as The U.P. Catholic's Facebook page and other social media. The deadline to submit fall color photos is Wednesday, Oct. 11.

#### Youth Encounter registration now open

Registration is now open for the Youth Encounter weekend which will be held Nov. 10-12, 2023 at Fortune Lake Camp in Crystal Falls. Youth Encounter is a Catholic retreat for students in grades 10-12 (between the ages of 16-20). The retreat is led by a student team, supported by adults. The weekend is filled with fun, music, talks, Scripture meditations, small group discussion, prayer, confession, and Mass. Talks focus on preparing for, receiving, and responding to Christ's call to be His disciple. Registration is limited to the first 30 students and can be found online at www.youthencounter906.com.

#### **National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage**

Join Bishop John Doerfler, and Dcn. Steve and Jackie Gretzinger on an incredible pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Ind. from July 16-21, 2024.

Speakers include Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sister Miriam James Heidland, Bishop Robert Barron and many others.

For information/registration on motorcoach transportation from the Upper Peninsula and lodging, visit: www.petersway.com/1049.html. Space is extremely limited.

#### **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:

Oct. 27: Submit items by Oct. 13 Nov. 17: Submit items by Nov. 3 Dec. 22: Submit items by Dec. 8

### Bishop Doerfler's monthly prayer intention

**October:** For a greater respect for the dignity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Daily Readings: Oct. 6-27

**OCT. 6:** Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16 **OCT. 7:** (Our Lady of the Rosary) Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24 **OCT. 8:** Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**OCT. 9:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37 **OCT. 10:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

**OCT. 11:** Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4 **OCT. 12:** Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13 **OCT. 13:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

**OCT. 14:** JI 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28 **OCT. 15:** Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**OCT. 16:** Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

**OCT. 17:** Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41 **OCT. 18:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

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OCT. 19: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
OCT. 20: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

**OCT. 21:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12 **OCT. 22:** Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/

Mt 22:15-21

OCT. 23: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

OCT. 24: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-

21/Lk 12:35-38

OCT. 25: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

OCT. 26: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

OCT. 27: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

#### **BISHOP DOERFLER SCHEDULE**

#### **OCTOBER**

- **6:** MTU Fireside Chat, St. Albert the Great, Houghton
- **7:** Most Holy Name of Jesus Vicariate Confirmation, Sacred Heart, Calumet, 11 a.m.
- **8:** Mass and Profession of Vows, Carmelite Monastery, Iron Mountain, 10 a.m.
- **10-13:** Bishops Conference on Evangelizing, Denver, Colo.
- **15:** St. John Neumann Vicariate Confirmation, St. John Neumann, Spalding, 3 p.m.
- **18:** Vocations Night, American Martyrs, Kingsford, 6 p.m.

#### THE U.P. CATHOLIC CALENDAR

#### OCT. 6-8

Knights of Columbus across the Upper Peninsula will be hosting "Tootsie Roll Drives." Look for the Knights in front of local businesses and at local parishes. The funds raised help local U.P. organizations such as Special Olympics and Bay Cliff Health Camp.

#### THURSDAY, Oct. 12

The Care Clinic's 50th anniversary fundraising banquet will be held at the Northern Center on the campus of Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Join as the Care Clinic celebrates their past and looks to the future. To register visit https://partner.careclinicmqt.org/events/fundraisers

#### SUNDAY, Oct. 15

St. John Paul II Catholic Academy in Menominee will host a fall festival market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held in the school's gymnasium. There will be music, festive food, kids activities, and a craft show. Entry is free.

#### SATURDAY, Oct. 21

St. Joseph's Guild will be having a fall bazaar, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be tables with handmade items, a "white elephant" sale, drawings, baskets, vendor tables, and a soup luncheon at 11 a.m. It will be held at St. Joseph Parish in Ishpeming For more information, contact Ann Trudell at (906) 486-8080.

#### SUNDAY, Nov. 5

Legion of Mary, Marquette Curia will meet

at 1 p.m. at Precious Blood Parish in Stephenson.

#### WEDNESDAY, Nov. 8

The first-ever Michigan March for Life will be held at the Capitol in Lansing. It will be held on the anniversary of the approval of Proposal 3 and will serve as an important step toward bringing about a culture of life in Michigan. For more information, see page 7.

#### SATURDAY, Nov. 18

St. Louis the King in Harvey will host a Fall Bazaar from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. It will feature vendors, bake sale, jewelry, handmade crafts, rummage sale, and luncheon. Lunch is \$12 per person and includes hot open-faced turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and beverage.

Interested vendors may request a table for \$20 each by contacting sltkwomensclub@gmail.com.

#### SATURDAY, Nov. 25

The Lake Linden holiday crafters and bakers bazaar will be held at and will benefit St. Joseph Church in Lake Linden. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are a limited number of spaces available in the church basement/hall. Each selling area will include a 10'x10' space with one table and two chairs, though you may bring additional tables and backdrops to showcase your items. Set up will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Contact Laura Hamlett with questions at (806) 790-7798 or JimAndLauraYooper@hotmail.com.

### Inaugural Solemnity Mass of Our Lady of Champion

For the first time in history, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion (formerly known as the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help) located in Champion, Wis., will celebrate the Solemnity Mass of Our Lady of Champion. The Solemnity Mass will be celebrated on the grounds of the Blessed Virgin Mary's apparitions to Adele Brise in 1859 on Monday, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. (CT).

Weekend events leading up to the Solemnity on Oct. 9 will also take place, beginning on Friday, Oct. 7 with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, followed by events on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The Solemnity Mass will be held outdoors behind the chapel, rain or shine. Lawn chairs are encouraged. Bishop David Ricken, bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, will celebrate the inaugural Solemnity Mass, as well as other bishops and priests from across the United States.

A social gathering with light hors d'oeuvres will take place after the Mass to celebrate the inaugural Solemnity in Mother of Mercy Hall.

For more information on the Solemnity, frequently asked questions, and planning guides, visit www.championshrine.org/oloc-solemnity.

#### The Blessed Ulma Family and our Catholic moment

t's a rare occasion when the word "unprecedented" can be used for a Church whose history extends over two millennia. Yet something unprecedented happened in the Polish village of Markowa on



THE **CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE** George Weigel

Sept. 10, when an entire family, including their unborn child, was beatified. It seems not quite right to refer to the new blesseds by the traditional formula, "Blessed Józef and Wiktoria Ulma and Companions," the "companions" in question being the Ulmas' six living children and their unborn child. Let's instead think about the Blessed Ulma Family and what they might mean for

Beginning in late 1942, Józef and Wiktoria Ulma sheltered eight Jews in the attic of their wooden farmhouse: a capital crime during the German Occupation of Poland in World War II. On March 24, 1944, German gendarmes came to the house, murdered the Jews, and then shot Józef and Viktoria, who was late in her pregnancy. The terrified children – Stanisława (8), Barbara (6), Władysław (5), Franciszek (4), Antoni (3), and Maria (11/2) – were then gunned down. The bodies were dumped in a pit and later reburied in the local church cemetery.

Visiting the nearby Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II this past July 23 and praying at the Ulma family tomb near their parish church of St. Dorothy, lessons for 21st-century Catholicism came to mind.

The first involves the sources of Christian heroism. While both Józef and Wiktoria Ulma were well-educated by the mid-20th century standards of rural Poland, they were not theological sophisticates. They read the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10.25-37) not as a general injunction to love of neighbor that could be adapted to circumstances but as a specific instruction from Christ the Lord - if you encounter people in distress, you must help them, irrespective of their ethnic or religious identity and regardless of the cost.

Some contemporary Catholic leaders find such a literal reading of the Lord's words uncomfortable; they suggest that the moral code that follows from such biblical "fundamentalism" is "rigid," "ideological," and insufficiently pastoral. Yet the same "rigid" sense of biblically-grounded moral obligation that animated the Ulmas' he-

roic sheltering of persecuted Jews led Fr. Maximilian Kolbe to offer his life in the starvation bunker at Auschwitz in exchange for that of a condemned prisoner, just as it led Mother Teresa to spend out her life in service to the poorest of the poor, whom she regarded as "Jesus in his most distressing disguise;" just as it led U.S. Navy chaplain Fr. Vincent Capodanno to sacrifice his life bringing comfort to wounded and dying Marines in Vietnam. Neither the Ulmas, Fr. Kolbe, Mother Teresa, nor Fr. Capodanno indulged in the "proportionalist" weighing of moral obligations that have returned to favor during the present pontificate. They lived the parable of the Good Samaritan literally-those who find that "rigid" and "ideological" should think again.

The second lesson involves the nature of martyrdom, which the death of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the drama of the Blessed Ulma Family invite the 21st-century Church to reconsider.

Traditionally, a "martyr" was someone killed in odium fidei [in hatred of the faith]. Did Kolbe's self-sacrifice satisfy this definition, such that he was a "martyr" as well as a confessor of the faith? Were the Ulmas' murderers motivated by odium fidei? The hybrid category "martyr of charity" has come into vogue in recent decades since Pope Paul VI used it of Kolbe. But it seems that Kolbe's sacrifice, and that of the Ulmas, satisfies while developing the traditional definition.

Certain modern political theories teach a radical contempt for the dignity and value of human life, or at least the dignity and value of some human lives. That was certainly the case with German National Socialism: to the Nazis, Jews and the Poles who sheltered them were lower life forms to be exterminated. Is that not hatred of the biblically informed faith that, in Genesis 1.26, teaches that every human being is created, like Adam and Eve, in the divine image and likeness? Is not hatred of those made in God's image and likeness hatred of God? And is not odium Dei a form of odium

The Synod that opens next month bids us to be a Church of "communion, participation, and mission." The Blessed Ulma Family lived in communion with the persecuted Jews of Subcarpathian Poland and participated in the Mystery of the Cross by living the mission of the Good Samaritan, to which they were called in Baptism. May their example inspire Synod-2023 to a similarly radical embrace of the Catholic faith.

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#### **UPCF** distributes \$319K in Legacy of Faith Grants

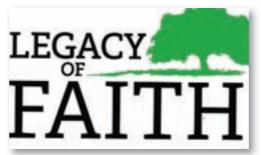
BY PEGGY WEBER THE U.P. CATHOLIC

The Upper Peninsula Catholic Foundation (UPCF) announces \$319,329.49 in grants distributed from the Legacy of Faith Fund. The Legacy of Faith Fund is a permanent endowment established in 2001 by then Bishop James Garland for the purpose of preserving and fostering the Catholic faith throughout the Upper Peninsula. Grants made from the fund support U.P. Catholic schools, parish faith

formation, Catholic Social Services, and the bishop's targeted objectives within the Diocese of Marquette.

Highlighted grants this year include funding for parishioners to attend the

National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Ind., in July 2024, a Shroud of Turin presentation at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, and an interactive faith formation



program centered around the parables and life of Jesus Christ at Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain.

"We, in the Diocese of Marquette, have been blessed with the vision of Bishop Garland, and the many faithful donors to the Legacy of Faith Fund," said Rob Taylor, UPCF executive director. "And we thank the Legacy of Faith advisory board for their commitment to support Catholic education projects throughout the Upper Peninsula."

A full list of the grants is available below and online at: www. upcatholicfoundation.org/recent-grants. For more information on the National Eucharistic Congress visit www.yoopercatholic.org/revival. To make a donation to the Legacy of Faith Fund or learn more, visit www.upcatholicfoundation.org.

#### Legacy of Faith Grants Distribution

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM A	APPROVED	ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	APPROVED		
	DIOCESE-WIDE		ESCANABA, Holy Name Catholic				
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES	Annual Distribution 2023-24	\$32,648.00	High School	2023-24 Unrestricted	\$13,764.98		
<b>HOUGHTON,</b> St. Albert the Great	Totus Tuus 2024	\$25,000.00	<b>ESCANABA,</b> Holy Name Catholic School	2023-24 Unrestricted	\$24,474.75		
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HOLY NA	ME OF MARY VICARIATE		PERKINS, St. Joseph	FORMED	\$850.00		
BARBEAU, Holy Family	Franciscan Catechetical Inst.	\$641.25	PERKINS, St. Joseph	WiFi and Parish Website	\$550.00		
BARBEAU, Holy Family	Be My Disciples	\$384.00	PERKINS, St. Joseph	Summer Vacation Bible School	\$375.00		
SAULT STE. MARIE, LSSU Catholic			MANISTIQUE, St. Francis de Sales				
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SAULT STE. MARIE, LSSU Catholic			MANISTIQUE, St. Francis de Sales	Vacation Bible School	\$937.50		
Newman Center	Bay Cliff Fall Retreat	\$1,000.00					
SAULT STE. MARIE, LSSU Catholic			ST. MARY NORWAY VICARIATE				
Newman Center	Bay Cliff Spring Retreat	\$1,000.00	NORWAY, St. Mary	FORMED	\$1,400.00		
<b>NEWBERRY,</b> St. Gregory	Catholic Children's Bibles	\$900.00	IRON MOUNTAIN, St. Mary & St. Joseph	FORMED	\$750.00		
<b>NEWBERRY,</b> St. Gregory	Little Books	\$375.00	IRON MOUNTAIN, St. Mary & St. Joseph	RCIA	\$375.00		
<b>NEWBERRY,</b> St. Gregory	The Word Among Us	\$1,263.00	IRON MOUNTAIN, St. Mary & St. Joseph	Adult Faith Formation	\$100.00		
<b>NEWBERRY,</b> St. Gregory	Catholic Summer Camp	\$900.00	IRON MOUNTAIN, Bishop Baraga				
<b>SAULT STE. MARIE,</b> St. Isaac Jogues	RCIA	\$337.50	Catholic School	2023-24 Unrestricted	\$18,992.37		
SAULT STE. MARIE, St. Joseph	Life Teen	\$525.00	NORWAY, Holy Spirit Catholic School	2023-24 Unrestricted	\$16,017.43		
SAULT STE. MARIE, St. Joseph	Ydisciple	\$446.25	IRON MOUNTAIN, Immaculate				
<b>SAULT STE. MARIE,</b> St. Mary			Conception	Faith Formation Props	\$1,652.00		
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RUDYARD, St. Joseph	FORMED	\$600.00		ROCKLAND VICARIATE			
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HANCOCK, Resurrection	Faith Formation Library	\$800.00	MARQUETTE, NMU Catholic	B	<b>#4.000.00</b>		
L'ANSE, Sacred Heart of Jesus	One Bread One Body Daily Devotiona		Campus Ministry	Peer Minister Initiative	\$4,000.00		
L'ANSE, Sacred Heart of Jesus	"Word on Fire ENGAGE" subscription	\$1,477.00	<b>GWINN,</b> St. Anthony	FORMED	\$550.00		
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#### Baraga Days celebrates the life of the diocese's first bishop





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(Left photo) Bishop John Doerfler elevates the Baraga chalice at the Baraga Days Mass held at Holy Name of Mary in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 9, 2023. (Right photo) The Baraga Person of the Year award was presented to the Diocese of Novo Mesto, Slovenia. From left, Fr. Jože Pibernik, Most Rev. Andrej Saje, bishop of the diocese of Novo Mesto, Slovenia, and Dcn. John Vidmar of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Corey Litzner also received a Baraga Person of the Year Award (see photo below).

**BY CATY MRAZ** THE U.P. CATHOLIC

The annual Baraga Days celebrating the life and labors of Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga were held Sept. 8-9 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and were hosted this year by the Bishop Baraga Association (BBA) and Holy Name of Mary Parish in Sault Ste. Marie. "Baraga Days provides an opportunity for those who know this saintly man to celebrate his work and it provides an opportunity for others to learn about him," said Len McKeen, executive director of the Bishop Baraga Association.

The Baraga Person of the Year award was presented to the Diocese of Novo



COURTESY PHOTO

Fr. Corey Litzner poses for a photo with his Baraga Person of the Year award after returning from pilgrimage to Ireland.

Mesto, Slovenia, as well as Fr. Corey Litzner, pastor of the churches of the Baraga County Catholic Community. Bishop Andrej Saje, bishop of Novo Mesto, Slovenia and Fr. Jože Pibernik of Trebnje, Slovenia, accepted the award from Dcn. John Vidmar at the banquet, while Fr. Litzner received his award after returning from pilgrimage in Ireland.

In the past, the event has been held alternating years in the Diocese of Marquette and an area outside the diocese where Bishop Baraga ministered or had an impact.

The 2023 Baraga Days began with a trip through the Soo Locks, where Evening Vespers were prayed by those in attendance. Following the Vespers Cruise, fellowship, refreshments, and music were enjoyed at Holy Name of Mary.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, morning prayer was held at St. Joseph parish, and was followed by a presentation on Bishop Baraga given by Fr. Timothy Ferguson, chaplain for the BBA. The EWTN documentary, "Walking with Baraga: The Joe Gregorich Story" was shown afterward.

Attendees had the opportunity to visit Holy Angels Catholic Church on Sugar Island, a historic mission that was built in 1856 through 1857 under the direction of Bishop Baraga, as well as the Bishop Baraga House located on Waters Street in Sault Ste. Marie. It was purchased for Bishop Baraga in 1864, and he resided there until 1866.

Mass was celebrated at Holy Name of Mary Parish, with Bishop John Doerfler as the principal celebrant. Parts of the Mass were said in the Slovenian and Ojibwe languages, honoring Bishop Baraga's Slovenian roots as well as his work with the Native people.

Concelebrating were Bishop Saje, as well as Fr. Pibernik. Other concelebrating priests included Frs. Metod Ogorevc of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Timothy Ferguson, and James Bearss of the Diocese of Gaylord. Also present were Dcns. H. John Vincent of the Diocese of Green Bay, Tom McClelland of the Diocese of Marquette, and John Vidmar of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Dcn. Vidmar also serves as an advisory board member for the BBA.

Bishop Saje gave a solemn blessing in Slovenian to those in attendance at the Mass, which was followed by Bishop Doerfler giving a solemn blessing in both Ojibwe and English.

The event concluded with a banquet and the annual Bishop Baraga Association meeting which provided an opportunity for attendees to receive updates on Bishop Baraga's cause for canonization as well as updates on the activities of the BBA. Both Bishop Saje and Bishop Doerfler offered remarks. Bishop Doerfler thanked those present for their support of the cause and said, "It's very much important for us to pray not only for the cause but to have that heart that Bishop Baraga had to bring people to Jesus Christ."

McKeen said, "As the Executive Director of the BBA, I have had many conversations with people who report a potential intercession through Bishop Baraga and so many who have been inspired by his life and ministry. I had said many times that if we put an ounce of the zeal and passion Bishop Baraga had for the faith into life today, it would look very different."

She added, "Many times following Baraga Days and other events, I will be contacted by those in attendance sharing how Bishop Baraga has impacted their life." McKeen said that following this year's Baraga Days, she was contacted by an individual who has attended Baraga Days since he was a young boy. McKeen said he told her "This year's event was the best. It impacted him differently. He shared that he and others he talked to felt this year's event was more spiritual for them."

"The Bishop Baraga Association has been blessed over the years by the presence of representatives from the Diocese of Ljubljana at the Baraga Days event. It provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about their customs and support of Bishop Baraga's Cause for Canonization. A goal of the BBA is to help people know Bishop Baraga fully. That includes as a man, priest, and bishop. In order to do that we must include his Slovenian history and inspiration, his commitment to the Native Americans, and his devotion to the faith. Everything Bishop Frederic Baraga did was for the Glory of God," McKeen concluded.

The 2024 Baraga Days will be held Sept. 14, 2024 in the Diocese of Gaylord.

For more information about Bishop Baraga and the cause for his canonization, as well as more information about the Bishop Baraga Association, visit www.bishopbaraga.org.

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## Holy Name Catholic School receives donation for teacher salaries



**COURTESY PHOTO** 

Krystal C. Kobasic (right), daughter of the late Daniel J. Kobasic and co-director of the Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation, hands a \$352,000 check from the foundation to Holy Name Catholic School interim administrator Jeffery Sierpien (left). Kobasic was a 1964 graduate of Holy Name High School. The funds will be used for HNCS teacher salaries.



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HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Holy Name Catholic School (HNCS) is the recipient of a \$352,000 donation from the Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation, directed to increase HNCS teacher salaries. The donation will be an ongoing gift to bring salaries to parity with local public school teacher salaries.

Daniel J. Kobasic (Holy Name High School, Class of 1964) was an Escanaba native and long-time entrepreneur. He left Escanaba when he was 18 years old on an iron ore freighter, sailing briefly on the Great Lakes before embarking on a journey to the Pacific; nearly eight years later, after completing navigation school in New York and serving in the Merchant Marines, he returned to Escanaba.

Upon his return, he constructed and opened a Shakey's Pizza restaurant. He channeled these profits to build a fishing trawler, the Danica K. in 1978 and then started Basic Marine in 1979. This maritime construction business ultimately produced over 225 fresh and salt water vessels. He also launched Basic Towing to service icebreaking and towing needs around the Great Lakes and beyond.

He died on Nov. 30, 2017, establishing a foundation at his passing. The Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation supports many worthy causes around the area and throughout the Upper Peninsula in honor of Daniel.

Daniel was guided by integrity, strong work ethic and determination; he sought to learn from the experiences of others, often seeking the best way to support people and organizations with values similar to his own. He respected the education that Holy Name provided and wanted to ensure its longevity. When he learned of the compensation differential that existed between the local public schools and Holy Name, he saw an opportunity to do so.

"My father was always compelled to help people and causes that he respected and believed in, specifically those whose work positively contributed to and improved society," said Krystal C. Kobasic, Daniel's youngest daughter and co-director of the Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation. "The education and Catholic values enacted on a daily basis by the extraordinary teachers of Holy Name embody this. It is an honor to have this opportunity to carry on his legacy following his wishes."

Holy Name Catholic School interim administrator Jeffery Sierpien says the generosity of Daniel J. Kobasic will be felt for years to come by current and future Holy Name teachers.

"Speaking on behalf of our teachers, we are extremely grateful to the Daniel J. Kobasic Foundation for this generous donation," Sierpien said. "This donation will help us bridge the gap between our current teachers' salaries and those of our neighboring public school teachers. Offering competitive compensation will greatly assist us in the retention of our faculty as well as assist with future recruiting efforts."

For more information on Holy Name Catholic School, which is currently accepting registration for the 2023-24 school year, call (906) 786-7550 or visit www.holynamecrusaders.com.

Have photos of parish or school events? Send to: news@dioceseofmarquette.org