

From Hannibal to Quincy

Six alumni of Holy Family School in Hannibal share insights after graduating together from Notre Dame High School in Quincy, Illinois.

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New assignments to bring changes throughout diocese



A bevy of blossoms greets a new day outside the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center in Jefferson City the morning of May 25. — Photo by Jay Nies

Most become effective on July 1

The full decree can be found online at diojeffcity.org

By Jay Nies

A time for new leadership and for other changes is about to begin in many parishes in the Jefferson City diocese.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has issued a decree appointing 16 priests to new assignments, and granting retirement status to three others.

Most of the changes take effect July 1, with a few exceptions.

The decree reflects the bishop’s and his advisors’ best efforts to build up the Church and promote the sacramental life throughout these 38 counties, in light of ongoing demographic changes and an increasingly limited number of available priests.

Three priests, having reached or surpassed 70 years of age, are retiring from full-time parish work.

Four parishes or groups of parishes — Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City; Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Boonville and St. Joseph Parish in Pilot Grove; St. Peter Parish in Marshall, St. Joseph Parish in Slater and the Mission of the Holy Family in Sweet Springs; and St. Patrick Parish in Rolla, Immaculate Conception Parish in St. James and St. Anthony Parish in Rosati — will no longer have associate pastors.

One missionary priest from Uganda will join the other 17 missionary priests from overseas who are serving here.

Priests who are taking up new assignments announced the news to their parishioners at Mass the weekend of May 14-15.

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Difficult decisions in staffing parishes help emphasize their Catholicity

By Jay Nies

“Do you resolve, with the Help of the Holy Spirit, to discharge without fail the office of Priesthood ... as a worthy fellow worker with the Order of Bishops in caring for the Lord’s flock?”

No priest gets ordained without answering, “I do” to this and several other questions asked by the ordaining bishop, including, “Do you promise to be obedient and respectful to me and my successors?”

Although most diocesan priests carry-out their ministry in parishes, they are ordained to assist the bishop in serving the entire diocese.

As such, priests usually get moved periodically as the needs of each parish and of the diocese as a whole evolve.

It is considered good and healthy for priests to grow in their capacity for ministry by serving in different parishes.

Priests who succeed one another in a parish often bring

different gifts and skills to their ministry and acquire new wisdom and insight from a growing number of assignments.

The whole Church benefits from this.

The bishop must take into account all of these things, in addition to each priest’s strengths, health and wellbeing, as well as population trends and related considerations throughout the diocese, while assigning and reassigning priests.

He does so in prayerful consultation with the diocesan Priests’ Personnel Board and the priests themselves.

“The vision, objective and strategy of the Priests’ Personnel Board is to assist the bishop in exercising his serious responsibility of the placement of priests,” said Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, vicar general for the diocese and chairman of the Priests’ Personnel Board.

The bishop seeks advice and input from the board’s

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 June 5 — Fr. William J. Drimped, St. Mary, Glasgow (1961); Msgr. Francis G. Gillgannon, Annunciation, California (2004)
 June 6 — Msgr. Bernard S. Groner, St. Anthony, Rosati (1971)
 June 9 — Fr. Patrick Mel Newman, Queen of Peace, Ewing (1969); Fr. Charles D. Pardee, St. Peter, Jefferson City (2019)
 June 10 — Fr. Daniel S. Larkin, Sacred Heart, Eldon (1957)

Memorial Day Mass in J.C.

DATE: May 30
TIME: 9 am

Father Louis Nelen will preside and preach the homily at this year's Memorial Day Mass

at Resurrection Cemetery in Jefferson City.

It will be at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 30, in the Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum, 3015 W. Truman Blvd.

Coffee and donuts will be provided in the shop after Mass.

New Mass times for St. Robert, Richland

Effective June 4-5, the weekend Masses will offered at 6 p.m. on Saturdays and at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays in St. Robert Bellarmine Church in St. Robert, and at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays in St. Jude Church in Richland.

Summaries of Official Decrees

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has given decrees announcing changes to existing policies of the Diocese of Jefferson City:

•The need to implement a consistent rule on inactive Catholics and tuition in Catholic schools has become apparent. Having considered all the relevant factors, and consulted with the presbyteral council, the diocesan finance council, the chief financial officer, the director of stewardship, the superintendent of schools and all other interested parties, I am introducing a policy on Inactive Catholics and Tuition, effective July 1, 2022.

•The stewardship way of life recognizes the Sunday offertory collection as the primary means of funding parish operations. This requires us to reconsider the primary purpose of special event fundraisers and capital campaigns. Having consulted with the appropriate bodies and interested parties, I am introducing a new policy on Capital Campaigns and Fundraisers, effective July 1, 2022.

The decrees, with links to the policies, can be found on the diocesan website at:

diojeffcity.org/appointments

Noelle Garcia events in Westphalia

DATES: June 5 and 6

Noelle Garcia, a Catholic recording artist and speaker, wife, and mother to six children will visit St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia for two free events on Sunday and Monday, June 5 and 6.

•She will be the featured presenter at a "Wine and Shrine" event on June 5 in the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Hall, 819 Highway 63.

It will be a relaxing, pressure-free afternoon of fun and faith.

Participants are encouraged to bring wine or another beverage and a snack.

The doors will open at 3 p.m. for registration and attendance prizes, with music beginning at 3:30 p.m., followed at 4 p.m. by a talk and questions and answers.

Mrs. Garcia's topic of discussion will be "How do we even know God is real?"

•She will lead a Youth/Young Adult Night, beginning at 5 p.m. on June 6 in the St. Joseph School gym, 123 E. Main St.

It will be a pressure-free, relaxing evening of fun and faith, including music, free speciality iced coffee, a talk and attendance prizes.

Music, coffee and regis-

tration will begin at 5 p.m., followed at 6 p.m. by a talk, questions and answers and attendance prizes.

Mrs. Garcia travels the country sharing the faith through witness, Scripture, catechesis and music.

An optional free-will giving opportunity will be taken up to help cover expenses.

40 Days for Life Closing Rally

DATE: June 4
TIME: 6 pm

Young singer/songwriter Camile Harris will provide the entertainment for the

Closing Rally for the Columbia 40 Days for Life Spring 2022 campaign.

It will be held on Saturday, June 4, in Veit Hall of St. Andrew Parish, 400 St. Andrew Drive in Holts Summit.

The doors will open at 6 p.m., with a chicken dinner prepared by Knights of Columbus Council 8400 served at 7 p.m.

Free-will donations will be accepted but not required.

The event will also include a silent auction, with MidWest March for Life T-shirts, caps and visors and autographed copies of Abby Johnson's new book *Fierce Mercy* available for sale.

To help ensure an accurate dinner count, RSVP by calling 573-821-5130 or send an email to kathythebo@hotmail.com.

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Pastors delve into the spirituality, logistics of promoting a stewardship way of life

By Jay Nies

Monsignor Thomas McGread wasn't trying to create a revolutionary program for managing the parishes of his diocese.

"He was simply trying to implement the Second Vatican Council in his own parish," said Bishop W. Shawn McKnight.

The bishop gave introductory remarks to the pastors and parish life collaborators of the parishes that will begin preparing to move fully toward a stewardship way of life this year.

Msr. McGread (1928-2013), founder of the Catholic Stewardship movement in the United States, was pastor of Bishop McKnight's home parish in Wichita, Kansas, for 31 years.

With inspired effectiveness, Msr. McGread encouraged his parishioners to recognize that everything they are and everything they possess is from God, Who intends each person to share those gifts sacrificially

for the good of the whole.

"What does it mean to be an intentional tither of one's blessings? As they come, so I share. It's as simple as that!" said Bishop McKnight.

Stewardship is deeply rooted in the Scriptural themes of covenant and discipleship.

Its application to parish life finds clear expression in Section 37 of "*Lumen Gentium*," the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church.

That passage calls on pastors to collaborate with the laypeople in their parishes, reinforce the laity's understanding of its own responsibilities in carrying-out the Church's mission, and unite fully and complementarily with those efforts.

"That was the main overarching goal of the Second Vatican Council," Bishop McKnight told the pastors. "It is the full mission of the Church, utilizing all the resources that the Church has at her disposal,



Patricia Lutz, diocesan associate director of stewardship, and Father Stephen Jones, right, director of stewardship, lead priests in illustrating the equal importance of prayer, participation and sacrificial giving — the "three-legged stool of stewardship" — in carrying out the mission of the Church.

— Photo by Jay Nies

both spiritual and temporal."

The stewardship way of life is about intentional discipleship.

"The Church and our laypeople especially are counting on you to provide the kind of leadership that is needed today," the bishop told the pastors.

"And when they believe their gifts and talents are being utilized in a meaningful way in fulfilling the mission of the Church in your parish, they are more likely to follow with enthusiasm and provide a certain strength and encouragement to their own pastors," he said.

The fruits of a stewardship way of life have been evident in Bishop McKnight's home diocese for years — from a high percentage of weekly Mass attendance, to proper funding of schools and other Church ministries, to an abundance of priestly and religious vocations.

It's really a matter of simplifying things and getting back to the basics of Christian life in the Church, he said.

It calls for conversion from being primarily a passive recipient to being an active participant in the life and mission of the Church, he stated.

This conversion to a stewardship mindset will bring greater clarity, transparency and accountability to everything from finances to each parish's most essential ministries.

of the Church in every parish in this diocese.

"Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor," said Father Stephen Jones, diocesan director of stewardship.

Fr. Jones reiterated that the spirituality of stewardship comes from the Bible, with God telling His People to put Him first, pray and worship together and give sacrificially of their work and their wealth in thanksgiving to Him.

"We're working on conversion of life through intentional discipleship," Fr. Jones stated. "Stewardship and discipleship are symbiotic. You cannot have one without the other."

The biblical model of stewardship presents sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure as a spiritual endeavor, a necessary response to all that God has done and given.

A mindset of prayer and sacrificial doing and giving will

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Bishop McKnight's Calendar

MAY

May 28 Confirmation Ceremony, Holy Family Parish, Hannibal and St. Joseph Parish, Palmyra, 2 pm, Holy Family Church, Hannibal; Confirmation Mass St. Clement Parish, St. Clement, Mission of Mary Queen of Peace, Clarksville, and St. Joseph Parish, Louisiana, 5 pm, St. Clement Church, St. Clement

May 29 Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Parish, Edina, St. Aloysius Parish, Baring, and St. John Parish, Memphis, 9 am, St. Joseph Church, Edina

May 30 May 31, Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Earl Fernandes, St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, Ohio

JUNE

June 1 Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Board of Directors Meeting, noon, Catholic Charities Center, Jefferson City; Confirmation Mass, St. Brendan Parish, 6:30 pm, Mexico

June 3 Mass for Totus Tuus Team, noon, St. Alphonsus Liguori Chapel, Chancery

June 6 Priests' Sports Day; Priests' Dinner, 6 pm, Chancery

June 7 Very Reverend Deans Meeting, 10 am; Presbyteral Council Meeting, 1 pm, Chancery


June 11-17 USCCB Special Assembly and Committee on National Collections Meeting, San Diego, CA

Bishop McKnight's May prayer intention for our Local Church

For all expecting mothers, biological and adoptive; that through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, they may prepare for the new life in the womb and may receive the support of a nurturing community of faith in the raising of their children.

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

Por todas las madres embarazadas, biológicas y adoptivas, que por la intercesión de María, Madre de la Iglesia, puedan prepararse para la nueva vida en su vientre materno y reciban el apoyo de una comunidad de fe en la crianza de sus hijos.



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Helias Catholic H.S. sends 181 of its finest out into the world

By Jay Nies

“Please make each day count, and may God always be at your side!”

English instructor Patricia Seifert, who is retiring after 40 years on the faculty of Helias Catholic High School, addressed the school's Class of 2022 during their Commencement Exercises on May 22 at the Crusader Athletic Complex in Jefferson City.

“I hope you will remember that it is okay to enjoy and be happy and excited about the little things,” she told the 181 graduating seniors. “I hope you will surround yourself with people who will lift you up and not tear you down.”

She prompted the graduating seniors to stand up, applaud and congratulate their parents, family members, friends and teachers.

“It is because of your love and support that we have these quality students sitting in front of us today,” she said.

She said it would be easy to question God's wisdom over the difficulties and losses she and others have experienced this year.

“However, my belief in God has never ceased,” she said. “I continue to believe strongly in God's guiding force and the power of prayer.”

She encouraged the soon-to-be graduates to find fulfilling professions and continue learning throughout their lives.

She urged them to let God influence their goals for the future.

Impressive accomplishments

This year's graduates have been offered a combined more than \$3 million in scholarships including \$478,500 worth of A+ scholarships.

The Class of 2022 includes 19 students with a 4.0 grade-point average, five students who each completed more than 500 hours of community service over four years of high school, 12 Bright Flight scholars, 87 eligible for A+ scholarships, and two graduates committed to service in the U.S. Armed

Forces.

This year's graduating class has performed a combined total of more than 16,000 hours of service to the community over four years.

Five seniors earned the John Baptist De La Salle Service Award for contributing 500 or more hours of service over their high school years: Stephanie Dallmeyer, Emilia Godwin, Logan Mathews, Kyle Prenger and Emma Schaefer.

Awards were presented to seniors May 5. The Father Helias Award, recognizing outstanding contribution to Helias Catholic, went to Tyler Sandbothe and Eliza Pierce.

The American Legion Citation, recognizing leadership, scholarship and service, went to Sam Hentges and Gabrielle Bax. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Award, recognizing citizenship, scholarship and good attendance, went to Lee Holloway and Liv Bloomer.

Created to be saints

Twelve days previously, the seniors gathered in the James Rackers Fieldhouse for their Baccalaureate Mass.

Father Stephen Jones, one of the school's chaplains, presided and preached the homily, with Father Ignitius Nimwesiga, the other chaplain, concelebrating and Deacon Raymond Purvis assisting.

“This is a momentous time in your lives,” Fr. Jones told the seniors. “You are ready to go! And we're excited for you —

excited for the things that you can go and do.”

He urged them to remember that they are all part of Jesus's flock.

“He knows you, He loves you, He calls each of you by name,” said Fr. Jones. “And you are indeed beloved sheep in the flock of the Master.”

Reminding the seniors that they cannot live their lives or their faith in isolation, Fr. Jones urged them to stay connected to their community of faith.

“Seek always to be nourished by it, to be warmed by it, and to contribute to it with your own gifts and your own talents,” he said. “You're called to be part of something bigger.”

He reiterated that they were created to be saints, friends of Jesus, “in communion and union with Him, in and through the love of the Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

“Best version”

Several members of the graduating class discussed at length about these past four years as a time of transformation.

They have experienced Christian community, found mentors, answered the call to service, tried new things and become better versions of themselves.

“Through all of this, I be-

came more of who I am today, and that's who I've always been,” said Eliza Pierce.

They said they'd miss their friends, teachers and the tight community they and their classmates have forged — many beginning in grade school.

They plan on using that experience to forge tight, healthy bonds with the people they meet throughout their lives.

“I definitely feel like Helias has set me up for the opportunity to form a good relationship with Christ, especially, and find people that are going to help me out with that along my path,” said Tyler Sandbothe, who will attend the University of Alabama this fall.

Eliza plans on putting the leadership skills and experience she's acquired at Helias to work

academics and to expect more from himself in everything he does.

“I really think that Helias has taught me to strive to be the best version of myself that I can be,” he said.

Helias Catholic's service requirements helped him learn to appreciate “the thrill of service.”

“But doing the service, especially starting freshman year, I just really enjoyed helping people and seeing people and how grateful they are for you helping them, especially those who are less fortunate than we are,” said Tyler.

Liv said she's also learned to be kind to people and never take life for granted.

Noticeably present

The delegation of students said they were aware of God's presence in the school throughout their days there.

“You can definitely feel it, it's definitely here,” said Logan. “But you know, it's not overbearing. It still feels like a normal school, and that feels like a really big balance.”

He learned things about God and his Catholic faith that he never knew before. His teachers and coaches helped him move forward in his journey with God.

One of his teachers, Zachary Rockers, became a mentor to him and taught him

important prayers.

He started going to daily Mass each morning in the school chapel, which helped him want to find more ways to put it into practice.

Liv said that having attended a Catholic grade school, she took going to Mass, taking religion classes and speaking openly about her faith for granted.

Yet, some of her classmates had never had a religion class before arriving at Helias.

“It was a completely different world for them to step into school-wise,” she said. “Talking to them helped me realize how lucky we are to have those opportunities to grow in our faith every day and we're so lucky to be able to be so open about our

Articles about the Class of 2022 at Fr. Tolton Catholic Regional High School in Columbia and Sacred Heart High School in Sedalia will be published in the June 10 edition of The Catholic Missourian. Photos from all three schools will be posted this week under the Multimedia tab at cathmo.com

with her at the University of Missouri in Columbia and her work throughout her future.

“So I'm definitely going to take how I've learned to be confident in myself and go after things,” she said. “And I know that God is with me at all times, and you've just got to keep going.”

Liv Bloomer said an important lesson was getting involved.

“You get out of life what you put into it, so the more you get involved, the more you put yourself out there, the more fun you're going to have, the more relationships you're going to be able to make with people, and the more opportunities that you're going to create for yourself,” she said.

Logan Matthews said he's well prepared to work hard on

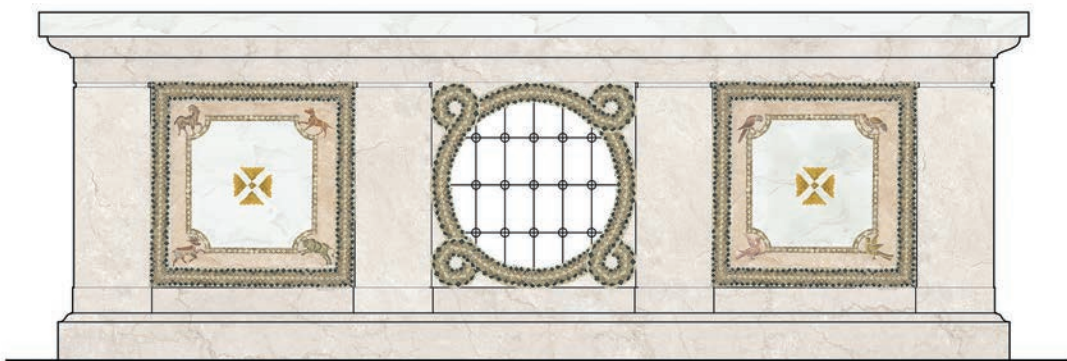
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Members of Helias Catholic High School's graduating Class of 2022 stand up and applaud their family, friends and teachers during English instructor Patricia Seifert's address at the Commencement Exercises on May 22.

— Photo from the Helias Catholic High School Facebook page

Cathedral's new altar, ambo will reinforce important truth



LEFT: This is the latest drawing of the new altar being created for the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City as part of a substantial renovation and renewal. **RIGHT:** These are the latest renderings of the new ambo and stand for the paschal candle, which are being created for the Cathedral.

— Designs and renderings by William Heyer, architect

By Jay Nies

Images of the Garden of Eden harken back to a time when all creatures were in right relationship with God and one another.

Christ restored that relationship through His life, death and resurrection, opening the door to a new Eden in the heavenly kingdom of His Father.

Hence the artwork that will embellish the new altar being created for the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

It is part of a substantial, yearlong renovation, expansion and renewal of the 53-year-old Cathedral, focused on enhancing its beauty, functionality, capacity for hospitality and uniquely Catholic identity.

Artisans in Verona, Italy, are creating mosaics that will fill the panels on all four sides of the Botticino marble altar.

"They depict fauna — mostly birds but also deer and other symbols of life and the fruits of God's creation," said church architect William Heyer, architectural consultant for the renovation project, who designed the altar.

Citing centuries of precedent, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight called for the fauna to be included in the altar's artwork.

"It's a tradition that goes back far into Church history," Mr. Heyer noted, "where things from the original Garden of Eden are depicted, because the sanctuary is the new Garden of Eden.

"The fact that it's all depicted on the altar is a symbol of new life created by Him Who is present on the altar," said

Mr. Heyer.

The mosaic designs will be simple and vividly colored, contributing to an overall balance of decoration and decorum.

"The bishop wants to be sure we're doing something tasteful and elegant but not extravagant," Mr. Heyer noted. "I think that's fitting for this particular cathedral and its style and also the bishop's desire to have people focus on the heavenly Liturgy with a healthy sense of decorum."

In anticipation of Pentecost (June 5) and the Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ (June 19), Mr. Heyer talked about the altar and ambo that are being created in Italy for the Cathedral.

He said the proper design of a church and its components is focused first on proper worship.

He noted that many Scriptural antecedents for communal worship echo the Book of Leviticus, in which God instructs the Israelites how to keep Him at the center of their lives after He delivered them

from bondage.

"He clearly demands that we worship Him a certain way," Mr. Heyer noted. "There's an order, or rule, that's given, and if we follow it, then we will be blessed.

"So the right worship of God produces blessing," he continued. "The wrong worship of God produces no blessings. We have to do it right."

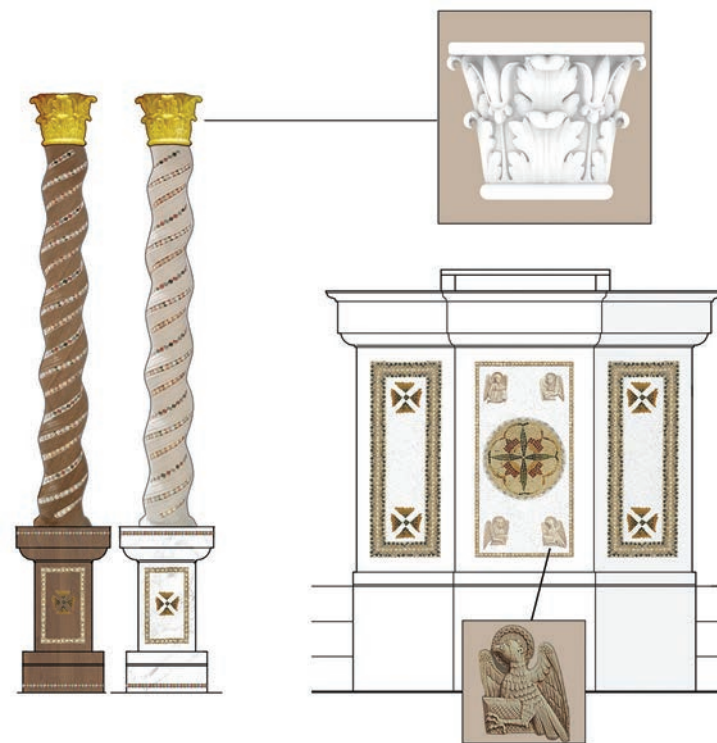
Toward that end, the designs of each new element of the Cathedral's sanctuary is being given scrupulous attention.

"None of this is whimsical," Mr. Heyer insisted. "There's always a reason for the shapes, the geometry, the proportion, the materials, the artwork, the symbols — it all has a meaning down to the simplest piece of stone."

Symbol of the whole Christ

It stands to reason that the altar, given its sacred function, must be the focal point in any Catholic church.

Universal directives from the Vatican call for a dedicated altar to be made of natural ma-



terials, preferably stone, and secured to the floor.

In keeping with the ancient tradition of offering Mass over the burial places of saints and martyrs, each altar may contain relics of recognized saints of the Church.

This new altar will be somewhat larger than the one that adorned the Cathedral since its completion in 1968.

Its size is proportional to the place it holds in the sanctuary.

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June 4-5 collection to support Catholic Communications and The Catholic University of America

By Jay Nies

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Jefferson City will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign and The Catholic University of America the weekend of June 4-5.

The Catholic Communication Campaign supports media outlets that bring the Gospel to local communities, national audiences, and even overseas through television, radio, film and social media.

The campaign helps make documentaries about notable Catholics, such as the one about Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman.

Half of the contributions to the communication portion of the collection stay in the home diocese to help fund the communication work of the local Church.

"This allows us to support our parish and diocesan pastoral plans, as we build a stewardship way of life in our diocese and strengthen our parishes as centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy," stated Helen Osman, diocesan director of communications for the Jefferson City diocese.

The collection helps support the delivering of the print edition of *The Catholic Missourian* to every registered household

in the diocese and to provide a robust digital communication system of diocesan and parish websites, social media and email communications.



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A unique education

This combined collection also helps support the work of The Catholic University of America, the national university for the Church.

Priests and laypeople from this diocese have received degrees or are pursuing degrees from Catholic University, which is located in Washington, D.C.

Father Gregory L. Higley, J.V., judicial vicar for the diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Columbia, spent a total of seven years at Catholic University preparing for priestly ordination and studying Canon Law.

"The education has been invaluable to me for the 41 years that I have been a priest and the 38 years that I have worked in the Tribunal," he said.

He said Catholic University provides quality education and training for ordained and non-ordained religious men and women, and multiple fields in the fine arts, science and technology.

"In addition," he noted, "it is a faithful and orthodox Catholic environment for our undergrad and graduate youth matriculating there, who return to their local communities all over the United States.

Father Brad T. Berhorst, J.C.L., studied Canon Law at Catholic University in 2019-20

and 2020-21.

"Every week in my work in the Tribunal, I put my Catholic University education to use for the diocese, so the two years I spent there were well-invested for my ministry here in Jefferson City," he said.

Despite the unusual circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, "I think the School of Canon Law there did a great job of giving us the resources we needed as students to continue and complete our studies in a timely manner, despite the challenges of the pandemic," said Fr. Berhorst.

He noted that the School of Canon Law at Catholic University is the only faculty in the United States that offers the Licentiate and Doctorate in Canon Law, which is one of several things that secures the university as a unique place in American Catholic higher education.

Father Colin Franklin, pastor

of St. George Parish in Linn and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Frankenstein studied theology at Catholic University as a seminarian and is currently pursuing a licentiate in Canon Law from there.

He said Catholic University brings three things to mind for him:

- The quality of the education: "Catholic University pulls talent not just from the local region, but nationally and even internationally," he said. "The professors there include some real experts who are both knowledgeable of the teachings and tradition of the Church and connected to the ongoing discussions and conversations constantly occurring at the various levels of the Church."

- The experience of an education that is truly "Catholic," both in the sense of the expression of the faith as an ordinary part of life and a sense of the wider universal Church brought about by the presence of many

religious orders and Catholics from other rites and nations.

- Catholic University's fidelity to the mission of a Catholic university "gives me confidence that there is an institution so visible and well-known that one can trust to form its students with a proper understanding of the Church and a good education," he said.

Father Nicholas J. Reid, a priest of the Jefferson City diocese who is serving as a chaplain of the Archdiocese of the Military Services USA, studied at Catholic University as a seminarian.

"Receiving a faithful Catholic education at Catholic University is a wonderful opportunity to study and grow in an environment that encourages research and academic rigor with the nation's capital as a backdrop," he said. "My four years spent at Catholic University have been a great asset to my Priesthood, both as a proud American and a Midwestern pastor."

Pope prays for Texas shooting victims, calls for stricter gun laws

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Saying his heart was broken at the news of at least 19 children and two adults being shot and killed at a Texas elementary school, Pope Francis said it was time to say "Enough!" and enact stricter laws on gun sales.

At the end of his weekly general audience May 25, with thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pope prayed publicly for the victims of the shooting the day before at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

"With a heart shattered over the massacre at the elementary school in Texas, I pray for the children and adults who were killed and for their families," the pope told the crowd.

"It is time to say, 'Enough!' to the indiscriminate trafficking of guns," the pope said. "Let's all work to ensure that



Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller of San Antonio comforts people outside the SSGT Willie de Leon Civic Center, where students had been transported from Robb Elementary School after a shooting, in Uvalde, Texas, May 24, 2022.

— CNS photo/Marco Bello, Reuters

such tragedies never happen again."

Shortly before the audience, Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller of San Antonio, an archdiocese that includes Uvalde, tweeted: "Holy Father Pope Francis, say some prayers for the souls of our little ones killed today and two teachers. Uvalde is in mourning. The

families are having a very dark time. Your prayer will do good to them."

Local authorities said the children and adults were killed by an 18-year-old student from a high school nearby. He also was reported dead and at least three children remained hospitalized for injuries suffered in the attack.

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From friends to family: Six Holy Family alumni among Quincy Notre Dame Class of 2022

By Deborah Gertz Husar

Quincy, Illinois

Six of this year's graduating seniors at Quincy Notre Dame (QND) High School share a long-standing bond.

Together through elementary school at Holy Family School in Hannibal and now four years at QND, they've grown from friends into nearly family.

"It's more like a sibling relationship," Josie Lewis said.

Abigail Beck, Ethan Beroiza, Andrew Catalpa, Zachary Friedersdorf, Lewis and Harrison Oden graduated May 15 as part of the 83-member Class of 2022. It's the largest number of students from Holy Family in a single QND class — and a symbol of the dedication by the students and their families to continue a Catholic education.

"I like the family aspect. You know everybody, and everybody knows you," said Beroiza, who moved from Hannibal to Quincy in eighth grade.

"It's the community you build with each other," said Beck, who lives in Hannibal.

"For me, it was important to stay Catholic," said Friedersdorf, who lives in Palmyra.

"I didn't want to be around a huge group of people. A smaller school is better for me," said Lewis, who lives in Hannibal, and the best part "has been meeting a lot of interesting people, both in class settings and sports settings."

Knowing each other so

well helped with the transition to QND, and choir for Beck and sports — football for Friedersdorf and Beroiza, baseball for Oden, tennis for Catalpa and cross country for Lewis — soon introduced them to their new classmates.

"It's good to meet new people. I have a lot of friends that are going to carry on past high school," Friedersdorf said.

One of those certainly is Beroiza.

"We were in the same daycare, and once we got old enough to go to school, the same school," Ethan said. "We've been best friends since forever. Now we're going to the same college."

Both will attend Quincy University in Quincy. Beroiza plans to major in business with a goal of opening his own business in the future. Friedersdorf wants to become a dentist.

Beck plans to go to nursing school and work in pediatrics and labor/delivery. Catalpa will study accounting at Truman State University. Lewis will study zoology at Southern



Six Quincy Notre Dame High School seniors — Harrison Oden, Ethan Beroiza, Abigail Beck, Josie Lewis, Zachary Friedersdorf and Andrew Catalpa — represent the largest number of students from Holy Family Catholic School in Hannibal, in a single QND class. The students are part of the 83-member Class of 2022, which graduated May 15.

Illinois University Edwardsville, with a goal of becoming a zookeeper, and Oden will study business at Lindenwood University in St. Charles.

The six seniors offered some advice for incoming freshmen at Quincy Notre Dame.

"Join something," Lewis said.

"Be a part of something even if you've never done it before. I never played football before high school. Sophomore year I joined the team. Now I've got a lot more friendships, and I'm going to play in

college," Beroiza said. "It can't hurt to try new things."

Other suggestions include:

Talk to the teachers — "Your teachers are here to help," Beck said. "If there's something specific you want and you know that's what you

we see one another, we won't forget."

Ms. Gertz Husar is a staff writer for the Quincy Herald Whig newspaper, which published a version of this article on May 13. The article is reprinted here with permission.

Remembering shooting victims, Catholics pray for end to racism

Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

From a Franciscan parish in a city where one of the victims once lived to a border city that experienced a similar mass shooting, Catholics around the nation have gathered to remember those gunned down May 14 in Buffalo, New York, and are praying for an end to violence and racism.

In Syracuse, New York, family and friends gathered at Assumption Church May 21 to mourn Roberta Drury, who at 32, was the youngest victim of what authorities believe was a racially-motivated attack targeting Black people at a Buffalo grocery store.

"Last Saturday, May the 14th, our corner of the world was changed forever. Lives ended. Dreams

shattered and our state was plunged into mourning," Franciscan Father Nicholas Spano said during Drury's funeral Mass attended by her parents.

Authorities said that a gunman wearing tactical gear and armed with an assault weapon entered a supermarket in a predominantly Black area of Buffalo at around 2:30 p.m. that day and began firing at customers and employees, injuring three and killing 10.

One of them was Drury, who was raised in the Syracuse area but moved away a decade ago to care for a sick brother in Buffalo, news reports said.

Police arrested 18-year-old suspect Payton S. Gendron, of Conklin, New York, at the scene. He pleaded "not guilty" after being charged with first-degree murder and is in custody without bail.



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QUESTION CORNER

Site of the Ascension / Missing Mass on cruise ship

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. Where did the Ascension take place? Matthew and Mark tell us that the apostles are to go back to Galilee, but Luke says that they should stay in Jerusalem until Jesus has risen. (Louisville, Kentucky)

A. On the top of the Mount of Olives outside of Jerusalem's Old City is a small hexagonal chapel that commemorates the site of the ascension of Jesus.

St. Luke narrates in the Acts of the Apostles how the disciples gathered with Jesus and "as they were looking on, He was lifted up and a cloud took Him out of their sight." Then, Luke notes, "they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath's journey away" (Acts 1:9-12).

In the weeks following His rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to the apostles and disciples on a number of occasions, both in Jerusalem and in Galilee.

On Easter itself, He appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the women at the tomb, to Peter, to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and to the 10 apostles in Jerusalem (when Thomas was not present).

A week later, when Thomas was with them, He appeared again to the apostles in Jerusalem. Later, He appeared to seven disciples as they were fishing near the shore of the Sea of Tiberias (Jn. 21:1) and to 11 disciples on a mountain in Galilee (Mt. 28:16).

The ascension marks the final departure of Jesus for heaven following this series of apparitions. From then on, the disciples were to live by faith and communicate with Jesus through prayer and the sacraments.

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (No. 659) explains the sequence, "Christ's body was glorified at the moment of His resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys.

"But during the 40 days when He eats and drinks familiarly with His disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, His glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity.

"Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of His humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where He is seated from that time forward at God's right hand."

Q. Every summer, my husband and I go on a cruise. Only one cruise line (Holland America) continues to have a priest on board to say Mass. When we travel on other cruise lines, frequently we have missed Sunday Mass because there was no priest on board and we could not get to a Catholic church if we happened to be in port. Is missing Mass in such circumstances a mortal sin? (Millersville, Maryland)

A. Most moral theologians, I am certain, would say that you have incurred no sin. If no priest was available, you simply had no opportunity to participate in a Sunday Mass and so the obligation does not apply.

I am aware that there might be rigorists who would say that you were not compelled to go on the trip in the first place, or that you were bound to choose the one cruise line that did have Mass aboard or that you could have selected a shorter cruise that did not conflict with a day of obligation.

But those people, I believe, are being stricter than God. Recreation and relaxation are legitimate physical and mental needs, as well as gifts from God. God is reasonable, and I don't think one cruise annually without Mass is an abuse of a privilege.

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Papal Audience May 25, 2022



Dear brothers and sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the meaning and value of old age in the light of God's word, we now consider the Book of Ecclesiastes, with its proverbial refrain, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity" (1:2). With great realism, the elderly author speaks of how easy it is to grow disillusioned with life and to give up the struggle to make our world a better place. That temptation, of course, is perennial; even today, great scientific and technical progress is often accompanied by a growing sense of disenchantment and resignation: we fear that justice and peace are unattainable goals. The Christian spiritual tradition speaks of the sin of "sloth," the listlessness born of a loss of passion for our vocation to resist evil and to strive to grow in holiness and fidelity to God's word and His promises for our world. Ecclesiastes rejects all such resignation and instead urges obedience to the commandments and trust in God's saving plan. May His wisdom and experience be reflected in all those elderly persons who continue to put their faith in God's word and its power to renew our lives and to change our world.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's audience, especially those from Nigeria, Lebanon and the United States of America. In the joy of the Risen Christ, I invoke upon you and your families the loving mercy of God our Father. May the Lord bless you!

As a flower of the field ...



A colorful bed of phlox curated by Paul and Jeri Fennewald blooms in full majesty outside St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg on May 2.

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A bias against children's lives

By Richard Doerflinger
Catholic News Service



Thirty years ago, my wife was 16 weeks pregnant with our third child. At a routine prenatal checkup, our doctor suddenly looked very concerned and said she couldn't hear our baby's heartbeat. We were devastated, fearing the worst as we reported to the hospital for an ultrasound exam.

Given the grave situation, a radiologist joined the ultrasound technician. Then he smiled after a minute, saying our baby had only been "hiding behind the placenta" and was alive and healthy. We were so relieved and grateful that we didn't chide him for accidentally revealing that we were having a boy.

That emotional roller coaster helps me understand why many women were outraged after reading a January article in the *New York Times*, "Tests Predicting Rare Disorders in Fetuses Are Usually Wrong." Such DNA screening or "noninvasive prenatal testing" (NIPT) can give "false positive" results from 80% to 93% of the time, depending on the genetic condition.

Medical experts criticized the article for not making a clear distinction between these "screening" tests and actual diagnoses. The screenings find only a risk of certain defects, prompting a need for more reliable tests. But the article suggests that doctors counseling their patients often don't make that clear either.

A 2014 study found that as many as 6% of patients have an abortion based solely on the initial screening result. For its recent story, the *Times* interviewed 14 patients, and eight of them said they were never warned about false positives; five said their doctor treated the screening result as definitive.

Three geneticists cited similar concerns. One recounted a case in which the follow-up test showed the baby was healthy, but the woman had already ended her pregnancy. And some of the more precise tests pose their own risk of causing a miscarriage.

Parents' fear of suffering for their child and years of special responsibilities for them helps drive these tragedies. But there are other pressures as well.

Writing in the journal *First Things* in 1996, maternal-fetal medicine expert Dr. Thomas Murphy Goodwin cited two such pressures. His high-risk obstetrics service in Los Angeles, the larg-

est in the country, had received referrals for 15 years from doctors who thought continuing a pregnancy endangered their patients' life or physical health. Women came to Dr. Goodwin after refusing their own doctors' recommendation for an abortion. And he and his associates would bring mother and baby through the crisis alive.

Dr. Goodwin said these doctors' recommendations were based not only on ignorance of modern medical advances but on two additional factors.

First, in a society where abortion is permitted for any reason at all, many doctors developed an ambivalent attitude toward unborn life that led them to recommend abortion for a wide variety of reasons.

Second, the law created its own one-sided pressure. A doctor who failed to warn a woman about conditions that could lead her to want an abortion

could be sued later by the parents for a "wrongful birth" — or even by the born child for "wrongful life." But a doctor persuading a woman to abort, whether the fetal defect turned out to be real or not, was in no legal danger. As Dr. Goodwin observed, "There is no 'wrongful abortion.'"

The Supreme Court is considering whether to reverse a deadly line of court rulings creating an almost unlimited "right" to abortion. One of many positive results of reversal could be to counter these pressures and once again encourage doctors to treat mothers and their unborn sons and daughters as patients who deserve life-affirming health care.

Doerflinger worked for 36 years in the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He writes from Washington state.

My sense, your nonsense

By Greg Erlandson
Catholic News Service



A friend of mine is threatening to run for office. His slogan will be "Stop the Nonsense."

I think it's a slogan an increasing number of us could get behind.

Nonsense is in the eye of the beholder, however, and the trick is defining what the nonsense is. For some, it may be the new trend in "woke" news organizations that refer to "pregnant people" or "menstruating people," as if there are some other biological options out there that we haven't realized until now.

Or nonsense might be the belief that alien lizard people have shape-shifted their way into world leadership. Or that a national election was stolen by Venezuela and some tricked out voting machines.

Perhaps the nonsense is stumbling through articles that use third person plural for what is obviously a third person singular.

Or having to constantly talk about "reproductive health" when we really mean killing an unborn child.

On a global stage, nonsense would

be listening to Vladimir Putin criticizing the decadent West while his military slaughters fellow Christian Slavs in Ukraine, and on Easter Sunday, no less.

Perhaps it has been COVID-19 and our isolation from each other. Perhaps it is simply the piling on of disasters and crises, bad headlines and bad behavior. We have all become more impatient with one another, quicker to anger, more fed up. We all want to stop the nonsense we attribute to other people.

Our "humor" has an edge to it. Nighttime comics are a bit more savage. In the modern breast beats both Chris Rock and Will Smith, mocking and willing to take offense.

Part of the nonsense that hurts us, unfortunately, is our unwillingness to listen to another, to engage with another, especially with someone with whom we disagree, be it a family member or a political opponent.

Pope Francis, in his 2022 World Day of Communications message, meditated on the virtue of listening. He describes a world where, "instead of listening to each other, we often 'talk past one another.' This is a symptom of the fact that ... rather than listening, one pays attention to the audience." We don't "dialogue,"

REFLECTION

Gold standard

By Mark Saucier

"... Do unto others as you would have them do to you ..."

Familiar, but these words in Matthew were not the source of the Golden Rule. It can be traced more than 4,000 years, through Confucius, Greek philosophers, all the way back to ancient Egypt.

Some expression of the Golden Rule can be found in every major religious tradition.

In Taoism, it's about compassion: "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain and your neighbor's loss as your own loss."

In Islam, Muhammed insisted that it be more than deeds: "Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself."

In Jewish tradition, Rabbi Hillel the Elder taught: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary."

So, you'd think that a Golden Rule pervading the millennia of history and reaching across religions and cultures would have resulted in a better world by now.

Turns out, though, it's easier to etch these words on plaques than it is to inscribe them in our hearts.

There is another translation of Hillel's statement that ends, "the rest is the explanation, go and learn."

"Go and learn" is the hard part, and the gold of the rule is difficult in its mining. We've decided it is a lot easier just to plate the words with a shiny thin veneer suitable for framing.

Jesus brought God into the ethical equation. His "Love God" and "love your neighbor as yourself" upped the ante on simply doing unto others.

It's not a quaint adage for social harmony, but more a demand. He's pretty clear about this when He tells the disciples "The command I give you is this, that you love one another."

Somehow that demand has become negotiable, even optional. We find it much easier to love a neighbor who looks like us, thinks like us, acts like us. And, it also helps if they love us first.

We look at the violence, the hatred and the anger and we ask, "Where is God in today's world?"

Two quick thoughts in response.

First, if God is love, perhaps my own lack of love for others contributes to the perceived disappearance of God.

Second, Jesus taught us that God is realized through encounters of love. I may not be seeing God simply because I am not loving enough to experience that Presence.

I still need to "go and learn."

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STEWARDSHIP

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necessarily eliminate parishes' and schools' seemingly endless reliance on fundraisers to cover expenses.

"Our vision must shift from paying bills to supporting our mission," Fr. Jones stated.

He and Patricia Lutz, associate director of stewardship, are helping parishes throughout the diocese make the transition to promoting the stewardship way of life.

The process involves:

- visiting the parishes to preach on stewardship at Mass;

- explaining the process to parish leaders;

- helping the parishes establish stewardship councils to advise the pastor on how best to harness and deploy the spiritual and material resources God has bestowed on all the faithful;

- providing materials for faith-sharing small groups of parishioners for Lent and Advent, focused of the four Pillars of Stewardship: hospitality, prayer, formation and service; and

- giving ongoing support for the transition as needed.

Fr. Jones urged the pastors to be as hands-on as possible throughout the process.

"The whole goal of this, as bishop indicated, is to incorporate the laity more fully into the life of the Church and make your lives more priestly, so that you can spend your time doing that which you were ordained to do," he said.

Practical application

Simply inviting parishioners to make a biblical tithe — namely, a sustained, commitment to sacrificial giving — will reorient the finances of every parish and of the diocese as a whole.

Parishes will make a tithe to the diocese on most of their income, in order to support ministries throughout the diocese.

This will replace the cathedraticum, which is an annual assessment to parishes; most second collections; and the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA).

The diocese, in turn, will tithe what it receives from parishes toward the work of the universal Church.

Each fall, parishes will hold a Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CRS), calling on each parishioner to reaffirm his or her commitment to supporting the mission of the Church through time, talent and treasure.

This commitment should bring enough income for parishes to fully pay their operating expenses, eliminating the need for large fundraisers.

Each parish and each Catholic school will be allowed to have one major fundraiser per year, to pay for deferred maintenance, capital improvements or a rainy-day fund — but not



Father Kenneth VanHaverbeke, former director of stewardship for the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, addresses pastors and parish life coordinators of parishes in the Jefferson City diocese that will be beginning the transition to focusing fully on the stewardship way of life this year.

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operations.

"From your heart"

Guest speaker Father Kenneth VanHaverbeke, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Andover, Kansas, and former director of stewardship for the Diocese of Wichita, noted that a pastor's level of engagement in this process will determine that of the parishioners.

He pointed out that stewardship is a language that needs to be spoken regularly, not just a few Sundays a year.

He spoke at length about integrating a stewardship mindset into every facet of parish life, as it has universal relevance to all aspects of discipleship and the Church's mission of making disciples.

"Our goal is to integrate it into everything we're doing — homilies, sacramental preparation, marriage preparation, the entire life of the parish," he said.

As an example, he cited stewardship's relevance to parents seeking baptism for their children.

"The ultimate act of stewardship is being a parent," he asserted. "A parent doesn't

own the child but receives responsibility for that child.

"If you can help parents see that gratefully recognizing and receiving that gift of life and being able to educate that child and then let him or her go is stewardship, you're casting it in a light they already understand," Fr. VanHaverbeke stated.

"So they realize that 'it's about my vocation, about my children, about my marriage — much more than simply time, talent and treasure,'" he said.

He talked about how receiving Holy Communion is an act of stewardship.

"Eucharist means thanksgiving, gratitude," he noted. "Recognizing the host as the Body and Blood of Christ, you receive Jesus. And at the end of Mass, you are sent forth to take what you have received, and share it in love of God and neighbor."

Even weakness and infirmity can be recognized as a gift from God to help people grow in reliance on Him.

"Stewardship is about acknowledging not just the good we receive, but also the struggles," Fr. VanHaverbeke asserted.

He urged the priests to speak frankly about the spirituality of finances — "the need to give, rather than giving to a need."

The best witness that pastors can give to all of this is to

integrate it fully into their own lives — by recognizing the gifts they receive in Holy Orders and putting them to use whenever possible.

"Figure out what stewardship means to you personally, and then speak to that from your experience and from your heart," Fr. VanHaverbeke advised.

The right focus

Fr. Jones reiterated that stewardship is not a program but a way of life — "gratefulness put into action."

It leads to "conversion of life through intentional discipleship," which "leads to a more active participation by the laity in the life and mission of the Church," he said.

He pointed out that conversion on this level will not take place overnight.

But it will include a call to accountability for all parishioners, who will be expected to take regular part in the sacramental life of the parish, actively work toward carrying-out its mission, and help sustain the parish financially.

Each parish's stewardship council will work with the pastor and other councils to identify opportunities for people to serve in the community.

Parishes whose websites are tied into the diocesan Blackbaud system will be able to connect in a timely manner with the people who carry-out the various ministries in the parish.

Bishop McKnight assured his audience that there will be much more to learn and pray about as the process moves forward.

"I want to plead with you: please keep your eyes focused on the spirituality of stewardship as we get into the details and nuts and bolts and logistics of all of this and hopefully find that it will be good for us in our diocese, a way of implementing the vision of the fathers of the Second Vatican Council," he said.

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PRIESTS

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members to meet the short- and long-term goals for the whole diocese as articulated in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

The board has some appointed members and some elected members.

"All must be objective, diplomatic and discreet, as all priests share in accountability for service to God and to the people of the diocese," said Msgr. Kurwicky. "The board encourages and supports both hope and reality."

Hard decisions

The Priests' Personnel Board's work has become increasingly difficult as the number of available priests continues to fall while their average age continues to rise.

Bishop Joseph M. Marling C.P.P.S., who led this diocese for its first 13 years of existence, often spoke of "a dire shortage of priests" in this Heartland diocese.

There were 139 active diocesan priests serving in these 38 counties when the diocese was created in 1956.

Today, there are 42.

Back then, there were also 27 priests from religious orders or congregations serving in the diocese. There now are none.

The average age of the active priests in this diocese is now 56. The youngest is 31.

No seminarians are scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood this year or next year.

Yet, there are still nearly as many parishes and missions within these 22,000 square miles as there were in 1956.

The diocese now has 23 retired priests, whose average age is 80.

Another priest of the diocese is serving as a chaplain of the Archdiocese of the Military Services USA.

There are currently 18 missionary priests from other countries serving in this diocese, whose average age is 54. Each will eventually be needed in his home diocese.

Meanwhile, due to shifting demographics and economics, many of the communities that once filled their local churches with congregants every Sunday and their schools every week are becoming smaller and older.

All of these factors call for

prayerful, sacrificial solutions.

"Frankly, it's not easy for anyone," said Msgr. Kurwicky. "Priests grow to love the communities in which they serve. The people grow to love their priests in return."

Each priest must become familiar with new communities while often taking on new responsibilities.

Yet, all of this is necessary for renewing the Church and keeping it focused on God and His universal, unchanging truth, rather than on individuals and individual personalities.

The sometimes necessary grouping of several parishes and missions under one pastor often brings changes in Mass times and the availability of sacraments.

"Sacrifices willingly accepted for the good of the whole make all of this possible and even salvific in some cases," said Msgr. Kurwicky. "We offer these things up for God and for the good of one another."

Faithful response

Father Gregory Meystrik, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Rolla, Immaculate Conception Parish in St. James and St. Anthony Parish in Rosati, recently wrote to his parishioners about Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's May 11 Decree of Appointments.

It will include those parishes' associate pastor retiring and not being replaced.

"At the 30,000-foot level, it means that our diocese is short on priests, and Bishop McKnight is doing his best to be pastoral and to set forth a plan as our chief shepherd," Fr. Meystrik wrote.

He pointed out that in Phelps County, the number of weekend Masses will have to be reduced.

This will require prayer, cooperation and shared sacrifice — "looking out for the needs of our Phelps County community/communities, encouraging a patient and fruitful willingness to sacrifice together, and finding ways to bring forward strength and a faithful response and resolve in a time of

change and challenge," he said.

Fr. Meystrik noted that changes are inevitable throughout the diocese.

"The number of priests projected and anticipated to be of service in our diocese is to con-

members focus on service and ministry — less on the availability of clergy and more on the service and ministry of the whole Church, lay and available clergy, together," Fr. Meystrik stated.

A history enthusiast, he pointed to a decision the archbishop of St. Louis made nearly 120 years ago to reassign Monsignor Otto Hoog, the universally beloved pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, to St. Louis to serve as vicar general of the archdiocese.

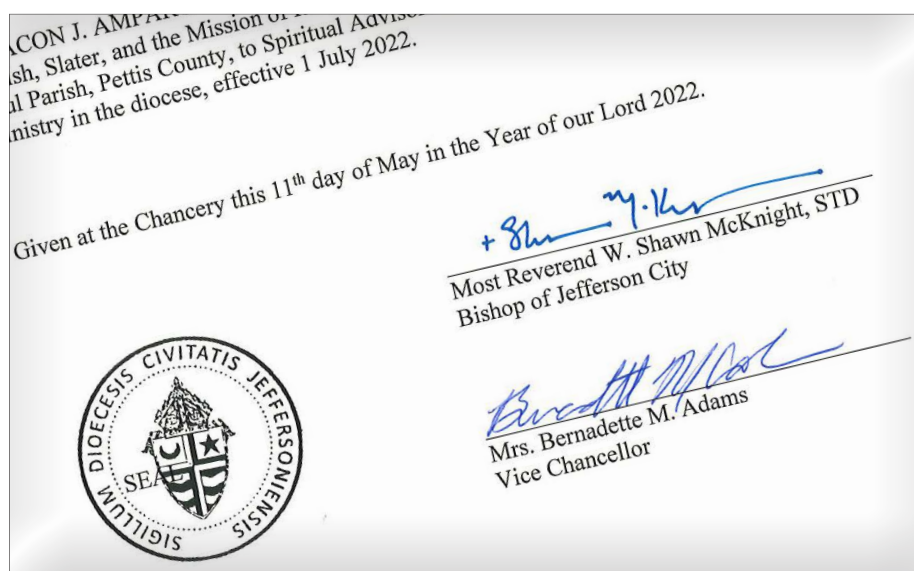
Catholics and non-Catholics throughout the city, including the board of aldermen, wrote to the archbishop, pleading with him to reconsider.

Instead, the archbishop sent Monsignor Joseph Selinger, who quickly earned the respect and love of his parishioners. The parish wound up naming its new hospitality building in his

honor in 1938.

"Give your new pastor a chance!" Msgr. Kurwicky urged. "Pray for him and open yourself up to the gifts God wants to bestow on you through him. If there are cultural differences, do whatever you can do to help him feel welcome at home. If he has a heavier workload than his predecessor had, find out what you can do to smooth the path and help make it work.

"And be quick to remind your fellow parishioners that we are all one Church with one shepherd, and we really are all in this together," he said.



tinue reducing at a steady rate: from 68 here in 2022, to 59 by 2029, the furthest year out in a 2020 projection, by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) of Georgetown University," he wrote.

That boils down to roughly two fewer priests to serve in each deanery at a time when the average age of priests is steadily increasing.

"Please do not feel that you or we are being singled out or neglected," he urged his parishioners. "The number of priests that we have in our diocese is what our Good Lord has provided from and for His people here.

"If anything, we are being trusted and respected that we can band together and make this work, building up the Church in this corner of the Lord's Vineyard," he stated.

This will involve building up a culture of vocation, active stewardship, and willing commitment, service and ministry within the Church.

A new parish model will need to be developed, helping all

"Going forward, we need to manage our expectations and consider our wants and needs in a new light," he wrote.

He encouraged everyone to pray for all the clergy being transferred and retiring, "and especially for parishes experiencing changes."

Msgr. Kurwicky, himself a pastor, offered some essential advice to the people who will be welcoming different priests to their communities this summer:

"Affirm, affirm, affirm!" he said. "Affirm their work in the vineyard of the Lord! And pledge to work with them in any way you can."

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Tolton Catholic's Sophie Angel: From blindness to a state championship

By Father Michael Coleman

As soon as the ball hit the bat, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School junior shortstop Sophie Angel breathed a quick prayer of thanks and raced toward her second-base teammate.

The moment Madison Uptegrove caught the popfly, Sophie, followed by the rest of her teammates, enveloped her in a team hug.

The Tolton Catholic Lady Trailblazers had just won the 2020 State softball championship.

For Sophie, this was about much more than the highest honor a high school athlete can achieve. It was also a culmination of what she believes was a miracle from God.

Now a 2022 graduate of Tolton Catholic, Sophie can't think of her many athletic achievements without reflecting on how grateful she is to God.

The summer before her eighth-grade year at Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School in Columbia, Sophie was a passenger in a car with a relative that was involved in a wreck. The implosion of the airbag left Sophie blind in one eye.

"I was absolutely terrified," Sophie recalled. "I knew that if I didn't get my sight back I would never be able to play sports."

As soon as her mother arrived at the site of the accident, they both began to pray.

"I promised Jesus that if I could get my sight back I would dedicate all my sports achievements to Him," Sophie recalled.

When she got to the hospital the doctors pried her swollen eye open and she could not see with it.

"The doctors said they could make no promises about regaining my sight," Sophie recalled. "They told me to prepare for the worst."

Sophie was put on bed rest for two weeks in order to keep the pressure on her eye steady.

"I had a lot of time to pray and to think," she recalled.

Gradually, over the course of several days her sight began to return.

"I thought of the Gospel



Father Michael Coleman congratulates Sophie Angel, a member of the Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School varsity softball team, after a victorious Senior Night game in Columbia.

ended, Sophie had undergone traumatic eye surgery and since then has had five laser procedures.

Her doctors told her she was lucky to be able to see again.

"I don't feel lucky," Sophie said. "I feel blessed."

She said her faith has continued to sustain her throughout her high school years.

"I feel so blessed to be able to have 12 years of Catholic education," she stated. "I love being able to express my faith openly and to be able to ask my theology teacher questions about God. I have also learned to never take anything in my life for granted. I have really learned the value of enjoy-

ing each moment because it can all be gone in a flash."

She said she brings her faith with her to all her games. Besides being a star on Tolton Catholic's softball team for four years, she was also a four-year starter as point guard on Lady Blazer basketball teams.

"We always prayed before our games," Sophie recalled. "Whenever I am on deck during a softball game I always have a little chat with Jesus. It calms my nerves and gives me lots of confidence."

After Sophie's junior and senior seasons, she was voted to

both the All Conference and All District softball teams. This season, she also made All Region.

During Sophie's junior season, the Lady Blazers had the top grade-point average of any softball team in the state of Missouri.

Shortly after this season ended, the Blazer student body gathered in the Commons area of the school, where Sophie signed her letter of intent to play softball for Columbia College on a scholarship.

Sophie's Tolton softball coach for the past four years, Taylor Bartlett, feels Sophie's value to a team goes beyond her ability as a middle infielder and hitter (Sophie batted a robust .350 her senior year and rarely committed an error).

"We all love Sophie," Coach

Bartlett said. "She's a great team leader, especially for the underclassmen. She may be short of stature but she has an amazing heart. Nothing fazes her. I really admire her faith. That eye injury could have been life changing but she seemed certain that God was going to take care of her. She also brings an amazing amount of energy to the field for every game."

Sophie is now helping Coach Bartlett coach 10-year-olds.

"She's a natural," Coach Bartlett said. "She has a bright future."

Fr. Coleman is pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Centralia and a chaplain at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia.

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The Missions Office is looking at organizing a mission trip to India in February or March 2024. A group from the Diocese of Jefferson City has been invited by the local bishops in India to experience the life and culture of the local Church there. In addition to visiting various church sites and rural villages, the trip would include a visit to the tomb of St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata, sites in Delhi and the Taj Mahal. We have room for 10-12 people. If you would like more information or are interested in this trip, please contact Jake Seifert at 573-635-9127 or email development@diojeffcity.org.



CHANGES

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A season of change

Father Donald J. Antweiler, formerly pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City; **Father Brendan Griffey**, formerly associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in St. James and St. Anthony Parish in Rosati; and **Father Ignazio C. Medina**, formerly pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Ozark, will retire from active ministry.

Succeeding Fr. Antweiler as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City will be **Father Matthew Flatley**, formerly pastor of Holy Family Parish in Hannibal and St. Joseph Parish in Palmyra. He will continue as Diocesan Moderator of Spiritual Formation.

Father Alexander Gabriel, formerly pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Tipton and Annunciation Parish in California, will become pastor of Holy Family Parish in Hannibal and St. Joseph Parish in Palmyra.

Succeeding Fr. Gabriel as pastor in Tipton and California will be **Father Anthony J. Viviano**, formerly pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk. He will continue as Moderator of Pro-Life Ministry.

Father Dylan Schrader, PhD, formerly pastor of St. Brendan Parish in Mexico, will succeed Fr. Viviano as pastor of the Westphalia and Folk parishes. He will continue as Chancery Latinist, Censor Librorum, Moderator of Religious Education, and Bishop's Delegate for the celebration of the Mass according to the 1962 *Missale Romanum*.

Succeeding Fr. Schrader as pastor in Mexico will be **Father David J. Veit**, formerly pastor *in solidum* of St. Vincent de Paul Parish of Pettis County.

Father Cesar A. Anicama, a priest of the diocese who has been serving in the missions, will become associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

More changes

Father Michael W. Penn, formerly pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Taos, will succeed Fr. Medina as pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Ozark and will continue

as the Bishop's Delegate for the Cause for Canonization of Fr. Tolton.

Succeeding Fr. Penn as pastor in Taos will be **Father Kel-echi M. Uzuegbu**, formerly pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish in Marceline, parochial administrator of St. Raphael Parish in Indian Grove and the Mission of St. Joseph in Hurricane Branch, and sacramental minister of Immaculate Conception Parish in Brookfield.

Father Paschal C. Ihediohamma, formerly associate pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, will succeed Fr. Uzuegbu, serving as parochial administrator of the Marceline and Indian Grove parishes, the Hurricane Branch mission and as sacramental minister of the Brookfield parish.

Father Christopher M. Aubuchon, formerly associate pastor of St. Peter Parish in Marshall, St. Joseph Parish in Slater and the Mission of Holy Family in Sweet Springs, will become parochial administrator of St. Lawrence Parish in St. Elizabeth and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in St. Anthony.

Father Brad T. Berhorst JCL, formerly associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, will become associate pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City on Aug. 1. He will begin at that time a three-year term as adjutant judicial vicar in the diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal and will serve as Head Master of Ceremonies for the bishop.

In the interim, **Father Simon Jude Kanyike**, newly arrived missionary priest from the Archdiocese of Kampala in Uganda, will serve as associate pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City until July 31.

Succeeding Fr. Berhorst as associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be **Father Derek J. Hooper**, formerly

associate pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Boonville and St. Joseph Parish in Pilot Grove.

Father Paul J. Clark, formerly associate pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia and chaplain of Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia, will become

Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia, with residence at the St. Thomas More Newman Center.

From administrator to pastor

Bishop McKnight also appointed **Father Joshua J. Duncan**, already serving as parochial administrator of St. Mary Parish in Glasgow, to be that parish's pastor while continuing as parochial administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Fayette.

The bishop appointed **Father Roberto M. Ike, PhD**, already serving as parochial administrator of St. Andrew Parish in Holts Summit, to be that parish's pastor.

The bishop appointed **Father Leonard K. Mukiibi**, already serving as parochial administrator of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in St. Thomas and St. Cecilia Parish in Meta, to be pastor of both parishes.

Diocesan roles

Constance J. Schepers stepped down as chancellor of the Jefferson City diocese on May 11 and will retire from her role as director of Child and Youth Protection on June 30.

Benjamin H. Roodhouse, JD, JCL, succeeds her as chancellor and begins a three-year term as a judge in the diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal while continuing as director of Canonical Services.

A new director of Child and Youth Protection will be hired later this spring.

Deacon Ray L. Purvis will retire as director of Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons while continuing liturgical ministry at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City.

Deacon Mike W. Berendzen will succeed Deacon Purvis, while continuing hospital ministry in Columbia and li-

turgical ministry at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Taos.

Father Christopher L. Cordes will succeed Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky as vicar for priests while continuing as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia. This position involves ministry to priests experiencing health issues, coordination of priests' retreats and the annual Priests' Institute, other priest-related ministry, and the coordination of weekend coverage for priests who are away from their parishes.

Msgr. Kurwicky was serving temporarily as vicar for priests. This change returns to the bishop's original plan to have two separate priests serve as vicar general and vicar for priests.

Deacon Pedro J. Almazan and **Deacon J. Jaimie Medina** will serve as spiritual advisors for the Hispanic Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement, while continuing diaconal ministry at St. Peter Parish in Marshall, St. Joseph Parish in Slater and the Mission of Holy Family in Sweet Springs, and with Hispanic ministry in the diocese.

Deacon J. Amparo Orozco will serve in diaconal ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Pettis County, as spiritual advisor for the Hispanic Cur-sillo Movement, and in Hispanic ministry in the diocese. He formerly served in diaconal ministry at St. Peter Parish in Marshall, St. Joseph Parish in Slater, and the Mission of Holy Family in Sweet Springs.

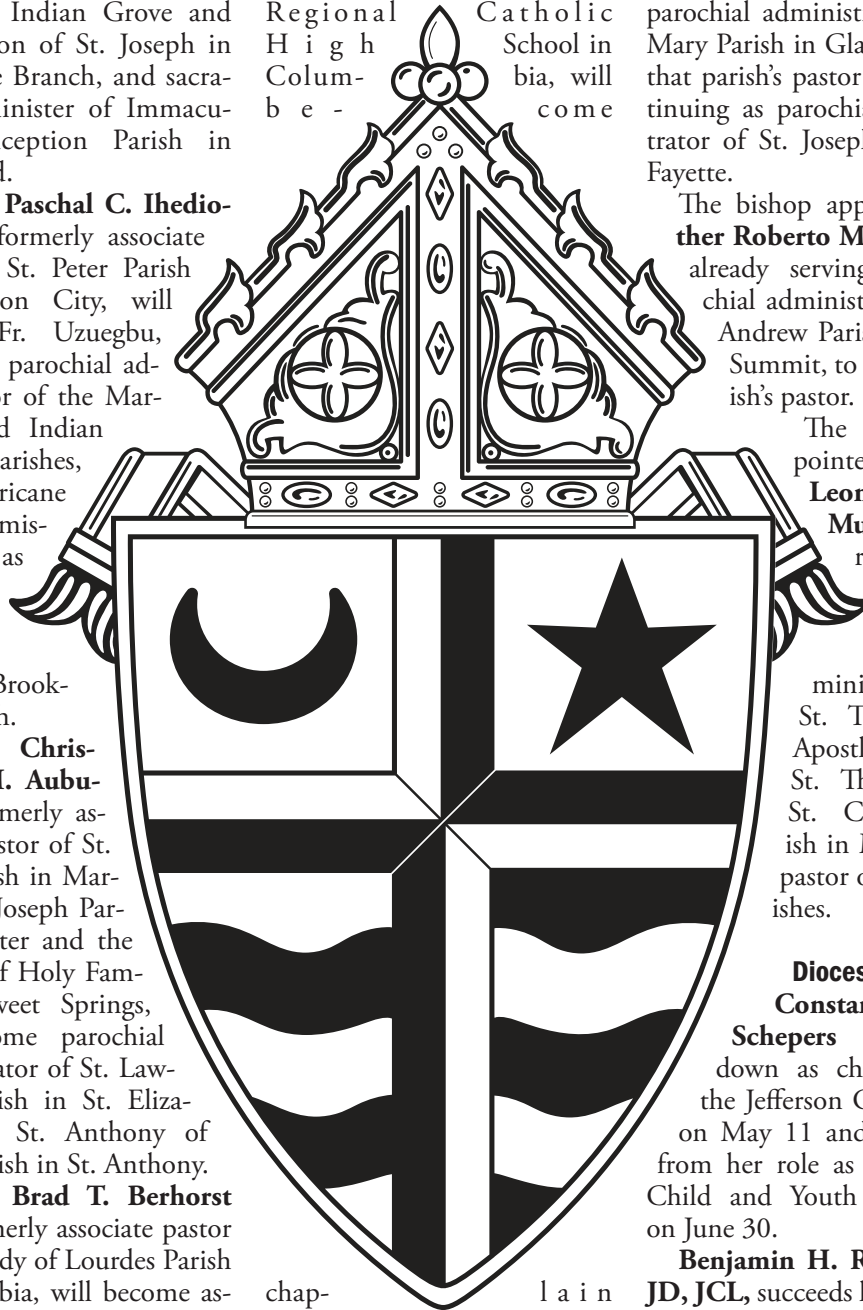
A time to pray

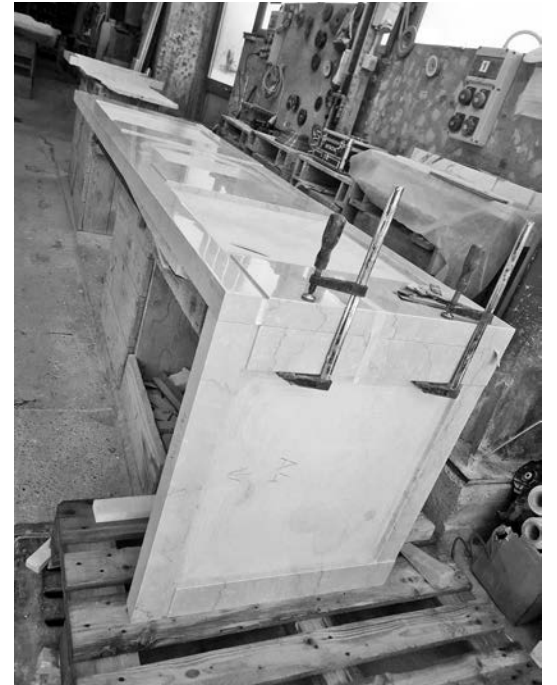
Bishop McKnight made the appointments following extensive consultation with the diocesan Priests' Personnel Board and his cabinet of advisors.

His objective was "to provide the most effective pastoral care of the Diocese of Jefferson City."

He asks for prayers for everyone involved at this time of transition, and for the Lord of the Harvest to make committed, engaged disciples of all who are baptized in the Church.

"I am convinced that when this happens, we will have all the priests we need," said Bishop McKnight.





These are facets of the new altar as it is being built in Italy.

— Photos by William Heyer, architect

CATHEDRAL

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“Of course, it is a symbol of the tomb into which Christ was laid,” Mr. Heyer pointed out. “It also has significance because it carries on an image of sacrifice from the Holy Temple.”

Likewise, it is the place upon which Christ becomes fully present in the celebration of the Eucharist, “just as He was in the crèche in Bethlehem.”

So there are hints of Jesus’s birthplace and the place of His crucifixion and death at Golgotha and of his burial and resurrection nearby.

“You really bookend His earthly life with the altar,” said Mr. Heyer. “So the symbol of the altar is a symbol of the whole Christ, and that is very powerful. It helps us to reinvigorate our understanding of the Eucharist.”

Altar and table

The altar is being fashioned of Botticino marble for the base and Lasa Venio Oro marble for the altar top, or *mensa*.

It will be 9-and-a-half feet wide and 40 inches tall.

The most important part is the *mensa*. This is the portion of the altar Bishop McKnight will consecrate with the Oil of Sacred Chrism.

It will be where the Body and Blood of Christ is made present and offered back to the Father as the perfect sacrifice in response to Jesus’s own words:

“Do This in remembrance of Me.”

From there, Jesus will offer Himself as food to nourish and heal the souls of all who receive Him in a state of grace.

“It is at once both altar and table — that is important,” said Mr. Heyer. “We have the opportunity to reinforce our understanding of the Eucharist by bringing back these other symbols.”

The portion of the altar below the *mensa* is the base. Its dimensions and imagery are reminiscent of an ancient sarcophagus. But instead of a body being laid to rest within, there will be authenticated relics of saints, encased in a reliquary that will be visible through an iron grille on the front of the altar.

These will include the relics that were placed in the previous altar at the time of its consecration, as well as several others.

Eight sides

The ambo, where the Gospel will be proclaimed and homilies preached at Mass, will be made of White Oak and adorned with marble mosaics.

Like the new baptismal font, it will have eight sides — representing the six days of Creation, the Sabbath, and the day on which Jesus rose from the dead.

The ancient anthropomorphic images of the four Evan-

gelists will be carved in stone and placed in the mosaic panel on the front of the ambo. Simpler mosaics will embellish the other panels.

The ambo will be at the same level as the rest of the sanctuary but will project out over the stairs like the prow of a ship.

It will stand on the side of the sanctuary opposite the new *cathedra* (bishop’s chair) — symbol of his teaching authority — from which a cathedral gets its name.

A substantial stand for the Paschal Candle, a symbol of the risen Christ, will be placed next to the ambo.

It will be what’s known as a *Solomonic* column, reminiscent of the corkscrew-shaped columns believed to have been created for the original Temple built by King Solomon in Jerusalem.

The design for the column also mirrors the pillar of fire through which God protected His people during their escape from slavery in Egypt and during their time in the desert.

Four large Solomonic col-

umns support the *baldachino* over the altar in St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City.

Gospels in stone

Mr. Heyer has read articles about young people around

the cathedral sanctuary, as they relate most closely to the celebration of the Liturgy, carry special weight in instructing the faithful each time they gather for Mass.

“Which is why we have to be sure to do these things right,” said Mr. Heyer.

He said the rich symbolism contained in this Cathedral’s new sanctuary will help teach people about the nature of Christ.

“It’s an opportunity to reveal the Word, not just through the proclamation of the Gospel but through the actual structure itself,” he stated.

Many priests of the diocese have made pledges to pay for the new altar.

Many permanent deacons have made pledges toward the cost of the new ambo.

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the world who were raised with little or no faith, encountering Christ and being drawn toward His Church by visiting a cathedral.

“In our culture, we sometimes forget that the building itself is a sacramental and can shed grace on people,” he said.

The major elements of a Ca-



By Father Don Antweiler

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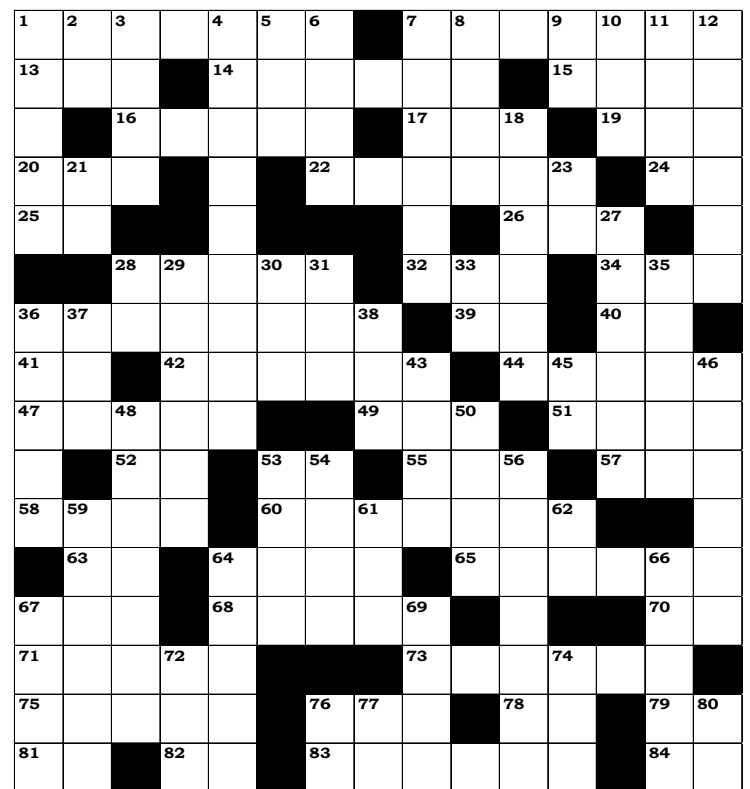
1. Columbus, capital of Ohio, has its counterpart in Columbus, Mo. in ____ County, near Warrensburg.
7. Part of USCCB, United States Conference of Catholic ____; the voice of the American Catholic hierarchy.
13. ____ *pro nobis*.
14. U.S. President from Missouri.
15. One of the Great Lakes.
16. Atlanta, capital of Georgia, has its counterpart in Atlanta, Mo. in ____ County, between Moberly & Kirksville.
17. Richmond, capital of Virginia, has its counterpart in Richmond, Mo. in ____ County, near Lexington.
19. ____; initials of a unique, profound, very witty English convert (1874-1936) with a prodigious literary output, including even detective fiction (Fr. Brown mysteries). See #30 DOWN.
20. Stomach muscles.
22. My dog is an Irish ____.

24. Destination for an ambulance, perhaps.
25. ____-Ho crackers.
26. He always tried to get a ____ up on the competition.
28. Denver, capital of Colorado, has its counterpart in Denver, Mo., in ____ County, east of Maryville.
32. Pro football group.
34. "The memory of the just will be blessed but the name of the wicked will ____," (Proverbs 10:7).
36. Bald?
39. Take it ____ the limit!
40. Where Abraham's roots were.
41. "Dawn was a sacred time. The earth held its breath, ____ if waiting to be born," —*Brendan* by Morgan Llywelyn.
42. Albany, capital of New York, has its counterpart in Albany, Mo. in ____ County, east of Conception Abbey/seminary.
44. Chicago is known as the ____ City.
47. ____ *Angelicus*; Latin for Bread of Angels; beautiful Eucharistic hymn written by St. Thomas Aquinas for the Feast of Corpus Christi in the 1200s.
49. "Little Miss Muffet ____ on her tuffet eating her curds and whey..." — Mother Goose nursery rhyme.
51. I'm sorry. I had no ____ that I offended you.
52. A possible degree in engineering at either Mo. S&T

- or MU.
53. Short for Edwin or Edward.
55. The famous Metropolitan Opera in NYC is commonly known as the ____.
57. Abbr. for years.
58. Opposed to nays.
60. Meal ending sweet.
63. Home State of the Bill Clinton Presidential Library (abbr.).
64. Layers?
65. Santa Fe, capital of New Mexico, has its counterpart in Santa Fe, Mo. in ____ County; county seat: Paris.
67. Mao ____ Tung.
68. "It is fatal to ____ any war without the will to win it," —Douglas MacArthur.
70. In checking vital signs, letters for respiratory rate.
71. "Come by yourselves...and ____ while (2 wds.)."
73. "If you have an important point to make, don't try to be ____ or clever. Use a pile driver," —Winston Churchill.
75. The three most important pieces of furniture in the sanctuary are the ambo, the ____ and the presider's chair.
76. Letters for ear, nose and throat doctor.
78. "____, in the orient, when the gracious light lifts up his burning head..." —Sonnet #7; Shakespeare.
79. King of Bashon (Joshua 12:4).
81. Possible letters before a woman's name.
82. _____. Rev. Msgr. Smith.
83. Spay.
84. Yes in Tijuana.

DOWN

1. Prophet who spent 3 days in the belly of a "big fish"; 39th book of the Bible.
2. Whether you like it ____ not, it's going to be.
3. You might put these in a smokehouse.
4. Augusta, capital of Maine, has its counterpart in Augusta, Mo. in ____ County (2 wds.).
5. Gold in Peru.
6. St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Avila.
7. Nashville, capital of Tennessee, has its counterpart in Nashville, Mo. in ____ County, near Lamar.
8. It may be rare but ____ least some cases, it's true (2 wds.).
9. "Never interrupt your en-



- emy when ____ is making a mistake," —Napoleon Bonaparte.
10. The diocesan website address is diojeffcity. ____.
11. Frankfort, capital of Kentucky, has its counterpart in Frankfort, Mo. in ____ County near Bowling Green.
12. Kentucky Fried Chicken claims its ____ recipe contains 11 herbs and spices.
18. School bus color.
21. Prefix for annual or centennial.
23. Prefix for member or cord.
27. Trenton, capital of New Jersey, has its counterpart in Trenton, Mo. in ____ County, home of North Central Missouri College.
28. ____-Fi.
29. "...let us conduct ourselves properly...not in ____ and drunkenness..." (Romans 13:13).
30. "The difficulty of explaining 'why I am a Catholic' is that there are ____ thousand reasons all amounting to one reason: that Catholicism is true," —G.K. Chesterton.
31. Initials of #14 ACROSS.
33. Abbr. before Leonard Wood military base outside St. Robert.
35. "...Shawn our Bishop, the ____ of Bishops, all the clergy and the entire people..." —from 3rd Eucharistic Prayer at Mass.
36. "Don't Worry, Be ____"; —1988 song by Bobby McFerrin.
37. King of Judea (1 Kings 15:8-24; 1 Chronicles 3:10).
38. Golden agers (abbr.).
43. Sweet potatoes.
45. 2 for Cicero.
46. Former Palestinian leader Arafat.
48. It'll be a small gathering, only our ____ and dearest.
50. At God's word, the earth began to ____ with life.
53. Paradise.
54. Salem, capital of Oregon, has its counterpart in Salem, Mo. in ____ County, south of Rolla.
56. "...double, double toil and ____..." —witches chant; MacBeth, Act 1; Shakespeare.
59. Canvas holders for artists.
61. Dir. from Mary Immaculate in Kirksville to St. William in Perry.
62. Volunteer State (abbr.).
64. Jesus revealed Himself to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque as the Sacred ____ from 1673-75.
66. Sandwich cookies.
67. Trolley or streetcar.
69. Q-V
72. The mob was ready to ____ and feather him.
74. Rocky peak.
76. Prefix for tire or close.
77. The Henry Doorly Zoo in this Mo. border State is said to have the largest indoor rainforest in the U.S. (abbr.).
80. The ____ tract in our body includes all the organs involved in our digestive system (abbr.).


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HELIAS CATHOLIC

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faith and talk about it and learn about it.”

Eliza said she became most aware of God’s presence through fellow members of the school community.

“It brightens your day and it reminds you that God is with you,” she said.

This year, in anticipation of her time away at college, she began looking for and carving out more opportunities to pray and learn about God on her own.

“It’s definitely going to be a change from going to a Catholic school your whole life to going to college next year and having to work that on your own,” she said. “But I feel I’ve gotten a good head-start on that.”

She’s looking forward to becoming active at the St. Thomas More Newman Center as an MU student this fall.

Meaningful encounters

Logan had studied religion all through grade school and practiced his faith with his family, but his relationship with God had stalled.

He was a freshman at Helias Catholic when Father Joshua Duncan, an alumnus of the school who was serving as chaplain, invited him to join a group called the Frassati Fraternity.

“That’s what flipped the switch for me,” Logan recalled.

His relationship with God has been growing by leaps since then, first with Fr. Duncan as chaplain, then with Fr. Jones.

Liv said she’s grateful to all of her teachers and friends at Helias, and especially her parents.

“They’re my biggest supporters and they’re always there for me,” she said. “No matter what I do, no matter what I decide, I know they’re going to support me.”

Knowing that gives confidence and conviction about her future.

Tyler was quick to thank Mr. Rockers, who has not only served as a teacher and coach but also a mentor and spiritual guide to him.

“I’ve been on two mission trips with him to Kansas City, and I really just felt like I found a friend but most importantly a mentor,” he said. “That’s gonna’

help me in my spiritual journey.”

Eliza was reserved and apprehensive when she arrived at Helias Catholic for band camp the summer before freshman year.

Director of Bands Tom Smyth and choir instructor Jana Fox immediately reassured her that she was among future friends who would help draw out her talents.

“I’m so grateful for those two people for keeping me going with music,” she said.

“Because music is a big part of my life, and it’s a big part of my faith life, because I love singing in church and whenever I sing, that’s probably when I feel closest to God and that’s when I feel happiest.”

She also thanked her parents for their abundant encouragement and support.

Big questions

All four said they plan on remaining Catholic in college and throughout their adult lives.

“It’s something I really took for granted until just a few years ago,” said Logan. “And now that I’m involved more in my faith, I take it very seriously, there is no way I’m ever going to give that up.”

Eliza said being Catholic means knowing that God is al-



ways there for you, even in life’s darkest moments.

The four students offered several suggestions for helping young people persevere in their faith.

“I would say, just answer the questions that the young people have,” Logan said. “Maybe they’re wrestling with their faith or whatever. Maybe not doubt but questioning is the biggest thing.”

He found that having people such as Fr. Duncan, Fr. Jones and teacher Mark Rehagen who are knowledgeable and willing to answer his questions made all the difference to him.

Eliza suggested creating more opportunities for young people to get involved in their parishes and their communities, especially through meaningful service.

Liv said it’s important for young Catholics to have opportunities to encounter God on Catholic retreats .

She’s excited about getting involved in campus ministry at Truman State University in Kirksville and in KLIFE, which offers ways for univer-

sity students to help local children in need.

Tyler said it’s important for the Church to continue building-up communities and making itself even more universal.

“I know it’s always been something I could fall back on,” he said. “If I didn’t have anybody else in my life, I could always fall back on my Church community. Especially going to college and then moving into — I guess you could say, the outside world — I’ll always know where to turn, especially when I’m feeling lost.”

Logan noted that day-to-day parish life can feel distant for young people if they don’t have a strong connection to God, which is why the Church exists

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Fundraisers & Social Events

Jun. 4

Cuba, Holy Cross Parish Altar Society rummage sale, 8 am-2 pm; **Jefferson City**, Immaculate Conception Parish Pro-Life Committee rummage sale fundraiser, 7-11 am

Jun. 5

California, Annunciation Parish picnic, 11 am-6 pm; **Franckenstein**, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish picnic, 11 am-7 pm; **Vienna**, K of C breakfast, 7:30-11 am; **Wien**, St. Mary School all-school reunion, noon-3 pm, St. Mary Parish Hall

Jun. 12

Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am; **Loose Creek**, Immaculate Conception Parish picnic, 11 am-10 pm

Jun. 13

Jefferson City, Louis H. Rackers Memorial Pro-Life Golf Classic benefiting Vitae Foundation, 8 am-6 pm, Jefferson City Country Club, for info or to register visit vitaefoundation.org

Jun. 17

Westphalia, Relay for Life of Maries/Osage Counties drive-thru BBQ, 4-7:30 pm, K of C Hall

Jun. 23

Holts Summit, Concert to benefit Mary's Meals, 6-9 pm, Canterbury Hills Winery, to RSVP call 573-761-3575 or email mickeller75@icloud.com

Jun. 23-25

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

Jun. 25

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception Parish Pro-Life Committee rummage sale fundraiser, 7-11 am

Meetings/ Workshops

Jun. 2

Glasgow, Mid-Missouri Ultreya, 7-8 pm, St. Mary Church basement, for info call 573-999-5066

Jun. 6

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

Jun. 7

VIRTUAL, Marriage Prep Facilitators' morning refresher, 10:30-11:30 am, for info or to RSVP email faithformation@diojeffcity.org

Jun. 18

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

Jun. 21

VIRTUAL, Marriage Prep Facilitators' evening refresher, 5:30-6:30 pm, for info or to RSVP email faithformation@diojeffcity.org

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

28 mayo

Jefferson City, Encuentro de Discipulos (parte 2), para más información contacte e Ilsi Palacios al 316-530-1004 o por correo electrónico a ComiteDiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com

7 junio

VIRTUAL, Sesión de Capacitación para Facilitadores de Preparación Matrimonial, 5:30-6:30 pm, envíe un correo electrónico a faithformation@diojeffcity.org antes del lunes anterior si planea asistir

9-12 junio

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21 junio

VIRTUAL, Sesión de Capacitación para Facilitadores de Preparación Matrimonial, 12:15-1:15 pm, envíe un correo

electrónico a faithformation@diojeffcity.org antes del lunes anterior si planea asistir

25-26 junio

Marshall, Formación y Entrenamiento Musical: Discipulos, Ministerios y Músicos, Parroquia San Pedro, para más información contacte a Marcelino Chavez al 660-631-3748 o Maria Tapia al 660-202-9421

26 junio

Sedalia, Bienvenida de Cursilistas, Iglesia de San Patricio, para más información y registrarse llame Oswaldo Diaz 660-829-5213

Faith Formation & Spiritual Renewal

May 31

Jefferson City, "Metanoia: A Journey with Christ to Conversion," video series hosted by Fr. Dave Pivonka, 6:30-8:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall, for info email jimkemna@gmail.com

Jun. 3-5

Belleville, IL, REFLECT Catholic Retreat for mid-life singles, King's House Retreat Center, for info or to register visit reflectretreat.com

Jun. 7, 14, 21, 28

Jefferson City, "Metanoia: A Journey with Christ to Conversion," video series hosted

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he said. We "duologue": a "monologue in two voices."

"Good communication, instead, does not try to impress the public with a soundbite, with the aim of ridiculing the other person, but pays attention to the reasons of the other person and tries to grasp the complexity of reality," the pope said.

Wow. This is hard work. I'm a lot quicker these days to dismiss someone's argument as nonsense rather than really listen. Perhaps you are as well.

Pope Francis sees listening as one of our modern age's greatest needs. "We are losing the ability to listen to those in front of us, both in the normal course of everyday relationships and when debating the most important issues of civil life," he said.

For Pope Francis, listening begins with the heart. He quotes King Solomon (who asks for a "listening heart"), St. Augustine (who encour-

aged "listening with the heart"), and St. Francis (who "exhorted his brothers to 'incline the ear of the heart.'")

Jun. 11

Jefferson City, Pre-Cana Program for engaged couples, 8:45 am-4:30 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration

Liturgical

May 30

Jefferson City, Memorial Day Mass, 9 am, Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum

Jun 6

Laurie, Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, 7 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church

Jun 11

Laurie, Pilgrimage with Ed Van Buskirk, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, for info or to register call 573-374-6279 or email shrinemothers@gmail.com

Jun 19-24

Camdenton, Camp Macca-

Youth

Jun 6

Westphalia, Youth and Young Adult Event featuring Noelle Garcia, 5-8 pm, for info or to register visit stjosephwestphalia.org

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bee (session 1) summer adventure camp for high school-aged young men, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-maccabee

Jun. 26-Jul. 1

Conway, Camp Siena summer camp experience for high school-aged young women, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-siena

Jul. 10-13

Conway, Camp Lolek (session 1) summer camp for junior high boys, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-lolek

Jul. 13-16

Conway, Camp Lolek (session 2) summer camp for junior high girls, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-lolek

Jul. 17-22

Camdenton, Camp Macca-bee (session 2) summer adventure camp for high school-aged young men, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-maccabee

Aug. 1-5

Jefferson City, Ancient Classics "Summa Camp" for youth entering 1st-5th grade, 7:30 am-5 pm daily, Immaculate Conception Parish, for info or to register contact Mark Rehagen at mrehagen@heliascatholic.com

aged "listening with the heart"), and St. Francis (who "exhorted his brothers to 'incline the ear of the heart.'")

Our battles today, both in our families and in our country, suffer from a lack of hearts inclined to listen. Listening requires patience, the pope reminds us. It also requires a certain humility.

Whenever I see the shouting crowds in front of the Supreme Court building, I am struck by the uselessness of these confrontations. No minds are changed. No hearts softened. Only the photographers are happy, because they've got their money shot.

It's as if we think we can bully or mock or simply shout down people until they agree with us. That is the real nonsense.

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Anniversaries

Argyle, St. Aloysius

Fred & Eileen Luebbert, 53 years
Leonard & Debbie Reinkemeyer, 33 years

Baring, St. Aloysius

John & Leah Flynn, 62 years
Gary & Suzanna Downing, 44 years

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes

Keith & Therese Caldwell, 35 years

Edina, St. Joseph

Deacon Ken & Marianne Berry, 50 years

Fayette, St. Joseph

Charles & Susan Flaspohler, 46 years
Jim & Becky Kurtz, 41 years
Harold & Beth Lammers, 38 years
Kirby & Kelly Asher, 11 years

Freeburg, Holy Family

Roy & Carol Plassmeyer, 62 years
Jack & Jean Berhorst, 60 years
Harold & Judy Falter, 56 years
Gerhard & Virginia Bax, 54 years
Danny & Janice Plemmons, 44 years
Jeff & Joan Plassmeyer, 37 years
Albert & Brenda Dudenhoeffer, 35 years
Jeff & Ruth Falter, 31 years
Glen & Sheri Struempf, 23 years
Doug & Bev Struempf, 22 years

Fulton, St. Peter

Deacon John & Kay Neudecker, 50 years

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph

Neil & Kathryn Mohrman, 43 years

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception

Dennis & Vickie Lueckenotte, 38 years

Koeltztown, St. Boniface

Kenny & Cecilia Rademan, 51 years
Leroy & Leigh Ann Falter, 39 years
Steve & Amy Kramer, 34 years
Ralph & Cathy Wilde, 33 years
Travis & Stephanie Hoffman, 22 years

Martinsburg, St. Joseph

Eddie & Lisa Wieberg, 38 years
Chris & Delta Bohr, 33 years
Jim & Liz Carline, 29 years
Jeff & Jennifer Hunn, 26 years
Aaron & Mandy Cope, 19 years

Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception

Barry & Jane Hubbard, 48 years
Gary & Orlana Gardner, 44 years
Robert & Margaret Hildebrand, 39 years
Jeff & Amanda Arens, 33 years
Steve & Beth Cobb, 31 years
Thomas & Patricia Pazdera, 27 years
Michael & Gina Smith, 15 years

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart

Tom & Elsie Grellner, 65 years
Allen & Rose Ann Scheulen, 54 years
Ken & Carol Krieg, 42 years
Pat & Joyce Neuner, 42 years
Allen & Marlene Kleffner, 41 years
Steve & Amy Kramer, 34 years
Richard & Tina Eisterhold, 32 years
Terry & Karen Mebruer, 32 years
Larry & Lori Woehr, 31 years
Brian & Sheila Luebbert, 27 years
Dennis & Diana Neier, 22 years
Matt & Michelle Neuner, 21 years
Harold & Amanda Stratman, 18 years
Matt & Ashley Starke, 16 years
David & Patty Bexten, 13 years

Russellville, St. Michael

Kenneth & Marilyn Davis, 52 years
Ron (Joe) & Lori Brockman, 35 years
Todd & Sheri Koestner, 31 years
Joe & Sharon Koskie, 28 years
Scott & Karen Distler, 19 years
CJ & Danielle McKinney, 12 years

Salisbury, St. Joseph

Steve & Joan Kacvinsky, 55 years

Vienna, Visitation

Clifford & Mary Wagner, 43 years
Tim & Rolanda Backues, 32 years
William & Julie Meier, 30 years
John & Sheila Allen, 28 years
Jason & Tami Curtis, 12 years

Baptisms

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Cinder Doering, Ada, Emma Kate, and Grace Malott**, children of Levi & Kelsey Malott

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Ryan Matthew Katz**, son of Nathan & Kelsey Katz

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Landon Heuer**

Ewing, Queen of Peace — **Rowdy Jackson Setzer**, son of Nicklaus & Sarah Setzer

Indian Creek, St. Stephen — **Calvin Dallas and George Oscar Grove**, sons of Adam & Tracy Grove

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Jennifer Nicole Hernandez**, daughter of José & Jennifer Hernandez

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Jamison Hendrix Bond**, son of Bryce Bond & Callie Reynolds; **Genevieve Antonia Byrd**, daughter of Richard & Maria Byrd; **Christine Dottie Pistel**, daughter of Chase & Riley Pistel; **Della Patrice Tappel**, daughter of Melissa Tappel; **Lou Rose Weckenborg**, daughter of Justin & Kathleen Weckenborg

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Cooper Francis Campbell, Arlo Michael Degn, Hope Ann Kleindienst, Carter Daniel Schepers, Lynn Jean Shimmens**

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake — **Olivia Marie Grant, Leo Kangrui, Max Kanghao McDevitt**

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Mia Faith Stuckenschneider**, daughter of Justin & Julie Stuckenschneider

St. Clement, St. Clement — **Madelyn Kate Maiuro**, daughter of Christopher & Emily Maiuro; **Warren Robert Schuckenbrock**, son of Devan & Hannah Schuckenbrock; **Nathan Gabriel Touchette**, son of Adam & Chelsey Touchette

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Brinley Viola Hagenhoff**, daughter of Dustin & Elaine Hagenhoff

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Leila Ann Wieberg**, daughter of Ryan & Lisa Wieberg

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Camden Lee Grotewiel**, son of Jacob & Ashley Grotewiel

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Winnie Elizabeth Boessen**, daughter of Daulton & Taylor Boessen; **Lucy Rose Findley**, daughter of Nick & Adrienne Findley; **Ruby June Massman**, daughter of Adam & Joy Massman

Deaths

Clare A. Janetti, 87 — mother of Steve Janetti, director of music at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Ozark and member of the faculty at Our Lady of the Snows School in Mary's Home — on May 5.

Precious Blood Sister Estelle Sullenstrup, 98 — who taught at St. Brendan School in Mexico from 1972-76, — on April 26. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 3.

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Rita Kampeter**

Bourbon, St. Francis Caracciolo — **Joseph Murphy**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Randy Harper, Vernon Whitney, Virginia Wright**

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Rita May**

Folk, St. Anthony of Padua — **Ethel Huhn**

Fulton, St. Peter — **Thomas Arthur Briggs Jr.**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Virginia L. Rippeto, Anna M. Wilbers**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Stanley H. Bisges**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Tom Perkins**

Linn, St. George — **Veronica J. Grellner**

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — **Jerome H. Haslag**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Michael J. Schulte**

Palmyra, St. Joseph — **Alphonse "Ferd" Dames**

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Dr. Elizabeth J. Conley, Raymond B. Doerhoff, Tim Otto**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Karl Jaegers**

Birthdays

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Evelyn Schulte**, her 90th on May 30

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Anna Marie Scherf**, her 97th on June 6

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Genevieve Juergensmeyer**, her 91st on May 24

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — **Marietta Schaefer**, her 90th on May 24

Monroe City, Holy Rosary — **Emma Jo Mudd**, her 100th on May 23

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **George Henke**, his 95th on June 7; **Dorothy Young**, her 95th on June 11

Marriages

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Paige Prenger & Lucas Grothoff**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Brittany Briggs & Michael Essma; Ashley Rehagen & Stephen Robbins; Allison Billington & Michael Wright**

Sacraments of Initiation

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Barbara Britton, Lisa Ann Kreamalmyer, Vanessa Sanneman, Nicole Tallent** at the Easter Vigil

Rolla, St. Patrick — **Justin Dan Brown** on March 11

Russellville, St. Michael — **Seth Elliot Raithe**

Honors

Warsaw, Knights of Columbus Council 8620 Ladies Auxiliary — **Cecile Smith**, with the Woman of the Year Award on May 11, for her "never-ending contributions to her parish and those in need in her community and beyond"

The Catholic Missourian publication schedule

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Crossword puzzle answers

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Where laws are made



Fourth- through sixth-graders at St. Joseph School in Salisbury visit the State Capitol and the Governor’s Mansion in Jefferson City on April 28.

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

At rest in the Lord



Members of the seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade confirmation class of St. Lawrence Parish in St. Elizabeth clean the graves and fence in St. Lawrence Cemetery on April 28 as part of their volunteer work/corporal works of mercy.

— Photo by Andrea Holtmeyer



Successful Eagle Scout project



Brody Thoenen presents his Eagle Scout project, a new trophy case, to Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek on April 5. It now stands in the school cafeteria. The school’s eighth-grade boys assisted along the way as Brody led and managed the project.

— Photo from the Immaculate Conception School, Loose Creek Facebook page

Above and below the ground



Pre-school, kindergarten and first-grade students of Our Lady of the Snows School in Mary’s Home visit Stark Caverns in Eldon during an April 28 field trip. The rain even held off so they could enjoy lunch at the park.

— Photo from the Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School Facebook page

The apostles watch Jesus ascend into heaven

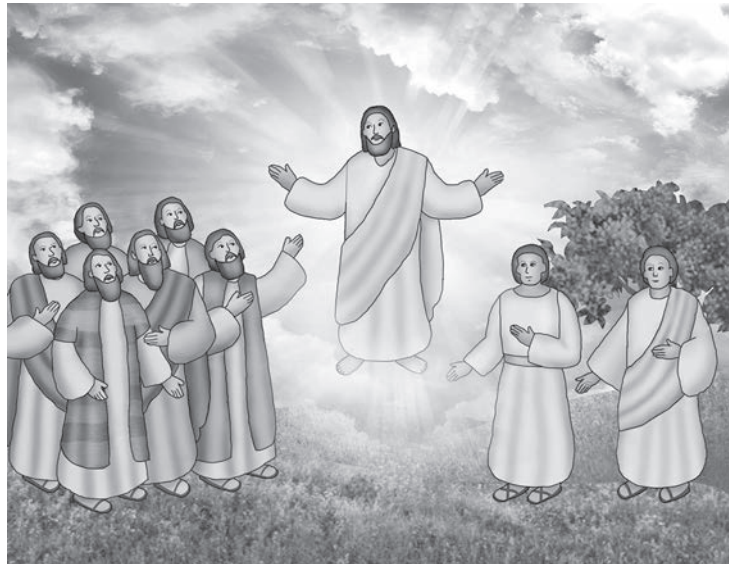
By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

Jesus appeared to His followers several times after His resurrection.

The first time, He appeared and spoke to Mary of Magdala, who was visiting His empty tomb. Jesus asked Mary to deliver a message to the apostles.

Afterward, He twice appeared to His friends in a locked room in Jerusalem. And He also walked with two of His followers who were talking about the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection as they traveled from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

"He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom



of God," Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, said in describing these events to a person named Theophilus.

"While meeting with them,

He enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard Me speak; for John bap-

tized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit," Luke explained.

Jesus gathered with the apostles on Mount Olivet, Luke continued.

"Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" the apostles asked.

"It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by His own authority," Jesus replied. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When Jesus finished speaking, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight.

As Jesus was going, the apostles looked intently at the sky. At first, they didn't notice that two men dressed in white garments were suddenly standing beside them.

"Men of Galilee," the men said, "why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus Who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven."

Afterward, the apostles descended Mount Olivet and returned to Jerusalem.

Read more about it...

Acts 1

1. Where did Jesus gather with the apostles?
2. Who suddenly appeared with the apostles?

Bible Accent

After watching Jesus ascend into heaven, the apostles returned to Jerusalem to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

When the time of Pentecost was fulfilled, they were gathered in one place. The apostles suddenly heard a noise like a strong, driving wind coming from the sky. It filled the entire house in which they were staying.

Then tongues as of fire appeared. The tongues of fire parted, and one came to rest on each apostle.

When the tongues of fire

rested upon them, they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in different languages.

When the Holy Spirit came, there were Jews from many different nations who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. They, too, heard the sound coming from the house in which the apostles were staying, and some of them came to investigate.

They were amazed that the Galilean apostles could speak the languages of the Jews from all the other nations. Some thought the apostles

were drunk.

Peter gave a speech to let everyone know that they were not drunk, and he also told them about Jesus. After hearing Peter's message, about 3,000 people were baptized.

Trivia

Where did the apostles go after returning to Jerusalem? (Hint: Acts 1:13)

Answer: The upper room.

Saint Spotlight

St. Germaine of Pibrac

Germaine Cousin was born in France in 1579. She was a sickly child and also had a withered hand. Her stepmother was cruel, only giving her scraps to eat and forcing her to sleep in the stable or a cupboard under the stairs. At age 9, she was tasked with tending the family's sheep. Neighbors made fun of her generosity and religious devotion, but they changed their minds when one day Germaine opened her apron and beautiful flowers fell out. Many miraculous healings have been attributed to Germaine, who died in 1601. We honor her on June 15.



Puzzle

Unscramble the words and arrange them to form a quotation from the children's story.

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Sentence:



Answers: promise, wait, father, for, the, of, the; Wait for the promise of the Father.

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New book for tired teachers uses Jesus's ministry as guide

Sweet Jesus, Is It June Yet? — 10 Ways the Gospels Can Help You Combat Teacher Burnout and Rediscover Your Passion for Teaching, by Amy J. Cattapan. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2021). 160 pp., \$15.95.

Reviewed by Regina Lordan
Catholic News Service

Exhausted, frazzled, underappreciated and underpaid teachers, take note. It is finally time to ditch the overly cliched, obnoxiously obtuse and not-actually-inspirational Pinterest quotes and Teachers Pay Teachers tools.

Your administrators, school board and mentor teachers can also take a rest with their professional development nonsense.

It's time to give up and give into the Gospels with *Sweet Jesus, Is It June Yet?*

In her book, author Amy J. Cattapan offers the most appropriate Gospel stories to remind teachers of their true purpose and to offer inspiration and hope to overcome fatigue and burnout.

With topics ranging from asking for help and knowing when to let things be, Cattapan uses the Gospels and her solid storytelling to help tired teachers take a breather and a moment of meaningful reflection.

Cattapan relates to her audi-

ence and knows well about the difficulties of the profession. A veteran educator herself, she has taught in just about every classroom setting — urban, rural, suburban, diverse, small, large, Catholic and public.

Cattapan began her profession without robust support from her family and knows full well the many roles a teacher must play to effectively educate a student.

She is also an author of several books, has a doctorate in curriculum and instruction, and loves grammar. Teachers would be right to be impressed by her resume and stamina in the industry.

In her book, Cattapan rightly points out that Jesus, too, knows full well about the difficulties of teaching. Jesus taught students who challenged Him, despised Him, chased Him out of town, and eventually cheered on His crucifixion.

But His teaching mission and the impact of His teachings prevailed, generation after generation.

How did Jesus do it? Yes, He is God, but Cattapan offers His life here on earth as a model for teachers to follow now.

Like many in the teaching profession, Jesus did not come from an esteemed background of award-winning educators. He was born in a stable after all, a child refugee. When it was His turn to take up His

teaching mission, He enters His first days under dire circumstances. His cousin had just been arrested, and off He goes to work.

Cattapan offers these stories of Jesus' simple beginnings to remind us that His life's examples are accessible; Jesus' experiences are reminders that He taught under pressure, with nasty pushback and daunting deadlines (His impending death and resurrection).

But Jesus' resilience and focus on His mission steered His ministry to its completion.

Cattapan, with her Gospel passages, personal reflections and interesting discussion questions, reminds readers that Jesus's first few weeks of teaching planted the seed of His ministry — He did not perform a miracle in that first day.

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Book tells how artists turned St. Joseph into complex historical figure

The Silent Knight: A History of St. Joseph as Depicted in Art, by Elizabeth Lev. Sophia Institute Press. (Manchester, New Hampshire, 2021). 227 pp., \$18.95.

Reviewed by Agostino Bono
Catholic News Service

St. Joseph, No. 3 in the Holy Family, is overshadowed in the Gospels by the baby Jesus and Mary.

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He leads Mary to Bethlehem, is present at the birth of Jesus and has a protector role in leading Mary and Jesus to exile in Egypt to escape Herod's wrath.

But he says nothing in the Gospels and has no role in Christ's public ministry. At best, he's a supporting player.

Not so in the more than 2,000 years of Christianity, where he has taken on a complex personality outstripping his Gospel portrait.

Christian art, theology and popular preaching have shaped him into various roles, often in keeping with the Christian needs of the times.

The Silent Knight tells how Christian art depicts him through the ages. Author Elizabeth Lev is an American art historian living in Rome where she conducts art tours.

The best parts of the book are the reproductions of famous art works and Lev's explanations of how they convey views about Joseph. A pointed finger or an eye glance casts the viewer toward an important element.

Similarly colored cloth-

ing ties Joseph to other Church figures, such as St. Peter to emphasize Joseph's role as protector of the papacy.

So how has Joseph been portrayed?

Sometimes he is seen as a servant to his family, washing Jesus' diapers or cooking the family meal, huffing on flames to keep the fire alive. At other times he's portrayed as the loving father, feeding berries to his hungry Son.

Renaissance artist Michelangelo had Mary — her back toward Joseph — sitting down, nestled between his legs as he hands her the baby Jesus over her shoulder in a show of family harmony.

To combat communist inroads with laborers in the late 1800s, he became Joseph the Worker. Spanish painter Francisco de Zurbarán even implied that he had been bodily assumed into heaven, following the ideas of some Catholic thinkers.

The book title refers to the depiction of Joseph as a knight who during the Middle

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in the first place.

“We need to figure out more ways to encourage that encounter with Christ,” he said.

Tyler experienced such en-

counters in the Frassati Fraternity and while on school mission trips, where he met people who were homeless and desperately in need.

“You realize that they have

the face of Christ in them,” he said. “And you can definitely see Jesus in their eyes and in the community that they have. It is comforting to know you brought a smile to their face.”

FR. DOYLE

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But here is what I would suggest as the safest solution, and it's one that is envisioned by the church's official teaching documents. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in No. 2181 says that Catholics “are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor.”

And the *Code of Canon Law* in No. 1245 allows a pastor, in individual cases, to dispense from the Mass obligation “for a just cause.” (Note that the code says “for a just cause” rather than for a “grave” or “serious” cause.)

As a pastor, I would consider a once-a-year

cruise to be a “just cause.” The same provision of the code allows a pastor, when granting a dispensation, to assign some other “pious work.” It could be, for example, reflecting on the scriptural readings for that day's Mass, reciting the Rosary or, after you have returned home, attending a Mass on a day when you are not obliged.

So my recommendation is to consult your pastor next time for such a dispensation. That way, you will be fulfilling the letter of the law as well as its spirit.

This column originally ran in 2014. Father Doyle is now retired.

TEACHERS

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Present-day teachers need to remember that they, too, might not perform educational miracles their first day of teaching ... or the school year. Those days are reserved for overall chaos, classroom procedures, rosters and syllabi anyway, right?

But little by little, Cattapan reminds, Jesus persistently made progress. And little by little, present-day teachers can too. His example, Cattapan emphasizes, teaches patient persistence.

In addition to the thoughtful Gospel excerpts chosen to help readers learn from Jesus's and the early disciples' examples, Cattapan candidly and cleverly shares her own professional experiences.

She writes honestly and has a knack for good storytelling. Her refreshingly positive conversational style is a nice contrast to the all-too-prevalent negativity in teachers' lounges where complaining and gossip reign. She shares true stories of situations she herself had creatively survived, offering teachers simple messages of survival.

And yet Cattapan doesn't shy away from offering uncomfortable points to contemplate. For example, she

challenges teachers to remember to put students ahead of bureaucracy, their education ahead of school tradition.

The examples she pulls from her teaching and the Gospels thread together an overarching reminder that teaching is about educating the students above all else.

If the goal of writing this book was for Cattapan to achieve its title, she undoubtedly has.

Perhaps she has also saved

the substitute teacher shortage and stopped the hemorrhage of teachers from the profession.

Time will tell.

Lordan, a mother to three young children, has master's degrees in education and political science and is a former assistant international editor of Catholic News Service. She currently teaches and is a court-appointed advocate for children in foster care.

ST. JOSEPH

From page 22

Ages — when the papacy was wracked with scandals — came to defend the Church — his damsel in distress — as he had defended Mary and Jesus.

Obviously, the title is also a play on words. When pronounced it recalls the title of a famous Christmas carol about the Nativity.

Probably the most interesting depictions regard his age, related to why he had no marital relations with Mary. During some eras, he's portrayed as an old man and others as young and virile with curly hair.

During times when priests often went sexually astray, he

was a sign of chastity. The young Joseph was reminder that he had no marital relations with Mary because he was chaste, not because he was too old.

So, in the Gospels, Joseph is the strong, silent type while in Christian art and history he becomes the man for all seasons.

Also of interest:

•*Every Day With St. Joseph, edited by Mary Amore. Our Sunday Visitor (Huntington, Indiana, 2021). 416 pp., \$19.95.*

•*Befriending St. Joseph: Finding Faith, Hope and Cour-*

Daily Readings

Sunday, May 29

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts 1:1-11
Ps. 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph. 1:17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28;
10:19-23
Lk. 24:46-53

Monday, May 30

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

Tuesday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep. 3:14-18a or Rom. 12:9-16
(Ps.) Is. 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Lk. 1:39-56

Wednesday, Jun 1

St. Justin, martyr
Acts 20:28-38
Ps. 68:29-30, 33-36ab
Jn. 17:11b-19

Thursday, Jun 2

Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps. 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
Jn. 17:20-26

Friday, Jun 3

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

Saturday, Jun 4

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps. 11:4, 5, 7
Jn. 21:20-25

Sunday, Jun 5

PENTECOST SUNDAY
Acts 2:1-11
Ps. 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom. 8:8-17
Jn. 20:19-23 or Jn. 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday, Jun 6

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

Tuesday, Jun 7

1 Kgs. 17:7-16
Ps. 4:2-5, 7b-8
Mt. 5:13-16

Wednesday, Jun 8

1 Kgs. 18:20-39
Ps. 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11
Mt. 5:17-19

Thursday, Jun 9

St. Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the Church
1 Kgs. 18:41-46
Ps. 65:10-13
Mt. 5:20-26

Friday, Jun 10

1 Kgs. 19:9a, 11-16
Ps. 27:7-9abc, 13-14
Mt. 5:27-32

Saturday, Jun 11

St. Barnabas, Apostle
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3
Ps. 98:1-6
Mt. 5:33-37

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Pope highlights need for community, care for creation

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Vatican City
Catholics of all ages are called to form strong faith communities, listen to and dialogue with others, reach out

to share the Gospel and work to protect the environment, Pope Francis said in a series of speeches May 21. Still using a wheelchair because of ongoing pain in his knee, Pope Francis

had a busy day, meeting four separate groups in addition to holding three private meetings. The pope's public appointments began with an apology to several hundred adolescents

preparing for confirmation in the Archdiocese of Genoa; they had gathered in the small square between the pope's residence and St. Peter's Basilica. "I've made you wait 35 minutes. I am sorry," the pope told them. "I heard the noise but had not finished the things I had to do first." Pope Francis

pleaded with the youngsters not to make their confirmation a "farewell sacrament" from active parish life, but to treasure the grace they receive, strengthen it with prayer and share it "because in the church we are not 'me alone,' or just me and God; no, we are all of us, in community."

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The exhibit will be open after the Saturday and Sunday Masses and will feature display of over 30 Vatican-approved Eucharistic Miracles.

It will be held in conjunction with the June 11 pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, including speaker Ed VanBuskirk with topics on "Living the Ten Commandments."


The pilgrimage begins at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. After the 10:15 a.m. Mass on June 12, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the parish will hold a Eucharistic Procession and public cookout.

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