

New director of youth ministry, religious ed.

Maureen Quinn will bring a passion for leading people to Christ in her new role as diocesan youth ministry and religious education director.

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Bp. McKnight to end general dispensation for Mass June 1



Employees of Renaissance Roofing examine the new cross and copper sheathing on the cupola atop the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City April 30. Bishop McKnight blessed the cross before it was lifted into place. Completion on the roof's replacement following last spring's major hail damage will roughly coincide with the bishop's decree restoring the Sunday obligation for the faithful to attend Mass in person.

— Photo by Jay Nies

Rev. Mr. Derek Hooper to be ordained a priest of the Jefferson City diocese on June 5

By Jay Nies

A group of seminarians were on a nine-week pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Alone one morning in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Rev. Mr. Derek Hooper lay prostrate at the place where Jesus died on the cross.

“I had this inspiration to tell God, ‘I’m ready to lay my life down for You,’” said Rev. Mr. Hooper, a transitional deacon for the Jefferson City diocese.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight plans to ordain Rev. Mr. Hooper to the Holy Priesthood at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

All are invited to attend.

The Mass will be livestreamed on the diocese's Vimeo channel at vimeo.com/diojeffcity.

“I’m just asking for the grace to be the priest God wants me to be,” said Rev. Mr. Hooper, “to be good, holy and faithful and bring God’s love to the people He’s going to entrust to me down the road.”

The ordination will take place the weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

“God’s timing is impeccable with this,” said Rev. Mr. Hooper. “I’ve always had a special place for the Eucharist in my heart. It is the manifestation of God’s love for us. It has been bringing people closer to God for centuries.”

Rev. Mr. Hooper’s younger brother, Father Gabriel Greer, a priest of the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, will ceremonially

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**Response to ongoing trends
and genuine need for the Eucharist**
**Some safeguards to remain in place
at pastors’ discretion**

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By Jay Nies

Citing significantly lower infection rates, increased access to government-approved vaccines and the centrality of the Eucharist in Catholic life, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight is summoning the faithful back to Mass in-person.

He announced May 7 that the general dispensation from in-person Mass attendance on Sundays and holydays of obligation in this diocese will be lifted, effective June 1.

The decree can be found on Page 21 in this issue and online at diojeffcity.org (click on the COVID-19 tab).

People who have symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable infections, who have been advised by their medical doctor to avoid public gatherings, or who are otherwise ill or homebound remain dispensed, as do their caregivers.

All others are obliged to return to regular participation in the Sacraments, including Sunday Mass.

“So many people have sacrificed so much since the pandemic began,” Bishop McKnight said. “As we return to celebrating the Sacred Liturgy together in person, we honor their sacrificial love and we thank God for bringing us through this terrible situation.”

“The Body of Christ nourishes our souls and heals us of our sins; we are blessed that we can come together again to receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion and build up the Church,” he said.

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Tuesday Rosary in Baring

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— Bishop Joseph M. Marling C.P.P.S., July 7, 1957

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Pray for deceased priests

May 17 — **Fr. James J. Burns**, Immaculate Conception, Shackelford (1959)

May 18 — **Fr. William D. Baskett**, Sacred Heart, Eldon (1965)

May 21 — **Fr. James P. Owens**, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas (1987)

May 23 — **Msgr. Bernard A. Timpe**, Holy Family, Freeburg (1973)

May 27 — **Fr. James P. Stanley**, St. Anthony of Padua, Folk (1970)

May 28 — **Msgr. Herman J. Breit**, St. Andrew, Tipton (1977)

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Partners in Mission has been retained to conduct this nationwide search and qualified candidates are encouraged to contact Michael Furey, Partner, Partners in Mission School Leadership and Search Solutions, LLC, 124 Sycamore Drive, Westwood, MA 02090, Office (877) 738-4810, Mobile (570) 730-2655, email mikefurey@partnersinmission.com.

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Candidate is expected to assume the responsibilities of the position in July 2021. To apply, visit diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools.

Welcome, new members of the Catholic Church!

Here are names of many who received Sacraments of Initiation at Easter in parishes throughout the Jefferson City diocese.

Additional names will be included on the People Page in future editions of The Catholic Missourian as they become available.

Boonville

Ss. Peter & Paul

Andrew Cowherd, Dallas LaRoe, Avary Luscombe, Dannielle Pittson, Regan Young

Centralia Holy Spirit

Hannah Mayse, Melissa Smythe, Zachery Taylor, Christina Wehmayer

Columbia

Our Lady of Lourdes

Carrie Crumly, Sarah Damon, Michael Davis, Alyssa Giraldo, Chris Giraldo, Amy Hestir, Jane Hubbs, Alex Kluesner, Norman Land, Edward Large,

Rachael Majors, Stephanie McMillen, Irelyn McMillen, John Ogan, Adeline Rhoads, Isabella Rhoads, David Spadavecchia, Dylan Stidham

Columbia St. Thomas More Newman Center

Nicholas Holbert, Nigel Mertgen, Clayton Meuret, Jennifer Miller, Luke Odo, Monica Witzke

Columbia Sacred Heart

Ryan Campbell, Lauren Hines, Taylor Kelty, Kim Sapp, Loren Wright

Cuba Holy Cross

Gina Todd, Steven Todd, Charlotte Vavra, Joseph Vavra

Eldon Sacred Heart

Marley Nowicki, Fiona Nowicki, Cherie Yow

Fayette St. Joseph

Shelby Asbury, Doug Urbina, Jane Weiland

Folk

St. Anthony of Padua

Shayla Brown, Ori Dettlaff

Fulton St. Peter

Damon Hamilton, Jennifer Powers, Varyk Powers, Xavier Powers

Hannibal Holy Family

Lisa Allen, Jean Clayton, Sarah Donegan, Levi Gordon, Katherine Painter, Laura Painter, Taylor Painter, Jennifer Power, Stephanie Richards, Chad White

Holts Summit St. Andrew

Derek Ewing, Shannon Gaziano, Amber Hawn, Autumn Kempker, Lindsey Raithel

Jefferson City Cathedral of St. Joseph

Noah Barfield, Dylan Leaf, Michelle Leaf, Sophia Leaf

Jefferson City Immaculate Conception

Josh Anderson, Skylar Anderson, Claudia Burchamp, Lacey Carey, Jessica Harris, Derrick Jennings, Kate Jennings, Cory Littrell

Jefferson City St. Peter

Isamar Andrade, Alex Cox, Bethany Cox, Raven Kirk, Logan Moore, Sophia Teeter

Kirkville Mary Immaculate

Olivia Manuel, Jacqueline Troxel

Martinsburg St. Joseph

Amy Crocfer, Erin Van Alstine

Palmyra St. Joseph

Lindsey Kendrick

Rolla St. Patrick

Megan Collins, Phoenix Collins, Linda Galbraith, Skylar Gruber, Matthew Hamilton, Jordyne Knorr, Morgan Price, Trinity Price,

Anthony Schmitt, MaKenna Smothers

St. Anthony St. Anthony of Padua

Andy Culwell, Josie Miller

St. Clement St. Clement

Mackenzie Snider

St. Elizabeth St. Lawrence

Amy Heckemeyer, Milinda Hoecker

St. Martins St. Martin

Mailei Custard, Kristin Imhoff

St. Robert St. Robert Bellarmine

Mickey Briggs, Ashley Richards

Sedalia St. Vincent de Paul

Brenda Alejo, Christian Almazan, Liliana Apolinar, Elizabeth Gillespie, David Lee, Gabriel Malacara, Luis Alejandro Mares, Abigail Ydaly Mares, Ediberto Matacua, Jennifer Matacua, Raul Roman Ramirez

Taos St. Francis Xavier

Joshua Graupman

Warsaw St. Ann

Ronald Biddle

Westphalia St. Joseph

Dylan Drennen, Katelynn Knight

COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Columbia for refugees, immigrants

Refugee Services of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) will host a vaccination clinic on Tuesday, May 18 from 1:30 to 5:30 for local refugee and immigrant families in partnership with Columbia/Boone County Public Health & Human Services.

CCCNMO will have translators on site and provide translated materials. To register and request transportation, contact Lori Stoll at lstoll@cccnmo.org or 573-540-1125.



Bishop McKnight's Calendar

The following appointments are tentative, depending on the pandemic.

MAY

May 15 Confirmation Ceremony, St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, Columbia, 11 am, St. Thomas More Newman Center Church, Columbia

May 16 Confirmation Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 2 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Sedalia

May 18 Confirmation Ceremony, Immaculate Conception Parish, 6:30 pm, Owensville

May 19 Confirmation Ceremony, Immaculate Conception Parish, 6:30 pm, Macon

May 23 Helias Catholic High School Graduation, 2 pm, Jefferson City

May 24 Mass, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, 7 pm, Laurie

May 28 Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School Graduation, 6 pm, Columbia

May 30 Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick Parish, 2 pm, Rolla

May 31 Mass, Resurrection Cemetery, 10 am, Jefferson City

JUNE

June 2 Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Board Meeting, Catholic Center, noon, Jefferson City; Confirmation Ceremony, Annunciation Parish, 6:30 pm, California

June 5 Priesthood Ordination, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 10 am, Jefferson City

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Bishop McKnight's May prayer intention for our Local Church

May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, this month by our support in charity for all mothers who struggle in poverty to raise their children.

Intención del mes de mayo del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Honremos este mes a la Santísima Virgen María, nuestra madre espiritual, con nuestro apoyo caritativo por todas las madres que luchan en la pobreza para criar a sus hijos.



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Official Decree of Appointments

The Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, makes the following appointments:

RETIREMENTS

Reverend John W. Groner, acceptance of resignation from Pastor of St. Jude Parish, Richland and St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, St. Robert, to retirement at his personal residence.

Reverend Joseph Hoi, acceptance of resignation from Pastor of St. Theresa Parish, Dixon and St. Cornelius Parish, Crocker, to medical retirement at his personal residence.

These retirements are effective June 30, 2021.

Deacon Fred F. Schmitz, acceptance of resignation from Parish Life Collaborator at St. Margaret of Antioch Parish, Osage Bend, to retirement, effective from December 31, 2020.

DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS

Deans

Very Reverend Joseph S. Corel, VF as Dean of the new Southwest Deanery for a five-year term.

Very Reverend Matthew J. Flatley, VF as Dean of the new North Deanery for a five-year term.

Very Reverend Gregory C. Meystrik, VF as Dean of the new Southeast Deanery for a five-year term.

Very Reverend Louis M. Nelen, VF as Dean of the new See City Deanery for a five-year term.

Very Reverend P. Gregory Oligschlaeger, VF as Dean of the new Central Deanery for a five-year term.

These appointments are effective July 1, 2021.

Marriage Tribunal

Reverend Brad T. Berhorst, upon completion of studies in canon law at The Catholic University of America, as Assessor in the Marriage Tribunal, effective June 1, 2021.

Bishop's Master of Ceremonies

Reverend Brad T. Berhorst, as Assistant Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop, effective June 1, 2021.

Reverend Mr. Derek J. Hooper, as Assistant Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop, effective immediately.

Diocesan Pastoral Council

The following are appointed to the Diocesan Pastoral Council for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2021:

Sister Mary Essner SSND, Holy Family Parish, Hannibal, North Deanery

Ms. Barbara Garvey, Immaculate Conception Parish, Brookfield, North Deanery

Mr. Kent Kortas, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Sedalia, Southwest Deanery

Mr. Russell Kremer, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Frankenstein, Southeast Deanery

Mr. Rick Nichols, St. Pius X Parish, Moberly, Central Deanery

Mr. Earl Pabst, St. Andrew Parish, Holt Summit, See City Deanery

Mrs. Lisa Reinkemeyer, St. Andrew Parish, Tipton, Southwest Deanery

Ms. Sarah Robinson, St. Clement Parish, St. Clement, Central Deanery

Reverend Jeremy A. Sechrist, Diocesan Priests Representative

Deacon John Schwartze, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City, See City Deanery

Mrs. Carol Schwartze, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City, See City Deanery

Mrs. Sheri Stormer, Visitation Parish, Vienna, Southeast Deanery

The following are appointed to the Diocesan Pastoral Council as Newman Center representatives for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2021:

Ms. Michelle E. Woodley, Rolla Newman Center

Ms. Megan Barnes, Kirksville Newman Center

PASTORS/ADMINISTRATORS

Reverend Monsignor David D. Cox, from Pastor of Mary Immaculate Parish, Kirksville, the Kirksville Newman Center, and the Mission of St. Rose of Lima, Novinger; to Pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish, Wardsville, and St. Margaret of Antioch Parish, Osage Bend.

Reverend Francis W. Doyle, from Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Columbia; to Pastor of St. Peter Parish, Marshall, St. Joseph Parish, Slater, and the Mission of Holy Family, Sweet Springs.

Reverend Alexius Ekka, from Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Warsaw, the Mission of SS. Peter and Paul, Cole Camp, and sacramental ministry at St. Bernadette Parish, Hermitage; to Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Eldon and Our Lady of Snows Parish, Mary's Home.

Reverend Paul M. Hartley, to Pastor of Church of the Resurrection Parish, Wellsville, and to continue as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Montgomery City and St. Patrick Parish, Jonesburg.

Reverend Monsignor Gregory L. Higley, from Pastor of St. George Parish, Hermann, Church of the Risen Savior Parish, Rhineland, and Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Martin Chapel, Starkenburg; to Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Columbia.

Reverend Philip M. Kane, from Pastor of St. Joseph Parish,

Pilot Grove, with St. John the Baptist Chapel, Clear Creek, and St. Joseph Chapel, Clifton City; to Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, the Mission of St. John, Laddonia, and Sacred Heart Parish, Vandalia.

Reverend William L. Korte, from Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Louisiana and the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace, Clarksville; to Pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, St. Elizabeth, and Administrator of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, St. Anthony.

Reverend Monsignor Marion J. Makarewicz, from Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lake Ozark; to Pastor of Mary Immaculate Parish, Kirksville, the Kirksville Newman Center, and the Mission of St. Rose of Lima, Novinger.

Reverend Ignazio C. Medina, from Pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish, Wardsville, and St. Margaret of Antioch Parish, Osage Bend; to Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lake Ozark.

Reverend Michael P. Murphy, from Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Salisbury and St. Mary of the Angels Parish, Wien; to Pastor of St. Theresa Parish, Dixon, St. Cornelius Parish, Crocker, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, St. Robert, and St. Jude Parish, Richland.

Reverend Philip E. Niekamp, from Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Moberly; to Pastor of St. George Parish, Hermann, Church of the Risen Savior Parish, Rhineland, and as Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Martin Chapel, Starkenburg.

Reverend Benjamin E. Nwosu, from Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Macon, the Mission of Sacred Heart, Bevier, St. Mary Parish, Shelbina, and St. Patrick Parish, Clarence; to Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Warsaw, St. Bernadette Parish, Hermitage, and the Mission of SS. Peter and Paul, Cole Camp.

Reverend Boniface K. Nzabonimpa, from Administrator of the Mission of St. Joseph, Hurricane Branch, and St. Raphael Parish, Indian Grove; to Pastor of St. Boniface Parish,

Brunswick, St. Joseph Parish, Salisbury, and St. Mary of the Angels Parish, Wien.

Reverend Augustine A. Okoli, from Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg and Church of the Resurrection Parish, Wellsville; to service in the Diocese of Aba, Nigeria.

Reverend R. William Peckman, from Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Boonville; to Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Macon, the Mission of Sacred Heart, Bevier, St. Mary Parish, Shelbina, and St. Patrick Parish, Clarence.

Reverend Mark S. Smith, JCL, from Administrator of St. Peter Parish, Marshall, St. Joseph Parish, Slater, and the Mission of Holy Family, Sweet Springs; to Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Boonville, and St. Joseph Parish, Pilot Grove, with St. John the Baptist Chapel, Clear Creek, and St. Joseph Chapel, Clifton City.

Reverend Basil Tigga, from Administrator to Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Argyle, with St. Boniface Chapel, Koeltztown, and Visitation Parish, Vienna, and to continue as Administrator of Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Brinktown.

Reverend Joby P. Thomas, from Administrator of St. Lawrence Parish, St. Elizabeth and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, St. Anthony; to Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Moberly.

Reverend Henry Ussher, from Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Vandalia and the Mission of St. John, Laddonia; to Pastor of St. Clement Parish, St. Clement, St. Joseph Parish, Louisiana and the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace, Clarksville.

Reverend Kelechi M. Uzuegbu, to Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish, Marceline, and as Administrator of the Mission of St. Joseph, Hurricane Branch, and St. Raphael Parish, Indian Grove, and to continue as sacramental minister at Immaculate Conception Parish, Brookfield.

These appointments are effective July 1, 2021.

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Reverend Callistus C. Okoroji, from Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Eldon and Our Lady of Snows Parish, Mary's Home, effective June 30, 2021; to Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Canton and Queen of Peace Parish, Ewing, effective August 15, 2021.

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Reverend Benedict T. Chagula, from Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Jefferson City; to service in the Diocese of Geita, Tanzania.

Reverend Paschal C. Iheodiamma, to Associate Pastor of St. Peter Parish, Jefferson City.

Reverend Anthony N. Onyeihe, to Associate Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Jefferson City.

These appointments are effective May 12, 2021.

Reverend Brad T. Berhorst, to Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Columbia, effective June 1, 2021.

Reverend Thomas L. Alber, from Associate Pastor of St. Peter Parish, Marshall, the Mission of Holy Family, Sweet Springs, and St. Joseph Parish, Slater; to Senior Associate Pastor of St. Brendan Parish, Mexico, and to Hispanic Ministry in Audrain, Boone, and Pike Counties.

Reverend Christopher M. Aubuchon, from medial leave to Associate Pastor of St. Peter Parish, Marshall, the Mission of Holy Family, Sweet Springs, and St. Joseph Parish, Slater.

Reverend Mr. Derek J. Hooper, after ordination to the Sacred Priesthood, to Associate Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Boonville, St. Joseph Parish, Pilot Grove, with St. John the Baptist Chapel, Clear Creek and St. Joseph Chapel, Clifton City.

These appointments are effective July 1, 2021.

DEACONS

Deacon Ronald E. Deimeke, from ministry duties at Church of the Resurrection Parish, Wellsville, to assist the Pastor at the Mission of St. John, Laddonia and Sacred Heart Parish, Vandalia, and to continue with ministry at St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg.

Deacon Mark J. Dobelmann, from ministry duties at the Mission of St. John, Laddonia and Sacred Heart Parish, Vandalia, to assist the Pastor at St. Joseph Parish,

Louisiana and the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace, Clarksville, and to continue with ministry at St. Clement Parish, St. Clement, and to continue with Prison Ministry.

Deacon Troy K. Egbert, from ministry duties at St. Joseph Parish, Louisiana and the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace, Clarksville, and to continue with ministry at Holy Family Parish, Hannibal and St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra.

Deacon Chad R. Lewis, from ministry duties at St. Patrick Parish, Rolla, and to continue ministry at Holy Cross Parish, Cuba, St. Francis Caracciolo Parish, Bourbon, and St. Michael Parish, Steelville.

Deacon Larry G. Hildebrand, from ministry duties at Immaculate Conception Parish, Loose Creek, and St. Louis of France Parish, Bonnots Mill, to assist the Pastor at St. Stanislaus Parish, Wardsville, and St. Margaret of Antioch Parish, Osage Bend, and to continue with ministry at the Jefferson City Correctional Center.

Deacon Wayne W. Korte, from ministry duties at Immaculate Conception Parish, Montgomery City, to assist the Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, Louisiana, the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace, Clarksville, and St. Clement Parish, St. Clement.

Deacon Robert A. Leake, from ministry duties at St. Joseph Parish, Louisiana and the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace, Clarksville, and to continue with ministry at Holy Family Parish, Hannibal and St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra.

Deacon Luke G. Mahsman, from ministry duties at St. Joseph Parish, Louisiana and the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace, Clarksville, and to continue with ministry at Holy Family Parish, Hannibal and St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra.

Deacon Stephen H. Schwartz, from ministry duties at St. Aloysius Parish, Argyle, Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Brinktown, and Visitation Parish, Vienna, to assist the Pastor at St. Lawrence Parish, St. Elizabeth and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, St. Anthony.

Deacon John L. Watkins, from ministry duties at St. Joseph Parish, Louisiana and the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace, Clarksville, and to continue with ministry at Holy Family Parish, Hannibal and St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra.

These appointments are effective July 1, 2021.

Deacon Dana Joyce, to serve as Personal Secretary to Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaidos, with continuing ministry at Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish, effective from April 19, 2021.

Deacon Alan Sims, acceptance of resignation from Prison Ministry, Nursing Home Ministry, and as Director of Catholic Cemeteries, effective from January 1, 2021.

Given at the Chancery in Jefferson City, Missouri, on the 12th day of May in the Year of St. Joseph, 2021.

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
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Cross Catholic Outreach Committed To Stopping “Silent Killer” of Guatemala’s Poor

The devastating consequence of Guatemalan poverty rarely gets covered in the news. Occasionally, the world is told about some act of crime or violence in the country, a symptom of the desperation poverty creates, but we seldom hear about the silent killer tragically impacting Guatemala’s poorest families — malnutrition.

Extreme hunger and the medical hardships it creates impact thousands of Guatemalans without drawing much

attention from the world at large, even though most of the victims are babies and young children. Only local Catholic leaders seem to have found solutions to this crisis, and it is their efforts to provide nutritious food to the poor on a regular basis that have begun to make a difference.

“Malnutrition has a terrible impact on poor children, and this crisis is particularly deadly in Guatemala’s remote, rural regions. There, where families live too far from hospitals or clinics capable of helping them, a serious lack of resources and inadequate food production create the perfect conditions for malnutrition to thrive,” explained James Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a major Catholic charity working with local leaders to find solutions. “Poor mothers are forced to choose which of their children to feed on a given day, and they watch in despair as their sons and daughters weaken, grow gaunt and lose the will to live.”

Cavnar went on to explain the major difference between hunger and malnutrition.

“Most Americans think of hunger as a temporary thing — a pain that will eventually be relieved — and praise God, that’s often the case. A child in the U.S. may go hungry at times, but that hunger isn’t usually a life-threatening issue,” he said. “Guatemalan children showing signs of malnutrition have typically endured hunger for weeks or months on end, and at that point, they begin to manifest signs of mental and physical damage that may become irreversible.”

Stunted growth is one of the most common physical problems Cavnar has seen, and the harm it does to a child’s body is lasting.

“You can imagine the pain this creates



In the Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu, rural communities are relying on help to obtain the food they need to reduce the risk of malnutrition among children.



for parents. When they are poor and have no food to offer their children, they begin to feel powerless to stop the decline their sons and daughters are experiencing,” Cavnar said. “Travel into rural areas of Guatemala and you will meet many poor mothers who live in despair, feeling they will never be able to provide relief for their suffering little ones without some kind of outside help.”

Thankfully, Church leaders in Guatemala have a heart for the poor and marginalized, and they are working in partnership with Cross Catholic Outreach to distribute food where it is needed most. (see related story on opposite page.)

“Right now, we are developing a feeding outreach in the Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu to address the needs of its rural Guatemalan families,” Cavnar said. “These local Catholic leaders were eager to supply food to the vulnerable in their diocese, but they needed help to put the right

programs in place. Cross Catholic Outreach will be involved, of course, and we are hoping and praying American Catholics will want to add their support as well. The more who contribute to this mission of mercy, the more we can accomplish. So we are asking for people to be generous in their response.”

Readers interested in supporting Cross Catholic Outreach food programs and other outreaches to the poor can contribute through the ministry brochure inserted in this issue or send tax-deductible gifts to: Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01708, PO Box 97168, Washington DC 20090-7168. The ministry has a special need for partners willing to make gifts on a monthly basis. Use the inserted brochure to become a Mission Partner or write “Monthly Mission Partner” on mailed checks to be contacted about setting up those arrangements.

Cross Catholic Outreach Endorsed by More Than 100 Bishops, Archbishops

Cross Catholic Outreach’s range of relief work to help the poor overseas continues to be recognized by a growing number of Catholic leaders in the U.S. and abroad.

“We’ve received more than 100 endorsements from bishops and archbishops,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. “They’re moved by the fact that we’ve launched outreaches in almost 40 countries and have undertaken a variety of projects — everything from feeding the hungry and housing the homeless

to supplying safe water and supporting educational opportunities for the poorest of the poor. The bishops have also been impressed by Cross Catholic Outreach’s direct and meaningful responses to emergency situations, most recently by providing food, medicines and other resources to partners in Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala impacted by natural disasters.”

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, supports this mission, writing, “What a joy it is to be

part of the Lord’s redemptive work and to manifest his mercy on Earth by caring for our neighbors in need.”

In addition to praising CCO’s accomplishments, many of the bishops and archbishops are encouraged that pontifical canonical status was conferred on the charity in September 2015, granting it approval as an official Catholic organization. This allows CCO to participate in the mission of the Church and to give a concrete witness to Gospel charity, in collaboration with the

Holy Father.

“Your work with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development is a strong endorsement of your partnership with the work of the Universal Church,” Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco said. “By providing hope to the faithful overseas by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, delivering medical relief to the sick and sheltering the homeless, as well as through self-help projects, you are embodying the papal encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*.

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A “Neighbor in Need” Appeals to American Catholics for Help During Serious Food Crisis

In the department of Suchitepéquez, Guatemala, poor families typically rely on farming for survival, and because their remote villages are isolated, many become very dependent on the success of their local harvest. This becomes a very dangerous gamble in years when nature does not cooperate.

“When harvests are poor, work opportunities and crop yields literally dry up, leading to low household incomes and a critical shortage of food,” explained James Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a respected Catholic charity working in the region. “That’s the kind of situation the people

have begun feeling hopeless. Some have resigned themselves to eating one small meal of tortillas each day, and they are in anguish, seeing their children languishing on the brink of starvation as a result.

Thankfully, Bishop Pablo Vizcaíno and Caritas of the Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu have developed a strategic plan to rescue these children and set their families on the path to long-term health through improved nutrition. In partnership with Cross Catholic Outreach, major food shipments will be secured and distributed to those who need help most.



are facing now. Their access to food has become very limited and families are suffering as a result.”

When Cavnar encountered this crisis on a visit to Guatemala, it immediately reminded him of a passage in Chapter 16 of the Gospel of Luke, he said.

“There in Luke, Jesus tells a parable about a poor man living on the doorstep of a man with plenty. The poor man’s needs are ignored, though he longs for something simple — just the scraps from the rich man’s table. When both die, the affluent man is rebuked for turning away from a situation he could easily have helped solve. Simply put, he ignores a neighbor in need. I believe we are faced with a modern-day example of that parable today in Guatemala, a country so close to our own.”

Statistics certainly back up Cavnar’s view. Guatemala — less than a three-hour flight from Houston or Miami — has the highest levels of extreme hunger in Latin America or the Caribbean, and the fourth-highest level in the world. With their limited access to employment and educational opportunities, many of the country’s remote indigenous people

“The story of Lazarus and the rich man taught us an important lesson about helping a neighbor in need, and we should take it to heart as we consider the suffering going on at our doorstep, there in Guatemala,” Cavnar said. “My team is committed to providing the food these desperate families need, and I’m confident Catholics throughout the U.S. will join our cause by helping to sponsor those shipments. This suffering must end.”

To combat Guatemala’s hunger crisis, Cross Catholic Outreach has a simple but effective plan to deliver scientifically formulated food packets they call Vitafood. This fortified rice product, specifically designed to reverse the effects of child malnutrition, can be packed in large shipping containers and cost-effectively sent to Catholic programs capable of bringing them through customs and effectively delivering them to the families with the greatest need. A single container of Vitafood can make a big impact, according to Cavnar.

“Vitafood is extremely flexible. It is rice or lentil based, and it comes in



The men and women in Guatemala work very hard to provide for their children, but bad weather can destroy their crops and strip away their earnings. At those times, the Church must step in and help.

several different varieties. It can be prepared straight from the package or flavored with additional ingredients to suit local tastes,” he explained. “No matter how it is prepared, its nutritional value remains the same, providing the optimal balance of vitamins, minerals, protein, fiber, fat and carbohydrates that a child’s hungry body needs. What’s more, because these Vitafood meals are donated to us, we only need to cover shipping costs to deliver the food to

our diocese partner in Guatemala. That means every \$0.15 cents donated can help put 6 nutritious meals in the hands of a family in need.”

Cavnar’s current goal, he said, is to secure the support of American Catholics to fund the effort.

“The diocese is eager for the help, and we have the logistics settled. What we need now is the support of compassionate Catholics willing to help a neighbor in need.”

How to Help

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If you identify an aid project, 100% of the donation will be restricted to be used for that specific project. However, if more is raised for the project than needed, funds will be redirected to other urgent needs in the ministry.



QUESTION CORNER

Sacraments & Eastern Catholics/ Marriage open to children

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. I know a family who are originally from Jordan but are now U.S. citizens. They are members of the local Eastern-rite Catholic Church. They would like to get their 5-year-old grandson baptized in the Roman Catholic Church. Also, they said that while a relative who is an Eastern-rite Catholic nun was visiting here from Jordan, she was refused Holy Communion at a Latin-rite church. So I have two questions:

What are the rules for receiving Holy Communion if you are a Catholic of the Eastern rite? And how should I advise her about her grandson's baptism? (Midlothian, Virginia)

A. First, as to Holy Communion, which is the easier part, Eastern Catholics are in full communion with Rome and the Vatican and are, of course, welcome to receive the Eucharist in any Catholic church.

As to baptism, a valid baptism in the Latin Church is recognized as a valid baptism in the Eastern churches, and vice versa.

But I do have a couple of questions: First of all, why is it the grandparents who are deciding about the baptism? Normally it is the parents of the child who make that determination, and in fact the *Code of Canon Law* provides that "for an infant to be baptized licitly, the parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent" (No. 868).

And second, in which Church is the child going to be brought up? If the boy is going to be raised and educated as an Eastern Catholic, doesn't it make sense to begin his sacramental path in that same Church?

Q. My boyfriend and I are starting to have conversations about marriage. I am a Catholic; he is a Baptist. I have not felt called to have children and have health issues that will make it difficult to get pregnant. My boyfriend is not primarily interested in having kids. I know that to be married in the Catholic Church, couples are expected to be open to having children. Is it possible to get married in the Church if you're not open to having kids? (City and state withheld)

A. Your understanding of the Church's view of marriage is correct. If a couple enters into marriage consciously intending never to have children, that would make the marriage, in the Church's eyes, invalid.

For the Church, being open to children is an essential part of what marriage is, and this is reflected in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring" (No. 1601).

This understanding is written right into the ritual of the marriage ceremony itself, where the priest asks the couple, "Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and His Church?"

Why not talk over your situation with a priest whom you know? It may be that you are more open to the possibility of children than you might think.

Your preference, and that of your husband-to-be, may well be that you not get pregnant, especially given your health issues.

But if you did become pregnant, would you be willing to carry that child to term and be blessed with a new gift from God?

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.

Papal Audience

May 12, 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the traditional theme of "spiritual combat." The great spiritual masters recognize that prayer is not always easy, for our human nature is frequently distracted or tempted by seemingly more important priorities. The *Catechism* teaches that prayer, although a free and unmerited gift of God's grace, can be affected by our human experiences of discouragement, sadness or disappointment (cf. No. 2728). Many of the saints in fact experienced long periods of spiritual dryness and even darkness. They teach us that the only response to these temptations is greater perseverance. St. Ignatius of Loyola uses military imagery to stress the importance of

discipline in our efforts to serve under the banner of Christ. St. Anthony learned from his harsh spiritual battles in the desert that although God may at times seem absent amid these struggles, He remains always at our side. In our daily efforts to persevere in prayer may we trust that our own spiritual combat, like that of Jacob and the angel (cf. Gen. 28:16), will bear fruit in a deeper and more mature relationship with the Lord.

I cordially greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors. As we prepare to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, I invoke upon you and your families the peace and joy that come from the Risen Christ. May God bless you!

Being a catechist is a vocation, pope says in establishing formal ministry

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Calling for formal recognition of "those lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis," Pope Francis has instituted the "ministry of catechist."

"The Spirit is calling men and women to set out and encounter all those who are waiting to discover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Christian faith," the pope wrote in *'Antiquum Ministerium'* (Ancient Ministry), his document released at the Vatican May 11.

In addition to releasing texts of the document in Italian, French, English, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Polish, the Vatican distributed a video of the text translated into Italian sign language.

Pastors must support laypeople in answering the Spirit's call and "enrich the life of the Christian community through the recognition of lay ministries capable of contributing to the transformation of society through the 'penetration of Christian values into the social, political and economic sectors,'" the pope said, quoting what he had written about the vocation of laypeople in his 2013 docu-

ment, "The Joy of the Gospel."

Bishops' conferences will need to determine the "process of formation and the normative criteria for admission to this ministry" and devise "the most appropriate forms for the service which these men and women will be called to exercise," the pope said.

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, he said, "will soon publish the Rite of Institution of the lay ministry of catechist." The congregation already is working on revised rites for the ministries of lector and acolyte, which Pope Francis opened to women in January.

While millions of lay men and women around the world already serve as catechists, readers and altar servers, formal institution into the ministries signifies that the service is stable, delegated by the bishop and publicly recognized by the Church.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, noted how St. Paul VI wrote in 1975 about the importance of laypeople using their gifts for the growth of the entire Church.

"It has taken almost 50 years for the Church to come to recognize that the service

rendered by so many men and women through their catechetical commitment truly constitutes a distinctive ministry for the growth of the Christian community," the archbishop told reporters at a news conference to present the pope's document.

In his document, Pope Francis noted how teachers of the faith were present from the earliest days of the Christian community and were recognized as having a special gift of the Holy Spirit for carrying out their role within the community.

"At times," he wrote, "the charisms that the Spirit constantly pours out on the baptized took on a visible and tangible form of immediate service to the Christian community, one recognized as an indispensable '*diakonia*' for the community."

In looking at the history of evangelization, the pope said, Catholics cannot overlook "the countless lay men and women who directly took part in the spread of the Gospel through catechetical instruction — men and women of deep faith, authentic witnesses of holiness, who in some cases were also founders of churches and eventually died as martyrs."

We long to be cared for as God cares for us

By **Mary Marrocco**
Catholic News Service

Bicycles are a popular means of transportation, with a long history. My grandfather's bicycle, the only vehicle he ever owned, got him to and from work at the Quaker Oats factory 364 days a year.

But a shiny bicycle, as time goes by, will collect scratches, rust and dents. The gears and brakes will need oil. The seat will need to be patched. With care and attention, that bicycle will serve many years before it wears out or is scrapped for something new.

Human beings, too, will collect hurts and bruises, from the world they live in, from other people, even from themselves. They will tear and break. Along the way,

they could become bitter or violent, and weary or lightless.

Humans, even more than bicycles, need care and attention, but with a different end. Not so they'll "last longer," but so they will come to the new dawn, in the garden of the Resurrection, with tears of joy in their eyes and a light of love unto eternity.

It's said that "hurt people hurt people," though that doesn't excuse anybody for hurting others. Hurt people who hurt people still have free will and are responsible before God. We don't lose our humanity, even when we become harmful and destructive. But caring for others is preventive medicine and a spiritual vaccine we may hesitate to take.

So, who will care for us? How will they do it? This isn't a new question, and indeed rings out through human history.

At Waterloo, in Belgium, a museum features replications and records of the battle that finally defeated Napoleon. There is an account by a contemporary physician who arrived a week after the fight to discover bodies and groans still strewn throughout the surrounding woods, a mass of humanity suffering unattended.

That's us too: suffering and in need of tending. But our human need — of physical care, soul-care, person-care — is often less apparent to us than the nicks and fatigue of inanimate objects like computers and bicycles.

Our world is suffering, too, as we experience crises of polarization, mutual distrust, misunderstanding and hostility. One of the reasons is surely this: Our tendency to live as though there is no providence, no divine care for us. Who can bear such emptiness and isolation?

The growing acceptance of euthanasia stems not so much from our fear of physical suffering, but from our fear of being an unwanted burden. Being uncared-for is such a deep anguish for humans that it can rob us of our sanity. Or we can build ourselves a little inner bunker where that anguish remains bricked in while we act out.

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The quest to be 'somebody' online forgets who we really are

By **Brett Robinson**
Catholic News Service



What does it really mean to be "somebody"? Is it like Marlon Brando's famous line in the film "On the Waterfront"? "I coulda' been a contender. I could've been somebody, instead of a bum."

There is something powerful about being known, celebrated and revered. And there is something painful about being ignored, criticized and humiliated. The internet offers us both alternatives, but both are misleading.

Our dignity is not digitally derived. It comes from God. It comes from being made in the image and likeness of God.

What we often see today is a belief that projecting an image and likeness of the self onto a screen and joining the ranks of celebrities or "influencers" is what makes a self a "somebody."

In surveys of school-aged children asking them what they want to be when they grow up, the No. 1 answer is YouTube star.

The late David Foster Wallace tells the story of an amnesiac who is convinced that he is Mary Richards from the 1970s series "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." After consulting with a psychiatrist, the amnesiac eventually admits that he knows he's not Mary Richards, but he still doesn't know who he is. Lacking an identity, he decided to borrow one from TV.

As Wallace tells it, "He's lonely. He watches a lot of television. He figured it was better to believe (he) was a TV character than not to believe (he) was anybody."

Something similar is happening in the digital age. It is often wryly said that if it didn't happen online, it didn't happen. Hence the compulsive photography of

parents capturing special moments with children or people cataloguing their travels and experiences, no matter how mundane.

The implicit message is that this practice of documenting and sharing nearly everything is part of what it means to be somebody in the digital age, to be visible online.

In the TV era, it was shows and ads that presented role models to imitate and criticize. Today, the people on YouTube and TikTok are both consumer and producer, viewer and advertiser, audience and celebrity.

The TV paradigm has collapsed in on itself. YouTube "stars" are not world-class athletes or actors or musicians. They are "regular" people with an internet connection. And they are keenly aware of the presence of the camera because they are usually holding it in their hands and aiming it at their face.

In both media eras, television and digital, the deep-seated human desire to be known and loved is consistent. Among the many challenges and opportunities that digital media technology presents to the Church, the impact on human dignity stands out.

As the *Catechism* states, "Endowed with 'a spiritual and immortal' soul, the human person is 'the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake.' From his conception, he is destined for eternal beatitude" (No. 1703).

Willed for its own sake! Our dignity comes from the fact that God has created us and we have a soul that is cherished by Him. The fact that young people seek YouTube stardom so passionately should be a wake-up call to the Church.

It is a sign of a disordered sense of dignity. Like the TV amnesiac, they have forgotten who they are, where they came from and where they are going.

Rather than becoming a "character" in the online drama of social media, it may be time to step back and reassess the

internet on its own terms, not on television's terms. The celebrity and fantasy era is ending.

The gift of the internet is its expansive memory capabilities and the ability to

share human information and knowledge in new ways. It was St. Augustine who famously reviewed the record of his life and

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REFLECTION

Unbeknownst to us

By **Mark Saucier**

In the Acts of the Apostles, we see the burgeoning life of the early Christian community and people on fire to share this life with others.

It also holds up a mirror in which we can see ourselves today.

Recent daily readings from Acts have chronicled the second missionary journey of Paul and his "Macedonian call."

He was imprisoned in Philippi, faced an angry mob in Thessalonica, and was chased out of Beroea.

By the time Paul gets to Athens, you'd think he'd be a little miffed at the Greeks, but he just goes to the market and engages with people.

When he is invited to the Areopagus to address the elites, Paul doesn't condemn their pagan practices but commends them on being "scrupulously religious."

In Athens, he had seen shrines to every god under the sun, but there was also one to an "Unknown God."

Paul told his listeners that he knew that Unknown God: the maker of the world, Lord of heaven and earth "Who gives to all life and breath and everything else" — roles not covered by Athena through Zeus.

In terms familiar to those Athenian truth-pursuers, Paul tells of this God as the One people seek, even grope for in the dark — the God history has longed for, "though he is not far from any of us."

Then, in ultimate respect, Paul quotes not a Jewish prophet but the Greek poet Aratus: "In Him we live and have our being ... for we too are His offspring."

Some scoffed when Paul spoke of the resurrection, but some converted, and Paul moved on to Corinth.

It's a great early Church story, but what about that mirror?

Well, it asks us if we treat certain others as enemies and threats, or whether we can see them as Paul did, as people with whom he desperately wanted to share what he found to be the Source of life, joy and meaning.

We could also consider Paul's reference to a God Unknown. No matter where we are in our spiritual journey, we have doubts.

We never know how much that God we believe in is either simply what we were taught, formed of our experience, or of our own making.

We might well have an altar to our own Unknown God, a temple where we admit that we do not know, where we continue to seek and grope, where we can always come closer to that God "Who is not far from us."

“Chosen for Mission”: Virtual Sixth and Seventh Grade Vocation Day reaches about 1,200

By Jay Nies

“Genuflecting can be a great workout!”

Maddie Greenway and about 1,200 other sixth- and seventh-graders learned that and many other important lessons during the Jefferson City diocese’s 2021 Sixth (and Seventh) Grade Vocation Day.

“It’s not just about what you’re going to be but what you’re going to do,” said Maddie, a sixth-grader at St. Patrick School in Rolla. “Even if you don’t know what your vocation is, you can still do things. You can serve and sacrifice for others by doing things like volunteering and helping people.”

This year’s event was held virtually in schools and other Catholic venues throughout the diocese.

Seventh-graders got to take part in this year’s Sixth Grade Vocation Day because last year’s event had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

The theme for the day was “Chosen for Mission.”

Father Paul Clark, diocesan vocation director, and Sister M. Karolyn Nunes FSGM, vocation director for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, gave the keynote talks and led the closing activities from the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

Sixth- and seventh-graders from St. Joseph Cathedral School attended both sessions in person.

Participants also watched video snapshots of various vocations in the Church — including marriage, consecrated religious life, and the ministerial Priesthood.

Teachers at each school led discussions on topics ranging from holiness to discernment.

Students indulged in a most unusual scavenger hunt that combined items to be found and tasks to be completed.

Each wore a specially designed T-shirt bearing an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the “Chosen for Mission” theme.

Named, known and chosen

Sr. M. Karolyn and Fr. Clark emphasized repeatedly that every baptized Christian



LEFT: Keynote presenters Sister M. Karolyn Nunes of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George and Father Paul Clark share a funny story during this year’s Sixth- and Seventh-Grade Vocation Day.

RIGHT: Students at Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek write reflections in their prayer journal during this year’s virtual event.



has one vocation or calling in life: to become a saint.

“And the one thing the saints all have in common is that they were holy,” said Sr. M. Karolyn.

More photos from this event have been posted in *The Catholic Missourian’s* online edition, cathmo.com. Select “Photo Galleries” from the “Multimedia” tab on the menu bar.

“To be holy is to become perfect in love,” she noted. “If you perfectly love God and you perfectly love your neighbor, then you are holy and therefore have what it takes to be a saint.”

Within that universal call to holiness, God creates each individual with a specific purpose in mind.

“We are intentionally created and particularly chosen,” said Sr. M. Karolyn. “God personally calls us to this mission which will help us learn how to love in the best way possible.”

Since God creates all people in His own image and likeness (Genesis 1:27), they are made to be loved and to love completely, and to know and be fully known.

“Our call to holiness means that we are called to love — to love God and our neighbor,” said Fr. Clark, who is associate pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish and a

chaplain at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School, both in Columbia.

Just as people formally receive their name at baptism, that is also when they receive their calling from God.

“Just as when Christ comes up out of the River Jordan and the Father says, ‘This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased,’” said Fr. Clark, “we are by baptism identified in that same way. We are marked as beloved sons and daughters of the Father.”

“That is our deepest identity,” Fr. Clark insisted. “Everything else flows from that.”

“We are chosen by name and given a specific mission,” he stated.

“And when that happens, everything changes,” said Sr. M. Karolyn.

Start by asking

People discover their individual calling by staying focused on love and service while praying and listening to God not just with the mind but also the heart.

“Every vocation is a chance for me to give my heart to another, out of love for God and in service to my brothers and sisters,” said Fr. Clark.

Sr. M. Karolyn talked about how she came to know that she wanted to serve God in some way.

Something happened the

first time she visited the FSGM convent in Alton, Illinois.

“Something there touched me and it was like an explosion happened inside me,” she said. “I just totally felt like myself and I felt totally alive.”

Fr. Clark discovered his priestly calling in a similar way.

“I found out that as I started getting involved in service, giving my heart to others through community service or volunteering, mission trips and things like that, I started to learn how my heart was made to be given in a specific mission,” he said.

They said grade school is an excellent time to start asking God some important questions.

“All of you are at a point where it’s important to start asking God, ‘What mission do You have in mind for me? What are You calling me to be?’” said Fr. Clark.

Taking notes

Through a series of short videos, classroom discussions and quiet meditation throughout the day, the sixth- and

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Fifth and Sixth-graders at Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City take part in this year’s Sixth- and Seventh-Grade Vocation Day virtually while gathered in an assembly hall at their school.

— Photo from the Immaculate Conception Catholic School Facebook page

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Catholic hymn lyrics must properly reflect Church doctrine

This is the first of two articles by the chairman of the diocesan Liturgical Commission about a recent document from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on evaluating hymn lyrics.

By Father Daniel Merz

On Dec. 10, 2020, the Committee on Doctrine of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops released a short document entitled, "Catholic Hymnody at the Service of the Church: An Aid for Evaluating Hymn Lyrics."

"What is it?"

This 12-page document (plus six pages of appendices and notes) clearly states its intention "to offer guidance and to heighten awareness of the doctrinal implications of hymn texts."

Honestly, this Church document is an inspiring read. In the preface, it states the particular theological insight that drives this document to a great extent: "beauty and truth are convertible terms, and thus there is no competition, much less contradiction, between the two."

In other words, Catholic hymns may have inspiring melodies, but unless the text also communicates the truth of the mystery of faith, they cannot be called beautiful. Beauty is constitutively related to truth.

For these reasons, the document asserts that Catholic hymn-writing and composing is not just a job, but both a "privilege and vocation" requiring "genuine artistry, industry, and fidelity."

Quoting the Second Vatican Council's constitution on liturgy, it states, "The texts intended to be sung must always be in conformity with Catholic doctrine; indeed they should be drawn chiefly from holy scripture and from liturgical sources" (*Sacrosanctum Con-*

cilium, 121).

The bishops recognize "the power of music to reinforce the words that are sung by the people" and so they feel compelled to exercise their ministry of oversight to ensure the integrity of the faith in the beauty and poetry of song. To do this they put forth "two general guidelines for determining whether a hymn is doctrinally suitable for liturgical use:

- 1.) Is the hymn in conformity with Catholic doctrine?
- 2.) Is the hymn expressed in image and vocabulary appropriately reflective of the usage of Scripture and the public liturgical prayer of the Church?"

"How does this impact me?"

With the above guidelines in mind, the bishops on the committee reviewed "approximately 1,000 hymns composed and published mostly in the period 1980-2015" and developed six categories of potential deficiencies they found in some of those hymns.

In illustrating the six categories, they name some hymn texts found to be deficient in Catholic doctrine. While they didn't intend to provide a complete black list or white list of bad or good hymns, the ones mentioned as deficient should no longer be used in Catholic worship or devotionals. The six deficiencies with their hymn examples are as follows:

- 1.) Deficiencies in the Presentation of Eucharistic Doctrine (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1322-1419)

Vague or incorrect language on the Eucharist will not give the faithful "a basis to understand the Catholic belief that the Eucharistic elements can be worshipped because under their appearance is a wholly unique,



Members of the Fil-Am Choir from St. Gregory the Great Parish in Virginia Beach, Va., sing the offertory hymn during a Jan. 18, 2020, Mass. In a report released last December, the U.S. bishops' doctrine committee suggests guidelines for bishops in evaluating hymn lyrics and for selecting hymnals being considered for use in churches.

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substantial presence of Christ."

Such hymns also "downplay or eliminate entirely reference to the sacrifice of Christ, His Priesthood, and His status as both priest and victim, as well as to the role of the ministerial Priesthood in the Church." Examples of deficient hymns: "God is Here! As We His People"; "Now in This Banquet"; "All Are Welcome"; and "Let Us Break Bread Together on our Knees."

- 2.) Deficiencies in the Presentation of Trinitarian Doctrine (cf. *CCC*, nos. 232, 234, 255)

Because the Church fought long and hard to hammer out a precise language regarding the Trinity, it is important to respect the fruits of that struggle. Sometimes, hymns try to avoid using "Father" or "Son" when naming the three persons, which can erroneously imply that only God the Father is "Creator" when that term can equally apply to all three persons; or only God the Son is "Source of Life" when it applies to all three, but perhaps especially to the Holy Spirit since the Creed names the Spirit "Lord and Giver of Life." Examples in this category are, "The Play of the Godhead" and "Led by the Spirit."

- 3.) Hymns with Deficiencies in the Doctrine of God and His Relation to Humans (cf. *CCC*, nos. 42-43, 203, 206, 212)

God is not dependent on

humans and transcends humans, but He has also revealed Himself to humans and thus is knowable by reason and faith. To imply that we can know nothing of God is to deny that God has revealed Himself. The negative example given here is "God Beyond All Names."

- 4.) Hymns with a View of the Church That Sees Her as Essentially a Human Construction (cf. *CCC*, nos. 770, 772, 766)

Like Christ, the Church is both human and divine, "born primarily from Christ's total self-gift, anticipated in the institution of the Eucharist and fulfilled on the Cross." Therefore, the Church (though composed, in part, of redeemed, yet still sinful humans) is not our work to create. Rather, her members are constantly in need of reform and renewal. Two negative examples are given here, "Sing a New Church" and "As a Fire is Meant for Burning."

- 5.) Hymns with Doctrinally Incorrect Views of the Jewish People (cf. *CCC*, nos. 597-598; *Nostra Aetate*, no. 4)

The teaching of the Church is clear that all sinners are responsible for the passion and death of Christ and it is incorrect to blame the Jews indiscriminately. Unfortunate examples that do this include, "The Lord of the Dance" and "O Crucified Messiah."

- 6.) Hymns with Incorrect Christian Anthropology (cf.

CCC, nos. 400, 402, 405)

The negative example given here is verse 6 from "Canticle of the Sun," which "teaches that death is natural and necessary for our life to have something at stake and thus be 'real.' In fact, it is the Resurrection of Christ that makes our life 'real,'...Death is not a necessary part of human nature."

"Who is responsible for judging which hymns we sing?"

Ultimately, our bishop, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, has that responsibility, but without direct input from him, the pastor exercises that care. Any Catholic should feel free to approach his or her pastor in order to inquire or express concern about a given song.

If the pastor is not certain, he is welcome to contact me as chairman of the diocesan Liturgical Commission. It should be noted that while the bishops examined about 1,000 hymns, they expressly flagged only 12 hymns for concern.

The Bishops' Committee on Doctrine has provided this set of guidelines to every bishop to assist him in presenting the fullness of our faith to us, especially when celebrating the Holy Eucharist.

None of us should want to be shorted on the truth, nor held back from an authentic experience of beauty in our Church.

The Committee has presented 12 negative examples, but in some ways the greater work remains for every diocese to ensure not simply that incorrect texts are avoided, but also that all aspects of any teaching is included.

Thus, it's not enough to avoid Eucharistic hymns that portray the elements as merely bread and wine that make Christ present in some vague "spiritual" sense. We need to have hymns that also treat of sacrifice, altar, Priesthood, grace, sin, redemption, justification, etc.

In the next article, I'll try to present our efforts in this diocese to do just that.

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Broad range of national, local communications outreach supported by May 22-23 collection

By Jay Nies

A significant amount of the funding for the diocesan Communications Office's digital evangelization work and efforts to help parishes become more responsive to their parishioners' needs comes from contributions to the joint Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) and The Catholic University of America Collection.

It will be taken up in parishes throughout the diocese the weekend of Pentecost Sunday, May 22-23.

"Your generous support for the Catholic Communication Campaign and for The Catholic University of America ensures that many people, from villagers on remote islands to the next generation of lay leaders being educated at Catholic University, can receive the Gospel and have their lives transformed," Bishop W. Shawn McKnight wrote in a letter to the people of the diocese.

Half of the money for the CCC portion of the collection will stay in this diocese to help pay for projects involving social media, video creation, and ongoing help with the digital transformation of parish communications and record-keeping.

The other half will help support similar work throughout the nation and beyond.

A growing need

Helen Osman, diocesan communication director, noted that more people are doing research online, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

She pointed to the story of a young man she knows from Cameroon, who heard a wonderful homily one year on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

He went home and searched the internet for more information on the Trinity, and came across the website of a religious order, the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity.

"He is now a member of that order," she said.

Mrs. Osman told of a woman from a very rural part of the country who was interested in what the Catholic Church teaches.

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McKnight's Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

At the same time, online support helped people volunteer to serve on parish disaster response teams in the early months of the pandemic, while 1,763 people in 10 counties in the diocese answered an online survey to help plan for the future staffing of parishes.

Ashley Wiskirchen, parish communication director for the diocese, has been helping parishes launch functional, attractive new websites that integrate local and diocesan information.

Forty-six parishes are in some aspect of website development: launched, in progress or discovery phase.

She has also been instrumental in livestreaming diocesan Masses and events and producing videos with messages from Bishop McKnight.

Kelly Martin, graphic designer for *The Catholic Missourian*, has helped design newsletters, programs, the diocesan directory and other printed materials for diocesan events and ministries.

Challenge accepted

Members of the diocesan communications staff are also helping parishes move to uniform, secure and much more interactive software for staying in touch with parishioners and keeping track of their information.

Christi Garcia, parish bookkeeper and communications coordinator, and Rene Magelky parish secretary for St. Anthony Parish in Camdenton began learning Blackbaud's Raiser's Edge software with help from the diocese in 2019.

"We both like streamlined, integrated programs and were excited to jump into something new and exciting," said Mrs. Garcia. "We met Helen Osman during that time, and we both immediately knew that we had a friend in the Communications Office — that's just who Helen is."

With help from Mrs. Os-

man and diocesan communications specialist Denise Barnes, the parish explored expanding into Blackbaud's online Church Management system.

"We knew Helen was there if we needed her," said Mrs. Garcia. "However, she also gave us the room that we needed to learn and develop our version and use of Church Management as our parish needed."

The software is very useful for organizing parishioner data. "We use it for everything," said Mrs. Garcia.

She and Mrs. Magelky stayed in contact with Blackbaud's software development team about the specific needs of Catholic parishes.

"Today, many of the ideas and suggestions that we made are a permanent part of the Church Management solution," Mrs. Garcia noted.

"Great potential"

Bishop McKnight is eager to see parishes throughout the diocese follow a similar path.

Donna Long, director of faith formation for Holy Rosary Parish in Monroe City and St. Stephen Parish in Indian Creek, also seized the opportunity to help implement the new Church Management system.

"The diocesan Communications Office has been very supportive of our office staff while we learn the various components of the system," said Mrs. Long.

The database offers great flexibility in various aspects of Church management such as communicating with parishioners and recording sacramental records.

"There are many other tools in this new system that will benefit our parishes that our staff has yet to learn," said Mrs. Long. "It has great potential to

help the parish Finance Council administer the financial needs of each parish and serve the parishioners more effectively."

Halls of ivy

Money from the annual collection also helps pay for scholarships for students at The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C.

The nation's only university chartered by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic University offers a wide range of degree programs that are focused on helping clergy, religious and laypeople become more effective leaders in the Church.

Father Brad Berhorst, a priest of the Jefferson City diocese, has been studying at Catholic University for the past three years and is completing a licentiate in canon law.

Many of his studies have been online due to the pandemic.

"While I can't say that I've been a big fan of 'remote learning,' I am grateful that Catholic University and the School of Canon Law, specifically, were able to adapt so quickly to meet the needs of students who were unable to return to campus this year," he said.

This allowed his classmates and him to finish their degrees

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of Catholic Bishops website set her on her road to becoming Catholic.

"If it wasn't for *uscgb.org*," she told Mrs. Osman, "all I was finding online was very dark, rigid posts and threads which I now know didn't reflect the true depth and breadth of Church teaching."

Many such stories have motivated Mrs. Osman to focus on making sure this diocese's digital communications are authentic, reflective of the faith, and intuitive for "digital natives."

"As with most things that matter, to make something that is elegantly simple requires a good deal of effort," she noted. "We want data systems that are simple, straightforward and secure for everyone who uses them."

Here at home

The Jefferson City diocese's website, *diojeffcity.org*, has been a God-send to many people, especially during the pandemic.

The site has had more than 437,000 unique page views since March 23, 2020.

The site's top four pages at that time period were the landing page on the pandemic; a post with links to parishes' livestreamed Sunday Masses; an April 28, 2020, post giving instructions for returning to Sunday Masses in person; and the Spanish translation of Bishop

Devotion to Julia Greeley grows as beatification cause advances

By Vladimir Mauricio-Perez

An icon of “Beloved Julia” Greeley, the humble African American lay woman who was born into a family of slaves in Missouri and eventually became Catholic in Denver, has been declared a Servant of God, is becoming increasingly popular as her cause for canonization advances in Rome.

The image, which was commissioned by the chancellor’s office for the Archdiocese of Denver, depicts the suffering endured by Julia during her childhood under slav-

ery — as portrayed by her closed right eye, which she almost lost after it was grazed by a lash that struck her mother.

The icon is being venerated across the country along with that of other distinguished Black Catholics from the United States on the road to sainthood.

This group of devout Catholics also includes Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, Venerable Henriette Delille, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, and Venerable Father Augustus

Tolton, who was also born in Missouri.

“All the saints have something about them that makes them stand out — they’re not all born in the same mold,” said Franciscan Father Blaine Burkey, a local champion of Miss Greeley’s cause and author of *In Secret Service of*



ed since Dec. 18, 2016.

The Roman phase began when the documents were opened by the Vatican’s Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

After the approval of the work carried out by the archdio-

cese, the Vatican will advance the cause by allowing the Roman Postulator for the cause, Dr. Waldery Hilgeman, to arrange for someone to process and organize the information into a book.

He said Julia Greeley and a number of other holy African Americans send a very important message to the Church and the world at this time.

“Their example can help the Church and the world understand what it means to be treated poorly because of your skin, but also know how to respond,” said Fr. Burkey. “Julia Greeley had some terrible things happen to her during her lifetime, but spent her whole life helping people, especially people who were from the very same race that persecuted her.”

Cause advances

Julia Greeley’s cause for canonization (juliagreeley.org) took a step forward at the Vatican earlier this year, an event that has also increased awareness about the Servant of God.

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints issued a decree certifying that the Archdiocese of Denver had done everything according to the rules for conducting a local investigation.

This was the first step of what could be called the “Roman phase” of her beatification process.

The first phase was the archdiocesan inquiry, which concluded when the Denver archdiocese sent 36 volumes of documents, totaling 11,750 pages, to the Vatican in September 2018.

These documents detailed the investigation of Miss Greeley’s life and virtues that the archdiocese had conduct-

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Pray for a miracle

For people who are interested in helping advance Julia Greeley’s cause for beatification, Fr. Burkey assured that there are two ways in which the faithful can participate.

The first and best way is by asking for her intercession.

“There’s no point in going on with a cause if people are not asking for her intercession,” he noted. “Part of what needs to be proven is that people have considered her an intercessor and have received favors through her.”

There have been reports of thousands of little things already happening.

“People have received favors, sometimes serious things, but not all of them can be proven,” the priest stated.

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Maureen Quinn to begin as director of youth ministry, religious education for diocese on June 1

By Jay Nies

The Church is for sinners, not just saints.

There's a fine distinction between the two.

"Saints are what you get when sinners have an encounter with Christ," said Maureen Quinn, the diocese's newly appointed director of youth ministry and religious education.

She will assume this role on June 1.

A search committee headed by Deacon Enrique Castro, executive director of the diocese's Faith Formation Department, selected Mrs. Quinn after interviewing many qualified candidates.

"I'm really excited about working with her," said Deacon Castro. "I'm looking forward to everything she's going to be able to do for the people of this diocese."

Mrs. Quinn believes the key to effective youth ministry is to equip adults to help facilitate a personal encounter with Christ.

"We can't be afraid of relational ministry," she insisted. "At the end of the day, that's what these young people are looking for. They need someone to accompany them and be in relationship with them."



Maureen Quinn

She sees her new role as helping youth ministers and catechists find what they need to engage in relational ministry in the parishes.

"Just like Jesus did with the 12, we need to befriend them, equip them and send them out," she said.

Relational ministry is not the easy route, "but it's the Jesus route," she stated.

Now and then

Mrs. Quinn is a graduate of Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City and Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas.

She has served as a teacher at Maur Hill-Mount Academy

in Atchison, as an administrative assistant in the Diocesan Religious Education Office, and for the past six years as a religion teacher and campus minister at Helias Catholic.

The interview process for her new position brought her to several parishes around the diocese.

She met with pastors, youth ministers, catechists and parishioners and learned about what they need and hope for.

"She sounded very excited," said Deacon Castro. "I think she could see and identify with the different realities and challenges young people are going through at this moment."

He was stuck by her knowledge, experience, ability to articulate the mission of the Church and eagerness to listen

and learn.

"And her energy!" he said. "And her openness and willingness to see beyond what's in front of her."

She was comfortable and inquisitive in each environment, including when there were language and cultural differences.

"She sees that it's not just about the present but about building-up the Church for future generations," said Deacon Castro.

Servant and friend

Mrs. Quinn grew up in a Catholic family, went to Catholic schools, learned her prayers and never missed Sunday Mass.

She liked being Catholic, but as a teen, she began to wonder what was missing.

She was looking for something more personal.

She needed an encounter with God.

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on schedule with minimal loss to the quality of their education.

"After all that has happened in the last year, it's no mean accomplishment on the part of the university faculty that I will be returning to the diocese having completed my degree at the same time I had planned to before 'COVID' and 'Zoom' were even part of my vocabulary,"

said Fr. Berhorst.

He noted that Catholic University is the only university in the United States that offers a licentiate (and doctorate) in canon law.

"I believe that I have received a thorough canonical education here, and I look forward to putting that education to use in service to the Diocese of Jefferson City," he said.

Minding the mission

Father Simeon Etonu — pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Edina, St. John Parish in Memphis, the Mission of St. Aloysius in Baring, and chaplain of the Kirksville Newman Center — has been studying canon law through Catholic University's online program while working in his parishes.

"This is my first experience

with online classes and so far, it's been a good learning experience," he said.

He takes part in interactive classes with fellow priests throughout the US, Europe and Asia, including a bishop.

"Apart from the lectures, we have the opportunity to learn from the experiences and perspectives of one another," he said.

His courses have helped him

see more clearly the connection between canon law and the theological tradition of the Church.

"Canon law is not merely a body of do's and don'ts," he noted. "It is pastoral. Its core objective is to assist the Church in the salvific mission entrusted to her by Christ."

His studies have also helped him recognize individual canons in light of their relationship to the supreme law of Christ — the salvation of souls.

"This is certainly a help to my pastoral ministry," he stated.

Father Jason Doke, diocesan moderator of the curia, studied ecclesial administration and management in person and online at Catholic University to prepare for his supervisory role at the Chancery.

This included courses in communications, finance, and canon law as it pertains to diocesan properties.

"All of these topics are areas that I work in on a daily basis," he stated. "The online program allowed me exercise my priestly ministries and work in the Chancery while going to school."

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Secondly, the Franciscan friar said another way of helping Miss Greeley's cause for beatification is by assisting with the heavy financial burden.

The organization postulating the cause must pay for all the work carried out in Rome, including the investigation process and any celebration following a beatification or canonization.

"The whole purpose of beatifying or canonizing someone is to find people that can be help up as models and intercessors," Fr. Burkley said. "The Church itself holds them up as an example to be followed and also (assures) that there is someone in heaven who can intercede for us."

"Julia Greeley shows us that we can forgive and learn to love everybody as she did," he said. "It's a message that she sends to the Church, and, at this time, it's a very important message. Let us ask for her intercession."

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At one point, she thought about leaving the Church.

"The Eucharist is what kept me from leaving," she said.

She didn't realize until college that being Catholic means keeping company with fallible people who make mistakes but use them to learn how to get closer to God.

The Church is an oasis of mercy in a world that, as the late Cardinal Francis George once stated, "permits everything but forgives nothing."

When Mrs. Quinn was in high school, a cousin invited her to travel to a youth gathering with Pope John Paul II during his historic visit to St. Louis.

There, through the inspired words of the now-sainted pontiff and in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament, she had her encounter and began her conversion.

"I left there keenly aware of God's love," she said. "I wanted to experience that for the rest of my life."

She had to make some changes and let go of some friendships,

"But I've honestly never looked back," she said.

She pins her identity to being a beloved daughter of the Lord.

"That comes first," she said. "But I'm also called to be a servant to God and a friend to Jesus."

Out of that comes the role of wife and mother, her vocation, which helps her feel complete.

While studying theology at Benedictine, she rediscovered the importance of friendship — with people in this life and with those who preceded her into heaven.

"What I love about the saints throughout history is that we're all tied together," she said. "I don't just love what they got right. I love how they learned and got stronger from what they got wrong."

Shared encounter

Through Mrs. Quinn's time as a teacher and mentor, she has emphasized the importance of adults leading young people to greater truth.

"We have to equip adults so they can give that strength and support," she said. "And we have to equip young people to give it to each

other."

She became formed in the teachings of the Church at Benedictine and learned to understand them with an open heart.

As a teacher at Maur-Hill Mount, she discovered the equal importance of truth and evangelization when teaching the faith.

"Evangelization means leading others to a shared encounter with Christ," she said. "We lead people into a relationship with God by being in relationship with each other."

She takes many of her cues from St. John Paul II, who she believes was a master evangelizer.

"The way he went out and made himself fully present to youth, the way he articulated the dignity of the human person, and the joy he exuded in spending time with people," she said. "Whenever he walked into a room full of people, you thought you were the only person he was speaking to."

She believes God has blessed her with empathy, a desire to help people feel comfortable and the gift of helping them know that they matter.

"That really is the most important thing: to love and to be loved by God," she said. "We need to learn to accept that love and willingly reciprocate it."

Learning by doing

Through her six years in teaching and campus ministry at Helias Catholic, Mrs. Quinn recognized in today's young people the same burning desire she grew up having for community and connection.

She is determined to pick up where her predecessor, John DeLaporte, left off in building-up networks of youth ministers and catechists throughout the diocese, and consistently giving each of them what they need in order to lead young people to Christ.

She is convinced that all of this ties into the new diocesan pastoral plan — specifically when it comes to helping all parishes become universally recognized as centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy in their communities.

"Young people today, young families, young parents want their kids to experience Christ's love concretely," she said. "They want their kids to recognize Christ in others, and they want their kids to serve like Christ."

From those experiences will come a desire for the sacraments, beautiful liturgies and the unchanging truth the Church upholds, she said.

"What moves them is service, and then everything else falls into place," she said.

"Awesome fit"

Mrs. Quinn said she learned to really love youth ministry during her time at Helias Catholic.

"I will always bleed blue and gold," she stated. "But I know this is where God is calling me now."

Father Stephen Jones, diocesan stewardship director, was president of Helias when Mrs. Quinn joined the faculty.

"I knew we had a person who not only loved the Lord and the Catholic faith but also loved forming and educating kids," he said.

He is confident that she will bring that same passion, along with even more experience, into her new role.

"She has a heart for service, which will fit in well with Bishop McKnight's pastoral plan to encourage our young people to help make their parishes centers of charity and mercy," he said.

Jim Kemna, who was director of religious education when Mrs. Quinn was working in the Chancery, lauded her people skills.

"She has the human touch," he said. "And her faith is real, not something from a book."

Her predecessor, Mr. DeLaporte, also got to know her from her work at Helias.

"I am thrilled that Maureen will be assuming this role," he said. "Her love for youth, her rich ministry experience and her dedication to the local Church make her an awesome fit. I know the Spirit will work tremendous things through her gifts and strengths."

"God's work"

Mrs. Quinn asked for prayers for wisdom and guidance.

She often thinks about what St. John the Baptist told his followers when Jesus began His earthly ministry: "He must increase, I must decrease," (John 3:30).

"This is not what's necessarily comfortable, not necessarily what's easy," she said. "But it's where I'm being called. Because this is God's work, not mine."

ORDAIN

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help Rev. Mr. Hooper put on his priestly vestments during the Ordination Mass.

"I'm really excited about that," Rev. Mr. Hooper stated. "It's one more reminder of how many ways God has been working in my life and bringing me to this point of joy and anticipation."

Along the way

Rev. Mr. Hooper was born in Oklahoma and grew up in Southeastern Kansas.

His family put their Catholic faith into practice.

His high school chaplain and the young and exuberant priests at his home parish made a strong impression on him.

Young Derek first thought about becoming a priest when he was 12 or 13, but other aspirations prevailed.

He served two years in the U.S. Army before enrolling at Pittsburg State University in Kansas to study finance.

He learned the story of Servant of God Father Emil Kaupan, a priest of the Wichita diocese who ministered heroically as an Army chaplain before dying in a prison camp during the Korean War.

"I've had a devotion to him since my own time in the Army," Rev. Mr. Hooper said of Fr. Kapaun, whose sainthood cause is now under consideration. "I attribute my making it through that time period to his intercession."

He added that if he could be "half the priest" that Fr. Kapaun was, "I would be doing pretty well for the Church."

The Catholic Newman Center at Pittsburg State brought Rev. Mr. Hooper into contact with people who are now some of his best friends.

"My prayer life really started taking off there," he recalled. "We prayed the Liturgy of the Hours regularly as a group. We prayed Rosaries, went to Mass and all sorts of stuff."

He also discovered a gift for ministering to young people.

"I enjoyed being with kids, interacting with them, helping them try to grow in the faith," he said.

After graduating, he went to the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas, to pursue a Master of Business Management (MBA) degree in corporate finance and sports and entertainment management.

By then, his brother Gabe, eight years his junior, was discerning Priesthood at St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Rev. Mr. Hooper had a flash of inspiration near the end of graduate school while visiting his brother in the seminary: "Wouldn't it be cool if you and he were in the same ordination class?"

He didn't like the idea of



Rev. Mr. Derek Hooper elevates the Precious Blood with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight during Rev. Mr. Hooper's ordination to the diaconate on May 29, 2020.

— Photo by Jay Nies

away."

Right at home

In between, he worked for a while as an accountant for a manufacturing company in Pittsburg, where he would discuss philosophy with his coworkers during down time, then as an instructor of Church history, morality and the teachings of the Church at his alma mater, St. Mary's-Colgan Catholic High School in Pittsburg.

"I really came into my own while teaching the faith, working with the kids," he said.

His brother, newly ordained, was now serving at Church of the Magdalen Parish in Wichita.

His pastor was Father Shawn McKnight, who was about to become bishop of Jefferson City.

Fr. Greer told his brother, "If still you feel any indication that you're being called to Priesthood, give Bishop McKnight a call."

Rev. Mr. Hooper had been praying throughout that year for some clear direction.

"God opened doors that I never expected Him to open," he said.

Bishop McKnight invited him to spend a year teaching at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City and learning



Rev. Mr. Derek Hooper

foregoing marriage and family, but he was moved by the example of faith, prayer and service he had observed in several priests.

He applied and was accepted into priestly formation for the Wichita diocese.

He entered and left the seminary twice in the following 11 years.

"I wasn't at peace with where I was," he recalled. "I knew I needed some time

pleased.

"One of the last things he said to me before he passed away was, 'I'm happy for you. You're going to do what you love. You're going to be great, and I can't wait to hear you preach someday,'" Rev. Mr. Hooper recalled.

His friends are also happy to see him persevere in searching for and following God's will.

"They keep telling me I'll be a great priest," he said. "I trust their judgement."

No greater love

Rev. Mr. Hooper and his fellow third-year theology students at Mundelein made their Holy Land pilgrimage shortly before being ordained transitional deacons last year.

While taking classes, they visited the holy sites and followed in the steps of Jesus in Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem.

"It was so intense, this outpouring of grace, that it's taken a good chunk of this past year to sit with it and pray with it and work through everything that's been going on," Rev. Mr. Hooper stated.

He frequently returns to his encounter on Calvary, which will be repeated when he lays prostrate before the altar during his priestly ordination.

"I look back on the freedom

about his new diocese.

"I really loved that," said Rev. Mr. Hooper. "From very early on, I knew the peace that I had been missing. I felt at home."

The joy and satisfaction of teaching young people and interacting with their families helped solidify his calling.

"Kids are sometimes some of the most brutally honest people on earth," he noted. "It was good to get positive feedback from them."

Bishop McKnight sent Rev. Mr. Hooper back to Mundelein Seminary in Chicago to complete his theology studies.

He said his mother is "super-excited" about him pursuing the Priesthood.

His late father was similarly

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Vatican approves new invocations for Litany of St. Joseph

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Updating the Litany of St. Joseph, approved in 1909, the Vatican has added seven invocations, including two that address the guardian of Jesus and husband of Mary as “support in difficulty” and “patron of refugees.”

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments published the additions May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

The additions were approved by Pope Francis, the

congregation said, and drew the new invocations mainly from modern papal texts about St. Joseph, including Pope Francis’ December apostolic letter proclaiming a Year of St. Joseph and St. John Paul II’s 1989 apostolic exhortation, “*Redemptoris Custos*” (“Protector of the Redeemer”).

Since Pope Francis wanted, as he wrote in his letter, “to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal,” the congregation said, it seemed appropriate to update the 112-year-old litany.

Providing only the Latin-language version of the invocations, the congregation said it would be up to bishops’ conferences to translate the phrases and to add others if St. Joseph is invoked by their people in a particular way.

The Latin phrases are: “*Custos Redemptoris*” (Protector of the Redeemer); “*Serve Christi*” (Servant of Christ); “*Minister salutis*” (Minister of salvation); “*Fulcimen in difficultatibus*” (Support in difficulty); “*Patrone exsulum*” (Patron of refugees); “*Patrone afflictorum*” (Patron of the afflicted); and “*Patrone pauperum*” (Patron of the poor).

RETURN

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All current, government-mandated health directives will remain in effect. People with symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted on church properties.

Other health and safety protocols will be followed at the discretion of each pastor, such as frequent cleaning of high-contact surfaces, the availability of hand sanitizers and the practice of proper social distancing.

The wearing of facemasks is still encouraged, especially for those who have not been fully vaccinated.

Parishes are encouraged to continue livestreaming their Masses for the benefit of homebound parishioners and those who are traveling.

No substitute

Bishop McKnight temporarily lifted the obligation to attend Mass at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in order to help slow the spread of the virus and help keep people safe.

Those who did not attend Mass in-person were obliged to actively participate in a televised or livestreamed Mass, or to meditate on the Sunday readings and pray a Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.

While those activities are good and certainly helpful to people who cannot be at Mass in person, they are not a substitute for worshipping together and receiving the Body of Christ in Holy Communion.

“Gathering in the sacred assembly, worshipping with one voice, hearing and praying over the Word of God together, receiving Holy Communion together — this is the apex and wellspring of everything we do,” said Bishop McKnight.

“We are blessed to be able to return to it in full measure.”

Father Daniel Merz, chairman of the diocesan Liturgical Commission, noted that under Church law, anyone who is sick or otherwise unable attend Mass in person is automatically dispensed from the obligation to do so.

“That would include caregivers,” he noted. “If someone has to be there to take care of you if you’re sick, then that person is also dispensed.”

All Christians are expected to observe God’s commandment to honor and keep holy the Sabbath.

For Catholics, that ordinarily includes attending Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday.

The Church gives bishops the authority to lift that obligation in times of pandemic or for other serious reasons, mindful always that the Eucharist remains the source and summit of Catholic Christian life and that the Lord’s Day must still be honored and kept holy.

Catholics in this diocese who were not symptomatic or recently exposed to COVID-19 have been permitted to attend Mass in person since last May but have not been required to do so.

Things are very different now.

“At this point, Bishop McKnight sees that the pandemic has lessened sufficiently and our medical system is no longer overwhelmed,” said Fr. Merz. “The CDC and the state have relaxed some of their pandemic protocols, so the Church can, as well.”

Pastors have shown proper discretion throughout the pandemic and will continue to do so.

“Over this whole stretch of time, I’m not aware of any outbreak occurring in our parishes due to people attending Sunday Eucharist,” said Fr. Merz.

He noted that returning to Mass is much more than just another sign that things are getting back to normal.

“With this decree, the bishop is responding to the fact that people have a deep need to receive the Eucharist,” said Fr. Merz. “It’s an essential part of our spiritual lives.”

“So we’re going to continue to be very careful but we’re also going to begin drawing people back into community and receiving the Eucharist,” he said.

Fr. Merz encouraged anyone who has serious health concerns or family obligations that keep them away from Mass to contact their pastor.

A priest, deacon or extraordinary minister could arrange to pray with them and bring them Holy Communion.

“We do that all the time — taking Communion to the homebound, to the sick,” he said. “That’s part of our pastoral ministry.”

Answered prayers

Many public health experts state that the fastest way to end this pandemic is to get as many people as possible vaccinated against the virus.

“It is without a doubt our surest path back to normal,” said JoAnn Martin, a certified nurse practitioner who is administrator of the Pettis County Health Center in Sedalia.

She is convinced that ready access to the vaccine is a gift from God and an answer to prayer.

“We’ve been praying for a year now for this pandemic to

end, and this is how it’s going to happen,” said Mrs. Martin, a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Sedalia. “We follow the guidelines, we get vaccinated and we take care with our brothers and sisters.”

She called to mind the prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary that Bishop McKnight introduced last year on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“From the very beginning, we have been asking Mary to intercede with God to help us through this pandemic,” said Mrs. Martin. “Through her intercession, we have been able to have fewer cases of coronavirus, and we’ve been blessed with a vaccine to help us control it.”

She said the available vaccines are safe and that the technology that made their rapid development possible has been available for over 10 years.

“There have been no shortcuts taken through the science,” she stated, “only through paperwork bureaucracy.”

“As a public health official, I see vaccines as a blessing from God,” she said. “He has blessed us with some very intelligent people who have used the talents He gave them to figure these things out.”


“We should accept this gift and give God our deepest thanks as we return to Mass together,” she said.

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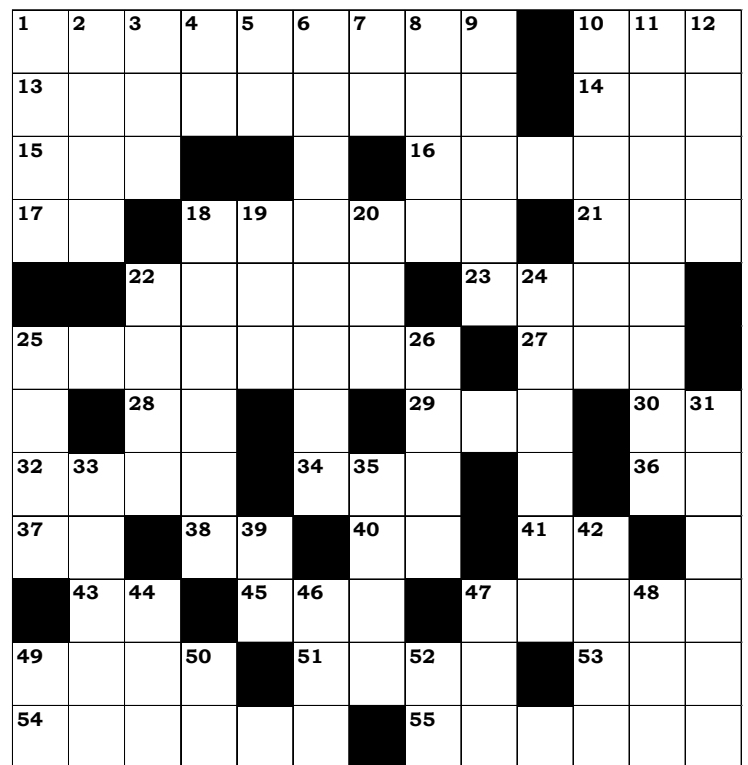
ACROSS

1. The Missouri River and State were named for the Missouri (or Missouri) Indians who had settled along the river after _____ in the 1500s from the Great Lakes region.
10. Sixth sense.
13. _____ Studios runs, in addition to its movie business, major theme parks in Hollywood and Orlando, FL.
14. The mission of the Univ. of Mo.'s Dept. of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology (____) at Columbia is research, education and providing knowledge-based service to our State, Nation and internationally.
15. Cable news station.
16. Every _____ has hair, at least sometime in its life, even an ocean dweller like a dolphin or a whale.
17. Letters for high school.
18. In the late 1690s Indian guides told French explorer Fr. Jacques Marquette that the Indians up the (Mo.) river were called "People of dugout _____," (i.e., Missouri). And so they were thereafter called.
21. Hamburgers, frankfurters and wieners are _____ named after German and Austrian cities.
22. A type of code.
23. Paul was his Roman name; _____ was his Hebrew name (Acts 13:9).
25. "For it is better _____ for doing good than for doing evil," (1 Peter 3:17) (2 wds.).
27. Abbr. for teaspoon.
28. Abbr. for the first book of the Bible.
29. *Cat in the _____* is a 1957 children's book by Theodor Geisel using the pen name Dr. Seuss.
30. Letters for Office of Readings in the Church's Liturgy of the Hours.
32. In 1723, a Frenchman married a daughter of a Missouri chief and established _____ Orleans near Brunswick, Mo.
34. _____ vs. *Wade* was the signature judicial victory for the abortion industry.
36. 11 for Cicero.
37. Letters for the Univ. of Mo.
38. _____ ho ho...
40. Veteran's Administration (abbr.).
41. Letters for Congregation of the Mission, commonly called Vincentians, after their founder St. Vincent de Paul. They arrived in the U.S. in 1816 making St. Louis, Mo. their headquarters. They run the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Mo.
43. _____ *cum spiritu tuo*.
45. "Fear not, my lord, I'll play the orator as if the golden _____ for which I plead were for myself," — Shakespeare's Richard III, Act III.
47. Ice or roller.
49. Hollywood and Washing-

- ton, D.C. are said to be full of big ones.
51. Centering prayer is a tried and _____ method of prayer for her.
53. "She thought it was the gardener and said to him, '_____, if you carried Him away, tell where you laid Him...'" (John 20:15).
54. In June of 1804, Lewis and Clark _____ at the mouth of the Grand River where the once proud Missouri had lived. They were aware of the tribe's tragic history.
55. _____ City, Mo., Mo.'s biggest city, is not named for the Sunflower State next to it but for the river from the west running under the bluff upon which its downtown sits. The river is named for an Indian tribe that once lived there.

DOWN

1. "Men do not differ _____ about what things they call evils; they differ enormously about what evils they will call excusable," —G.K. Chesterton.
2. Holiday and Comfort.
3. A type of rummy.
4. Abbr. for the last book of the Bible.
5. Letters for automatic exposure, a camera setting.
6. On March 9, 1804 in St. Louis, the flags of 3 nations flew over the town within 24 hours. The _____ of the Spanish-administrated French-owned Louisiana Territory to the U.S. began with lowering the Spanish flag, flying the French flag for the day, replacing it with the Am. flag at the end of the day. Captain Meriwether Lewis signed the official document for the U.S.
7. _____ it something I said?
8. The Missouri tribe had their own _____ for themselves, "*Niutachi*," meaning "People of the River Mouth."
9. Lewis Carroll wrote *Alice in Wonderland* in 1865. He followed it up with *Alice Through the Looking-_____* in 1872.
10. Cleopas and another disciple encountered the Risen Christ on their 7 mile journey to this town (Luke 24:13).
11. In 1801, a devastating _____ outbreak killed more of the Missouri who were still left, as well as other tribes.
12. His public apology was a bitter _____ for him to swallow.
18. The Missouri historically lived near the mouth of the Mo./Ms. confluence but esp. at the mouth of the Grand River, near Brunswick, Mo. and in present day Saline _____ and further upriver.
19. Dog comment.
20. Overall equipment effectiveness (____) is a measurement of a manufacturing process which measures asset availability and performance and production quality.
22. Abbr. for Monsignor.
24. In 1730, an _____ by Sauk/Fox war parties nearly destroyed the Missouri, killing hundreds and which sporadically continued for decades. Most survivors reunited with the closely related Otoe tribe upriver.
25. A soybean milk product that is high in protein and low in fat. Can be served in many ways, even as a substitute for meat, some say.
26. Flightless bird of South Am., distantly related to the ostrich and emu.
31. There are officially 140 _____ in the State of Mo.
33. The letters alpha and _____, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet respectively, are often found on an Easter candle.
35. "_____ the River and Through the Wood" was originally a Thanksgiving poem by Lydia Maria Child in 1844 in *Flowers for Children, Vol. 2*.
39. Van Meter State Park near Miami, Mo. is part of the ancient home _____ the Missouri tribe whose burial mounds remain in the park. Artifacts and a mural are displayed in a Visitor's Center.
42. "Go forth. The _____ is ended"; words the priest or deacon might say after the final blessing at the Eucharist.
44. The doubting Apostle, to his friends.
46. Short for estimated time of departure on a plane or train schedule.
47. "Eternal God...you are a mystery as deep as the _____; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find, the more I search for you," —St. Catherine of Siena, from "Dialogue on Divine Providence."
48. Aunt in Naples.
49. Home _____ courses in high school are now more often called Life Skills courses and are broader in scope.
50. Abbr. for species.
52. The _____ (United Kingdom) consists of England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland.





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Decree

lifting the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on days of precept, and abrogating requirements, restrictions and special allowances of previous DECREES for the COVID-19 pandemic

Whereas the number of COVID-19 positive cases has reportedly stabilized at low numbers throughout our region, and that there are reportedly sufficient medical resources to treat patients who become sick; and

Whereas the availability of government-approved vaccines for the novel coronavirus are reportedly sufficient to inoculate those desiring it; and

Whereas the State of Missouri and the officials of the various counties throughout

the diocese have lifted or sharply reduced their requirements and restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life, demands in-

person attendance on days of precept whenever possible (cf. canon 1248 §1); and

Whereas having consulted the Bishops of the St. Louis Province on this matter at our meeting of 4 May 2021;

I therefore declare, as the Diocesan Bishop, the following:

1.) The general dispensation of previous decrees from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other days of precept is hereby abrogated. Individuals who are symptomatic, or who have been advised by medical doctors to avoid public gatherings, or who are otherwise ill or homebound, as well as their caregivers, are already dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass (cf. canon 1248 §2).

2.) Those who are symptomatic for COVID-19 should not be permitted to enter church properties, in accordance with national, state and local health guidance.

3.) The continuance of certain special protocols during the pandemic should be continued at the discretion of the pastor (the daily cleaning of high-contact surfaces and holy water fonts; the availability of hand sanitizer and use by ministers of Holy Communion; the observance

of social distancing whenever possible; etc.). The wearing of facemasks is still encouraged, especially for those who have not been fully vaccinated.

4.) Livestreaming of parish Masses and other important events has proven to be an effective pastoral means of keeping homebound and ill parishioners in contact with their parish community. Parishes are highly encouraged to continue this service in the future.

5.) The offertory procession, the taking up of the collection during Mass, the sign of peace, and the offering of the Precious Blood to the faithful may resume at the discretion of the pastor, administrator, or parish life collaborator, effective immediately.

6.) All legitimate national, state or local health directives must be observed. Parishes and Catholic institutions in the diocese must stand ready to adopt previous pandemic protocols in the event of a surge of infections.

7.) All other requirements, restrictions, or special allowances contained in previous decrees regarding the pandemic are hereby abrogated.

This decree is effective from 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery in Jefferson City, Missouri, on the 7th day of May in the Year of St. Joseph, 2021.

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City

Mrs. Constance Schepers
Chancellor

PRIEST

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and ability and grace to be able to do that — to be able to lay down my life,” he said.

Bishop McKnight ordained Rev. Mr. Hooper a deacon at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic last May.

Only 80 people could attend the ordination in person.

He was assigned to assist the pastor of St. George Parish in Hermann and Church

of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland last summer before returning to Mundelein to complete his studies.

He has gotten to baptize six infants as a deacon.

“There’s just this great sense of spiritual fatherhood that comes with that,” he said.

He’s also gotten to preach homilies at Mass, often reminding people of God’s unfathomable love made visible in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

“He loves each and every one of us so much that He suffered and died for us,” Rev. Mr. Hooper noted. “There’s a tremendous sense of hope and joy to be found in that.”

He thinks about what his dad told him, every time he gives a homily.

“I hope he’s enjoying hearing me preach,” said Rev. Mr. Hooper. “Although I think he’d be proud of me no matter what.”



Father Michael Baldwin, a priest of the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, gives Rev. Mr. Hooper a sign of peace after ceremonially helping him put on his deacon vestments during his ordination to the diaconate last May. — Photo by Jay Nies

That’s how Rev. Mr. Hooper visualizes God’s love.

“He’s proud of us and wants to love us because we are who we are,” he said. “We’re made in His image. We’re His sons and daughters.”

Father-to-be

Rev. Mr. Hooper plans to hear confessions in the Cathedral of St. Joseph the day of his priestly ordination.

He will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving the following afternoon, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

“Saying Mass and hearing confessions: these are two of our most powerful sacraments that show in a tangible way the love God has for us,” he said.

“If we’re open and honest in Reconciliation and seeking God’s mercy, He will forgive our sins,” the future priest noted. “In the Eucharist, He gives us our Daily Bread to go out and

live the life He wants us to live and have the grace to do His will.”

This time as a deacon has helped Rev. Mr. Hooper anticipate the spiritual fatherhood that will come with being a priest.

“I’ve been able to see and experience such great joy this past year through the baptisms, through preaching,” he said. “I’m looking forward to more of this, diving deeper into Holy Orders, into the sacred Priesthood.”

He said being a priest means guiding people into a deeper relationship and sense of love with God, Who loves them beyond anything they could imagine.

It is a shared journey.

“The priest nurtures the people but the people also nourish the priest while we all go about trying to serve God and discern His will in our lives,” he said.

As Priesthood approaches, he asks for prayers for God to make him a good holy priest who listens to God’s promptings and helps bring people closer to Him.

“And we need to continue praying for vocations,” he stated, “that guys and their parents and families will have an open heart to the notion that we need more priests to bring Christ’s love into the world more fully and richly.”

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May 14

Loose Creek, K of C drive-thru chicken dinner, 4:30-7:30 pm, Immaculate Conception School

May 17

Jefferson City, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri 10-year anniversary celebration, 1-2 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph parking lot

May 21

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception "Junk in the Trunk" garage sale, 4-7 pm, school parking lot; **Freeburg**, Holy Family BBQ & Cruise-in, 5 pm-midnight, parish parking lot; **Laurie**, Father John J. Schmitz 30th Priestly anniversary Celebration, 5:30-8 pm, St. Patrick Church; **Linn**, Vitae Foundation inaugural Pro-Life Golf Classic, 1-6 pm, Osage Country Club, for info or to register visit vitaefoundation.org and click on the "Events" tab

May 21-22

Hermitage, St. Bernadette Parish garage sale, Fri. 7 am-5 pm, Sat. 8 am-3 pm

Jun. 1

Russellville, Lake Area Community Orchestra performance, 7 pm, St. Michael Church

Jun. 4

Mexico, St. Brendan Parish BBQ, 5 pm, K of C Hall

Jun. 5

Martinsburg, St. Joseph Early Learning Center bake sale & prize drawing, 8 am-noon, parish pavilion

Jun. 6

California, Annunciation Parish Picnic, 11am-6 pm; **Frankenstein**, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Picnic, 11 am-7 pm; **Krakow**, St. Gertrude Parish Picnic, 11 am-7 pm; **Wien**, St. Mary's All School Reunion, 11 am-3 pm, for more info or to RSVP, visit facebook.com/StMarysWienMO

Jun. 10-12

Fulton, St. Peter Parish rummage sale, Thurs 5:30-8 pm, Fri 7 am-6 pm, Sat 7 am-noon, multipurpose building

Jun. 11-12

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph NCYC rummage sale, Fri. 7 am-3 pm, Sat. 7 am-1 pm, Undercroft

Jun. 13

Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am; **Loose Creek**, Immaculate Conception Parish Picnic, 11 am-7 pm

Jun. 29

Columbia, Vitae Foundation Columbia pro-life event & dinner, 6:30 pm, Hampton Inn & Suites, for info or to register visit vitaefoundation.org

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17-20 Junio

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Sedalia, Cursillo de Mujeres, Sagrado Corazón, favor de inscribirse llamado a Luis Osvaldo Diaz al 660-829-5213

Meetings & Conferences

May 15

VIRTUAL, "The Antiphons" workshop, Jefferson City Diocese Chapter of National Association Pastoral Musicians, 10 am-noon, for info or to register call 573-645-6579 or email npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com

May 18

Jefferson City, Nutrition counseling class, co-sponsored by Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, 5-6 pm, The Linc, for info email RJennings@cccnmo.org

May 20

VIRTUAL, "Favorite Bible Verses," Cursillo School of Leaders meeting, 7-8 pm via Zoom, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo

May 26

Lake Ozark, The Essential Keys to Recovering From Divorce, 7-8:30 pm, Our Lady of the Lake Church and Fellowship Hall, for info or to register, visit ourladylake.diojeffcity.org/outreach-to-divorced-catholics

Jun. 9

VIRTUAL, Catholic Charities refugee resettlement program orientation, 5:30-6:30 pm, for info or to register, contact Diana Twombly at 573-442-7568 or dtwombly@cccnmo.org

Liturgical

May 23

Mexico, Sung Latin Mass, noon, St. Brendan Church

May 24

Laurie, Mary, Mother of the Church feast day Mass, with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, 7 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church

May 31

Jefferson City, Memorial Day Mass celebrated by Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, 10 am, Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

May 16

Starkenburg, Spring Pilgrimage, with Rosary procession, Stations of the Cross, confessions, Benediction, and Mass, noon-3 pm, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows

May 22

Laurie, Spring Pilgrimage with speaker Dr. Gregory M.

Thompson, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church

Jun. 4-6

Belleville, IL, REFLECT retreat for mid-life singles, King's House Retreat Center, for info or to register, visit ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.stlouis@gmail.com or call 314-283-0044

Youth & Young Adults

Jul. 18-22

Henley, Camp Siena for high school girls, Camp MoCoMi, for info visit diojeffcity.org/campsiena

Aug. 2-6

Jefferson City, Ancient Rome "Summa Camp" for grade school students, 7:30 am-5 pm daily, St. Peter Interparish School, for info or to register email mrehagen@heliascatholic.com

Health & Wellness

May 14

Fulton, Blood drive, 2-6 pm, St. Peter multipurpose building

May 18

Centralia, Blood drive, 2-6 pm, Holy Spirit multipurpose building; **Columbia**, COVID-19 vaccination clinic for refugees & immigrants, 1:30-5:30 pm, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri office

May 25

Hermitage, Blood drive, noon-5 pm, St. Bernadette parish center

MARROCCO

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Living as if there's no divine care for us is living a lie. Not necessarily a deliberate lie or even a knowing lie, but an untruth that does immense harm. That's why the Church has so many ways of remembering. Remembering is not an intellectual pastime, but an activity of the whole person and the whole community.

Eucharist is the ultimate remembering ("anamnesis"), the making present of God's care for us. Little regular rememberings also bring balm to the human heart, like the "fioretti" of St. Francis, who collected these "small flowers," or ways the community enjoyed divine care.

Nobody is forgotten by God, even when we forget. His mother, the Gospels tell us, knew how to remember deeply, to "ponder in her heart" all that happened.

Much that happened to her was joy. "Rejoice" is the first word spoken to her by Gabriel.

Much was anguish, the sword she knew would pierce her heart. She remembered both within her.

Mary's godliness is simply that she carries God.

This is what goodness is. She is God-bearer, as the title Mother of God says, claimed for her by the Church since the fourth century. But there is no carrying God without bearing also God's love of humanity.

We see Jesus confer this duty upon Mary moments before His death, when He gives her as mother to His beloved disciple. At the foot of the cross, she opens herself to care for those He cares for, which is all of us, just as she cared for Him.

"Cared for" is really the secret name of humanity, from Adam and Eve on down to each of us. It's the name we deeply want, even though it's hard for us to accept that it's what our hearts long for.

In 2021, the Church seems to be shrinking, and our common humanity seems at risk of disappearing entirely. It's time to reclaim the high adventure that Christian life really is. Let's remember that life, long for it and row hard for it. Let's remember the truth of what God is doing among us.

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Lucas & Jennifer Bax, 10 years

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Donald & Martha Couch, 45 years
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Randy & Doris Holloway, 42 years
John & Carol Robison, 35 years
Chuck & Cheri York, 33 years
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Fayette, St. Joseph

Jim & Becky Kurtz, 40 years
David & Elaine Smith, 40 years
David & Sheila Wallace, 32 years
Adam & Tammy Allphin, 10 years

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph

Deacon Alvin & Dena Brand, 55 years

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A.S. "Bud" & Eleanor Haller, 65 years
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Jefferson City, St. Peter

Greg & Lisa Rackers, 43 years

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Terry & Jean Oberman, 50 years
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Marshall, St. Peter

Paul & Ann Collier, 72 years

Martinsburg, St. Joseph

Kent & Angela Buckman, 45 years
Danny & Kelly Kuda, 21 years

Meta, St. Cecilia

Harold & Norma Jean Libbert, 54 years

Names for the People Page

Information for the People Page comes from parish correspondents and individual parishioners, as well as bulletins and newspapers. Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to editor@diojeffcity.org, faxed to 573-635-2286; or mailed to: *The Catholic Missourian*, 2207 West Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109-0914.

Milan, St. Mary

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Deacon John & Kay Neudecker, 49 years
Danny & Judy Jansen, 28 years
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Darren & Heather Murphy, 17 years
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Michael & Lori Scott, 30 years
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Salisbury, St. Joseph

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Sweet Springs, Holy Family

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Joe & Mary Ann Schollmeyer, 60 years

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Clifford & Mary Wagner, 42 years
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William & Julie Meier, 29 years
Jason & Tami Curtis, 11 years

Westphalia, St. Joseph

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Chuck & Ilah Brehm, 64 years
Bob & Veronica Marek, 60 years
John & Patsy Bussman, 44 years
Jim & Gina Schneider, 39 years
David & Lynn Bertsch, 24 years
Roby & Cheri Vanderpool, 20 years

Marriages

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Alyssa Bullock & Preston Wieberg**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Isabella Venezia & Thomas "T.K." Kolb**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Megan Brown & Anthony McCarty**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Kelly Heckemeyer & Dalton Lohsandt**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Heather Perrey & Tucker Berhorst**

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels — **Allison Binder & Caleb Robertson**

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Deaths

Gary Gaydos, 71 — brother of Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos — on April 17 in St. Louis. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 26 in Sacred Heart Church in Florissant. Burial was in St. Michael Cemetery in Fredericktown.

Bevier, Sacred Heart — **Robert L. Berti**

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Elsie "Katherine" Hollon, Robert Welsh**

Hannibal, Holy Family — **Margaret McDowell**

Indian Creek, St. Stephen — **Katherine Smith**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Allen A. Dahlstrom, Jeanette Heidbreder, Aloysius L. Luebbering**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Vicenta Jovana Meza-Sierra**

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Salma J. Hoeller**

Laurie, St. Patrick — **Billie Jo Lahay**

Linn, St. George — **Gary H. Maasen**

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — **William L. Eickhoff, Irene J. Kliethermes**

Rhineland, Church of the Risen Savior — **Dennis Bader**

Rosati, St. Anthony — **Sue O'Fallon**

St. Clement, St. Clement — **Scott E. Orf**
St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Eleanor I. Wilde**

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Marianne Stallo**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **George Esser**

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Ronald Power, Evvi E. Skahan**

ROBINSON

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reassessed it in the light of Christian truth. The result, "Confessions," is a map for recovering one's identity after a long period of forgetting.

Tonight, before you throw another photo or opinion into the online trough, look backward. Go to the beginning of your camera roll or the very bottom of your Facebook posts and look for the story that connects it all.

Turn it into a conversation with God. Fill it with all the gratitude, joy and regret that your memory and conscience will allow.

What you might find in the end is you.

Robinson is director of communications and Catholic media studies at the University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute for Church Life.

Baptisms

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Jacob Kuensting**

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Luke Ian Irwin**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Emalee Faith Vanderfelt**, daughter of Ben & Amber Vanderfelt

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Hailey "Jose" Jade Matamoros**

Kirkville, Mary Immaculate — **Charlie and Cristella Hays**, children of Thomas & Bridgette Hays; **Timothy Miles Lewis Jr.**, son of Timothy & Sharon Lewis; **Nolan Shale McKim**, son of Jason & Alayna McKim

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick — **Chloe Michelle and Clayton John Alderton**, children of Justin & Megan Alderton; **Reed James Brennan**, son of Michael & Courtney Brennan

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Mark Joseph Strobe**, son of Simon & Anne Strobe

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Brady and Brice Gratz**, sons of Tyler & Amanda Gratz; **Xander Riess**, son of Tony Riess & Madelynn Stowers

Steelville, St. Michael — **Tamra Elizabeth Rader, Ayla and Aysha Abdinova**

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Bristol Austin Massman**, daughter of Caleb & Shelby Massman; **Hunter Jon Massman**, son of Zach & Kerry Massman; **Raelee Ann Rehagen**, daughter of Matt & Aubry Rehagen; **Eugene Samuel Scheulen**, son of Sam & Ashley Scheulen

Birthdays

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **A.S. "Bud" Haller**, his 91st on May 24

Jonesburg, St. Patrick — **Genevieve Kelly**, her 91st on May 18

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — **Pauline Bescheinen**, her 100th on May 15

Crossword puzzle answers

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Bags and boxes



The Mary Immaculate Boy Scout troop in Kirksville collected 62 cans of peanut butter for the Buddy Pack program and the school food bank.

Coming out of their shells



Kindergartners and second-graders at St. Joseph School in Salisbury admire the newly hatched chicks at their school April 23.



— Photos from the St. Joseph School-Salisbury Facebook page

A very big check



Salisbury's St. Joseph School Student Councils for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 raised \$500 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. — Photo from the St. Joseph School-Salisbury Facebook page

Glorious season



Father Joseph Abah, pastor of St. Peter Parish in Fulton and St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in Mokane, gathers with children of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish on the Second Sunday of Easter.

— Photo from the St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church-Mokane Facebook page

Halls of power

Members of Jefferson City's Helias Catholic High School state champion varsity football Crusaders display a framed resolution the received while visiting the State Capitol April 9.



Peeps!

Pre-schoolers at St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City watch the newly hatched chicks in their classroom April 30.

— Photo by Shelley Quinn



Paul and Silas tell their jailer about Jesus

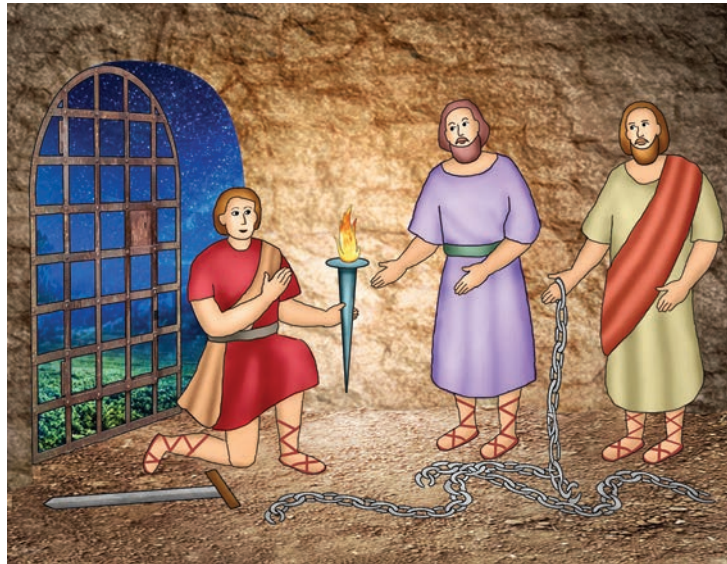
By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

Paul and Silas traveled from city to city telling people about God and Jesus.

One day, they traveled to the Roman colony of Philippi in Macedonia, in what is now the north of Greece. There they encountered a slave girl who was possessed with an oracular spirit. The spirit made it so she could tell fortunes, and her fortunetelling made a lot of money for her masters.

She followed Paul and Silas for several days, shouting, "These people are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation."

Paul finally became annoyed and cast out the spirit in Jesus' name.



When the girl's masters saw that their moneymaking opportunity was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the public square before the local author-

ities. "These people are Jews and are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or practice," they said.

The authorities had Paul and Silas stripped, beaten with rods and thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to guard them securely, so he put them in the innermost cell and secured their feet to a stake.

About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as the other prisoners listened.

Suddenly, there was an earthquake so severe that the jail's foundation shook. All the doors flew open, and all the prisoners' chains were pulled loose.

The jailer awoke and saw the open doors. He became distraught and was going to kill himself, thinking that all the prisoners had escaped.

"Do no harm to yourself; we are all here," Paul shouted.

The jailer rushed to where Paul and Silas were and fell down before them, trembling in fear.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" he asked.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus and you and your household will be saved," they said.

Paul and Silas told the jailer and his family about God and Jesus, and all were baptized. The jailer brought Paul and Silas into his house, provided a meal and rejoiced at having come to faith in God and Jesus.

Read more about it... Acts 16

1. Where did Paul and Silas travel?
2. Why were Paul and Silas put in jail?



Saint Spotlight

St. Isidore was born near Madrid, Spain, in 1070. He married and worked the same fields all his life. Isidore was very devout, visiting church on his way to work, praying while plowing and making local pilgrimages. According to legend,

he was associated with the miraculous feedings of birds and a crowd of poor men. Isidore died in 1130, and we remember him on May 15.

Bible Accent

In Acts 12, we can read about another time that an apostle was put in prison.

Beginning in verse 1, we read that King Herod was persecuting the apostles. He had James killed, and he had Peter arrested and put in prison.

Herod put Peter under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each and intended to bring Peter before the people after Passover.

On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was secured by double chains.

He was sleeping between two soldiers, and outside the door, guards kept watch on the prison.

Suddenly, the angel of the Lord stood by Peter, and a light shone in the cell.

The angel tapped Peter on the side and awakened him.

"Get up quickly," he said as the chains fell from Peter's wrists.

The angel told Peter to put

on his belt and sandals and follow him.

Peter complied, not realizing that what was happening was real. He thought he was seeing a vision.

Peter followed the angel past the first and second guards. They came to an iron gate, which opened for them by itself.

They exited the gate and made their way down an alley.

As suddenly as he came, the angel disappeared.

"Now I know for certain that (the) Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting," Peter said.

Puzzle

Using the hints provided from the Acts of the Apostles, choose from the following Apostles to fill in the blank with the name of the person who said each quote.

Stephen Paul Philip Peter

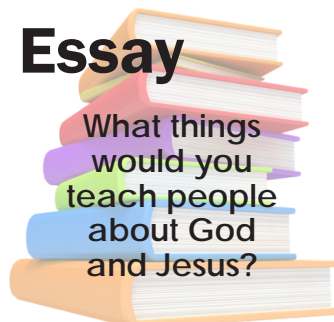
1. "Do you understand what you are reading?" (8:30) _____
2. "In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, (rise and) walk." (3:6) _____
3. "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." (7:59) _____
4. "Stand up straight on your feet." (14:10) _____



Answers: 1. Phillip, 2. Peter, 3. Stephen, 4. Paul.

Essay

What things would you teach people about God and Jesus?





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Pilgrimage book weaves spiritual meaning with Holy Land geography

Holy Land Pilgrimage, by Stephen J. Binz. Liturgical Press (Collegeville, Minnesota, 2020). 303 pp., \$24.95.

Reviewed by Agostino Bono
Catholic News Service

A Christian pilgrim to the Holy Land is quickly impressed by the proximity of many holy sites associated with the life of Jesus.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher contains both the place of Christ's crucifixion and His burial tomb. As walking was a major means of biblical travel, sacred sites often are a quick bus drive apart.

Another sharp realization is that many Christian sites are steeped in Old Testament history and the Judaic foundations of Christianity. Also notable is the importance to Islam of many places, as mosques have been built upon churches built upon synagogues.

So a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is not something to be done in a short time or as an excursion during a tourist visit. For a believer, the spiritual transcendence is part of the geography, countering any desire

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



STEPHEN J. BINZ

to skim over the region.

Early in *Holy Land Pilgrimage*, author Stephen J. Binz refers to the Holy Land as the "fifth Gospel" because it helps us understand the truths revealed by Christ as people stand on sacred sites.

Pilgrims today can draw water from Jacob's well as they read the Gospel account of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman.

Couples can renew their marriage vows at Cana, scene of the wedding feast where

Christ performed His first miracle.

Enjoying the spiritual riches of the Holy Land — deepened by its historical, cultural and archaeological wealth — requires a learned guide.

Binz is such a guide. He emphasizes the Christian spiritual dimensions of the sites while drawing depth from their historical, archaeological and cultural significance. He is an experienced tour guide and author of several books on the Holy Land and pilgrimages.

This book describes a pilgrimage as an ancient practice, a journey to a sacred place in search of transcendence. It notes that throughout the Bible, the journeys of God's faithful are described as pilgrimages.

While the book gives weight to the historical, cultural and archaeological dimensions of the sites, the emphasis is always on the spiritual. The book starts with a lengthy examination of a pilgrimage's significance and it details a novena in preparation for the trip.

Then, rather than a flowing narrative, the book is a series of

Movie Ratings



Adults and Adolescents

Francesco (not rated)
The Mitchells vs. the Machines (PG)
Resurrection (PG-13)
A Week Away (not rated)
Yes Day (PG)



Adults

Demon Slayer the Movie: Mugen Train (R)
The Father (PG-13)
Godzilla vs. Kong (PG-13)
Roe v. Wade (PG-13)
Voyagers (PG-13)



Limited Adult Audience

Cherry (R)
Separation (R)



Morally Offensive

Mortal Kombat (R)
Nobody (R)

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essays — some with the aroma of a homily — on specific biblical sites.

These are followed by short spiritual exercises: suggestions for meditations on the events and people associated with the sites, Bible readings and short prayer services emphasizing communion with God and His message.

After the essay on Nazareth, for instance, pilgrims are asked to meditate on the ways they see Jesus today in the streets of the place where he grew up.

The structure of the book makes it a worthy travel companion,

allowing a pilgrim to supplement the information of a guide and to engage in prayerful rest at the end of the day, reflecting on the spiritual impact of what was seen. It also permits the pilgrimage to be an ongoing experience which can be vicariously lived once a person returns home.

For people who cannot travel to the Holy Land, the book also is a good backup. Besides descriptive writing, it includes numerous color photos, taken by the author, of the places discussed.

Bono is a retired CNS staff writer.

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Students at St. Peter School in Marshall take part in the scavenger hunt during this year's Sixth and Seventh Grade Vocation Day.

VOCATIONS

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seventh-graders received expert insights about discerning their vocation.

Among the featured speakers were seminarians for the diocese, a married couple and Bishop W. Shawn McKnight.

Each participant received a prayer journal so they could write down whatever thoughts or insights they wanted to remember about the day.

Fr. Clark led a lighthearted "Catholic calisthenics" video, revealing new ways for young people to put their faith into action.

The students of Sacred Heart School in Rich Fountain won the scavenger hunt competition, taking only 30 minutes to submit to the organizers photos of all the items on the list.

Items included spelling out the word "chosen" with shoes.

Greatest adventure

Priests at each participating school offered Mass and preached homilies on the day's readings.

The Gospel reading was from John 15, in which Jesus tells His Apostles to remain connected to Him just as branches are connected to a vine, in order to bear great fruit.

"Being a branch on the vine means we are all active participants in being a disciple," Father Joshua Duncan, administrator of St. Mary Parish in Glasgow and St. Joseph Parish in Fayette, told students at an

all-school Mass that morning.

"That means each of us has a mission, and our mission is ongoing," he said. "Just as branches are constantly receiving the sap and nutrients and graces, Jesus is inviting each of us to stay connected to Him but to go out and be disciples in whatever mission He calls us to in life."

He emphasized that holiness is the greatest adventure of all.

"Keep pursuing that adventure," he said, "because God will never let you down."

Freedom from fear

Fr. Clark and Sr. M. Karolyn closed out the event with another livestream presentation.

They guided students in asking, thinking and listening to God, thanking Him for making them in His image and likeness and giving them a unique mission in life.

Between the prayers and meditations, Sr. M. Karolyn led the singing of a simple refrain, "I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God."

The big take-away for seventh-grader Roman Stanislawski was that the vocation God has in mind for him will be what brings him the most joy.

"I'm going to figure out what it is by trying different things and praying," said Roman, who goes to St. Patrick School in Rolla.

St. Patrick seventh-grader

Lucy Conger was struck by the message that God knows her personally and has chosen her as an individual.

"He loves me for me, on a personal level," she said. "Not that anyone is greater or lesser than me, but that I know Him personally and I can relate to Him and talk to Him."

Beau Heese, a seventh-grader at St. Patrick, came away with greater confidence that God will help him find his vocation.

"He has it all planned out," said Beau. "He'll make it known to me where He stands."

Sixth-grader Ellie Meyerott said she started out the day wanting to be a "single Pringle" when she grows up.

"But after watching the video about marriage, I think maybe that's what I'm being called to," she said.

St. Patrick sixth-grader Michael McLaughlin enjoyed the Christian calisthenics activity led by Fr. Clark, who once served as associate pastor in Rolla.

"We're going to ask the bishop to send him back," said Michael.

Their teacher, Anna Starns, noted that this year's Sixth and Seventh Grade Vocation Day was different in many ways from past years' offerings.

"But for a virtual experience, it was really excellent," she said. "The amount of time and effort Fr. Clark and his team put into the videos and activities was incredible."

Daily Readings

Sunday, May 16

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts 1:1-11
Ps. 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph. 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13
Mk. 16:15-20

Monday, May 17

Acts 19:1-8
Ps. 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
Jn. 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 18

St. John I, Pope and martyr
Acts 20:17-27
Ps. 68:10-11, 20-21
Jn. 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 19

Acts 20:28-38
Ps. 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
Jn. 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena, priest
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps. 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Jn. 17:20-26

Friday, May 21

St. Christopher Magallanes, priest, and companions, martyrs
Acts 25:13b-21
Ps. 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
Jn. 21:15-19

Saturday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia, religious
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps. 11:4, 5, 7
Jn. 21:20-25

Sunday, May 23

PENTECOST SUNDAY
Acts 2:1-11
Ps. 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal. 5:16-25
Jn. 20:19-23 or 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday, May 24

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Gn. 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14
Ps. 87:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7
Jn. 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 25

St. Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin
Sir. 35:1-12
Ps. 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23
Mk. 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 26

St. Philip Neri, priest
Sir. 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17
Ps. 79:8, 9, 11, 13
Mk. 10:32-45

Thursday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
Sir. 42:15-25
Ps. 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mk. 10:46-52

Friday, May 28

Sir. 44:1, 9-13
Ps. 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b
Mk. 11:11-26

Saturday, May 29

St. Paul VI, Pope
Sir. 51:12cd-20
Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Mk. 11:27-33

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for May:

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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Just the beginning

Ellie asked for prayers for God to help her find her vocation.

Maddie took that prayer a step further: "for all young people, including us, for God to help us find our vocation early so we have more time to get better at it."

Fr. Duncan requested prayers for the young people who participated in the event to receive the gift of a listening heart.

"I'm praying that today will be the beginning of a very special personal conversation between them and God," he said.

Memorial Day Mass with bishop in J.C.

DATE: May 31
TIME: 9 am

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will preside and preach the homily at this year's Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery in Jefferson City.

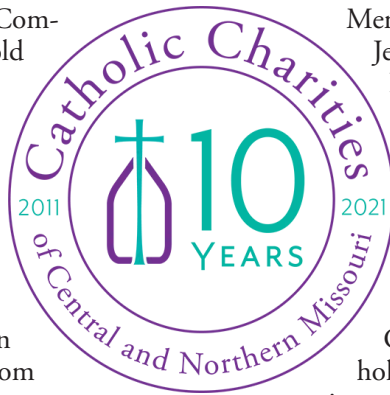
It will be at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 31, in the Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum, 3015 W. Truman Blvd. Coffee and Donuts will be provided in the shop after Mass.

Catholic Charities 10th anniversary kick-off events in J.C., Columbia

DATE: May 17
TIME: 1-2 pm, 4-5 pm

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) will kick-off its celebration of 10 years of "Providing Care ... Creating Hope" to people in need in the 38 counties of the Jefferson City diocese on May 17.

The Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting event from 1 to 2 p.m. at CCCNMO's current Jefferson City office, 2201 W. Main St., across from



Memorial Park in Jefferson City. Please park on the nearby Cathedral of St. Joseph parking lot. The Columbia Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting event from 4 to 5

p.m. at Catholic Charities' Columbia office, 916 Bernadette Drive, near Stadium Boulevard and I-70. Please park in the nearby Our Lady of Lourdes Church parking lot.

Please send an RSVP to Cristal Backer, director and development and outreach, at cbacker@cccnmo.org.

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- The Catholic Missourian, which is now provided to every registered household in the diocese.

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MAY 22-23

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Sung Masses in Latin at St. Brendan in Mexico

Father Dylan Schrader, pastor of St. Brendan Parish in Mexico and diocesan delegate for Mass in the Extraordinary Form, will offer sung Masses in Latin on several upcoming Sundays.

"A sung Mass can be a good opportunity to experience the extraordinary form of Mass if you're voracious," he stated.

All Masses are at noon in St. Brendan Church, 615 S. Washington St. in Mexico.

Worship aids in English are provided.

- May 23, Pentecost Sunday
- June 6, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
- July 25, Ninth Sunday Af-

ter Pentecost

• Aug. 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost)

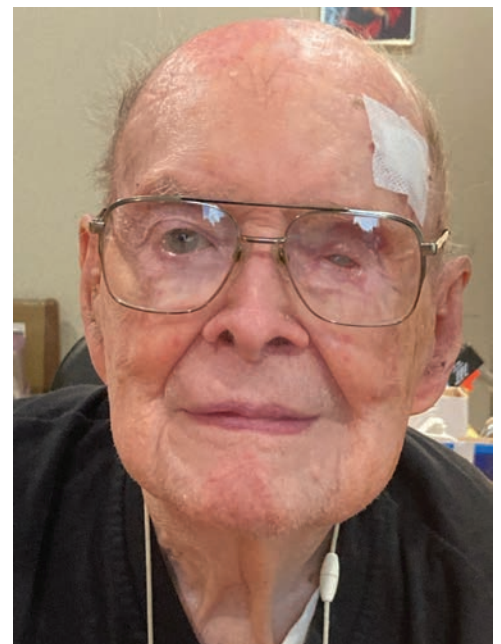
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Msgr. McCorkle to turn 100

Monsignor Louis McCorkle, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese, is looking forward to his 100th birthday on May 28. He is a resident of the St. Stephen's Infirmary at Conception Abbey in northwestern Missouri. His mailing address is: Monsignor Louis McCorkle, 37174 State Highway VV, Conception, MO 64433.



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