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Helping refugees while uniting, animating communities



Samantha Moog, director of Catholic Charities Refugee Services, helps serve the cake during a Jan. 31 baby shower for recently resettled refugees from Afghanistan.

— Photo courtesy of Valérie Berta

By Jay Nies

An astounding level of cooperation and creative engagement is helping emergency evacuees from Afghanistan settle into their new life in Central Missouri.

Catholic Charities Refugee Services staff and volunteers have been working tirelessly to resettle 289 Afghan evacuees since Sept. 26, in addition to dozens of refugees from countries across the globe.

Catholic Charities Refugee Services is the only agency in Central Missouri authorized to work with the government to resettle refugees in the area.

Many of the women from Afghanistan who are newly resettled are pregnant or have newborn babies.

University of Missouri International Programs, MU Healthcare, and Catholic Charities Refugee Services organized a baby shower to help 18 of these women and their families.

The Jan. 31 event held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Columbia, gave employees from across the University of Missouri system an opportunity to help welcome these new mothers.

"Late last year, we learned that some of the 270 new Afghan refugees to Columbia were pregnant or had recently had babies," said Mary Stegmaier, the university's vice provost for international programs.

"Many of these women have been completely uprooted and they don't have the family support structure that they are used to," she stated. "The goal of the shower was to welcome these moms to our community and provide some of the necessities their babies need to be happy and healthy."

The International Programs team

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Catholic School principals, teachers react to an unexpected act of gratitude

By Jay Nies

Teachers and staff members of Catholic schools throughout the Jefferson City diocese got a surprise message from Bishop W. Shawn McKnight this week.

It was an expression of gratitude.

"I know of your hard work," he said in a video sent to all Catholic school faculty and staff members at the start of Catholic Schools Week. "I see all you do to keep your students safe and sound while still challenging them academically.

"I see you all fulfilling the mission of bringing children closer to God and forming them in the faith," he said. "I see YOU, and I want you to know how much we all appreciate everything you do."

He told them that thanks to the generous stewardship of others in the diocese who also see everything they do, each faculty and staff member would be receiving a special Catholic Schools Week bonus.

"Thank you for answering the call to fulfill our mission

as a Church to educate and form our young people," Bishop McKnight stated in the video. "We are all so blessed by your important ministry as teachers, staff and administrators in our Catholic schools."

"Above and beyond"

Teachers from several schools said the bonus and the show of appreciation mean a lot, especially in these stressful times.

"It's nice to be recognized for all of our hard work to make our Catholic schools a great environment to grow God's children," stated Kara Pabst, who teaches fourth grade at St. Francis Xavier School in Taos.

The bonus was a huge surprise for Renee Stockman. This is her first year teaching kindergarten at St. Francis Xavier School.

"For me, a bonus is just simply making a kid smile and their reaction when they finally get something they have

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Feb. 14 — **Fr. Bernard H. Luebbering**, St. Mary, Shelbina (1972)

Feb. 19 — **Fr. Peter B. O'Rourke**, Immaculate Conception, Shackelford (1975)

Masses in St. Thomas

Mass will return to St. Thomas the Apostle Church in St. Thomas beginning Saturday, Feb. 19.

Weekend Masses will be at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m.

on Sundays. Mass in St. Cecilia Church in Meta will be at 8 a.m. on Sundays.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church has been undergoing renovation.

Decree of Official Appointments

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

PRIEST

Reverend Ernest Dike, as the modified temporary Parochial Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Montgomery City, St. Patrick Parish, Jonesburg, and Church of the Resurrection Parish, Wellsville.

This appointment is effective from December 30, 2021.

DEACONS

Deacon Ronald E. Deimeke, as temporary Parish Life Collaborator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Montgomery City, St. Patrick Parish, Jonesburg, and Church of the Resurrection Parish, Wellsville, and to continue with ministry at the

Mission of St. John, Laddonia, St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, and Sacred Heart Parish, Vandalia.

This appointment is effective from December 30, 2021.

Deacon James F. Hankins, as temporary financial administrator of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lake Ozark, and to continue with ministry at Our Lady of the Lake

Parish, Lake Ozark.

This appointment is effective from January 14, 2022.

OTHER APPOINTMENT

The following person was appointed to the Diocesan Liturgical Commission for a three-year term, effective December 30, 2021:

Mrs. Kimberly Luebbert, Director of Music, Immaculate Conception Parish, Jefferson City.

Given at the Chancery this 25th day of January 2022.

Shawn McKnight

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

Constance Schepers

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Chancellor

Corrections

The Catholic Missourian issues the following corrections for the Jan. 21, 2022, print edition:

•Kay Clifford, secretary of St. Andrew Parish in Tipton, was incorrectly listed under the "Deaths" column on the People Page.

•Incorrect information was given under "Sacraments of Initiation" on the People Page. The correct information is: Kristen and Taylor Jones, children of Eric and Dana Jones of Holy Spirit Parish in Centralia, received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Jan. 8.

•One of the days was missing from the "Temporary Locations for Mass" for

Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City. The correct information is: The 6:30 a.m. weekday Mass is celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the chapel of the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center.

•The article, "Rest in peace, Father Paul Hartley, 66, who ministered in many parishes," included two incorrect assignments for priests.

Monsignor David Cox is pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish in Wardsville and St. Margaret of Antioch Parish in Osage Bend. Father Gregory Frankman is a priest of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

•An incorrect grid and answer key were published for Father Donald Antweiler's "Across the Diocese of Jefferson City" crossword puzzle.

We apologize for the errors.

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Schedule of Listening Sessions for the 2021-2023 Synod

Here is an updated list of remaining dates, times and locations for online and in-person listening sessions in the Jefferson City diocese, in preparation for the 2021-23 Synod: For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.

All sessions are open to the public. However, individuals are asked to register in advance so that adequate hospitality and materials will be available. Registration can be made online at diojeffcity.org/synod.

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- Thursday, Feb. 10**, 6:30 p.m. — St. Patrick Chapel, Sedalia (available in Spanish)
- Friday, Feb. 11**, 7 p.m. — St. Peter Parish, Marshall (available in Spanish)
- Saturday, Feb. 12**, 10 a.m. — St. George Parish, Hermann
- Saturday, Feb. 12**, 1 p.m. — Immaculate Conception Parish, Jefferson City
- Sunday, Feb. 13**, 1:30 p.m. — St. Brendan Parish, Mexico
- Sunday, Feb. 13**, 6 p.m. — St. Pius X Parish, Moberly
- Tuesday, Feb. 15**, 7 p.m. — via Zoom
- Saturday, Feb. 26**, 3:30 p.m. — Holy Family Parish, Hannibal

•**Tuesday, Feb. 8**, 7 p.m. — via Zoom (available in Spanish)

Catholic School Career Fair in Columbia

DATE: February 12
TIME: 9 - 11 am

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Jefferson will hold a Career Fair from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, at Parkade Plaza, 601 Business Loop 70W in Columbia.

Schools have job openings across all grade levels, early childhood through high school.

“Representatives from Catholic schools across mid-

Missouri will be present to talk about how you can serve young people and help form them in the faith,” said Dr. Erin Vader, superintendent of Catholic Schools. “Diocesan schools offer competitive salaries, great benefits and a beautiful, Christ-centered community in which to work.”

For information, visit: diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools/

Priest to speak on the Church in Nigeria

DATE: February 16
TIME: 7 pm

Father Ernest Dike, a missionary priest of the Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria, who is ministering in this diocese will give an overview of the Catholic Church in Nigeria on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in Flanagan Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive, near Stadium Boulevard and I-70.

Fr. Dike has ministered in parishes and schools in his home diocese.

This is part of the Adult Education and Devotion (AED) series sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Columbia’s Catholic parishes.

The session will be given in person and via Zoom.

Visit ourladyoflourdes.diojeffcity.org for info and the Zoom link.

‘111 Sacred Works of art’ on Bishop McKnight’s Facebook page

By Jay Nies

Congruent with the year-long renovation and beautification of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight is adorning his social media spaces throughout 2022 with “111 Sacred Works of Art.”

He is working with Catholic communication consultant Jill Alberti of Wichita, Kansas, to highlight new images created by Catholic artists from all over the world.

“The goal is to sweeten the social-media landscape with timely, uplifting images and messages that point to the beauty and truth of our Catholic faith,” said Bishop McKnight.

The project’s title invokes Psalm 111, which states: “I will praise the Lord with all my heart in the assembled congregation of the upright,” (verse 1) and includes the phrase: “Great are the works

of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Majestic and glorious is His work, His righteousness endures forever.” (verses 2-3)

“Beauty and truth are infectious,” the bishop noted, “and when deployed properly, they point us toward Christ.”

He and Mrs. Alberti worked for about six months to select original artworks to feature on his Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter feeds.

It is an act of evangelization.

Bishop McKnight began devoting extra energy to his social media accounts last year as one way of meeting people where many of them spend large blocks of time: online communities.

“Our newsfeeds are often overflowing with bad tidings, images of fear and messages of

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Bishop McKnight’s Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Feb 15** Very Reverend Deans Meeting, 11 am; Presbyteral Council Meeting, 1 pm, Chancery; Confirmation Ceremony for Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lake Ozark, St. Anthony Parish, Camdenton, and St. Patrick Parish, Laurie, 6:30 pm, Our Lady of the Lake Church, Lake Ozark
- Feb 19** Blessing Mass of St. Thomas the Apostle Church renovations, 5 pm, St. Thomas
- Feb 20** Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, 2 pm, Jefferson City; Prayer and dinner with younger priests, 5 pm, Bishop’s residence
- Feb 22** Priests’ Personnel Board Meeting, noon, Chancery
- Feb 23** Catholic Rural Life Board Meeting, 2 pm, Virtual; Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Parish, 6:30 pm, Loose Creek

Bishop McKnight’s February prayer intention for our Local Church

For those who are ill, depressed, or forgotten in society; may the charity and mercy of the local parish community manifest the healing presence of God and counter the culture of indifference.

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

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St. Raymond's Society to buy former Columbia Ronald McDonald House



LEFT: The St. Raymond's Society, which helps women who are pregnant and need of help, has entered an agreement to buy the current Ronald McDonald House in Columbia in January 2023 for use as transitional housing for SHS's clients and a hub for its programs. **RIGHT:** The home includes a large community kitchen, perfect for building up community among the residents. — Photos by Steve Smith

By Jay Nies

A faith-based nonprofit agency focused on giving at-risk, pregnant mothers what they need is about to get a lot of room to grow.

The St. Raymond's Society (SRS) has entered into an agreement to buy the current Ronald McDonald House in Columbia in January 2023.

The eight-year-old building at 3501 Lansing Ave. will replace SRS's current, smaller residence for pregnant women who are in need of assistance, and will allow the society to vastly expand the services it offers.

"It's absolutely perfect for what we need," said SRS cofounder Steve Smith.

"It's as if we designed the building for what we do," said Mike Hentges, SRS cofounder and executive director.

The facility includes 18 bedrooms, along with classrooms, meeting rooms, a recreation room, a library and a large community kitchen.

The three-acre property includes parking, a playground, a walking path to a nearby park, and plenty of room for orderly expansion.

"Like I said, perfect," said Mr. Smith.

The Ronald McDonald House accommodates parents and families of children in nearby Women's and Children's Hospital and other hospitals in Columbia.

A new Ronald McDonald

House will need to be built near the new Women's and Children's Hospital, which is under construction near University Hospital and is scheduled to open in 2024.

The current Ronald McDonald House property became available just as SRS was planning to build a new facility



St. Raymond's
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to meet the growing need for the services it provides.

"We were running into some roadblocks with that," Mr. Smith noted, "and right when we affirmed we were open to God leading us in another direction, this opportunity opened up right before us."

It took about two weeks to reach an agreement with the Ronald McDonald House's curators.

"The building has been meticulously maintained," said Mr. Hentges. "It's a warm place that feels like home."

The home in Jefferson City will remain open. The current home in Columbia will be sold to another nonprofit organization when the new one opens.

Mr. Hentges, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, and Mr. Smith, a member of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, founded SRS 12 years ago as a volunteer service network to help pregnant women overcome the obstacles to choosing life for their preborn babies.

"We exist to save lives by empowering mothers," said Mr. Hentges, who became SRS's full-time executive director in 2020.

"Yes, we take care of the child," he stated. "But we start by recognizing the dignity of the mother and helping her realize her untapped potential."

Looking for home

SRS is named in honor of St. Raymond Nonnatus, patron saint of pregnant women, preborn babies and childbirth.

The society's founding principle is that it's not enough to say that abortion is wrong and simply wish a struggling mother well.

"Sometimes, the mother can get forgotten in the whole pro-life conversation," said Mr. Hentges. "We can never let that happen."

"Jesus makes it very clear," said Mr. Smith, "that we're supposed to be helping people who need it. We can't just pray for them and send them on their way."

About 20 years ago Mr. Hentges made a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., for the annual March for Life.



On the way back, he asked God to show him ways to help pregnant women in difficult circumstances choose life for their babies.

He shared what he was thinking with Mr. Smith, who agreed to help turn the inspiration into reality.

They got off to a modest start, with the men gathering up what they could and lining up people to help women who are pregnant and in need.

It quickly became clear that one of the biggest impediments to motherhood for many of SRS's clients is access to safe, affordable housing.

But the founders didn't have enough money to buy and staff a house.

"I figured it would be something we'd still be considering

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Historian's book a call to personal connection, reflection on Missouri's first 200 years

By Jay Nies

Historian Dr. Gary R. Kremer PhD. speaks of Missouri and its people with equal parts reverence and exasperation.

They're like family to him.

"Missouri is my home. It always has been. It always will be," he stated in an address during the state's Bicentennial Celebration on the Capitol steps last August.

"The state and its people sometimes confuse and confound me, even on occasion annoy and aggravate me, but I've never not loved it and them," he insisted. "Missouri and its people belong to me and I to them."

That familial affection and occasional angst are on full display in Dr. Kremer's latest book, *This Place of Promise: A Historian's Perspective on 200 Years of Missouri History*.

The fifth-generation Franckenstein native and State Historical Society of Missouri's long-serving executive director completed the book in the fall of 2021 as part of a yearlong celebration of Missouri's 200th

anniversary of statehood.

"History is complex, it's not always pretty," he said in an interview with *The Catholic Missourian*. "This book contains my reflections on how Missouri came to be the way it is, and what it has meant to be a Missourian over the past 200 years."

For Dr. Kremer, history and identity go hand-in-hand.

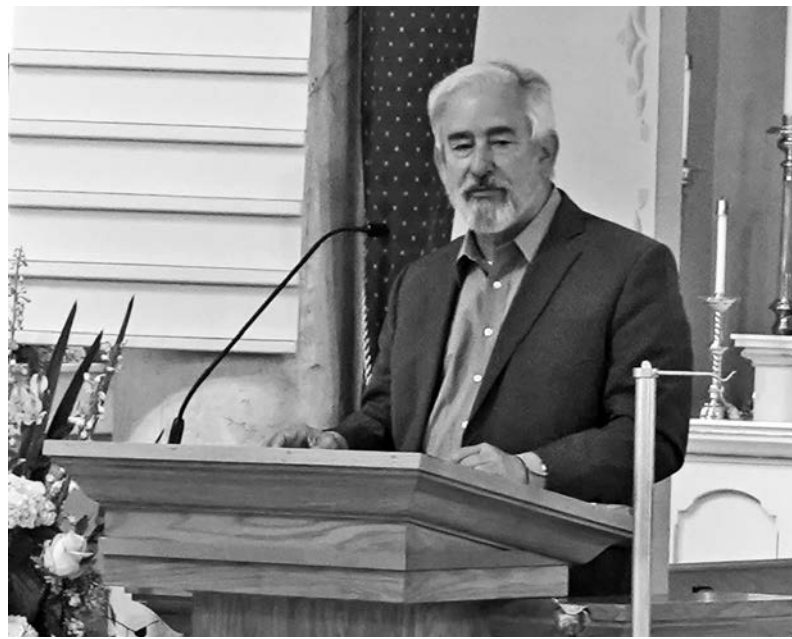
"That's the message I'm always trying to bring: that we are the way we are because of the way we were," he said.

To each his own

Dr. Kremer had already been thinking about penning a history of the state when the Historical Society's Board of Trustees suggested that he do so for the state's bicentennial.

"The more I thought about it, the more I thought about my own Missouri experience, how the state has shaped me," he said.

That became the starting point for this new work.



Dr. Gary Kremer, executive director, secretary and librarian for the State Historical Society of Missouri, gives a talk on the history of Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek during the parish's 175th anniversary celebration on Oct. 19, 2021.

— Photo by Jay Nies

"We are all products of our time and place," he noted. "Mine was determined by where I was born, when I was born, who my parents were, my race, my religion, my gender, my socioeconomic standing."

He illustrates that point in the introductory chapter, "My Missouri," which tells a bit about his own family history and how it played into his upbringing.

He reflects on his experience of growing up unabashedly Catholic in an unabashedly Catholic community.

"Not that my own personal history is any more important than anyone else's," he quickly stated. "What I'm encouraging everyone to do is reflect with me on why they are the way they are. And the answer to that question is our shared history."

He points to how tragic death touched several generations of his family, contributing to deep religious devotion as well as a culture of caution in his home.

He reveals how the turbulence of the 1960s and '70s helped move him from religious certitude, in which he had even considered the Priesthood, into a failed marriage and then into a radically different religious tradition.

His return to being Catholic was less dramatic but no less

sincere.

He concurrently grew in his passion for history, especially that of African Americans, women, Native Americans and other marginalized people.

He studied under and later worked with Dr. Lorenzo Greene, a distinguished professor at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, who was a pioneer in the study of African American history.

"At some point in almost every lecture he gave," Dr. Kremer recalled, "Dr. Greene would stop and rhetorically ask, 'What is the goal of the historian?' He would pause for effect and say, 'To discover the truth.'"

Historical truth can be invigorating. Sometimes, it hurts.

"Whether or not it's pleasant, whether or not it's affirming, the historian's responsibility and goal is to discover the truth," Dr. Kremer insisted.

Dr. Kremer taught at Lincoln University for 15 years before serving for four years as the state archivist.

He got back into teaching at William Woods University in Fulton from 1991 until 2004, when the trustees of the State Historical Society invited him to serve as its executive director.

He said scarcely a day goes by without him learning something new and interest-

ing about the subject he has spent his adult life pursuing.

"History continues to surprise me, to intrigue me, to confound me," he stated, "which is why I continue to pursue it at an age about a decade past when most people retire."

In times of peril

In the 300 pages of *This Place of Promise*, Dr. Kremer accompanies his readers on a trip through some 20 decades of Missouri history, rendered in accessible, rhythmic and occasionally playful language.

He writes of how early settlement patterns were dictated by geography and opportunity.

Enslaved people from Africa, along with the native peoples who preceded the European settlers, are well represented in the narrative, but often with muffled voices.

He addresses head-on the cruelties of the state's ties to slavery. He writes plainly and candidly of Celia, an enslaved woman in Callaway County who was sentenced to death for killing her slave-owner in order to prevent his repeated sexual abuse.

Dr. Kremer casts further light on the attendant dangers of frontier life, on cholera and other plagues, the Civil War, the mistreatment of immigrants, and the hopelessness that the Great Depression of the 1930s brought many Missourians.

He speaks to a great paradox, stating: "Arguably, we Missourians have been at our best when we faced common crises, whether it was a war, an economic depression or a natural disaster."

Later chapters touch on the unbridled optimism and upheaval following World War II; the Civil Rights movement; and the rise of the suburbs and decline of family-run farms and the rural communities that support them.

Each chapter ends with a rundown of literary sources for people interested in learning more about that period in the

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Deacon, family man, passionate outdoorsman to keynote Cursillo Grand Reunion in Columbia

DATE: February 26
TIME: 10 am - 4 pm

By Jay Nies

Deacon Shane Voyles says he's living proof that "the light from the smallest candle can guide someone out of the darkest cave."

"I have been to the top of the American dream, I have been to the bottom, and then I started that slow process of climbing back up that hill of hope," said Deacon Voyles, spiritual advisor to the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

Deacon Voyles will be the keynote presenter at this year's Cursillo Grand Reunion on Saturday, Feb. 26, at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School, 3351 E. Gans Road in Columbia.

Organizers describe this event as "as a tool to inspire, to encourage, and to replenish us spiritually for the work the Holy Spirit intends for us."

All in the diocese who have attended a Cursillo weekend or hope to do so in the near future are invited and encouraged to attend.

Registration will start at 9:30 a.m., with a welcome and overview of the day beginning at 10 a.m. The closing Mass will be at 3 p.m.

Cursillo is a worldwide Catholic movement in which participants start with a three-day communal weekend experience and then share in the ongoing "fourth day" experience of growing in discipleship.

"Cursillo is an encounter that brings out the grace we receive in our baptism," said Deacon Voyles. "Nothing brings you peace like being close with Christ."

He's taken part in many activities and movements that help build the Church and Christ's relationship with His people, "but I've never seen more miracles, more people changes, than the closing of a Cursillo weekend. It's truly a gift from Christ," he said.

An avid outdoorsman, Deacon Voyles achieved substantial success on the professional bass fishing circuit and as a local TV/radio personality. But it

came at a deep cost.

"I fished over 200 days out of the year some years, all over the country, from Florida to Texas to Michigan to Louisiana," he said.

In the process, he basically left Patricia, his wife, alone to manage their household and raise their four children alone.

"And you know how the devil is," he said. "If a strong man leaves his house vulnerable, the devil is going to attack it."

But through fellowship with fellow Catholic men who are engaged in Godly pursuits, Christ brought Deacon Voyles back home to his family.

"That's our first calling as husbands: to lead and take care of our families," he said. "I had to go the long way and the hard way to figure that out."

Once was lost

In imitation of St. Joseph, Deacon Voyles believes every Catholic family man should want to have just three phrases carved onto his headstone: "Faithful Christian. Loving Husband. Caring Father."

He plans to share the story of how the Holy Spirit's ongoing inspiration, his wife's unflinching fidelity and all the people he has met through Cursillo and the Diaconate helped save his marriage.

"I was a pretty broken man going into my Cursillo weekend," he said. "And it turned out to be one of the most profound experiences of my life. And I knew from that time forward that Cursillo would be an important part of my life for the rest of my life."

Mrs. Voyles plans to attend the Grand Reunion to back up his testimony.

He described Mrs. Voyles, to whom he has been married for almost 27 years, as "the single greatest miracle to happen."

"She has been serving people her entire life with being the anchor of our house, and also teaching prep class at our parish for over half of her life," said Deacon Voyles. "She has impacted hundreds of kids by teaching them about Christ, our Church and the Sacraments."

They have four children

and two grandchildren, one of whom has yet to be born.

"When I was out chasing my fishing dream," said Deacon Voyles, "it was my wife who took the children to church, who took them to the doctors, who got them ready for school, who managed the household, and she did all those things alone while I was driving all over the country to chase 'my dream.'"

The turning point came when he thought he was having a heart attack.

He spent three days in the hospital, and she did not leave his bedside.

"She said she loved me and that it was time to come home and that she and the children needed me," he recalled. "We both were in tears and her words went straight to my heart."

"So through the working of the Holy Spirit, I can truly share stories of where I failed but persevered," he said. "I can share stories of where I failed but turned my life around. I can share stories of where I wasn't the prophet and protector of my household but I am now."

A brand-new day

Deacon Voyles's goal and



prayer for the Grand Reunion is that everyone who attends will "share in the passion of Jesus Christ, participate in the circle of grace and experience with ever-greater love and

ing specifically for the people of this diocese and for those who will attend this event.

He's convinced that now more than ever, the Church and the entire world need a robust, active Fourth Day Cursillo community.

"And all we have to do as members of that community is to be the instruments that God calls us to be and let the Holy Spirit do His job," he said.

"We don't have to reinvent anything or be great orators or great theologians," he stated. "We just have to humble ourselves, be authentic and come together as one family, and the Holy Spirit will take care of everything else."

He has seen firsthand the effectiveness of authentic Christian communities that lift people up and hold one another ac-



Deacon Shane Voyles displays a bass he caught.


reverence the single greatest miracle of our lifetime: the Eucharist."

He noted that Cursillistas throughout the world are pray-

ing specifically for the people of this diocese and for those who will attend this event.

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Getting child baptized / Devotion to St. Expeditus

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. I have been a non-practicing Catholic, but I am sending my child to a Catholic school. She is now 4 years old and wants to be baptized, and I want this for her, too. My desire is to return to Church practice, have her baptized and bring her up as a Catholic. But because I have not been attending a church, I cannot find a parish that will baptize her. Recently I was asked to fill out a form whereby the pastor of my previous parish would sign permission for her to be baptized in the parish that we will now be attending. I have no idea how to proceed and am hoping that you can advise me. (Austin, Texas)

A. It surprises me that you have been unable to find a parish willing to baptize your daughter — especially given your willingness to return to Church practice yourself and thus serve as an example for your child. As a parish priest myself, I would be delighted to welcome to the sacraments someone with a similar story.

If the parish that you now wish to attend is requiring your former pastor to submit a letter of approval, by all means you should try to make that happen. But first, if I were you, I would telephone (or, even better, visit) that former pastor and explain your situation.

Make sure that he understands your deep desire to have your daughter baptized and your own intention to return to regular Church attendance and ask him if he would be comfortable in vouching for you.

Q. As a Catholic, I am very devoted to St. Expeditus. I have tried to look for a Catholic parish named for this saint, but I have been unable to find one in the United States. I am asking you humbly to request of my archdiocese that they open a parish with the name St. Expeditus so that many of us devotees can go there and put flowers and light candles in his honor. Also, if it be God's will, would you consider placing a statue of St. Expeditus in your own parish church? There is such a statue in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in New Orleans. (City and state of origin withheld)

A. This question is indicative of the ardent devotion some Catholics have to particular saints of which little may be known historically. St. Expeditus (or Expedite) is generally thought to have been a Roman centurion who was martyred for his Christian faith about the year A.D. 303 in what is now Turkey.

Devotion to the saint seems to have only started much later, and there is some doubt about his existence.

As for the statue in the New Orleans church, one story (perhaps legendary) is that in the 1920s Catholic nuns at Our Lady of Guadalupe on Rampart Street received a crate marked "expedite"; inside was contained an otherwise unidentified statue of a Roman soldier, whom the nuns dubbed "St. Expedite," and that statute now stands near the entrance to the church where it draws prayers from those seeking rapid intervention.

Fortunately, our letter writer chose not to identify his or her archdiocese, so I am absolved from having to intervene on behalf of a church in St. Expeditus' honor. That saint may or may not have an historical basis, but I don't think it hurts for someone to invoke his help.

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



Papal Audience February 2, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on St. Joseph, we have seen how the Church, in pondering the message of the Gospels, has grown in devotion to this great saint. Our veneration of the saints and our trust in their intercession are grounded in the very mystery of the Church as "the communion of saints," redeemed by Christ's saving sacrifice and united to Him as members of His mystical body. Our confidence in their intercession is born of our union with them in Christ, and the bonds of spiritual solidarity that unites the pilgrim Church on earth to the saints in heaven. The Christian people have always turned to the saints as friends of Christ and, consequently, as our friends, ever ready to help and support us at decisive moments in our lives. Among the saints, the Church especially venerates the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. So too, we give special honour to St. Joseph, to whose care God entrusted the Holy Family. Echoing a prayer that I have recited daily for many years, let us all place ourselves under the protection of St. Joseph and ask him to make known to us, in union with Jesus and Mary, the great power of his friendship and love.

Finally, my thoughts go, as usual, to the elderly, the sick, young people, and newlyweds. Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple of Jerusalem. From this mystery emerges a message for all: Christ presents Himself as an example in His offering to the Father, showing with what generosity it is necessary to adhere to God's will and to serve our brothers and sisters. And also, today is the feast of "encounter," of Jesus' encounter with His people, and also especially of the encounter of the child Jesus with the Elders. I recommend that we go forward developing this attitude of encounter between children and grandparents, young people and old people: this is a reserve that we have of humanity. The old give us the strength to go on, their memory, their history; and the young carry it forward. Let us also work for this encounter of grandchildren with grandparents, of young people with old people.

Vatican projects budget deficit for 2022 as pandemic continues

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Presenting a budget projection that foresees a deficit of \$37.1 million in 2022, the prefect of the Vatican Secretariat for the Economy said he believes the Vatican is on the path to honesty and transparency in financial matters.

"We are well aware that we have made major mistakes in financial management, which have undermined the credibility of the Holy See. We seek to learn from them, and we believe we have remedied them so that they do not happen again," the prefect, Jesuit Father Juan Antonio Guerrero Alves, told Vatican News.

The secretariat Jan. 28 released the Vatican's 2022 "Mission Budget," reflecting a new approach to reporting the income and expenses of the offices of the Roman Curia and related institutions.

The "Mission Budget" includes not just the Vatican Secretariat of State, apostolic nunciatures around the globe and the dicasteries, councils

and commissions of the Roman Curia, Fr. Guerrero said. It also includes entities that "are either the property of the Holy See or depend on and are under the financial responsibility of the Holy See," including the Bambino Gesù pediatric hospital in Rome, the four major basilicas of Rome and the shrines of Loreto, Pompei and Padua.

The Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, the hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo founded by St. Padre Pio, will be included in next year's budget, he said.

The combined budget of the 60 entities that were part of the previous Holy See budget would have been close to 300 million euros (\$334 million) for 2022, but with the addition of the 30 new entities into the "mission budget," the combined budget for 2022 is close to 800 million euros, he said.

The new combination also includes foundations and other entities that generate income for the activity of the Holy See and the church around the world, so the projected deficit is about 12 million euros less

than it would have been, according to the report.

The ongoing pandemic is having a negative impact on Vatican finances and that is expected to continue, the budget shows.

While cost containment is still the goal, Fr. Guerrero told Vatican News, "this year, trying to be optimistic, we have budgeted 13 million euros more ordinary income than last year, (but) we will see how the pandemic behaves."

The Jesuit also told Vatican News that he is preparing a detailed report on the global Peter's Pence collection and will send it to bishops' conferences around the world.

While the figures will not be finalized until late February, he said, "roughly speaking, I can say that in 2021, there has again been a decrease compared to the previous year, which I would venture to quantify at no less than 15%."

"If in 2020 the total collection of the Peter's Pence was 44 million euros, in 2021 I do not

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Remembering the life of a beloved Black nun, leader and friend

By Shannen Dee Williams
Catholic News Service



2021 saw the passing of some of the nation's most important leaders, thinkers, writers and freedom fighters of the modern era.

Among the Catholic Church's moral and educational giants who died was 73-year-old Sister Mary Greta Jupiter.

Devastation caused by Hurricane Ida delayed her funeral Mass and burial. But on Sept. 15, the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans laid their former con-

gregational leader to rest in historic St. Louis No. 2 Cemetery.

Sister Greta's passing on Aug. 28 marked another irreplaceable loss in the Church's dwindling community of African American nuns. Like all who knew Sister Greta and experienced her quiet brilliance and gentle kindness, I was devastated by her death.

Born Gwendolyn Mary Jupiter at Charity Hospital in New Orleans on Sept. 20, 1947, Sister Greta was a cradle Catholic and a proud daughter of the city's Lower Ninth Ward, where she was raised in the historically Black St. David Catholic Church.

The fourth of eight children born to Ulysses Pere Jupiter, a Pullman porter turned gas station owner, and Imelda Ou-

bre Jupiter, a homemaker and part-time rectory cook, Sister Greta was educated by her order at St. Mary's Academy. After her high school graduation in 1965, she entered the Sisters of the Holy Family, professing her first vows in 1968 and final vows in 1973.

She earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry education from Xavier University of Louisiana in 1972 and a master's degree in education from the University of New Orleans in 1976. She completed additional graduate work in educational administration at Loyola University New Orleans, Tulane University and California State University at Long Beach.

Over the course of her distinguished career as a science educator and school principal, Sister Greta taught at and led

her order's Regina Caeli High School in Compton, California, and her alma mater, St. Mary's Academy. From 1998 to 2002, she served as the associate superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Before being elected to serve as her order's assistant congregational leader in 2010, Sister Greta played a leading role in preserving Black-administered Catholic education following Hurricane Katrina's destruction by founding the MAX School, which temporarily combined the city's three historically Black Catholic high schools.

In 2014, Sister Greta assumed the leadership of the nation's second oldest

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The lie projected onto the National Shrine

By Catholic News Service

Responding to editors' requests for a regular sampling of current commentary from around the Catholic press, here is an editorial titled: "The lie projected onto the National Shrine" published online Jan. 21 by Our Sunday Visitor, a national Catholic newsweekly based in Huntington, Indiana. It was written by the editorial board.

It was an appalling sight. As the annual National Prayer Vigil for Life was taking place on the inside of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington the evening of Jan. 20, a pro-abortion group that for some reason calls itself "Catholic" was desecrating the building on the outside.

Through the darkness, pro-abortion organizers projected the following phrases on the Shrine's usually stunning 329-foot bell tower: "1 in 4 abortion patients is Catholic," "Pro-choice Catholics you are not alone" and "Pro-choice Catholics" in a cruciform shape. Only if these "protesters" had proffered the proverbial "bird" to the Eucharist could they have been more obscene.

The group responsible, "Catholics for Choice," succeeded in partially disrupting the events surrounding the Jan. 21 March for Life not only with its "light show" but with its subsequent "victory lap" on social media.

"I know that my faith teaches Catholics to honor personal conscience. And yet, the Catholic hierarchy seeks to polarize pro-choice Catholics and villainize people who make the moral choice to have abortions," tweeted Ashley Wilson, the communications director for the organization late Jan. 20. "I am tired of feeling the shame and stigma for being a pro-choice Catholic. And I'm not here for people to judge my own personal relationship with God."

Jamie Manson, the president of the organization, followed up with a morning-after rationalization, if there can be such a thing. "We went to the Basilica to draw attention to the fact that women in the Church have abortions," she tweeted. "These are likely the women who serve as his lectors and Eucharistic ministers; who sew his vestments and wash his dishes. To ignore them is to betray them."

What a complete and utter lie. Catholic women who have had abortions are not villainized. They are not betrayed by their Church. They are beloved — by the Church and by the God Whose love and mercy is infinite for each of His flawed children. Multiple ministries within the Church are available to post-abortive women, filled with empathetic staff and volunteers who offer necessary healing, support and counseling.

And the door to returning to full communion with the Church for our sisters (and our many brothers who also actively participate in abortion) is always open through the sacrament of reconciliation. The absolution received in the confessional leaves no shame or stigma behind. It brings only peace.

Furthermore, how many testimonies have been offered by Catholics who regret their abortions — stories that have been a moving part of the March for Life? These are women who would leap at the chance to be able to make a different decision, and they are not represented by the self-aggrandizement of a group that claims to represent all Catholics who have had abortions. They are not victims; they are strong, brave women of God.

Counter-marchers are always an unfortunate part of the March for Life experience, but never before has an anti-life message been broadcast in such a brazen, disrespectful and sacrilegious manner

— and, more shamefully, by those who claim to profess the same faith that in no uncertain terms calls for the protection of life at all stages.

That the group's vile display made use of the outside of a church building

certainly serves as a parallel to reality: The members of such an organization and their supporters stand outside the Church — and by their own choice.

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REFLECTION

Where to begin

By Mark Saucier

I don't know if it is a lack of creativity in the deepest doldrums of winter, but I tend to write a kind of personal State of the Union message about now.

It is another birthday this week. It's not so big I yell "Stop the count," but big enough to give me pause.

Age is just a number, they say, but as birthdays get bigger, the questions are weightier.

In my mind and my mid-day body, I am not old, but a forest fire of candles seems to whisper a warning.

At my age, John Wayne hung up his holster for good and Walt Whitman put down his pen for eternity.

The year of my birth, the life expectancy of a newborn male was next year. I've made it past three score and ten, so I can now actuarially expect to live to 85. But that is just an average, and we know that no one is average.

An entire industry is designed to mask my mortality and make me feel good about my age.

I can get a hoodie citing my birth year as vintage and boasting "mostly" original parts. Or a drink glass with the sum of my years in bold and the promise of "Aged to Perfection."

The problem is, I don't yet feel vintage, and it doesn't take much of an examination of conscience to realize that, while I may be aging, I am far from perfection.

One of the great boons of my life is that I have always had older friends. They helped me avoid some of the potholes in marriage, parenting and work.

Now they are blazing a trail through the land of the setting sun, marking the dangers and infirmities, but also the infinite grace that comes with age.

They have shown me that it is okay to live with death looking over your shoulder, not as a threat, but a reminder to make every moment count.

They know that, at some point, there will be little time to ask for forgiveness, so they try to avoid the need with more love and kindness.

They have taught me the spiritual wisdom of St. Augustine, who insisted that each day you have to start your relationship with God all over again.

Even when you're older, yesterday's faith will not be waiting for you to simply put it on. Each day is different.

I am different each day. God is somewhere in the newness.

Prayers, thanks offered for first responders at Columbia's Sacred Heart Parish Blue Mass

By Jay Nies

There's never an easy time to serve a first responder, but it seems particularly difficult these days.

"So let us keep them and their families in our prayers," Monsignor Gregory L. Higley, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Columbia, exhorted the people gathered in Sacred Heart Church the evening of Jan. 25.

It was the parish's first Blue Mass, with the prayerful intention of honoring, thanking and praying for the men and women who serve as guardians of public safety: law enforcement officers, firefighters, first responders, abundance personnel and EMTs.

"You are doing God's work," Msgr. Higley told the first responders in attendance, "because you are serving God's people."

He pointed out how in the Old and New Testament, God endowed angels to speak on His behalf, to protect and defend those in danger, and to heal and console people in distress.

"Angels were God's *de facto* ambassadors, who also assumed the roles of warrior and guardian when situations and circumstances required," Msgr. Higley noted.

And like angels, "our first responders, our public servants, continue God's work through their daily efforts to protect and defend people in



People come forward to receive Holy Communion during the Blue Mass in Sacred Heart Church in Columbia. The Mass was offered on Jan. 25 for men and women who are charged with keeping the public safe.

danger, and to heal and console those in distress," he said.

He noted that this work often consists of simply seeking to be good, devout and dedicated people each day while relying on God's help.

With words first stated by St. Francis de Sales, Msgr. Higley proposed: "If it should please God to elevate us to angelic perfections, then perhaps one day we shall become good angels."

And while working toward those angelic ends by practicing the virtues prescribed by Christ, each first responder should know that he or she is appreciated and being prayed for.

"St. Meister Eckhart," Msgr. Higley noted, "was best known for a very simple quote: 'If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'thank You,' it will be enough.'"

"And so today, as we gather here, to all our first respond-

ers, whether in plain clothes or uniform, our prayer for you, our prayer WITH you, is simply, 'thank you,'" he said.

"Thank you for being our guardian angels," he stated. "Thank you for being good Samaritans. May God bless you and keep you always."

During the General Intercessions, the pastor summoned the faithful to pray for all police and fire personnel

who died in the line of duty, especially in recent weeks.

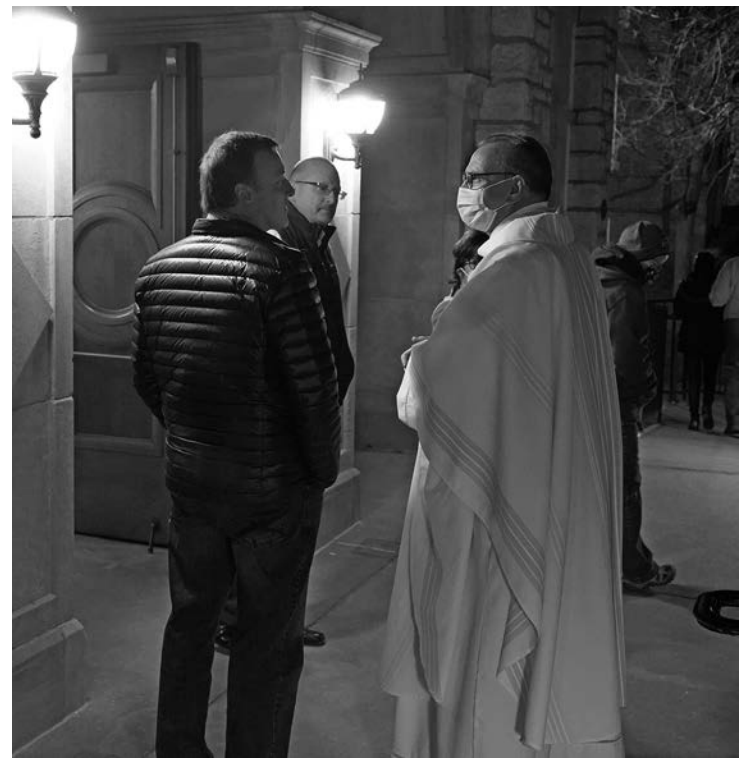
"We pray for their families who grieve their loss, for their colleagues and fellow workers, that they might be comforted in their knowledge that in the Resurrection, they will one day be reunited with them," he said.

This Blue Mass is part of

an 86-year tradition.

Father Thomas Dey, founder of the Catholic Police and Fireman's Society, offered the first Blue Mass in St. Patrick Church in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 29, 1934.

Sacred Heart's parishioners are eager to pick up that tradition and carry forward, Msgr. Higley said.



Monsignor Gregory L. Higley, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Columbia, greets people outside Sacred Heart Church after presiding at the parish's Blue Mass on Jan. 25.

— Photos by Jay Nies

Freeburg eighth-graders take a stand at national March for Life in D.C.

By Jay Nies

They went and took a stand together.

Benjamin Berhorst, Abby Findley, Cody Mosley and Dawson Woodward — constituting the eighth-grade class at Holy Family School in Freeburg — traveled with their parents to Washington, D.C., Jan. 19-21 to take part in the 48th annual March for Life.

Knights of Columbus Monsignor Gerold J. Kaiser Council 9700 in Freeburg helped pay for their trip.

"We went because we are very pro-life and, there aren't a lot of things that kids our age can do to help end abortion," the students told *The Catholic Missourian* Feb. 1. "But this March is something we can do."

Through their teacher, Erin Berhorst, the students discussed and answered several questions.

This was the first time any of them had traveled to the Nation's Capital.

They said they enjoyed listening to the inspirational speakers at the rally before the March, including Father Mike Schmitz, whose online posts and podcasts such as "The Catholic Bible in a Year" help countless young people get closer to Christ.

Fr. Schmitz, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, and the other speakers told the crowd to become active advocates for human life.

Fr. Schmitz said just being present at the march "changes you."

The eighth-graders from Holy Family were also impressed to see how many people — especially how many young people — came to the March to fight against abortion.

Seeing pictures of babies who had died in abortions helped the students realize the urgency of what they were fighting against.

While flying back from Washington, they heard stories from people on the plane who had also attended the March.

"A priest was behind us, and he was talking about how someone who came up to him

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EWING: Parishioners come forward to have their throats blessed by their pastor, Father Rob Fields, after Mass on Sunday, Jan. 30, in Queen of Peace Church. The annual tradition coincides with the Feb. 3 feastday of St. Blaise. A fourth-century bishop and martyr, St. Blaise is reputed to have saved a boy who was choking to death, by praying over him while the saint was on his way to be executed. It is a long-standing tradition to use candles on his feastday and offer the blessing: "By the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver thee from all ills of the throat and from all other ills; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." More photos from this event will be posted in *The Catholic Missourian's* online edition, *cathmo.com*. Select "Photo Galleries" from the "Multimedia" tab on the menu bar. — Photo by Jennifer Neisen



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Few of us think much about water. We want some, and we turn a tap. We drink it, and we expect to feel refreshed. Water isn't something we worry about, and with good reason. We are blessed to have safe, clean water at our fingertips.

Unfortunately, millions of families in the developing countries of the world — Haiti among them — are far less fortunate. For them, water must be found, it is rarely clean, and it can pose serious dangers if precautions aren't taken before drinking it. This is because poor families often rely on collected rain or murky streams — water sources that are almost inevitably contaminated with parasites and disease.

"That is why Father Glenn Meaux has made providing safe water to the people of Kobonal, Haiti, a priority," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, one of the largest Catholic charities serving in Haiti. For years, Cavnar's ministry has partnered with Kobonal missionary Fr. Meaux to address the plight of the poor in Haiti by funding feeding programs, housing projects, educational outreaches, water projects and more.

"It may surprise some American Catholics, but providing safe water can literally be a lifesaving measure in a remote community. In fact, one of the first projects we did with Fr. Meaux involved capping a spring to bring clean water to a town that had lost a tragic number of children to illnesses caused by contaminated water," Cavnar said. "Fr. Meaux had seen them carrying a child's coffin down the hillside and was shocked

to learn local families were losing babies and toddlers to unsafe water every month. He contacted us to see whether something could be done, and we rallied support from American Catholics to fund the water project he needed. This gift to the community has probably saved dozens of lives since then."

The impact of unsafe water goes further, impacting older children and adults too, according to Cavnar.

"When an older child becomes ill, he or she often misses school, and sick adults can find it difficult to work steadily and secure a stable income. These may not seem like serious problems, but as sick days mount, the impact can be devastating. Children fall behind in their class work or drop out of school entirely, losing the opportunities for advancement that an education can bring. Their parents struggle to make ends meet, sometimes even finding it impossible to provide food each day. Once that downward spiral begins, it can lead to families falling into despair — and a real sense of hopelessness."

Fortunately, modern technology can provide a solution if funding is available. Well-digging rigs can be secured to reach safe water sources underground, and hand or solar pumps can be used to make water stations effective even when electricity isn't available.

"We have had a lot of experience solving water scarcity problems and developing water delivery systems in remote areas," Cavnar said. "The technology and skills are available if we can get the funding for the project work involved. That is why we are



In Haiti's rural communities, water is often collected from murky ponds or other contaminated sources. It can be tainted with animal waste or teeming with bacteria and harmful parasites. For the poor, who must rely on this water, one drink can lead to serious illnesses, and infants and very young children are at the greatest risk.

seeking support from American Catholics to help Fr. Meaux with his latest project — his plan to install two new freshwater wells and to repair several other wells in his area." (See story on opposite page.)

As Cavnar has said, managing major water projects is one of Cross Catholic Outreach's areas of expertise, and he remains confident Fr. Meaux's wells will be built, benefitting the communities he serves.

"I believe we'll succeed because Catholics in America often rally to accomplish missions of mercy like this," he said. "They are eager to help others, particularly those with an urgent need. What matters to them is that their donations are used wisely and will produce an important, tangible benefit for the poor. They support water projects such as this one because they understand the value of safe water.

They would want that for their own families, and their hearts go out to poor parents who must give their sons and daughters contaminated water to drink. I believe they will want to end that suffering and support a committed Catholic leader like Fr. Meaux."

Readers interested in supporting Cross Catholic Outreach water programs and other outreaches to the poor can contribute by scanning the QR code, on the next page, or sending a tax-deductible gift to Cross Catholic Outreach, PO Box 97168, Washington, DC 20090-7168. The ministry has a special need for partners willing to make gifts on a monthly basis. Visit us at CrossCatholic.org/change-lives to become a Mission Partner or write "Monthly Mission Partner" on your mailed check 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 James 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. He writes, "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 shelter to the homeless, and through self-help projects, you are embodying the papal encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*.

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American Catholics Rally to Provide Poor Families With Safe Water Through Fr. Meaux's Kobonal Haiti Mission

When Father Glenn Meaux and his missionary team arrived in Kobonal, Haiti, in 1989, he was deeply disturbed by the magnitude of poverty he saw there. Hardly anyone in the village owned the land their fragile huts occupied. No one grew gardens or raised animals. Very few employment opportunities existed for the unskilled, uneducated population, so very few families were able to earn money to buy food.

During the rainy season, the women and children would gather water from

“There was no agriculture, there was no irrigation system — there was literally no hope at the time.”

Fr. Glenn Meaux,
Haiti Kobonal Mission

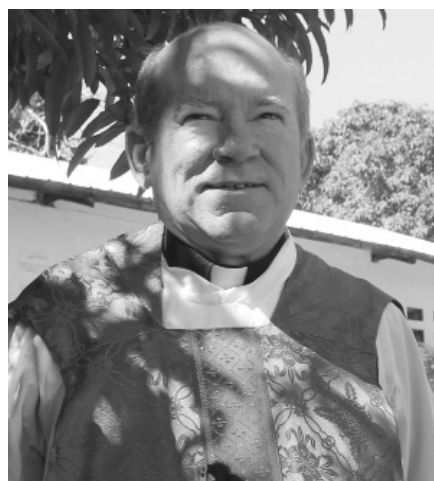
the plentiful streams and rivers — but the water was obviously tainted. During the dry season, people resorted to digging holes in the sand in order to find water.

In addition to suffering hunger and thirst, the people were also starving for spiritual guidance. Entrenched in superstition and occult practices, few had ever heard the name of Christ.

“There was no agriculture, there was no irrigation system, there was literally no hope at the time,” Fr. Meaux recalled. With this sense of hopelessness, it is easy to see how Kobonal earned its reputation as the “darkest corner of the Diocese of Hinche.”

This is the challenging ground on which the Kobonal Haiti Mission took root, and in the three ensuing decades, the mission has worked marvels, helping hundreds of families improve their lives. Still, Fr. Meaux's heart breaks every time he sees a mother or child living in a dilapidated shack or gathering water from a murky stream.

“Fr. Meaux has already given the best years of his life to the people of Haiti (see story on opposite page), but he always has his eyes forward, looking for the next thing he can do to help relieve the people's suffering and increase their opportunities in life,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a leading Catholic relief and development ministry that has partnered with Fr. Meaux for more than a decade and a half. “Many people are aware of the



wonderful things he's done to address the people's urgent needs, but his ultimate goal is to break the cycle of poverty in this part of Haiti and forever change the fate of the families he serves.”

Fr. Meaux stated his objectives even more simply.

“As Catholics, we must extend our hands to help our brothers and sisters in need,” he said.

Currently, one of the mission's primary project goals is to bring clean water to the people of Kobonal, ending the need for families to collect unsafe water from remote sources.

“Women and children are often tasked with finding and collecting water, and the murky streams they draw from aren't fit for animals, much less people,” Cavnar said. “At Cross Catholic Outreach, we work on many projects like this, obtaining

donations from U.S. Catholics to pay for the equipment and organize the construction efforts involved. Our current goal is to help Fr. Meaux put in two clean-water wells, build a community distribution point and repair five existing wells. If we can accomplish this, it will serve the daily needs of about 616 adults and 2,152 children who currently face the greatest challenges to their health and well-being. The people in these villages will not only use the water for drinking and cooking, but also to sustain important gardens they depend on for food and income.”

According to Cavnar, the wells will make use of freestanding hand pumps, and the families in each community will choose a leader to oversee and perform maintenance on the equipment. Each well will have a cement wall around it for security

and be available daily during specific hours of operation. The water will be free, but the benefiting families will be encouraged to contribute a token amount to a community fund that can be tapped if repairs are ever needed on the wells. Contributing in this way will give villagers a sense of ownership and pride in their community.

“Anticipation is mounting for this project, and volunteers have already stepped forward to offer their help with the construction of the wells. Now, all that's needed are the funds for drilling, purchasing pumps, constructing a pump house to store supplies and training community members to handle maintenance of the new facilities,” Cavnar said. “Our goal now is to make American Catholics aware of the project and gain their support.”

How to Help

To fund Cross Catholic Outreach's effort to help the poor worldwide, scan this QR code with your phone or mail your gift to Cross Catholic Outreach, PO Box 97168, Washington DC 20090-7168. Our web page, [CrossCatholic.org/change-lives](https://www.CrossCatholic.org/change-lives), also includes instructions on becoming a Mission Partner and making a regular monthly donation to this cause.



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.

ARTWORK

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negativity,” Bishop McKnight noted. “Sharing something new and deliberately uplifting and beautiful in that environment is like planting a fruit tree in the middle of the desert. I hope more people will consider doing it.”

Common to the bishop’s on-line messages are invitations for people to pray for each other, discuss things in a healthy manner, and love each other in imitation of Christ.

Whatever is beautiful

Finding just the right illustrations is always a challenge, given the limited number of available faith-based artwork in the public domain.

“The bishop and I began to think outside the box, and as we explored options, we found a plethora of talented artists sharing their gift by creating religious images,” said Mrs. Alberti.

She and Bishop McKnight set about contacting artists ranging from ages 18 to 80, all over the world.

“I had to use Google Translate to communicate with some of them,” said Mrs. Alberti.

The message of each artwork transcends everything, including language barriers.



This painting, “Baptism of Christ” by Eric Armusik, was featured on Bishop W. Shawn McKnight’s social media channels on Jan. 9.

“How beautiful is it that artwork can connect us in this way?” said Mrs. Alberti. “No matter what language we spoke, we looked at a picture of the Resurrection and all felt the same thing because of our faith.”

She and Bishop McKnight settled on 111 sacred artworks by 40 artists encompassing various cultures and techniques, to feature throughout 2022.

The number 111 appealed to them because of the phrase from Psalm 111.

“It perfectly described what we’re doing, and we tied it to the project,” said Mrs. Alberti.

“We could not be happier with how this project has come together and the amazing artists we have had the blessing of working with,” she said.

The 111 Sacred Works of Art project, like all good art, glorifies God by lifting up His people, who are His own masterpiece.

The diverse array of artists have a common bond: “They are using their gifts to serve God and spread our faith,” said Bishop McKnight. “My heart gives thanks to God for the beautiful works of their hands.”

A time for everything

The timing for posting many of the images is tied to liturgical seasons and feastdays.

On Jan. 9, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Bishop McKnight presented “Baptism of Christ,” a painting by Eric Armusik (armusik.com), which depicts the moment Jesus made the waters of Baptism holy by stepping into them.

One of Bishop McKnight’s online followers, a deacon in the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania, commented that Mr. Armusik’s original painting adorns St. Mary Church in Hamburg.

“He shared that he has pointed to this painting during baptism homilies to emphasize the profoundness of the Father’s love for each of His adopted children in baptism,”

said Mrs. Alberti.

For Jan. 22, the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion-on-demand throughout the United States, Bishop McKnight posted Tianna Wil-

the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you; your walls are ever before me.”

It is an expression of deep



This painting, “I Will Not Forget You” by Tianna Williams, was featured on Bishop W. Shawn McKnight’s social media channels on Jan. 22.

liams’s (sacredartbytianna.com) painting, titled “I Will Not Forget You.”

“All human beings are created in the image and likeness of God,” the bishop stated in the post. “On this Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children, let us join in prayer to protect and respect life at its earliest stage.”

The image’s title comes from Isaiah 49:15-16 — “Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for

emotion and trust in God, painted after Williams’s first miscarriage, in loving memory of all lost babies.

“Followers absolutely loved this image,” Mrs. Alberti stated. “It is just beautiful. The artist poured her heart into it. When you learn that she created this piece of art after her first miscarriage, you can feel the passion, love and pain of each brushstroke.”

Many more of the 111 Sacred Artworks remain to be posted and explored.

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LEFT: Tianna Williams, who painted “I Will Not Forget You,” which was featured on Bishop W. Shawn McKnight’s social media channels on Jan. 22, works on another artwork. RIGHT: Eric Armusik, who painted “Baptism of Christ,” which was featured Jan. 9, displays several of his other works.

Jefferson City St. Peter students learn about the Holocaust, as well as stories of mercy and hope

By Jay Nies

Not even the children were spared.

About 1.5 million of the 6 million Jewish people who are known to have died in the Holocaust in Germany and other Nazi-occupied nations in the 1930s and '40s were children.

"There were kindergarten-age children forced to do adult jobs, some with no clothes to wear," said Adriana Enloe, an eighth-grader at St. Peter Interparish School in Jefferson City.

Adriana and her classmates have been learning about the Holocaust as part of their religion and history classes this year.

The Holocaust, also referred to as the Shoah, refers to the systematic disenfranchisement, deportation and execution of millions of Jewish people by members of the Nazi party in the years leading up to and during World War II.

The St. Peter eighth-graders have been reading a script of a play based on *The Diary of Anne Frank*, a girl who spent 761 days with family and another family in hidden quarters in Amsterdam, Holland.

They were eventually caught and sent to concentration camps, where Anne and most of her family died.

Her diary was eventually found.

Soaring beauty

This year on Jan. 27, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the St. Peter eighth-graders made a promise never to forget.

Their religion teacher, Valerie Jones, told them the story of Terezin, a former German resort town the Nazis turned into a stiffling overcrowded



LEFT: The Butterfly Display created by eighth-graders at St. Peter Interparish School in Jefferson City on Holocaust Remembrance Day includes an image of Holocaust victim Anne Frank, as well as butterflies the students decorated in memory of a Jewish child who was sent to live in a ghetto during the Holocaust and wrote of never getting to see a butterfly again. **RIGHT:** Students study illustrations of individual Holocaust victims.

— Photos provided by St. Peter Interparish School

ghetto for Jewish people.

Many of the people who were sent there kept their sanity by creating art, music, literature and poetry.

They helped the children there create works of great depth and beauty. Copies of the children's writings were hidden and eventually

a Google slide presentation showing the faces of each of the names given to the students.

Then, they shared a moment of silence and a prayer for all who died in the Holocaust and any other genocide.

"They did a lovely job," said Mrs. Jones. "I'm very proud of them."

"God is there"

Mrs. Jones noted that as the Holocaust falls farther into the past, people are beginning to forget or to think it never happened.

found and shared after the war.

One little boy wrote a poem about how he once saw a butterfly without realizing that it would be the last one he would ever see.

Inspired by that poem, the Holocaust Museum in Houston commissioned the creation of 1.5 million butterflies in memory of each of the children who died.

The St. Peter students decorated their own paper butterflies and adorned their school hallway with them.

Like visitors to the Yad Vashem international Holocaust memorial in Israel, each eighth-grader at St. Peter was given the name of a person who died in the Holocaust.

That afternoon, students visited the display, watched



"But as human beings, we need to learn from the mistakes of the past and bear witness to them so that we never repeat them," she said.

She noted that the core of

Catholic social teaching is the dignity of the human person in all stages of life.

"We want that to jell with

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More photos from this event will be posted in *The Catholic Missourian's* online edition, cathmo.com. Select "Photo Galleries" from the "Multimedia" tab on the menu bar.



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worked with case managers to identify the items that were most needed by the mothers.

Then, Paulina Brouder, associate director of the study abroad program, created an online sign-up that fellow "Mizzou Tigers" shared with their various networks.

Ms. Brouder said the sign-ups rolled in quickly.

"It was really heartwarming to see the outpouring of support for this effort," she stated. "Mizzou is a land-grant institution, and we are 'for the people.' Serving our community in this space is just one way we're fulfilling that mission."

Many Mizzou faculty and staff members also signed up to donate items, including cribs, clothes, diapers and more.

"I'm a mother, and I was able to grow into that role with the support of a community of women and men who knew what it was like to care for a tiny human," said Sheri-Marie Harrison, an associate professor of English who donated to the shower.

"I donated to make sure I did my part for another mother in our community who needs this kind of help. It's help that every mother needs," she said.

Right at home

One of the most urgent needs for arriving refugees is a roof over their heads.

Helias Catholic High School is providing a home and all utilities, rent-free, to a family of eight who arrived in Jefferson City Jan. 21.

"We're blessed that we can pick up all the costs on it," said John Knight, president of Helias Catholic. "That's all being done through the generosity of the Helias community, which is just wonderful."

Upon arriving in Jefferson City last July to accept his new role, Mr. Knight found out about some properties the school has acquired in hopes of expanding its footprint someday.

"Early to mid-fall, I read in the (Jefferson City) *News-Tri-*



LEFT: Members of the Contemporary Group at Our Lady of Lourdes Church gather on the sanctuary steps in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Columbia after performing a "Farewell to Christmas" concert. Free-will offerings from the event benefitted Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement. RIGHT: Students from Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek deliver items they collected for resettling refugees.



bune that Catholic Charities would be looking for homes for refugees from Afghanistan," he recalled. "That jumped out at me. We can do this!"

He contacted CCCNMO Executive Director Dan Lester, who later met with Mr. Knight and Martha Means, Catholic Charities' refugee resettlement AmeriCorps VISTA.

"We had the house," said Mr. Knight. "I knew it was not being used. It was in livable condition. In fact, it was in way-better than livable condition."

"So our message was: We would like to give you the house rent-free and we'll pay the utilities," he said. "We want to be a good neighbor, but most importantly, to take care of those who are most in need in the world."

The house needed a new furnace. Catholic Charities and Helias Catholic split the cost for that.

Sister Jean Dietrich of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the school's office administrator and former principal, also serves as Helias Catholic's liaison to Catholic Charities. Taking the lead on this project, she and Helias Catholic Assistant Principal/Activities Director Dwayne Clingman helped acquire and deliver some furniture for the home.

"Sr. Jean reminded me how

when the first members of her congregation arrived here in the 1800s, they worked with a large population of immigrants from Germany," Mr. Knight recalled.

The family includes a father, a mother and six children ranging in age from 2 months to 11 years.

A group of volunteers from First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City is helping the family get settled and acclimated through Catholic Charities Refugee Services' Community Sponsorship Program.

"We're thrilled that the family is settling in with help from them and help from us," Mr. Knight stated.

He said having the family move into a home owned by Helias Catholic makes them "part of our extended family."

"I can't imagine leaving home and waking up the next day in a city in the middle of another country," he stated.

"What they must be experiencing is incomprehensible to me. Which is why I'm so happy that Helias can be part of a welcome that speaks to the fundamentals of our Catholic faith."

Many hands

Parishes and schools in the Jefferson City diocese have pitched in to help in various ways.

For instance, several schools are incorporating care for refugees into their celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

St. Francis Xavier School in Taos and Immaculate Concep-

tion School in Jefferson City are holding a food drive for refugees, based on the Critical Needs List provided by Catholic Charities Refugee Services.

Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City is collecting personal hygiene products for refugees.

Christmas presented another giving opportunity.

Kindergartners at Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek organized a drive during Advent to collect needed items for refugee families.

Members of St. Michael Parish in Russellville collected boxes of donated clothing, diapers and baby items for refugees.

The Student Council at Fr. McCartan Memorial School in Marcelline held a gift card drive for Catholic Charities Refugee Services, to help refugees buy basic necessities.

The Contemporary Group at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia presented a "Farewell to Christmas" concert and Christmas carol sing-along after the Saturday evening Mass on Jan. 8. A free-will offering was taken up to benefit refugee resettlement. People contributed over \$1,800.

Last fall, as the refugees began arriving, students and staff of St. Peter Interparish School in Jefferson City collected and participated in donating over \$1,200 in gift cards for Afghan refugees.

"We greatly appreciate the hard work and generosity people are showing throughout

the diocese," said Mr. Lester. "We love that our parishes and schools are centers of charity and mercy."

In addition, Catholic Charities Refugee Services participated in Columbia's CoMoGives end-of-year giving campaign, collecting \$23,126 in total gifts from 133 supporters.

Samantha Moog, director of Catholic Charities Refugee Services, expressed her gratitude.

"Your support of our work with Afghan refugees, your personal donations, have allowed us at Catholic Charities Refugee Services to stretch our dollars and fund projects and needs quickly," she stated.

"We have resettled an unprecedented number of refugees in the past three months — we'll have helped over 300 people by the end of this year. I just want to say, thank you so much."

For additional assistance with resettlement efforts, the public is encouraged to donate by texting "WelcomeMO" to 91999, giving online at cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give, or mailing a check payable to CCCNMO to PO Box 104626, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4626.

For information about Community Sponsorship of refugees, visit:

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Contributing to this report was Deidra Ashley at the University of Missouri.



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in 10 years," Mr. Hentges recalled.

But with help from generous donors and the Missouri Maternity Home state tax-credit program, SRS bought and renovated a home in Jefferson City and another in Columbia, allowing the organization to provide transitional housing to clients in a community environment.

Mr. Smith noted that SRS's goal has gone from offering transitional housing to providing transformational housing.

A place at the table

Members of the SRS staff help mothers find jobs, obtain college degrees and secure stable housing.

"To qualify for our program, you only need to be a new or expectant mother who needs and wants to be helped," said Mr. Hentges.

"If you're willing to accept our program, our guidance, our coaching, then you'll be able to get to a place where you're able to make it on your own," he said.

The average stay for moms is eight months to a year. For many clients, it's an opportunity to break free from a toxic environment.

"If you're living day-to-day in a crisis, bad decisions are inevitable," said Mr. Smith. "So you come here, relax and then start working toward goals that are more beneficial for you and your baby."

The goal of SRS's faith-based, comprehensive, whole-person curriculum, known as "My Be-YOU-tiful Journey," is for the mothers to be ready to be a parent and run a household.

The SRS staff is taking an increasingly proactive approach to inviting the babies' fathers into the program and active participation in parenting.

"We've always been eager to work with the fathers, but now we're really going to enhance that," said Mr. Hentges.

What immediately struck Mr. Smith about SRS's new facility is the large and functional community kitchen.

"It's beautiful!" he said. "It's a place where everyone in the house can gather around the

table and form community."

"All around," said Mr. Hentges, "this new home will allow us to better facilitate the program, which addresses the whole person — physical, mental and emotional, and most of all, spiritual.

"Our clients will have those opportunities at their fingertips to grow in all three areas," he said.

The new building includes a studio apartment for a nighttime guardian who will look after the residents and help keep them safe.

SRS's clients who do not need housing will spend time at the center taking classes and working on their parenting, job and life skills.

SRS operates an after-hours computer lab for the mothers to work on such things as classwork and filling out job applications.

Plans call for opening a daytime pre-school and evening daycare center near the home, to help the women taking classes and working in the computer lab.

A higher calling

While SRS serves people of all beliefs and backgrounds, it has become more intentional about helping the women grow in their faith, focusing first on stories of Jesus healing people and restoring their dignity and proper place in the community.

"Many of the women we serve come from no faith background at all," Mr. Smith noted. "The majority have never heard the story of Jesus and the Woman at the Well, or of Him forgiving the woman who had been caught in adultery."

"Those stories are synonymous with what we do," said Mr. Hentges. "Jesus is the source of all transformation. And that's what our clients are here for: to be transformed."

The whole SRS staff recognizes that they are doing God's work.

"This is what I'm called to do," said Mr. Hentges. "Sometimes you don't choose your purpose. Your purpose chooses you."

Things in common

Mr. Smith noted that SRS



St. Raymond's Society's future Columbia home includes a large playground. — Photo by Steve Smith

takes the politics out of the pro-life debate by uniting people on both sides behind the task of helping women.

One visitor to SRS who strongly favors access to abortion told Mr. Smith and Mr. Hentges that she was trying to find fault with what they were doing, "but I can't find anything."

SRS has helped nearly 700 women and children in some way.

Testimonies from former clients are astounding.

"St. Raymond's let me know I wasn't alone," one of the program's graduates stated. "I wouldn't trade life right now for anything. I'm happier now than I've been in a long time ... a LONG time!"

Another mother spoke of how SRS helped her get her life and her family back on track.

"They guided me through the dark tunnels when I lost my babies for five months," she stated. "They helped me get them back. They provided me with the tools I needed to succeed in life."

Other former clients, when asked — "What is the most helpful aspect of your time with St. Raymond's?" — answered:

• "Being able to have a place where you weren't worried

about where you were going to stay, so I could have time to manage to get things done."

• "Feeling like there's someone who actually cares."

• "Realizing that God is there for me no matter what."

• "Being my own person and focusing on things I needed to do."

The clients also minister to the SRS staff through their own passion and transformation.

"Everytime they say thank you, it's a validation," said Mr. Hentges.

"And it reminds us that we're all connected," said Mr. Smith.

"When you walk through the struggle with them or celebrate the successes with them, we're one. We're celebrating as a

community."

Means to an end

SRS has raised some of the money to buy the new facility and is conducting a capital campaign to raise the rest of the money by the end of this year.

"Our goal is to be able to pay cash for it," said Mr. Hentges.

SRS donors qualify for recently expanded Missouri tax credits, which could make a big difference on larger donors' tax bill.

"But the people who win the most are Mom and the babies," said Mr. Smith.

Mr. Hentges said the larger building and expanded programs will lead to a growing staff and will open the door to more opportunities for volunteers at SRS.

Visit srshelp.org to learn about volunteering or contributing to the capital campaign, or follow St. Raymond's Society on Facebook.

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been struggling with," she said. "It is the excitement when they come into school and cannot wait to tell you about their weekend, or about a new toy they just got."

She said the money will be a major help to buy things the students use every day, and maybe something a little more special.

"I am incredibly grateful to be working at a Catholic School with tons of loving people," Miss Stockman stated.

St. Francis Xavier first-grade teacher Laura Kempker said she remembers every day that God is Who called her to be a teacher.

"I can't think of a single teacher who answers this call in order to get rich, but when generous donors allow us to feel so appreciated and loved through such an amazing monetary donation, it really warms my heart," she said.

St. Francis Xavier second-grade teacher Courtney Pleus said education is a rewarding job with many blessings, "and this bonus goes above and beyond."

"I truly thank the donors who have given this bonus and have shown their support for all the educators, faculty, and staff of our di-



Faculty and staff members of Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School in Columbia find out about the surprise bonus they and their Catholic school counterparts throughout the Jefferson City diocese were receiving for Catholic Schools Week.

— Photo by Katie Helfer, assistant principal

ocese," she said.

"So deserving"

Julie Clingman, principal of St. Martin School in St. Martins, has been working in Catholic schools in this diocese for 35 years.

"Throughout my tenure I have had the privilege of working alongside some of the most dedicated, joyful and faith-filled educators, and the staff of St. Martin Catholic School is no exception," she said.

She said the educators there believe in giving students the spiritual, academic and emotional tools they

need to get to heaven.

"They also believe that if you happen to love what you are doing and have fun along the way you are doubly blessed!" she said.

Mrs. Clingman said the teachers and staff at St. Martin School are "over the top excited" about the surprise bonus.

"It is heartwarming that their hard work and sacrifices are recognized by others outside those who are intimately entwined in the everyday happenings of the school," she said.

Many of the school's

teachers and staff members are young mothers with children who are in school so to have a "little extra" to help the family is always a blessing.

"However, I hope my staff uses a little of the money to do something extra special just for themselves," she said. "They are so deserving of every good thing God has planned for them."

"We work together"

Rosemary Bardwell, the eighth-grade teacher at St. Martin School who has been teaching for 42 years, said she's very grateful for the surprise bonus.

"We have been working very hard through this pandemic, and it gives us encouragement and hope to continue the Lord's work," she said.

She said she feels blessed to be a part of the St. Martin School community.

"Catholic education is very important to this community," she said. "We work together to spread the love of our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ."

Andrea Benne, who teaches pre-kindergarten at St. Martin School, said she was surprised to receive an email with a link to the video from Bishop McKnight.

"When I opened the email," she said, "the bishop said we once again received a donor who had found it in their heart to show Catho-

lic school teachers just how thankful they were for everything that we do for our students daily, the extra we do to not only educate children for them to be successful academically but the extra we do to help them grow in their faith and love of Christ."

She said receiving such a gesture of gratitude two years in a row has been an extreme blessing in not only her personal life, but for her classroom as well.

She is awaiting the birth of her fifth child in July, and this will help support some of her maternity leave.

"Donations like this and the generosity of others who are willing to do anything they can to help fulfill the wants and needs of my classroom are what make being a part of this Catholic school community so wonderful," she said.

With thanksgiving

Bishop McKnight said it's a blessing to have such generous support for the mission of the Catholic schools and for the people who put that mission into action.

"Our schools are an intrinsic part of the evangelization of our Church," he said. "The future of the Church, to a large degree, depends on the work done in our Catholic schools."

He encouraged everyone in the parishes to remain true to their baptismal call to participate actively, gratefully and generously in the work of their parishes, including Catholic schools.

"This mission belongs to all of us," he said. "There can be no weak links in answering the communal call to discipleship. Only by working together and giving to the best of our ability can we, with God's assistance, accomplish everything He has planned for us."

There are nearly 6,700 students enrolled in the 37 Catholic grade schools and three Catholic high schools in the diocese.

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Cardinal: El Salvador's new martyrs are road map to reconciliation

By Rhina Guidos

Catholic News Service

San Salvador, El Salvador

A Salvadoran cardinal with a front-row seat to the country's violent past said many have forgotten the country's trials and tribulations, including its "fratricidal war," but it's necessary to remember the past if El Salvador is ever to attain peace.

Cardinal Gregorio Rosa Chávez, during a Jan. 22 beatification Mass for the country's four new blessed, challenged Salvadorans to learn about the past through its martyrs.

"We are a martyrial Church, but we are quite passive: We are not fully aware of the treasures that we carry in our earthen vessels," said Cardinal Rosa Chávez, comparing the four new blessed to the gifts God provides, a reference from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Those treasures can be found in the lives of the new blessed, he said in the homily for the beatification of Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande; his sacristan, Manuel Solórzano; lay companion Nelson Rutilio Lemus; and Franciscan Father Cosme Spessotto.

The four were beatified in an outdoor evening ceremony in the capital city of San Salvador.

Cardinal Rosa Chávez re-

called El Salvador's "time of tribulation," the period during and leading up to the country's 1980-1992 civil war.

It didn't produce just violent physical killings, but also other forms of death.

"How thousands of families suffered in the face of slander, defamation and undeserved discredit that made their pain even stronger!" he said. "The tongue, says the word of God, can serve to praise God and can also become homicidal. The kingdom of God is just the opposite: It is light and truth, it is holiness and justice, it is love, justice and peace."

The 79-year-old cardinal, who is the auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of San Salvador, witnessed a world of darkness as a contemporary of St. Oscar Romero, who headed the archdiocese from 1977 to 1980.

He also knew Blessed Grande, who was at one point rector of the country's main seminary, San Jose de la Montaña. The cardinal once met Blessed Spessotto when the Italian missionary based in San Juan Nonualco, in central El Salvador, visited the San Salvador seminary and asked if he could see the wine barrels used to store the country's supply of sacramental wine.

"In our brief chat, he told me that his father was a wine-

grower and that wine is a living organism," he said. "To illustrate it, he reminded me of the words of Jesus: 'To new wine, new wineskins.'"

The cardinal said some have forgotten what El Salvador's great tribulation yielded: "Hatred, revenge, pain, destruction, terror, death, slander." Blessed Spessotto and Blessed Grande shared those "perverse components" with defenseless people, he said.

In life, as in death, they were accused of being communists, of being armed, and that's how some justified their killing.

Blessed Grande and companions were killed March 12, 1977, on their way to a novena; Blessed Spessotto was praying and getting ready for Mass when he was shot point-blank inside his church. Both priests had been ardent critics

of abuses, killings and injustices against the poor. Like with most crimes in El Salvador, no one has ever been brought to justice.

To their killers, the cardinal issued a message.

"We want to tell you, criminal brothers, that we love you and that we ask God for repentance for your hearts, because the church is not capable of hating, it has no enemies," the cardinal said. "The church's only enemies are those who declare themselves so."

The new blessed, he said, "Rutilio, Manuel, Nelson and Cosme, give names to all the innocent victims offered on the sacrilegious altar of the idols of power, pleasure and money."

But they can become powerful examples, a "road map" — that began with El Salvador's 1992 peace accords —

toward a country of reconciliation, one where justice, peace and solidarity reign.

"The martyrs that we venerate today, that is what they did: They continued the work of Jesus, announcing the kingdom and making it present during 30 years of humble shepherding, as Fray Cosme Spessotto did; or in the ministry of Father Rutilio, both in his work as a teacher to priests and his contact with the harsh reality of the peasants and the marginalized."

Cardinal Rosa Chávez said it was a matter of urgency to recover that historical memory.

"I ask the Lord that this celebration will awaken us and set us toward the path," he said. "Memory will lead us to fidelity, that is, to the path of holiness."

REMEMBRANCE

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the students," she said, "so that hopefully, they'll bear witness and speak up and stand up for people."

It's been life-changing.

"It made me view the Holocaust differently — how bad it actually was," said eighth-grader Joey Jones. "I'll definitely stand up against things like this and try not to let them happen."

"Our generation needs to know that this really did happen and learn from it," said Adriana. "I don't want such a horrible thing to ever happen again."

Joey said it gives him chills to think of how long Anne Frank and her family spent in hiding, always wondering if they would ever be safe again.

"I can't imagine what that would be like," he said.

The students have also read about other children who died in acts of genocide in recent history.

Mrs. Jones said she's proud of her students' reactions and level of engagement in these lessons.

She acknowledged that sometimes, words can't do justice to the reality of human suffering.

"We simply cannot put it all

into perspective, but we try," she said. "And we know that in all of it, God is there. He never leaves us."

She said the butterfly display in school is both a reminder of something horrific and a testament to hope.

"We can never forget, but we must never get trapped in a cycle of hate," she stated.

The students also learned about people who survived the Holocaust and eventually realized that they could not move

forward without the hope that comes with offering forgiveness.

Mrs. Jones pointed to one of the last things Anne Frank wrote in her diary: "In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart."

"I take great consolation in that," the teacher stated. "We're made in God's image, and God is love. So I have high hopes for us not repeating these sins of the past."

VIGIL

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"The true voice of the Church was only to be found within the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception last evening," Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory of Washington said in a Jan. 21 statement "There, people prayed and offered the Eucharist asking God to restore a true reverence for all human life. Those whose antics projected words on the outside of the church building demonstrated by those pranks that they really are external to the church and they did so at night — John 13:30."

The cited Scripture passage — "So he took the morsel and left at once. And it was night" — refers to the very betrayal of Christ Himself by Judas Iscariot. Indeed, it is not Catholics who have had abortions who are betrayed by the Church, but groups like "Catholics for Choice" that betray not only the Church but the God Who commands His children not to kill. Thankfully, the same merciful Son that brings peace to the former can offer the same to the latter, should they but have the humility to ask.

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By Father Don Antweiler

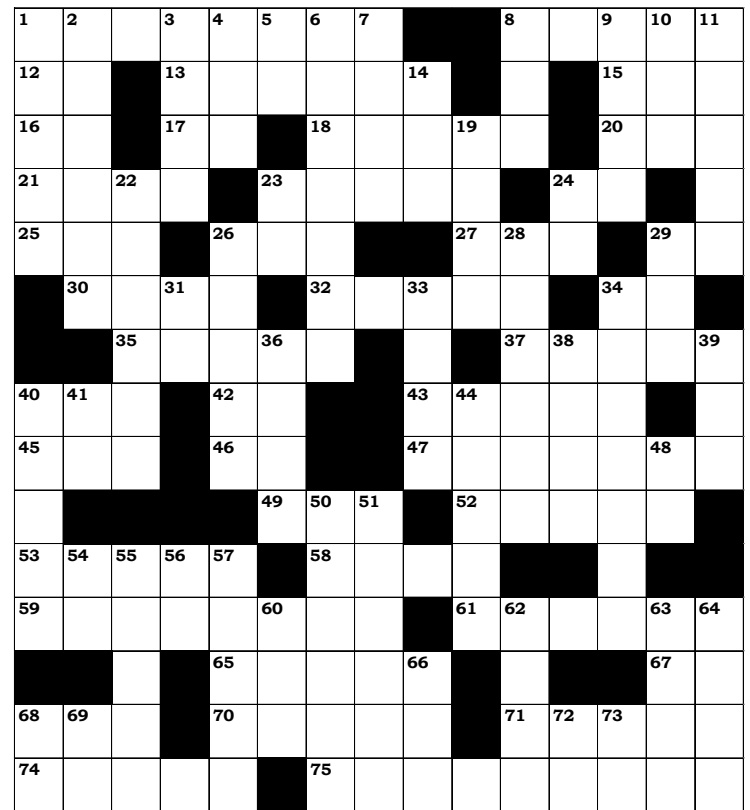
ACROSS

1. A former Union cavalryman and Mo. ____ General, Thomas Crittenden was elected Mo. Governor in 1880. Personally, it would be a difficult time for them and their youngest child and only daughter Carrie.
8. There was great relief when in Oct. of 1882 Frank James, Jesse's brother, turned himself in. The Crittendens were among the hundreds who visited the outlaw in his Jeff. City ____ room before he was taken away for trial.
12. In a dog show, short for the Lhasa Apso, originally from Tibet.
13. 7-yr.-old Carrie Crittenden often played on the lawn of the Governor's Mansion. Factions of the James gang threatened to harm the Governor's family or ____ his daughter.
15. Many in Hollywood seem to have a big one.
16. 8 of these follow "Fa" in a Christmas song.
17. I was placed on the ____ Hoc committee.
18. "...he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like ____ of blood," (Luke 22:44).
20. Only weeks after Frank James's surrender, Carrie was struck down, not by an outlaw's hand, but by the dreaded disease diphtheria at the ____ of nine.
21. "Up up and ____"; hit song by the 5th Dimension, 1967, the year they amassed 5 different Grammy Awards.
23. During this time, Jesse James was murdered in St. Joseph, Mo. for the reward ____ in April of 1882.
24. "____ the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live," —"Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World," St. John Paul II, 1986.
25. "____ Haw"; country music comedy TV show; first aired in 1969 and still on the air even today in syndication and reruns.
26. Mountain ____; caffeine charged citrus soft drink.
27. 2020 was the year of the ____ in the Chinese zodiac. The next year this occurs is 2032.
29. Letters on a vessel which originally indicated it to be a steamship.
30. Through this time a heavily armed mentally unstable coal miner forced his way through the Mansion's front _____. Mrs. Crittenden quietly and quickly alerted the town marshal to arrest him. His intentions were never clear.
32. ____ at your own risk!
34. This State is one of only two in the U.S. that has an official State grape (abbr.).
35. *The ____*, a 3,000-year-old epic by Homer, is considered the greatest war story of all time and one of the most important works of Western literature.
37. "...the faithful shall ____ with him in love," (Wisdom 3:9).
40. Wildebeest.
42. Pope Paul ____ courageously bore the brunt of implementing Vatican II.
43. A brand of cling wrap for food.
45. Clark or Rogers.
46. Bradley or Sullivan.
47. Quiet down! You're ____ the children!
49. Letters for outgoing airline flights.
52. When the Crittendens left the Mansion in 1885, the Governor asked for ____ from what had been Carrie's bedroom. He offered to pay any price or to replace them. His political opponents squashed the request.
53. European currency.
58. What fell on the ark for forty days and nights.
59. Inspired by Carrie Crittenden, the Mo. Children's ____, topped by a statue of a playing child, was installed on the east front lawn of the Gov.'s Mansion, where Carrie used to play, by Jean Carnahan in 1996.
61. One of the seven dwarfs.
65. "Since arms avail not now

- that Henry's dead. Posterity, ____ for wretched years..." —*Henry VI*, Part I, Shakespeare.
67. Abbr. for "in other words."
68. One of the Testaments.
70. The British ____ consist of Great Britain, Ireland, and over 6,000 smaller islands.
71. Insurance giant.
74. If I were the last ____ the world, I'll bet you would date me! (2 wds.)
75. One who belittles and lies about another to injure their reputation, an offense at least against the 8th commandment among others.

DOWN

1. God, to a follower of Islam.
2. The ice on the pond ____ just a little too much for us to ice skate.
3. Satisfactory but not exceptional.
4. Gov. Crittenden was determined to ____ Mo. of the nickname "The Outlaw State." He offered a \$5,000 reward for the capture of the outlaws.
5. Letters perhaps on the sweatshirt of a Notre Dame student.
6. "...to the various expert workmen whom I have ____ with skill, you shall give instructions..." (Exodus 28:3).
7. A tall tale spun by a storytelling old salt perhaps.
8. Part of HMS on the side of an English vessel.
9. Earl Grey and Lipton.
10. "Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an ____?" (Luke 11:12).
11. A very fertile and rich yellowish-brown soil.
14. Edgar Allan ____; considered the father of fictional detective stories.
19. When a Viking chieftain died, frequently his body was put on his own ship which was then set ablaze and served as his funeral ____.
22. The vowels.
23. Moi in New York.
24. Grandpa told his grandkids that ____ one time in the past, the pictures on a TV screen were only in black & white. They thought he was kidding.
26. During the threats, Carrie's best friend, African-Am. Dave Glenn, mansion but-



- ler and coachman, also became her bodyguard. Carrie's last words were, "____ on, Dave, I see the angels."
28. Mountain that Noah's ark came to rest upon as the waters receded (see Genesis 8:4).
29. Carrie was buried at Jeff. City's Woodlawn cemetery. The burial site was lost and forgotten until 100 years later her ____-covered grave was re-discovered and a new marker was installed by Friends of the Governor's Mansion.
31. "____' Man River" was a song from the musical "Showboat."
33. He was ready to ____ his hat into the ring and begin campaigning.
34. He could only get a job that paid ____ wage.
36. Paid assistant.
38. He didn't embellish or exaggerate. He simply presented the ____ facts.
39. Heart test.
40. Gov. Crittenden, to cope with his ____ over the death of his daughter, wrote a ballad called "My Child." Mrs. Crittenden immersed herself in charitable work.
41. Too often this is the first word a little child learns to use and use often.
44. Despite her misgivings she was ____ every one of her exams.
48. The Norfolk Southern (____) RR is a major cargo carrier in the U.S.
50. "...rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various ____," (1 Peter 1:6).
51. Prophet who famously found himself in a lion's den; 34th book of the Bible.
54. Univ. in the Sooner State (abbr.).
55. Young king David's complexion (1 Samuel 16:12).
56. ____ second thought...
57. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception declares that Mary was conceived without the ____ of original sin —*Catechism of the Cath. Ch.*; #491; Pope Pius IX; 1854.
60. Letters for Amazon Web Services, an Amazon subsidiary providing on-demand cloud computing platforms.
62. "Long and Winding ____"; the Beatles; song from their 1970 "Let It Be" album.
63. We always get a live tree for Christmas, either cedar or ____.
64. Good ____ Tire company has a fleet of three blimps for advertising and aerial views of sports events.
66. Airport screening group (abbr.).
68. Bashon king (Numbers 21:33).
69. Blue Tiger univ. (abbr.)
72. Twin letters after employ or attend.
73. Mount Rushmore face (abbr.).

ANSWERS on page 23

Cathedral parishioner makes temporary altar, pulpit

By Jay Nies

A common theme in the Old Testament is the building of an altar of thanksgiving for God's infinite fidelity.

Even on sojourn, even in exile, God's people built Him altars of sacrifice from the earthly materials He provided.

So it is for the people of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City, who are worshipping in temporary quarters this year while the Cathedral is being renovated.

They needed an altar for Mass, and God sent parishioner Clarence Koenigsfeld to build it.

More specifically, Father Louis Nelen, the pastor, asked him on God's behalf.

"It's like building a different type of a cabinet," stated Mr. Koenigsfeld, proprietor and chief carpenter of Toby's Cabinet Shop in Jefferson City, who built the moveable altar and pulpit for Masses in the St. Joseph School gym.

The 30-by-60-inch altar is fashioned of raised panels on all sides.

The matching pulpit is embellished with an inlaid cross of darker wood.

The altar and pulpit have wheels so they can be easily moved.



Cathedral of St. Joseph parishioner Clarence Koenigsfeld's cabinet company made the temporary altar and pulpit for use while the Cathedral is being renovated this year.

— Photo by Jane Verry

It was ecumenical work. Mr. Koenigsfeld said an employee who is Lutheran helped with the work.

"We built it here at the

shop," said Mr. Koenigsfeld. "It took a couple of days."

Fr. Nelen said he plans to move the altar to the Cathedral Undercroft after renova-

tions to that space are completed later this year.

Sunday Masses will then be celebrated in the Undercroft until the main part of the Cathedral is completed about a year from now.

"Of course, we're looking forward to being back in the Cathedral for Mass and using the beautiful new altar that's being built for it," Fr. Nelen noted.

"But this is beautiful, too, and we extend a huge thank-you to Clarence Koenigsfeld and Toby's Cabinet Shop for building it," he said.

PROMISE

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state's history.

"Part of a journey"

Dr. Kremer views history through the lens of his own personal experiences as a participant, as he believes all Missourians should do.

He originally thought about becoming a social worker in order to help make a troubled world better.

He settled on becoming a historian because it helped him understand the world

around him.

"That has been a lifelong journey for me," he said, "one that continues to this day."

His stated goal for *This Place of Promise* is to shed light on certain shared experiences that over the course of 200 years help to explain who Missouri and Missourians are today.

"I never intended this to be a definitive, comprehensive history of Missouri," he said. "That would be a huge task and beyond my abilities in a 300-page work. I wanted to do something simpler and more reflective."

He points to threads that have run through Missouri's history since its pre-statehood days, such as difficult race relations, distrust of federal authority, and the great divide between urban and rural interests.

"It's not always positive, because history is messy," he said.

"In that regard, it's not a celebratory book. I didn't write it just to make people feel good.

"It's not a destination," he insisted. "It's part of a journey."

Shifting anchors

Missouri was once an epicenter for economic and population growth. A hundred years ago, St. Louis was the fourth-largest city in the nation, and Missouri was the fifth-largest state in the Union.

"In some ways, our first century of statehood was much more promising than the second," Dr. Kremer asserted, pointing to such metrics as relative average life expectancy, support for education, and incidence of incarceration.

Nonetheless, he still believes in the promise of Missouri.

"I like to think we're going to use this third century to figure out our history and how to get back on track," he said.

The book's final chapter includes a candid inventory of challenges the state must address in order to fulfill its promise, in areas such as education, economics, poverty and child welfare, and gun violence.

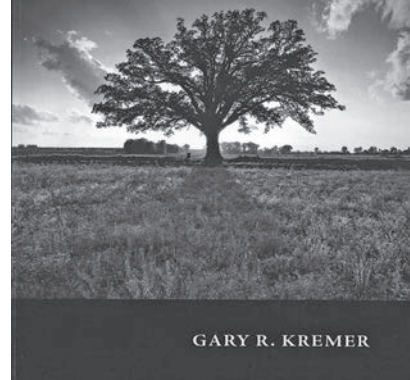
Dr. Kremer writes of the

21st-century decline of church membership across all denom-

that function in ways they once did," he said. "Which is worrisome to me."

This Place of Promise

A Historian's Perspective on 200 Years of Missouri History



GARY R. KREMER

inations, a phenomenon not at all unique to Missouri.

He addresses the abuse scandal by clergy in the Catholic Church.

A one-time student of the Jefferson City diocese's former high school seminary, he shares of his own sad reaction to the school's closing 20 years ago this summer, amid revelations of sex abuse that had taken place there in the past.

"I write about this as part of a larger point that many of the societal anchors we used to look to in order to give our lives meaning no longer serve

"Exalted destiny"
Dr. Kremer wants everyone who reads *This Place of Promise* to do so with an open mind and in the spirit in which it was written: as a search for truth and understanding.

He hopes readers will begin to explore their own personal history and come to an understanding of what historical forces have shaped them.

"I hope the book inspires some introspection, reflection, self-study and analysis," he said. "I'd like to think that if it does, we would all appreciate and understand each other better."

"Understanding is a great gift," he stated. "It's a great mercy."

He's cautiously optimistic that Missouri's third century could be its best so far.

"This place of promise, our Missouri, the heart of the heart of the nation, can still be a beacon of light for the rest of the country," he wrote in the book.

"Perhaps that is our real 'exalted destiny,' one for which both time and history have prepared us."

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Fundraisers & Social Events

Feb. 4
Westphalia, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm

Jan. 30-Feb. 5
St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish online silent auction, on Facebook search "St. Thomas the Apostle Church"

Feb. 5 #12992 Annual 50/50 Super Raffle

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish "Virtual Winter Fantasy," 6:30 pm, on Facebook search "St. Thomas the Apostle Church"

Feb. 6
Argyle, Argyle/Koeltztown Fire Department drive-thru breakfast, 7:30-11:30 am, K of C hall

Feb. 9
Jefferson City, K of C Council

Feb. 12
Kirksville, Mary Immaculate Parish sweetheart dinner, 6-10 pm, White Oaks Barn (23255 MO-11)

Monroe City, Holy Rosary PTO "Lucky Hearts" event, 6:30 pm-midnight, K of C Hall

Feb. 13
Belle, St. Alexander Parish

breakfast, 7-11 am
St. Anthony, K of C breakfast, 7:30-11:30 am

Feb. 18
Westphalia, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm

Feb. 19
Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake Parish trivia night to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center, 6 pm, Bestgen Hall
Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul Parish ham & bean dinner for vocations, 11 am-7pm, St. Patrick Chapel basement

Feb. 20
Freeburg, K of C country ham breakfast, 6:30-11 am, Holy Family School cafeteria

Feb. 25
St. Clement, K of C & Ladies Sodality drive-thru chicken dinner, 3:30-7:30 pm

Feb. 26
Moberly, St. Pius X School Redono, 5 pm-midnight
Rolla, St. Patrick Home & School trivia night, 7-10 pm, parish hall

Meetings/ Workshops

Feb. 7
VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 pm, to RSVP email MidMoN-FP@gmail.com

Feb. 12
Columbia, Diocesan schools career fair, 9-11 am, Parkade Plaza

Feb. 19
VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 am, to RSVP email MidMoN-FP@gmail.com

Feb. 23
Jefferson City, DRE & Youth Minister Spring 2022 Workshop, 9:30 am-2 pm, Chancery Office, to register visit diojeffcity.org/registration-workshops/

Feb. 26
Columbia, Cursillo Grand Reunion, 9:30 am-4 pm, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo

Faith Formation

Feb. 8, 15 & 22
Jefferson City, "Cookies, Coffee & Catholicism," featuring Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series, 6:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall

Health & Wellness

Feb. 17
Meta, Blood drive, 2-6 pm, Citizen's Civic League

MARCH

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and said she was proud she had an abortion," the students stated. "He said he talked with her for about 10 minutes and respected her honesty, but also told her his reasons for being pro-life."

The students thought about what they can do now to help pregnant women who are in a crisis say yes to life for their babies.

"You can remind them that there are people and organizations that are there to help them with their pregnancy and that adoption is an option," the students answered.

They noted that they could also help raise money to assist the mothers and, of course, pray for them.

When asked to consider how they might respond to someone who says a woman's choice to have an abortion is none of their business, the

eighth-graders responded: "It is the baby's business, and God has a plan for all of His children. We need to remind them that no child is a choice."

They said that if a friend ever confides to any of them that she is pregnant and does not know what to do, they would offer to help her in any way they can, and would put them in touch with people in the Church and the larger community who can help.

Mindful that being pro-life is a 365-day-a-year commitment that begins and ends with prayer, the students suggested praying for all pregnant women to choose life, and for all leaders to open their eyes to the reality of abortion.

"We should pray for the mother, the father and the baby, and we should pray for an end to abortion," they stated.

WILLIAMS

From page 9

African American sisterhood and helped to guide the community in their continued efforts to rebuild following Hurricane Katrina.

Those who knew Sister Greta would tell you she never sought the spotlight or ambitiously pursued leadership roles. Yet, she shined in those positions, leaving an indelible mark on the church and epitomizing the meaning of servant leadership.

I first met Sister Greta in 2015 at the funeral Mass for Father Cyprian Davis at St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana. I introduced myself as the historian writing the book on Black nuns in the United States who had visited her order's archive in 2009.

One year later, Sister Greta, as a member of the planning committee of annual meeting of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious invited me to speak at the Atlanta gathering. Without her help, I am not sure I would have been able to make the connections and secure the archival access needed to finish my book.

We met again in 2016 in New Orleans before Sister Greta's cancer diagnosis. During my stay at the Holy Family motherhouse, I finally interviewed her. Afterward, she took me out to dinner and on a tour of her beloved Lower Ninth Ward. On our way, I witnessed what I consider to be the most important dimension of Sister Greta's moral leadership.

En route to the restaurant, Sister Greta and I saw a man attempting to force a screaming and resisting adolescent girl into his car.

Without hesitation, Sister Greta, who was wearing her veil, stopped her vehicle and prepared to take action. I quickly searched the car for something with which to fight the girl's perceived attacker and protect Sister Greta, if necessary.

While the situation was resolved without any violence, I still recall how Sister Greta's bravery and unflinching readiness to help this child emboldened me to act as well.

Sister Greta never used the word femi-

nist or womanist to describe herself in our conversations. Yet, when confronted with a potential attack on a native daughter of New Orleans, Sister Greta did not hesitate to intervene and protect her, and I have never forgotten it.

As the 21st century progresses, it pains me that the church will lose the last generation of African American sisters who grew up during Jim Crow and fought to dismantle some of the nation's most difficult racial and gender barriers.

These women carry the stories and faithfulness of generations of Black Catholics who made a way out of absolutely no way in their racially segregated and white-dominated church.

Sister Greta's instinct to defend Black girlhood and innocence was rooted firmly in the intellectual, educational and spiritual traditions of her historically African American sisterhood and their ministry to society's most vulnerable.

When I last saw Sister Greta in 2018, shortly after her illness forced her to step

down from congregational leadership, she was all smiles and encouragement. That is the Sister Greta that I will remember -- fearless and grace-filled in the face of an uncertain future.

While there is much more to say about Sister Mary Greta Jupiter, right now, I want to be sure that the church knows that she existed and lived a tremendous life of service, leadership and courage.

The Catholic Church is so much better because Sister Greta answered God's call, and I remain ever grateful that I can count myself among those fortunate enough to have experienced a piece of her grace.

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Anniversaries

Argyle, St. Aloysius
Terry & Georgia Brunnert, 56 years

Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels
Don & Marietta Brune, 49 years

Folk, St. Anthony of Padua
Raymond & Diane Morgan, 39 years
Dennis & Lisa Temmen, 33 years

Jonesburg, St. Patrick
John & Nancy Cobb, 51 years
Josh & Sara Johnson, 18 years
Brad & Julie Ellis, 17 years

Kirkville, Mary Immaculate
Charles Lemley & Margaret Wilson, 34 years
Michael & Melissa Grgurich, 22 years

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows
Jim & Mary Alice Schulte, 62 years

Milan, St. Mary
Bill & Teresa Blair, 40 years
Roman Bahena & Josefina Pineda, 36 years

Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception
Tom & Margo Nichols, 53 years
Dennis & Michelle Allen, 31 years

Palmyra, St. Joseph
John & Jean Buckman, 57 years
Gary & Lenore Singleton, 52 years
David & Gable Lewis, 38 years
Kent & Vaness Rupp, 37 years
Paul & Deana Quinn, 10 years

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick
John & Cathy Brennan, 33 years

Baptisms

Canton, St. Joseph — **Presley June Gunsauls**, daughter of Henry & Abigail Gunsauls

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Bauer Bollinger, Michael Roberts, Patrick Roberts**

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Sadie Danielle Phillips**, daughter of James & Jodie Phillips

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Vladimir Ryder Patino**, son of Gustavo & Anastasia Patino

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake — **Cruz Nelson Delaney Spears**

Marshall, St. Peter — **Kalani Torres Garcia, Angel Diaz Hernandez**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Noah and Everlin Hayes**, children of Joseph & Sarah Hayes

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Emelyn Delores Bruemmer**, daughter of Kurt & Liz Bruemmer

Marriages

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Ryann Gildersleeve & Jacob Kampeter, Madeline Arnold & Cole Howerton**

Elections

Camdenton, St. Anthony — **Aubree Gredell, Bryan Lazar, Patti Raithel**, to the Parish Pastoral Council

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Trish Savage**, president; **Elizabeth "Tizzie" O'Connell**, secretary, of the Women of Lourdes Ministry

Kahoka & St. Patrick, Pastoral Council of the Catholic Community of Clark County — **Bruce Uhlmeyer**, president; **Cody Maples**, vice president; **Gloria Allen**, secretary

Birthdays

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Zita Tappel**, her 97th on Jan. 30; **Mary Wieberg**, her 91st on Feb. 3

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Alma Koetting**, her 99th on Feb. 15

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Agatha Haselhorst**, her 99th on Feb. 5

Confirmations

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Kristen Jones, Taylor Jones**, on Jan. 8

Deaths

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Irl M. Lutz, Gary Vollmer**

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Victor Speichinger**

Camdenton, St. Anthony — **Rich Hodits**

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Harold A. Veltrop**

Ewing, Queen of Peace — **Charles H. Peacock**

Folks, St. Anthony of Padua — **Franklin D. Baumhoer, Mary L. Heckman**

Hannibal, Holy Family — **Billy Nemes**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Evelyn Maxey**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Barbara A. Germann, Patricia A. Schulte, Robert J. Wisch**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Janet V. Schiller, Steven A. "Sandy" Strope**

Kirkville, Mary Immaculate — **Cathy Kelly**

Laurie, St. Patrick — **Dennis K. Dorman, Mary F. "Fran" Hreha**

Linn, St. George — **Ronald J. Peters**

Mexico, St. Brendan — **Sue Benus**

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Dr. Frank Applegate, Charles H. Fulks, William Riffel**

Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception — **Diane E. Happe**

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Roger G. Heckemeyer**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Alma Boeckman**

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Martha Schneider**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Arthur J. Borgmeyer, William Labus**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Betty Nau, Jim Monks, Catherine E. Reven**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Gloria J. Abbott**

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Rita M. Bax**

DEFICIT

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think it will amount to more than 37 million," he said. "The decrease in 2021 is in addition to the 23% decrease between 2015 and 2019 and the 18% decrease in 2020, the first year of the pandemic."

Peter's Pence is a papal fund used for charity, but also to support the running of the Roman Curia and Vatican embassies around the world. The collection for the fund occurs each year around June 29, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Fr. Guerrero also confirmed to Vatican News that a buyer has been found for the property on Sloane Avenue in London's posh Chelsea district that is at the heart of a Vatican trial for 10 peo-

ple, including Cardinal Angelo Becciu, accused of financial malfeasance.

The Financial Times had reported in November that the Vatican was in the final stages of a deal to sell the property for the equivalent of more than \$270 million, which would mean it would lose as much as \$135 million on the property.

Fr. Guerrero did not provide exact figures but acknowledged there was a loss.

"The contract of sale has been signed, we have received 10% of the deposit and it (the sale) will be concluded in June," he said. "The loss from the alleged swindle, which has been much talked about and is now being judged by the Vatican courts, was already taken into account in the balance sheet. The building has been sold above the valuation we had in the balance sheet and the appraisal made by the specialized institutions."



Eighth-graders from Holy Family School in Freeburg display their banner containing a quote from *Horton Hears A Who*, during the 2022 March for Life in Washington, D.C.

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@di-joeffcity.org or mailed to *The Catholic Missourian*, 2207 West Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109-0914.

Crossword puzzle answers

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Come aside and rest awhile



The Trailblazers boys' varsity basketball team of Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia stop at the burial place of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton in St. Peter Cemetery during a Jan. 23 visit to Quincy, Illinois. — Photo from the Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School Facebook page

Anchors aweigh!



LEFT: Fifth- through eighth-graders at Fr. McCartan Memorial School in Marceline kick back after visiting the local food pantry on Feb. 2, during Catholic Schools Week.

— Photo from the Fr. McCartan Memorial School Facebook page

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RIGHT: Wearing paper crowns, students of St. Clement School in St. Clement are saying aloud: "Jesus is King!"

— Photo by Father Henry Ussher, pastor

The first 100 days



Pre-kindergarten children at Immaculate Conception School in Macon celebrate their 100th day of school a little early on Feb. 1. Festivities included 100 "Froot Loops," 100 stickers and an assortment of party hats and noisemakers.

— Photo from the Immaculate Conception School Facebook page

Baby talk



Sixth-graders at St. George School in Hermann display some of the more than 232 items people donated to their Diaper Plus Drive in January to help families in need through Birthright of Hermann.

— Photo from the St. George Catholic School - Hermann, MO Facebook page

King of Kings



Peter recognizes that Jesus is the Messiah

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

Jesus was traveling to different communities with the apostles, teaching people about God and healing them.

One day, He was speaking to a crowd of about 4,000. The crowd had been with Jesus for three days and had nothing to eat.

“My heart is moved with pity for the crowd,” he said. “If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will collapse on the way, and some of them have come a great distance.”

Jesus took seven loaves of bread and a few fish, blessed the food and fed the crowd until they were satisfied. There were even seven baskets of scraps left over.

In another place Jesus and His friends traveled, the Pharisees wanted to test Jesus by demanding a sign from heaven.

Jesus sighed deeply.

“Why does this generation seek a sign? Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation,” he said.



As Jesus and His friends prepared to travel to another place, He gave them a warning.

“Watch out, guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod,” He said.

When the friends came to Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus and begged for Jesus to touch him.

Jesus took the man by the hand and led him outside the village.

He put spittle on the man’s

eyes and laid His hands on the man.

“Do you see anything?” Jesus asked.

“I see people looking like trees and walking,” the man replied.

Jesus laid His hands on the man’s eyes a second time.

His vision was restored, and he could see everything distinctly.

Afterward, Jesus and the apostles set out for the villages

of Caesarea Philippi.

Along the way, Jesus asked His friends a question.

“Who do people say that I am?” he asked.

“John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets,” they said.

“But who do you say that I am?” Jesus wanted to know.

“You are the Christ,” Peter said.

Jesus then warned His

friends not to tell anyone about Him.

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.

Read more about it...

Mark 8

1. Who did Jesus heal?
2. Who did Peter say Jesus was?

Bible Accent

Peter was not the first person to recognize that Jesus was the Messiah.

In Luke 2:22, we read that when Jesus was an infant, Mary and Joseph took Him to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God and make a sacrifice.

This fulfilled what is writ-

ten in the law: “Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord” and to offer the sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon who was righteous and devout, and the Holy Spirit was with him.

The Spirit had revealed to him that he would not see death until he had seen the Messiah.

Simeon came to the Temple, filled with the Holy Spirit, on the same day as Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

When Simeon saw Jesus, he took the Infant into his arms and blessed God.

“Now, Master, You may let Your servant go in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and glory for Your people Israel,” he said.

Puzzle

Using the hints provided, put a T next to the sentences that are true and an F next to the ones that are false.



1. ___ Jesus said He’d be ashamed of those who are ashamed of Him. (Mark 8:38)
2. ___ Jesus said that those who seek to save their lives will do so successfully. (Mark 8:35)
3. ___ Jesus foretold His suffering and death, and Peter rebuked Him. (Mark 8:31-32)
4. ___ Jesus told Peter that He thought just like God. (Mark 8:33)



Answers: 1. T, 2. F, 3. T, 4. F.

Essay

Describe a time when someone asked you to wait before being allowed to share important information with others.

Saint Spotlight



St. Oswald lived in the 10th century and was descended from a Danish military family. He was educated by his uncle, the archbishop of Canterbury, England. He served as a canon, then as a priest and dean, at Winchester Cathedral. He continued his studies in France and became a Benedictine. In 961, he was named bishop of Worcester, England, where he founded monasteries, promoted scholarship and established a great musical tradition. Oswald was devoted to the poor and revered for his sanctity. He died in 992 after washing and kissing the feet of 12 poor men, which was his annual Lenten custom. We remember him on Feb. 28.

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Author calls for greater respect of human dignity in health care

Losing Our Dignity: How Secularized Medicine Is Undermining Fundamental Human Equality, by Charles C. Camosy. New City Press (Hyde Park, New York, 2021). 224 pp., \$22.95.

Reviewed by Kurt Jensen
Catholic News Service

I had occasion recently to sign my own “do not resuscitate” directive before surgery.

All very standard, I was assured. A friendly member of the hospital staff thrust it my way, told me what it was and I signed it without reading any of it. (Who reads anything in an emergency room before the anesthesia kicks in?)

I had no time to think about whether the people involved in making such a momentous decision were moral or had my best interests at heart, and events all turned out happily, anyway, as they quite often do.

Charles C. Camosy, an associate professor of ethics at Fordham University, covers some of that ground in his thought-provoking *Losing Our Dignity*, in which he argues for a more compassionate health care system based on respect for human dignity.

Medical decisions, he observes, have been warped by “deeply secularized and irreligious forces.”

This includes more protection for disabled patients marginalized when they’re determined to be in a vegetative state, the unborn and those suffering from neurodegenera-

tive disease and dementia.

This is an essential read for anyone put in the position, however reluctantly, of being the family caretaker. Camosy seeks to bring hope as well as comfort, and he makes an intelligent, trenchant argument for keeping one’s moral decisions intact and without compromise.

Observing what few have in decades — that the Supreme Court’s 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion on demand, had more to do with protecting the liability of doctors rather than the health of the mother — Camosy concludes, “The authority of medicine and of physicians, along with a concern to protect them from prosecution, cannot be overstated as motivating factors.”

As for late-stage dementia patients, he concludes, “We have put ourselves on a cultural trajectory which leads naturally and logically to claiming that millions of human beings with a profound intellectual disability do not have fundamental equality with the rest of us.”

Camosy does more than outlining the problems. Taking a conversational tone, he outlines some strategies “for turning the cultural tide.” Most of these have to do with accepting personal responsibility, including making “choices about housing, debt and living situations that allow us to care for our parents or other older family members.”

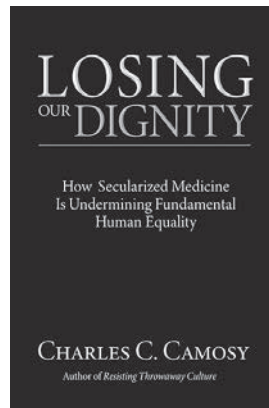
Better funding of nursing homes, he argues, will enable the hiring of “more health care providers who have the time and incentive to respect the dignity of their patients.”

Finally, Camosy asserts, “Can we stop being embarrassed about our religious beliefs in public contexts and respectfully but firmly request an equal seat at the table of dialogue? Can we look for overlapping consensus, but refuse to translate our views (using someone else’s moral language) into a milquetoast version of what we actually believe in our hearts?”



Now, he argues, “is not the time to be arrogant and dismissive, but it also not a time to be hesitant and timid.”

Also of interest: Handbook for Health Care Ethics Committees, Third Edition, by Linda Farber Post and Jeffrey Blustein. Johns Hopkins University Press (Baltimore, 2021). 488 pp., \$64.95.

Jensen has reviewed movies and books for Catholic News Service since 2007.



Movie Ratings

 Adults and Adolescents	American Underdog (PG) Hotel Transylvania: Transformania (PG) Sing 2 (PG)
 Adults	The Matrix Resurrections (R) Munich: The Edge of War (PG-13) The 355 (PG-13)
 Morally Offensive	Scream (R)

Ratings are supplied by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Film and Broadcasting Office. Visit www.usccb.org for current reviews.

From one shepherd to another: A Salvadoran bishop honors St. Romero in book

By Rhina Guidos
Catholic News Service
San Salvador, El Salvador

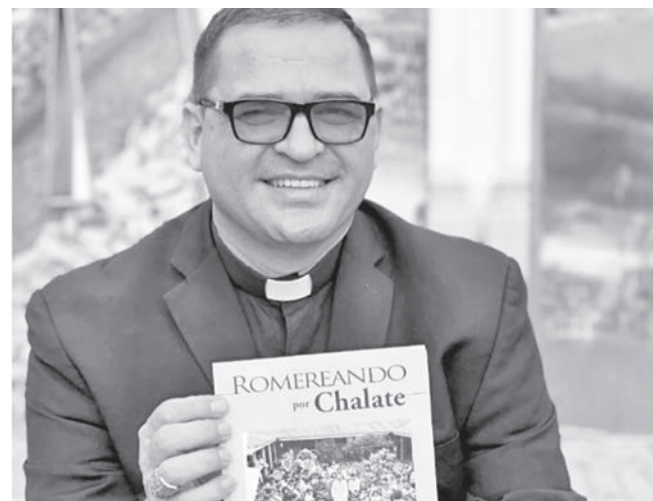
As a child, he frequently listened to the pastor’s homilies on the radio and was enraptured by the voice of the archbishop.

“Before I was a priest — and after I became a priest — I said ‘when he’s canonized, I want to go,’” recalled Bishop Oswaldo Escobar about his early conviction that then-Archbishop Oscar Romero, who often visited northern El Salvador, was a saint.

The bishop said he has read every homily, every diary entry and can recite St. Romero’s most notable words by heart.

Decades later, Bishop Escobar said he continues to be inspired by St. Romero, this time because of the stories he keeps hearing in the region of Chalatenango, where Bishop Escobar was born. It was part of the Archdiocese of San Salvador during St. Romero’s period as archbishop from 1977 until his martyrdom March 24, 1980.

As Bishop Escobar was getting to know his rural flock shortly after his appointment in 2016, many parishioners told him stories of how the human rights icon had saved them from



Bishop Oswaldo Escobar of Chalatenango, El Salvador, poses March 17, 2021, in front of the diocesan cathedral with his recently published book about St. Oscar Romero. The book narrates the soft side of St. Romero in the agricultural diocese in northern El Salvador.

— CNS photo/courtesy Diocese of Chalatenango

near death when they were beaten and tortured; how they had secretly recorded and guarded his homilies when it seemed like a crime to listen to them; and how, because they had nothing to give, they threw little yellow wildflowers in St. Romero’s path to welcome him to the remote corners of the Salvadoran countryside when he visited.

Bishop Escobar collected their stories in a book called *Romereando por Chalate*, a play on words roughly translated as “A Pilgrimage Through Chalatenango,” to mark the 41st anniversary of the saint’s martyrdom.

He debuted the book before a cooperative of Salvadoran priests last March in San Salvador.

In its foreword, Salvadoran Cardinal Gregorio Rosa Chavez, who helped launch the book at his parish in San Salvador St. Romero’s feastday, said the stories describe the ideal pastor Pope Francis seeks in his bishops: one who “walks in front of, in between and behind his sheep.”

While much has been written about St.

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On air

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CURSILLO

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countable in growing the Church and building-up each member's faith.

"It's not reinventing the wheel," he insisted. "It's going back to what the first Christians of The Way did. They had passion and purpose and let nothing stop them from delivering the Good News.

"And that's our job!" he said. "We're transcendent witnesses to the Good News. And we give that witness every day by the way we live our lives."

Deacon Voyles pointed to his favorite five-syllable word.

"Equanimity!" he said. "It means what happens when somebody walks into a room and lights it up just by the way they carry themselves.

"People are drawn to that person," he said. "They want to know that person and be a part of what they see as special about that person."

For authentic Christians, that equanimity comes from Christ. Upon the pillars of piety, study and action, Cursillo has been drawing that charisma out of people all over the world for over 60 years.

"We're all on a pilgrimage," Deacon Voyles noted. "And unfortunately, because we're human beings, we let pride get in the way.



Deacon Shane and Patricia Voyles gather with three of their children.

"But every day, you get renewed," he stated. "Every day, we encounter Christ again and begin anew. We begin and end each day with prayer, and our main job is to become a living prayer with everyone we encounter throughout the day.

"It's not the words we say," he said. "It's the way we give witness to Christ in our everyday living."

An uplifting day

Other presenters will include Susan Stolwyk, diocesan lay director for Cursillo; Father Greg Oligschlaeger,

diocesan spiritual director for Cursillo; Beth Schrader, sharing powerful aspects of Cursillo's history; Deacon Justin McMenamy, who led the Cursillo movement in the Kansas City-St. Joseph diocese through many challenges.

The day will also include a potluck lunch and Mass.

A \$10-per-person donation is recommended.

Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share at the potluck lunch.

For more information about the Cursillo Grand Reunion, visit:

diojeffcity.org/cursillo/

ST. ROMERO

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Romero theologically, politically and historically, Bishop Escobar shows the human side of a pastor and his flock: how he stopped for a cup of coffee and a pastry with farmhands or took a jaunt through the unpaved "Salvadoran heaven" — the mountains of Chalatenango — with a priest in a rickety truck.

But he also shows the dangerous political landscape those in the Salvadoran mountains suffered: how soldiers killed to intimidate people to prevent them from gathering with their bishop, who was never afraid to

speak of abuses during his radio addresses.

St. Romero often spoke of the much-ignored and battered region of Chalatenango during his radio show and in articles highlighting crimes in the remote corners no one paid much attention to, clamoring for justice for slain catechists and other Catholic ministers, priests and religious who were dismembered and disfigured in El Salvador in the 1970s and 1980s.

"No one loved Chalatenango more than St. Romero," said Bishop Escobar, who was able to fulfill his

Daily Readings

Sunday, Feb 6

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is. 6:1-2a, 3-8
Ps. 138:1-8
1 Cor. 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11
Lk. 5:1-11

Monday, Feb 7

1 Kgs. 8:1-7, 9-13
Ps. 132:6-10
Mk. 6:53-56

Tuesday, Feb 8

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin
1 Kgs. 8:22-23, 27-30
Ps. 84:3-5, 10-11
Mk. 7:1-13

Wednesday, Feb 9

1 Kgs. 10:1-10
Ps. 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40
Mk. 7:14-23

Thursday, Feb 10

St. Scholastica, virgin
1 Kgs. 11:4-13
Ps. 106:3-4, 35-37, 40
Mk. 7:24-30

Friday, Feb 11

Our Lady of Lourdes
1 Kgs. 11:29-32; 12:19
Ps. 81:10-11ab, 12-15
Mk. 7:31-37

Saturday, Feb 12

1 Kgs. 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Ps. 106:6-7ab, 19-22
Mk. 8:1-10

Sunday, Feb 13

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer. 17:5-8
Ps. 1:1-4, 6
1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20
Lk. 6:17, 20-26

Monday, Feb 14

Ss. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, bishop
Jas. 1:1-11
119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76
Mk. 8:11-13

Tuesday, Feb 15

Jas. 1:12-18
Ps. 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19
Mk. 8:14-21

Wednesday, Feb 16

Jas. 1:19-27
Ps. 15:2-5
Mk. 8:22-26

Thursday, Feb 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Jas. 2:1-9
Ps. 34:2-7
Mk. 8:27-33

Friday, Feb 18

Jas. 2:14-24, 26
Ps. 112:1-6
Mk. 8:34-9:1

Saturday, Feb 19

Jas. 3:1-10
Ps. 12:2-5, 7-8
Mk. 9:2-13

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for February:

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Abby Johnson to headline Vitae Foundation events in J.C.

DATE: March 22
TIME: noon - 1:30 pm
6:30 pm - 9 pm

Nationally renowned pro-life advocate Abby Johnson,

a former Planned Parenthood abortion clinic manager whose conversion story inspired the motion picture "Unplanned," will be the featured speaker at Vitae Foundation's 30th anniversary pro-life events on

Tuesday, March 22, in Jefferson City.

The afternoon lunch event will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. The evening dinner event will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Both will be at the Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, 415 W. McCarty St. in Jefferson City.

All proceeds will benefit Vitae Foundation, whose mission is to connect abortion-determined women with lifesaving pregnancy help and ultimately to change the culture.

Mrs. Johnson has always

been determined to help women in need. That desire led her to a career with Planned Parenthood and eventually caused her to flee the organization and become an outspoken advocate for the Pro-Life Movement.

She went on to write a national best-selling book about her experiences.

She continues to advocate for the preborn as the founder of And Then There Were None, which helps abortion facility workers escape the abortion industry.

She is a frequently requested guest on Fox News Channel and a variety of other outlets.

Reservations for the events are: \$100 per person (\$70 tax-deductible) for the dinner event and \$50 per person (\$25 tax-deductible) for the luncheon event.

Visit vitae.foundation.org for an event flier and to make reservations online.

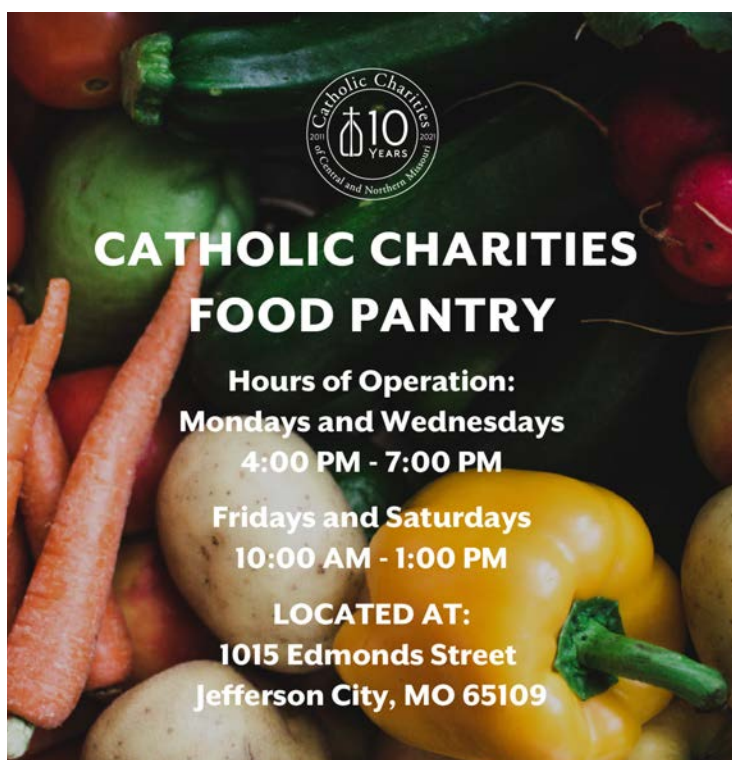
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Catholics Returning Home program to begin March 1 in Camdenton

"No matter how long you have been away — no matter the reason — you are invited to return to the Catholic Church."

Lent will soon be here and is a perfect time for non-prac-

ticing Catholics to consider a return to the Church.

St. Anthony Parish in Camdenton will host a program, Catholics Returning Home, designed to assist people on this journey home.

Participants will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on six Tuesday evenings beginning March 1.

Many non-practicing Catholics carry guilt and misunderstandings about the Church. They may be troubled about marriage issues. Some may be uneasy about approaching the Church for fear of being rejected.

Catholics Returning Home participants meet in a small group to share their stories, clear up misunderstandings, begin to heal old hurts, and answer questions.

They also refresh their understanding of the Creed, the Sacraments and the Mass.

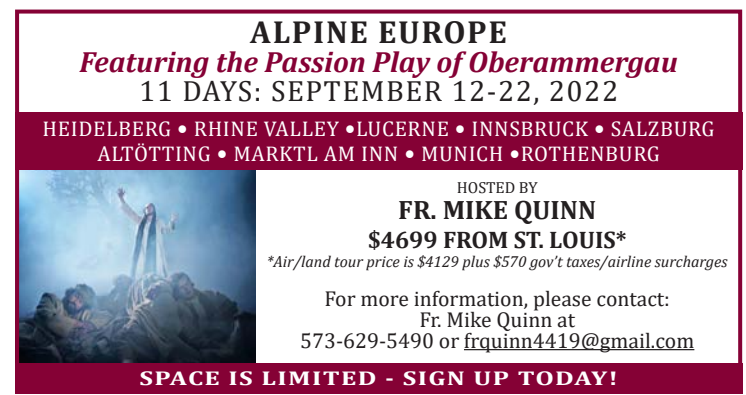
The meetings are informal and friendly. There is no obligation; no pressure.

Many of the facilitators were non-practicing Catholics at one time and are eager to share their stories.


Meetings are in the St. Anthony Education Center, 1874 North Business Route 5 in Camdenton.

"Extend an invitation," the program's organizers urge. "Many non-practicing Catholics are just waiting for an invitation to return home. Those of us who have the precious gift of faith and a love for our Church can be true evangelists by simply inviting a friend to return to the Church. Pray for them! Invite them to attend Mass with you. Tell them about our program."

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