

“You deserve better”

Nationally-renowned author and pro-life activist Abby Johnson shared stories with Helias Catholic High School students in hope of helping them make their own story a better one.

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Students visit cemetery, pray for deceased loved ones



Students and educators from St. Joseph School in Westphalia gather near the entrance to St. Joseph Cemetery to pray for deceased loved ones after processing there after Mass on Nov. 2, the Commemoration of All Souls.

— Photo by Jay Nies

By Jay Nies

The circle of prayer and Christian witness was strong and unbroken.

Students, teachers and friends of St. Joseph School in Westphalia had followed their pastor, Father Dylan Schradler, in a procession from the church to the parish cemetery to pray for the souls who have gone before them.

It was Nov. 2, All Souls Day.

“It’s important for us to remember the people who have died, who loved us,” said St. Joseph School seventh-grader Ty Brandt. “We need to pray for them so they can make it to their goal, which is heaven.”

Ty had been acquainted with at least four people in his extended family who are now at rest in St. Joseph Cemetery.

“I pray for them to make it to heaven and that they have a good eternal life,” he said.

Fifth-grader Audra Fennewald’s grandmother, Dorothy Fennewald, died on Oct. 9 and was laid to rest in the cemetery Oct. 14.

“I want her to remember me and everybody else — our cousins and the rest of our family,” said Audra.

She said it’s good to pray for her grandmother and everyone else who has died.

“We need to remember them and thank God for them,” she said.

Ty said he knows his deceased loved ones intercede constantly for him, his family and his classmates.

He hopes they will pray “that I’ll have the life that they had and that I make it to the right place: heaven.”

Worn pathways

The students, teachers and a handful of adult parishioners gathered in the

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Young people will encounter God’s hope at Nov. 20 Christ the King celebration in Columbia

By Jay Nies

Young Catholics from all over the diocese will converge in Columbia on Sunday, Nov. 20, to worship and celebrate the Eternal King.

They are invited to take part in a Spirit-filled bilingual event from 1:30 to 5 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive near Stadium Boulevard and I-70.

It will be the Solemnity of Christ the King.

“We hope young people join us with their youth groups, families, friends or confirmation class,” stated Maureen Quinn, diocesan director of religious education and youth ministry.

Pope Francis called for a Global Celebration of Young People to be held throughout the world on the final Sunday of the Church year.

The theme for the local observance will be “Viva Cristo Rey,” which is Spanish for “Long live Christ the King.”

The event will include:

•**FELLOWSHIP:** Food trucks will be available at 1:30 p.m. as people arrive (please bring money for this portion only).

•**REFLECTION:** Brian Greenfield, a dynamic speaker who was emcee at the 2021 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) and on the stage at numerous Steubenville Conferences, will present at 3 p.m.

•**PRAYER:** Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will join participants for Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction at 4 p.m.

“It will be a chance for them to praise and glorify our King, Who gives us strength when we are weak,” said Mrs. Quinn.

Bishop McKnight will speak briefly to the young people, but the majority of his time with them will be spent in prayer.

The hour of Adoration will include music led by the Hispanic youth choir from Marshall and by Totus Tuus

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Nov. 17 — **Fr. J. Patrick Quinn**, Sacred Heart, Rich Fountain; and St. Alexander, Belle (1999)

Nov. 18 — **Msgr. Jerome O. Sommer, PA**, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Robert (2012)

Nov. 24 — **Fr. Frank A. Bussmann**, St. Peter, Fulton; and St. Jude Thaddeus, Mokane (2017)

Nov. 25 — **Msgr. Joseph T. Bugler**, St. Mary, Shelbina (1997)

Nov. 26 — **Fr. Leo A. Stamm**, St. Joseph, Martinsburg (1975)

Women's Advent event, Nov. 29 in Jefferson City

DATE: November 29
TIME: 6:30 pm

Women of faith are invited to take part in the "Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room" Advent event on Tuesday, Nov. 29, in Jefferson City.

It will be at 6:30 p.m. in Msgr. Hoog Hall (lower level of the Selinger Centre) near St.

Peter Church, 216 Broadway.

All women are welcome to join in the celebration and reflect on the season of Advent with prayer, laughter and messages of hope, joy, love and peace.

Register by Nov. 19 to Sharon Naught 573-619-9636 or sharon.naught@gmail.com; or Diana Unruh 573-645-2040 or dianaunruh54@gmail.com.

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Advent Vespers, sacred music, Sundays at St. Peter in J.C.

DATE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18
TIME: 4 pm

St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City will have Vespers and a program of sacred music each Sunday of Advent — Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, 11 and 18 — in St. Peter Church, 216 Broadway, near the State Capitol.

Organ and choral concerts will be at 4 p.m., followed by Vespers (Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours) at 4:30 p.m.

St. Peter Parish music director Nicholas Liese will give an organ concert on Nov. 27 and Dec. 11.

The St. Peter Choir will give a choral concert on Dec. 4.

Internationally-renowned organist and lecturer Katelyn Emerson will give an organ concert on Dec. 18.

All are invited and welcome to attend.

J.C. St. Peter Saturday Mass time

Through the winter, the Sunday Vigil Mass in St. Peter Church in Jefferson City will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Confessions ("Priest on the Porch") begin at 3:30 p.m.

Advent Mission, Sacred Heart, Columbia

DATE: November 27-29
TIME: 7- 8:30 pm

Passionist Father Blaise Czaja from Houston, Texas, will lead an Advent Mission on Sunday through Tuesday, Nov. 27-29, at Sacred Heart Parish in Columbia.

The theme will be: "On the Way to Jesus Christ."

Mission talks will be given from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each evening in Sacred Heart Church, 105 Waugh St., followed by a reception.

All are invited to attend any or all of the sessions.

In Bahrain, pope sees joy of Catholic minority, deepens ties with Muslims

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Awali, Bahrain

Traveling as a "sower of peace" to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Pope Francis further strengthened ties with the Muslim world and witnessed the joy and vitality of its minority and predominately expatriate Christian population.

His message promoting the peaceful coexistence of different cultures and ethnicities also included the wider Persian Gulf region, which is also increasingly more diverse due to growing communities of mi-

grant workers, who constitute a significant percentage of the population.

The 85-year-old pope's visit to Bahrain Nov. 3-6 was his 39th international trip in nearly 10 years as pope and his 13th trip to a Muslim-majority nation, reflecting his deep commitment to interreligious dialogue and the need to work together to face today's global challenges and moral crises.

The pope's first stop in Awali Nov. 3 was Sakhir Palace, home of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the royal family.

Meeting with authorities, members of the diplomatic corps and local representatives at the palace, the pope said, "The numerous national, ethnic and religious groups that coexist in Bahrain testify that we can and must live together in our world."

He commended the kingdom's efforts to promote mutual respect, tolerance and religious freedom. However, he said more should be done to offer equal opportunities to all groups and individuals; counter discrimination; protect immigrant workers; guarantee human rights; and abolish the death penalty.

The following day was the

busiest for the pope, whose chronic knee pain had worsened, keeping him in a wheelchair when he needed to move around and seeing him stand only briefly with a cane for support.

Pope Francis helped close the Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence, an event sponsored by the king, Nov. 4 in Al-Fida' Square at the palace.

Riding in a compact white Fiat with Vatican City plates, the pope was accompanied through the lush green oasis of the palace's walled compound by royal guards on horseback. The pope was then invited to pour water from a metal pitcher onto the base of a large palm tree.

He told representatives of different religions and international leaders that "it is our duty to encourage and assist our human family," especially those who are neglected by the powerful: the poor, the unborn, the elderly, the infirm and migrants.

God wants His children to be "one family, not islands, but one great archipelago," like Bahrain, the pope said. The world can "only advance by rowing together; if we sail alone, we go adrift."

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Ecumenical community Thanksgiving services

In addition to Mass being available in many Catholic parishes on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 24), many local ministerial alliances organize ecumenical Thanksgiving prayer services in the days leading up to the holiday as a chance to pray as one faith community and take up an offering for local people in need. These services are a long-standing tradition in areas of the diocese and offer a rare opportunity to gather and pray united with members of other Christian congregations. Here is a partial list of ecumenical Thanksgiving prayer services that are scheduled in the diocese.

Boonville — Tue., Nov. 22, 6 pm, First Christian Church, 301 Fourth St.

Camdenton — Sun., Nov. 20, 2 pm, Camdenton United Methodist Church, 340 W. U.S. Hwy. 54 (cash and canned goods donations to support Lamb House is suggested)

Centralia — Sun., Nov. 20, 6 pm, Friendship Church, 2045 Hwy. EE

Cuba — Thur., Nov. 17, 7 pm, Covenant of Praise Church, 309 N. Mapleshade Road (non-perishable food donations to support local food pantry is suggested)

Edina — Sun., Nov. 20, 7 pm, Assembly of God Church, 1105 E. Lafayette, with Deacon Kenneth Berry proclaiming a reading and St. Joseph parishioner outlining the work of the Ministerial Alliance of Knox County

Hermann — Sun., Nov. 20, 7 pm, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 136 W. First St.

Kahoka — Sun., Nov. 20, 5 pm, Kahoka Methodist Church, 1110 W. Main St., with Father Robert Fields giving the message

Linn — Sun., Nov. 20, 6 pm, St. John's United Methodist Church, 920 E. Main St.

Monroe City — Mon., Nov. 21, 7 pm, Holy Rosary Church, 405 S. Main St.

Unionville — Sun., Nov. 20, 6 pm, United Methodist Church, 110 N. 19th St.

Free Thanksgiving Day meal in Camdenton

DATE: November 24
TIME: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

St. Anthony Parish in Camdenton will host its 17th free Thanksgiving Day dinner on Thursday, Nov. 24, for people in the Camdenton area who would enjoy having a holiday meal with others.

The sit-down dinner, featuring roast turkey "and all the trimmings," will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall downstairs from St. Anthony Church, 1874 N. Business Route 5.

All are invited, especially people who are homeless, alone, who cannot afford the "holiday trimmings," and all who would enjoy sharing a free dinner in the company of others.

Volunteers will deliver meals to people who are homebound or cannot come to the church hall for the dinner.

Contact the parish office at 573-346-2716, Kris Pauls at 573-292-0309, or Tracy Peters at 573-480-6886 to request delivery.

Monthly Diocese of Jefferson City Podcast makes its debut

By Jay Nies

Like many throughout the Jefferson City diocese, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's enthusiasm for hunting and fishing is rooted in familial connections.

"I have a lot of happy memories of doing things like that with my Dad," he tells Jacob Luecke, diocesan director of communications, in the inaugural Diocese of Jefferson City Podcast, posted this week at diojeffcity.org/podcast.

Links to the short, informal conversations on matters pertaining to Catholic spirituality and everyday life will be emailed to parishioners throughout the diocese each month.

People can also subscribe through their favorite podcast-hosting service or link to



it anytime from the diocesan website.

"We hope to cover many interesting topics that are happening across our diocese," Mr. Luecke stated.

In this month's offering, titled "A Blessing for our Hunters," Bishop McKnight talks about his family connections

to hunting and fishing; the significance of St. Eustatius and St. Hubertus; how experiencing the beauty of nature can deepen one's relationship with God; and why time spent in nature should draw people to church.

He discusses the Biblical and theological reasons for properly caring for the environment and cooperating with God in the act of creation.

He speaks of the significance of the quail in his coat of arms, and recounts being with his Dad in the Cascade Mountains in Washington when the volcano at Mount St. Helens erupted in 1980.

He closes with a prayer and blessing for hunters as Deer Season gets under way.



NOVEMBER

- Nov 11-17** United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Fall Plenary, Baltimore, MD
- Nov 20** 125th Anniversary Mass, Holy Spirit Parish, 10 am, Centralia; Viva Cristo Rey: Global Celebration of Young People, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1:30 pm, Columbia
- Nov 23** Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce 43rd Annual Prayer Breakfast, Missouri Farm Bureau, 7 am, Jefferson City
- Nov 27** Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Parish, 2 pm, Jefferson City
- Nov 30** Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School Board Meeting, 1 pm, Chancery

DECEMBER

- Dec 2** Helias Catholic High School Board Meeting, 1:30 pm, Chancery

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Bishop McKnight's November prayer intention for our Local Church

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

Reconociendo las muchas bendiciones que Dios ha deramado en nuestras vidas, abracemos la espiritualidad de la "buena administración" y evitemos cualquier sentido de merecimiento en nuestra relación con Dios. Roguemos al Señor.

Please be so kind as to make this a part of your group and private prayer.

Two Helias Catholic teachers return to Poland to enhance their lessons on the Holocaust

By Jay Nies

“That is why I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim.”

That dictum from Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel sums up one of the lessons Helias Catholic High School English teachers Kathy Jarman and Sarah Kempker absorbed during their week-long trip to Poland this summer.

There, they took part in an intense, immersive class on the genocide commonly referred to as the Holocaust.

They toured former Nazi death camps and listened to experts, witnesses and survivors of that dark moment in history, when 6 million European Jewish people were systematically marginalized, sent to work camps and killed.

All of this took place during the reign of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party in Germany in the years leading up to and through World War II.

“I felt like I was walking on holy ground,” said Mrs. Jarman. “Auschwitz and Birkenau — because the soil was sandy and kind of ashy — I can’t help but become emotional when I think about it.”



LEFT: Helias Catholic High School teacher Kathy Jarman searches through the Book of Names in Auschwitz I, which lists the known names of those who were killed during the Holocaust. RIGHT: Helias Catholic teacher Sarah Kempker walks under the infamous “Arbeit macht frei” gate of Auschwitz I, which was in German-occupied Poland in World War II.

For 13 years, both educators have been teaching second-semester sophomore literature students about the Holocaust, using *Night*, a first-person account by Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel.

“Teaching this through literature, we get to focus a bit more on the human side of it,” said Mrs. Kempker. “Reading a book by someone who was there, who lived that experi-

ence — there is that emotional side, rather than just the facts of a history book.”

Over time, the two teachers have established a relationship with the Holocaust Museum in St. Louis and have had survivors visit the school and share their firsthand recollections.

That helped make the lessons very personal for Mrs. Jarman and Mrs. Kempker and their students.

Three years ago, Mrs. Jarman was scrolling through her Twitter feed and saw an invitation for educators to apply for a program at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Holocaust museum in Poland.

Both teachers applied and got accepted. That meant two of the 30 participants from throughout the world were from Helias Catholic.

The group toured several of the Nazi death camps where millions of Jewish people and political prisoners were murdered, their possessions plundered and their earthly remains burned in ovens or buried in mass graves.

The visitors spent time in a museum at the notorious Auschwitz work and death camp. One room was filled with suitcases and shoes taken from



people who were killed there.

Another contained human hair that had been shaved off the heads of the people when they arrived there.

“You could see women’s hair braids with ribbons in the pile, just cut off,” said Mrs. Kempker.

They toured one of the gas chambers in which thousands of people were systematically killed.

The educators were forced to confront the evidence of unfathomable evil, dark paradoxes, and disturbingly nebulous, ever-shifting wartime distinctions between bystander, perpetrator and victim.

They stood in places described by the author of *Night* as well as survivors who had spoken to their students in years past.

Some of it was too much to bear.

“I remember saying, ‘I’m never coming back. I don’t like this place, the way it makes me feel,’” said Mrs. Kempker. “But three years later, we jumped at the chance to come back.”

“Praises and consolations”

Ben Fainer, one of the survivors who had come to Jefferson City to speak to Mrs. Jarman’s and Mrs. Kempker’s students,

had died by the time the teachers made their first trip to Poland three years ago.

They took with them a copy of a book he had written, titled *Silent for Sixty Years*, photographed it at Birkenau and sent the photo to his daughter.

She responded, “Would you pray for my family members who died in that place?”

The teachers asked her to send the names of the people they should pray for.

“The list of immediate family members who died at Birkenau was a spreadsheet eight pages long,” said Mrs. Kempker.

At the memorial, the teachers prayed the Kaddish, a traditional prayer of people who are mourning: “Blessed, praised, glorified, exalted, extolled, honored, elevated and lauded be the Name of the Holy One, blessed is He — above and beyond any blessings and hymns, praises and consolations which are uttered in the world. Amen.”

“We haven’t learned”

This year’s weeklong gathering immersed participants more deeply in the web of factors that led to the Holocaust.

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“Credit for the success of our Vitafood outreaches should really go to the compassionate Catholics in the U.S. who help us secure and ship these self-contained meal packets to Catholic missions around the globe,” said Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a Vatican-recognized charity serving missionaries in the developing world. “Church leaders in Haiti, Guatemala and other developing countries are eager to help the hungry poor in their communities, but they need us to supply them with resources like this food. Getting a steady supply of Vitafood is critical to their programs. In some cases, where hunger is extreme, these meals can even save lives.”

According to Cavnar, Vitafood is also an extremely flexible resource. It comes in several different varieties and can be prepared with additional spices and ingredients to suit local tastes. Vitafood provides the optimal balance of vitamins, minerals, protein, fiber, fat and carbohydrates that a child’s hungry body needs. These meals are also important to the health and physical well-being of children and adults who

are healthy but at risk of becoming malnourished.

What’s more, because Vitafood meals are donated to us by respected faith-based organizations, Cross Catholic Outreach only needs to cover the cost to ship the meals to hungry families. This means that for every dollar donated, 14 nutritious meals can be sent to a community in need.

“There are very few donations a person can make that achieve this much bang for the buck,” Cavnar pointed out. “Some of our donors are so impressed with the impact that they sponsor the shipment of an entire 40-foot container filled with food, effectively supplying the poor with tens of thousands of meals.”

Support for this outreach is particularly important now, according to Cavnar. The COVID-19 pandemic, the military conflict in Ukraine and widespread inflation have made obtaining food much harder for overseas missions.

“Our goal is to support those struggling Church leaders by bringing in the food they need. The health of poor families is at risk if we don’t,” Cavnar said. “As I see it, this is our opportunity to be a blessed instrument of mercy. It is our chance to further the work of the dedicated priests, sisters and Catholic lay missionaries who are doing everything they can to respond to this threat.”

Readers interested in supporting Cross Catholic Outreach food programs and other outreaches to the poor can contribute through the ministry brochure inserted in this issue or send tax-deductible gifts to: Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC02270, PO Box 97168, Washington, DC 20090-7168. The



A young girl waits for the meal to be served at her school in Nicaragua. Cross Catholic Outreach and its U.S. benefactors play a critical role in making this and other school lunch programs possible by sponsoring the food shipments these ministries need.

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If you are like most people, your mailbox is choked with Christmas catalogs and sales flyers every fall. In fact, their arrival has almost become a sign of the season, like the appearance of house lights and department store decorations.

This Advent and Christmas season, Cross Catholic Outreach intends to offer a catalog too — but theirs is a very different offering with a very different purpose. It has been designed to bless both givers and receivers by using the holiday gift-giving tradition

to help the world’s poorest families.

Rather than offer gizmos, gadgets, neckties and jewelry, the Cross Catholic Outreach Christmas catalog gives Catholics with a concern for the poor an opportunity to share the blessings in their own lives with needy families by sponsoring practical and urgently needed items such as vitamins, milk powder, seeds for farming, access to safe water and materials to build homes. Of course, it also offers blessings for children, including toys and sports equipment, so individuals

can choose to sponsor both practical items suitable for families and gifts to bring children joy.

“Like most Christmas catalogs, ours offers lots of items so donors can choose to give something specific. That said, they can also make a general gift to address the poor’s greatest needs,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. “When donors choose to give to the Greatest Need category, they provide us and the Catholic missions we serve the freedom to address any urgent need. The priests and religious

sisters we support really appreciate that flexibility. It’s the best way to empower their work among the poor.”

This unique Christmas catalog is easy to access. Readers will find a link for it at the ministry’s website (CrossCatholic.org) or they can reach it directly by entering the web address CrossCatholic.org/Christmas.

“Our hope is that everyone will be blessed by the experience,” Cavnar said. “It’s a wonderful way for us to celebrate the birth of our merciful Lord!”

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Catholic Missions Use School Lunch Programs to Feed Hungry Children in Poor Communities

Extreme hunger has been on the rise in developing countries around the globe, but Catholic missions have developed an effective way to combat the problem — especially where children are at risk. They have instituted school lunch programs to ensure needy boys and girls in the poorest communities receive at least one nutritious meal.

Sadly, for some of the participating children, that school lunch is the *only* food they will eat all day.

“I once met a poor father who grieved every time the weekend approached because he had no money and no food to offer his children on those days. He knew his kids would eat when they went to the Catholic school on weekdays, but when his kids were home on the weekends, they often went hungry,” shared Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a respected relief and development ministry working in these impoverished areas. “We eventually found a way to deliver general food supplies to his community, but his story indicates just how critical Catholic school lunch programs are to the children in developing countries like Haiti, Guatemala and Nicaragua.”

Once you have seen the extreme poverty families face in the developing countries Cavnar listed, it is easy to understand why hunger is such a frightening prospect to the parents in those places. Life is very hard for poor families in those nations, but it is particularly challenging to those living in rural areas where whims of weather can so easily disrupt their incomes and their lives.

“Most rural families are subsistence farmers,” Cavnar explained. “They work very hard, but it is still a struggle for them to feed their families. When the weather doesn’t cooperate or pests destroy their crops, their children go hungry — and some even fall prey to malnutrition. That’s a very dangerous condition because it puts their sons and daughters at risk of long-term mental and physical impairments. It also weakens immune systems, which produces additional problems when an illness such as COVID-19 strikes. In fact, almost any serious illness or disease can be deadly when your immune system is compromised.”

Solving this hunger problem required Cross Catholic Outreach to find a solution that would cost-effectively reach a significant number of children



Catholic schools in countries such as Haiti, Guatemala and Nicaragua rely on Cross Catholic Outreach’s shipments of Vitafood to provide daily lunches. These prepackaged meals can be supplemented with meats and vegetables from local sources.

in one place and at one time.

“Catholic schools were identified as the most logical place to host a feeding program, so we made it a priority to supply them with food for lunches,” Cavnar said. “We have other methods of getting food out to hungry families, but the school-based feeding programs are the most effective ways we can put healthy meals in the hands of needy boys and girls. We also supply Vitafood to those schools whenever possible because the meals are specifically formulated to be both highly nutritious and culturally appropriate to the countries we serve.” (See related story on the opposite page.)

Beyond satisfying the hunger of children, the program also has an important educational impact, according to Cavnar.

“Hungry children struggle to concentrate in school, and eventually they fall behind. When a family finds it hard to make ends meet and their children don’t seem to be progressing in their studies, those

parents are tempted to pull their sons and daughters out of school altogether. We can’t let that happen. We need to ensure these children are able to succeed in school so they can eventually break free from the poverty that has plagued their families for generations.”

While Cavnar believes the school-based feeding programs currently underway are successful, he believes

even more can be done if Catholics in the United States remain committed to the cause and generously support the Church’s efforts.

“Now that they understand the hardships hunger creates, I’m optimistic my Catholic brothers and sisters in the U.S. will be eager to help,” he said. “That’s because every meal we are able to ship can have a life-transforming impact on a child.”

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QUESTION CORNER

Lamp for Blessed Sacrament / Eulogies at Catholic funerals

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



This column originally ran in 2015.

Q. Some years ago, I was driving my car in an unfamiliar area and felt a desire to stop in a church and pray. I came across a huge barn of a building with no sign on the outside, and I wondered whether it might be “one of ours” (i.e., a Catholic church). I entered and saw a red candle lighted, to the right of the altar, and I knew that I was “home.” In more recent years, though, some of the Catholic churches I visit have no red light, and the Blessed Sacrament is locked away in a chapel. Perhaps this is just a quirk of my home diocese, but I can’t help wondering: Why are we hiding God? (Orange, California)

A. The “sanctuary lamp,” to which you refer, is actually required in a Catholic church whenever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (the *GIRM*, the church’s liturgical “rule book”) says in No. 316 that “near the tabernacle a special lamp, fueled by oil or wax, should shine permanently to indicate the presence of Christ and honor it.”

Note that it need not be red, though certainly that is the traditional color. As for your concern with the Eucharist’s being “locked away in a chapel,” you should know that the *GIRM* does provide an option (in No. 315) so that the Blessed Sacrament may be reserved “either in the sanctuary, apart from the altar of celebration” or “even in some chapel suitable for the private adoration and prayer of the faithful.” That chapel, though, must be “organically connected to the church and readily noticeable by the Christian faithful.”

I am assuming that you have not seen the Eucharist literally “locked away,” since that would preclude the chance for adoration. In our parish, we have a separate eucharistic chapel. It can accommodate six to eight people, who may kneel or sit in quiet meditation before the Blessed Sacrament.

Just outside this chapel, visible as one enters the main body of the church, is a (red) sanctuary lamp that is kept lighted throughout the day and night. Far from “hiding God,” I believe this small but prayerful place honors the presence of Jesus in a special way and beckons people to visit.

This column originally ran in 2015.

Q. I recently attended a funeral Mass for a friend — not at my own parish. The pastor informed the family of the deceased that there could be no eulogy given in church — before, during or after the funeral Mass. They were quite upset because they had already asked a family member to deliver the eulogy. This same parish had for years allowed family members or friends to speak and eulogize their loved one during a funeral Mass; the change in policy came with the arrival of a new pastor, who said that eulogies should never have been allowed previously, and he cited canon law in support of that. What is the official position of the Church, or is it up to the discretion of the local pastor? (Mayfield, New York)

A. The pastor may have been referring not to canon law but to the Order of Christian Funerals, which is the Church’s guidebook for such celebrations. The guidebook does say that “there is never to be a eulogy” (No. 27). But that section is meant to offer guidance to the priest-celebrant with regard to the homily.

It reminds the celebrant that a Catholic funeral is not to con-

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Papal Audience
November 9, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My recent apostolic journey to Bahrain was occasioned by the international Forum for Dialogue, which brought together leaders of different religions in the service of peace. Dialogue is in fact “the oxygen of peace,” opening minds and hearts to encounter and breaking down the walls of violence and division. In our world, torn by war and conflict, religious and civil leaders, and all persons of good will, are challenged to look beyond narrow interests and to seek the unity and peace of the entire human family. My visit to Bahrain, a predominantly Muslim country, was yet another step in the promising journey of dialogue, encounter and fraternal cooperation between Christians and Muslims. In those days, I was also able to join Christian leaders in a choral prayer for peace and to celebrate Holy Mass with the Catholic community of Bahrain and the greater Gulf region. May the prayers of Our Lady of Arabia confirm them in their joyful witness of faith and help all believers to persevere on the path to peace, understanding and fraternal coexistence.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims taking part in today’s audience, especially those from Denmark, Finland, Canada and the United States of America. Upon all of you I invoke the joy and peace of Christ our Lord. God bless you!

Father Doyle, a former CNS columnist and Albany, N.Y., pastor, dies at 82

Catholic News Service

Albany, NY

Father Kenneth Doyle, who wrote the popular Catholic News Service “Question Corner” column for the last 11 years and had served as the Catholic News Service (CNS) Rome bureau chief in the early 1980s, died Oct. 28 at Teresian House in Albany. He was 82.

Ordained in 1966 for the Diocese of Albany, Fr. Doyle

also had been assistant editor and then editor of *The Evangelist*, the diocesan newspaper, before taking the CNS Rome position. He later was director of media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, chancellor of public information for the Albany diocese and for many years pastor of Mater Christi Parish in Albany.

His funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 5 at Mater Christi,

followed by burial at St. Peter’s Cemetery in Troy, New York.

“Father Ken served the people of our diocese and the Albany community in many ways throughout his productive life, a man of great skill and talent,” Albany Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger said in a statement. “For most, however, he will be remembered as a pastor,

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Globalization requires us to change our views on immigration

By Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio
Catholic News Service



In the age of globalization, when goods and services circulate freely between countries, the concept of labor migration needs to be examined.

While we encourage the movement of goods and services, our country has difficulty with the movement of human beings who seek to fill important jobs in our economy.

The recent high number of apprehensions along the U.S.-Mexico border is a case in point. This phenomenon has caused many to believe that we are experiencing an “invasion.”

However, the numbers can be deceiving because the metrics used sometimes do not account for the recidivism of migrants trying to reenter.

In fact, of the over 2 million people taken into custody in fiscal year 2022, 22% were apprehended at least twice.

Moreover, the number of asylum-seekers from authoritarian countries —

Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua — increased by 175% this year.

Meanwhile, the number of migrants from the Northern Triangle countries of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras decreased by 45%.

The 1.6 million apprehensions that happened during 2021 should also be closely analyzed, as only 40% were Mexicans, changing a long-standing trend.

In an age of globalization, cross-border movements are natural, with points of entrance and departure for the normal flow of goods, services and workers.

Border management has three basic goals: to intercept drugs, to stop undocumented migration and to keep out terrorists and those on a watch list. These goals are more efficiently met at airports, but along the 2,000-mile southern border, these goals are nearly impossible to meet.

What is the solution to this problem? As long as opponents stoke the public's fear of uncontrolled migration, legal reform will be politically difficult to achieve.

However, a reformed system that favors legal pathways for family unification and to meet workforce needs will help re-

duce the number of migrants who cross into the U.S. without authorization.

By creating more legal pathways for entry, we will be able to meet our future demand for labor in a safe and orderly manner.

The labor needs of globalization make border control more difficult. Eliminating both human trafficking and smuggling requires new forms of international cooperation.

Regional structures can help limit unauthorized migration for those fleeing violence and extreme poverty while also providing them protection.

The proposed solutions will depend on international cooperation and increased resources to assist in giving prompt asylum hearings and attention to other humanitarian protection needs.

This may be accomplished by having orientation safe havens close to the exit points of people's home countries that would allow for them to apply for asylum and avoid making dangerous journeys.

Catholic social teaching reminds us that sovereign nations have a right to protect their borders and admit those in conformity with their laws.

But this must be balanced by the common good of those seeking entrance and the needs of a country.

When we look at refugee and asylum situations around the world — such as the admittance of more than 2.5 million refugees by Poland from Ukraine — we realize that our country can afford to be much more generous.

We also need to increase the legal pathways for workers and for family reunification.

Globalization requires a new U.S. immigration system that only immigration reform can provide.

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio is the retired bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. He writes the column “Walking With Migrants” for Catholic News Service and The Tablet.

Reconciling the world with life

By Elise Italiano Ureneck
Catholic News Service



This year marks the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. I've found myself rereading the council documents, since they are a treasure trove of insights about the liturgy,

Scripture and the universal call to holiness, among other topics.

I never ceased to be stirred when reading the opening lines of *“Gaudium et Spes”*: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.”

But it's a text from the closing of the council with which I'm preoccupied these days, and one that underscores Pope Francis' characterization of St. Paul VI as prophetic.

In 1965, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Paul VI penned an address to women, summoning them to meet the challenges of the modern world: “The hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of woman is being achieved in its fullness, the hour in which woman acquires in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved.”

The pope was not referencing a worldly power, as if he were calling for more female world leaders or C-suite executives.

The Church would, in the decades after the council, advocate for women's equal dignity and treatment and insist that their gifts be welcomed into every social, political and economic sphere. And the Church would even apologize for the ways in which it was complicit in women's oppression throughout history.

But the power and influence the pope referenced was to be like our Lord's. It was to be leadership for the sake of others. It was an explicit call to women to “reconcile men with life” and help all people understand both the fullness of their humanity and our common destiny.

One glance at today's headlines shows that our work is still cut out for us.

Take the steady number of women who face an unplanned pregnancy each year. With the question of abortion now open for debate in America, women have a critical role in persuading men and women against taking the lives of their children.

Because women are “present in the mystery of a life beginning,” they have an intimate knowledge that can inform their arguments. They know firsthand what challenges are present in pregnancy, childbirth and childrearing, and can work to eliminate the obstacles that

REFLECTION

Gift of tears

By Mark Saucier

The day began with heavy clouds lingering after the night's rain. I had a text from a friend whose husband has just begun hospice. She would let us know when they completed their visit, and we could come by.

Her next message read, “He just slipped away.”

And he was gone.

No more of that hand-in-the-cookie-jar smile.

No more of his long hugs, funny quips and Minnesota stories.

No more of his “How are you?” asked with the assurance that he had time for the truth.

We all know that life is temporary; still, it shouldn't end so fast.

But he loved theater and knew a thing or two about a last act — just long enough to tie up loose ends but short enough not to lose the plot.

For him, it was the performance and not acclaim. He needed no curtain call.

But that wasn't enough to stop the tears at the loss of a good man our world so sorely needs.

Later, under a clearing sky, I went to a ceremony for two women completing our recovery program.

We call it commencement, a ritual marking something new after a year of sobriety and hard work at personal transformation.

They had a history of using and of being used. It led them to jail, but also to death, dying to their children, their parents and themselves.

Both their dads fought through the tears to speak — today's father of the prodigal son, previously weeping in fear, waiting without reason for their return.

But now, one father sobbed, he understood what St. Paul meant by “a new creation.”

That evening, we had a birthday party for two grandchildren. It's nice that the 12-year-old still wants to share his birthday with his 5-year-old cousin.

That is, if Grandma makes two cakes: a St. Louis Blues chocolate for him and a Unicorn white cake for her.

The prodigal years are yet to come for all our grandkids, but we still ate the fatted calf and littered the living room with scraps of wrapping paper.

I had a tear in my eye when we gave our thanks. After they left, I set it free. I wept at the sheer joy of it all.

The day reminded me of a couple of things.

Whether it is a life complete, a past overcome, or a future just starting, it is all gift.

And all our tears mark the unmistakable nearness of God.

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Encounter

AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES



By Daniel Lester

"The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word." Deus Caritas Est (22) —Pope Benedict XVI

Every day, all around the world, millions of people experience God's grace through acts of charity conducted by faithful Catholics.

In homes, parishes, hospitals, schools, community centers, and shelters we express Christ's love for all people when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, and minister to the sick and imprisoned.

Charity can be as simple as a smile to someone struggling with depression, or as complex as developing and operating a multi-unit housing complex for the chronically homeless.

Since 2011, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri has been just one expression of charity in the Diocese of Jefferson City.

As the social services outreach arm of the diocese, we are tasked with assisting Bishop W. Shawn McKnight in ensuring the Catholic Church in Central and Northern Missouri is fulfilling her mission to reach out to those on the margins and follow through with our biblical call to serve those in need.

We strive to provide a range of charitable programs and services to those in need in the 38 counties of the diocese, and serve all regardless of faith, culture or situation.

At Catholic Charities, we believe in

assisting the most basic and immediate needs of the poor and vulnerable by giving them the help and resources needed for long-term change.

We choose to focus on those areas of greatest need and avoid duplication of services wherever possible.

We also belong to the nation's largest private social services network through our affiliation with Catholic Charities USA.

In 2021, more than 15 million people in need were served by Catholic Charities agencies across the United States. We are proud to be one small piece of a network that is making such a difference.

If you were to pay a visit to a Catholic Charities office today, you might find a newly arrived refugee family from Ukraine being enrolled into services, a senior on a fixed income visiting our food pantry to stretch their resources just a little further, or a couple struggling with marital stress checking in for a counseling session.

Maybe you would encounter a survivor of a flash flood coming to meet with their disaster case manager to talk about home repairs, or a single mom trapped by predatory loans receiving financial coaching and education.

In 2022, we have already had more than 3,000 of our neighbors in need come to us for help, and we are blessed

to be able to provide care for them and create hope when times are dark.

In the months to come, we look forward to using this regular space in *The Catholic Missourian* to shed light on stories of our work with those on the margins, including those directly im-

We will explore how to get involved with Catholic Charities, as opportunities to support our work via monetary or in-kind donations and volunteer service are plentiful.

You can also expect in-depth looks at our various programs and services, and the amazing staff who have dedicated themselves to serving our neighbors in need.

Are there topics related to Catholic Charities and our work that you would like to see covered in this space? A particular program, service, or area of ministry that you would like to know more about?

We look forward to engaging with you about our life saving work. We hope you'll join us here in the pages of *The Catholic Missourian* and appreciate your prayers for Catholic Charities and those we serve.

Daniel Lester, LSCW, is the Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, an entity of the Diocese of Jefferson City, that responds to the needs of people in 38 counties regardless of faith, culture, or situation.

This includes services in mental health, food security, health and nutrition education, disaster preparation and response, family reunification through immigration legal services, and resettlement of refugees. For more information, visit ccnmo.diojeffcity.org.

WHAT ARE CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS?

Catholic Social Teachings reflect the several key themes that make up the heart of the church's work:

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

Rights and Responsibilities

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Solidarity

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pacted by the services they receive at Catholic Charities.

We also will highlight the work of partners in service, including the amazing charitable programs provided by our parishes throughout the diocese.

Why we do what we do will be a topic of discussion, as all of our activities are driven by scripture, tradition and Catholic social teaching.

At border Mass above the Rio Grande, migrants who died are remembered

By Rhina Guidos

Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

From an altar set on a platform just above the waters that straddle the U.S. and Mexico, Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, Texas, celebrated a Mass Nov. 5 to remember migrants who've died trying to cross the waters below or along the border in 2022.

In particular, he remembered a 5-year-old named Margareth Sofía, who died a few days before in the Rio Grande.

"She came from an impoverished town in southeast Guatemala," the bishop said in his homily, recounting the news about her drowning. "The 5-year-old dreamed of working one day in Kansas, where she had relatives. She wanted to make enough money, along with her mother, to help her disabled 9-year-old brother."

Trying to reach that dream, she began crossing the river, guided by her mother's hand Aug. 24. In a mat-

ter of moments, the rip current grabbed a hold of the child. First responders recovered her little body from the river.

"Normally, the Rio Grande, Rio Bravo (as it's known on the Mexico side) doesn't have enough water to be of threat to anyone," the bishop said. "But you remember the strong storms we had at the end of August."

Local Spanish-language media in El Paso reported that she was the fourth child to die in the river in a span of 24 hours in late August at the popular passage for border crossers.

The weekend Mass, just a few days after All Souls' Day, marked the 25th time that the border cities of El Paso, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, have gathered to pray for those who have died trying to reach the U.S.

To date this year, Bishop Seitz said, border authorities have reported 853 migrant deaths on the U.S.

border side alone. It's a number that doesn't include those who have died in the Darién Gap, a thick jungle that connects South and Central America where many migrants travel through trying to avoid authorities.

The statistics also don't show those who have died at the hands of organized crime in Mexico and Central America, he said.

"As we gather, we're conscious that there are many who have not arrived safe and sound to this temporary worldly destination," Bishop Seitz said. "It's possible that their stories are never told until we meet them in the kingdom of God. Each one of these deaths is a lost loved one, but one never forgotten, hurt that will never end, a story that deserves to be told."

Bishop Seitz, who is set to become the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' migration committee in mid-November, was joined by Bishops José Guadalupe Torres Campos of Ciudad Juárez and Peter Baldacchino of Las Cruces.

Pro-life witness shares message of hope, mercy, redemption with high school students

By Jay Nies

“If God can forgive me, He can forgive anybody.”

Pro-life advocate Abby Johnson spoke candidly and humbly to the students, faculty and administration of Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City.

“I have the gift of knowing how merciful God is,” she stated during an Oct. 27 all-school assembly. “I live in the hope that God is caring for the children I’ve lost and that He will reunite me one day with them in heaven.”

Mrs. Johnson’s best-selling 2010 autobiography, *Unplanned*, and the 2019 motion picture based on it tell how God led her away from championing abortion rights and managing a successful Planned Parenthood abortion clinic to becoming one of the most effective pro-life advocates of her generation.

All the while, God helped her seek, accept and praise His mercy for her own two abortions.

She and her husband of 17 years now have eight children and were received into the Roman Catholic Church at Easter in 2012.

“For any of us, for any sin we’re guilty of, we don’t have to live on our past,” Mrs. Johnson told her audience.

“God wants us to live in the now!” she insisted. “The enemy lives in our past and wants us to stay there with him.”

“But God wants us to wake up every day and live this gift and live this day,” she said. “We can’t change our past or any of the things we’ve done. But every day, I get to wake up and say, ‘How are You going to use my past to glorify You today?’”

Mrs. Johnson’s words commanded rapt attention as she spoke.

“God wastes nothing if we allow Him to use it,” she insisted. “You have to believe that God can and wants to forgive us and make all things new.”

Forgivable

The Vitae Foundation (vitaefoundation.org) arranged to have Mrs. Johnson speak at Helias Catholic that day and on the previous evening at Holy Family

Church in Freeburg.

Standing below a large crucifix in the Helias Catholic gym, Mrs. Johnson candidly recounted her story of ongoing conversion and of being unconditionally loved and forgiven.

She grew up in a conservative Christian family in which it was understood that she would abstain from sex until marriage.

She talked about entering a relationship with a young man in college, becoming pregnant with him and mutually deciding to have an abortion rather than tell her parents.

She recounted how physically painful the abortion procedure was, but how her main reaction was relief.

“I did not think about the ramifications of what I had done,” she said.

Having gradually grown lax in her relationship with God, Mrs. Johnson set out to help women by working for Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider.

She shared with the Helias Catholic students her story of having a second abortion — this time at home, using a chemical abortifacient.

She experienced complications and bled for eight weeks.

Nonetheless, she was convinced that access to abortion was best for women.

In time, she became the manager of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in her hometown.

Seeing is believing

Mrs. Johnson gave her audience a quick overview of fetal development, including that a preborn baby’s organs and recognizable features are fully developed in the first 13 weeks of gestation in the womb.

She pointed out how science and logic indicate that a preborn baby is a unique, individual person from the moment of conception, while Planned Parenthood maintains that life begins when the mother decides she wants the baby.

Participants in the 40 Days



Pro-life activist Abby Johnson shares her story of conversion and redemption with students, faculty and staff of Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City Oct. 27.

— Photo by Jay Nies

for Life campaign took turns praying on the sidewalk outside the clinic Mrs. Johnson was managing. Some of them knew her from school and greeted her as she came and went.

“I found them annoying,” she told her audience at Helias Catholic. “That was to say, they were persistent and effective, and that was annoying.”

The year she was honored as Planned Parenthood’s employee of the year, she was called upon to assist with a new abortion technique that involved using an ultrasound to monitor the procedure.

She recounted watching the abortion on the screen.

She told of how in that 30 seconds “the baby jumped because we were invading his space,” and of how he “began flailing his arms and legs as if he were trying to move away.”

What she saw forced her to begin reckoning with abortion and the role she had in it. She soon realized that she had to leave the abortion industry.

“What I witnessed is not justice,” she told the students. “That is NOT choice. It is certainly not healthcare. It is the intentional killing of an innocent human being.”

She and some friends went on to establish And Then There Were None, a ministry to help people leave their jobs in the abortion industry.

“Like a snowball”

Mrs. Johnson talked about

wanting attention from guys who would give it to me — who wanted to take things from me that I should not have been willing to give them.”

The more attention she got, the more she wanted.

“It was like a snowball,” she said. “It led to bad relationships and then to pregnancy.”

She noted that her mother still grieves the death of the two grandchildren that were aborted.

New stories

As the students continued listening in silence, Mrs. Johnson turned the focus to their lives and futures.

“My life story is not the story you want,” she insisted. “You don’t want to be the one standing here in front of hundreds of people, telling your greatest sins and telling them not to do this.”

“You deserve a better story than I have — a story of being loved and cherished, not

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Sister Karen Thein: 60 years of saying 'yes' to God

By Jay Nies

Sister Karen Thein's spirit finds joy in God and the people through whom He has filled her life with good things.

Her 60 years as a School Sister of Notre Dame have magnified her capacity to trust and dare.

"You never know what you're saying 'yes' to, but God gives you the grace to say 'yes' anyway," said Sr. Karen, pastoral minister for Holy Cross Parish in Cuba, St. Francis Caracciolo Parish in Bourbon and St. Michael Parish in Steelville.

"I sure didn't know where it was going to take me, but I really do believe that God is with

me," she said.

An important characteristic of the School Sisters of Notre Dame — the name means "Our Lady" in French — is their willingness to imitate the Blessed Mother in saying "yes" to God, wherever that may require of them.

"Our relationship with Mary, our Blessed Mother, that's always been a really great source of strength for me," said Sr. Karen.

Letting God decide

Sr. Karen was the second-youngest of five children born to her parents in Clara City, Minnesota.

The Thein family was tight-knit and immersed in their faith.

Her mother became sick with cancer while Sr. Karen was in high school.

"She suffered greatly but was so attentive to others who were around her," Sr. Karen recalled.

Her death came just before Sr. Karen's sophomore year in high school.

"I was privileged to be with my Mom in her final time," said Sr. Karen. "I often reflect on her final 'yes.'"

"That morning, we had a conversation, and she said, 'Karen, don't leave me ... and

I will never leave you,'" Sr. Karen recalled. "Those were almost her final words, and then she passed into the next life."

Sr. Karen told God that whether or not He chose to restore her mother to health, she would do whatever He put upon her heart — "get married or be a religious."

Sr. Karen had been dating a young man at that time.

"We were always together," she recalled. "I think everyone thought that it would wind up being 'Tom and Karen.'"

Yet, deep down, she was hoping to hear, "You're going to be a sister."

"I always kind of felt that I wanted that," she acknowledged. "I had School Sisters of Notre Dame in grade school, and they were wonderful role models for me."

She and Tom stayed good friends, "but I came to realize that I was being called to religious life."

"Deeper relationship"

Sr. Karen entered the SSND



Sister Karen Thein SSND

candidature at the motherhouse in Mankato, Minnesota.

Most of the other candidates had gone to high school together. Sr. Karen knew none of them and felt very lonely at the beginning.

"But we had a very good postulant directress," she recalled. "And when I went into the Notre Dame novitiate, I met one of the most wonderful SSNDs there. She knew how to encourage and also how to call us into a deeper relationship with God."

Sr. Karen professed first vows in 1962.

She completed a bachelor's

degree in Latin and Spanish from Mount Mary College (now University) in Milwaukee in 1964.

"I've always enjoyed studying languages," she said.

She taught high school Latin and Spanish in North Dakota for four years, then for a year in Iowa and three years in Minnesota.

She then received certification in religious education from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, and spent a year teaching at Our Lady of Good Counsel Academy in Mankato.

"We had students that came up from Mexico and learn English," she recalled.

"That was my introduction to Hispanic culture."

"Part of my heart"

One of her fellow SSNDs was scheduled to spend a summer with sisters serving in Guatemala.

"That sister passed away, and Reverend Mother didn't want to let the ticket go to waste," Sr. Karen recalled. "So I went down to Guatemala and spent nine weeks there and had a wonderful experience."

Two years later, the SSND leadership asked her to help

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ALL SOULS

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courtyard of St. Joseph Church after the Mass for All Souls Day.

Fr. Schrader, wearing a black cope and stole, led the procession, with altar servers carrying a crucifix and holy water.

The sun was bright, the air was cool, and the trees with their fading fall colors swayed gently against the vivid blue sky.

The procession followed the path of countless ancestors and forebears in faith, past several blocks of homes and weathered-stone retaining walls along the blocks between the church and the cemetery.

Fr. Schrader entered through the iron gate as some of the students were still leaving the churchyard.

He stopped in front of the crucifix and burial places of four priests with ties to the parish.

The congregants processed around the circle surrounding the crucifix and formed an unbroken circle of prayer.

Many of the children at St. Joseph School are direct descendants of people who settled in the area in the early 19th century and helped establish St. Joseph Parish in 1833.

As such, they are related to numerous people in the cemetery whose earthly remains await the Resurrection.

Surnames having proliferated all over Central Missouri speak out in large letters from the granite, marble and sandstone markers.

"I found a bunch of Boessens!" one of the children told her friends as they headed off in that direction.

Being made perfect

Catholics observe the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) by praying for all people who died in God's grace and friendship but are still being purified of any earthly attachment to sin before spending eternity with God in heaven.

The students knew what they were doing and why it was important.

At Mass, they had heard readings proclaiming that the souls of the just people who

have died will be greatly blessed, having only been chastised a little, through God's grace and mercy (Wisdom 3:1-9).

They heard that in the life to come, they and their loved ones will be like God, "for we shall see Him as He is," and that He will make them pure "as He is pure" (1 John 3:1-3).

They heard Jesus's own promise that He will give rest to all who are weary and burdened (Matthew 11:25-30).

Fr. Schrader called to mind the previous day's celebration of All Saints Day.

"We honored the saints in heaven: that is, people who are already in heaven who are praying for us," he stated in his homily.

"Today, we are praying for those who have died who are on their way to heaven," he said.

He noted how people can be friends with God but still have an earthly attachment to sin — "things that are not perfect in us."

There can be no sin in heaven, not even little sins.

"And God wants us to be perfectly united to Him!" Fr. Schrader proclaimed. "He wants us to be perfectly connected to Him."

So those sins have to be "cleaned up," and those souls purified by God's love.

God provides such a pro-



A student of St. Joseph School in Westphalia visits the burial place of one of his relatives following an all-school procession to St. Joseph Cemetery on All Souls Day. — Photo by Jay Nies

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fied in a process that we call purgatory."

"They're on their way to heaven, they will eventually get to heaven," he said. "But they need our prayers to help them."

He pointed out that he was wearing black vestments for this Mass — "to remind us that even Jesus cried when His friend Lazarus died."

"Even though, as Christians, we have hope for eternal life, we have hope for the resurrection, death can still be a sad thing," he said.

This is especially true when family members, loved ones or friends die. But praying to help them on their journey can take away some of that sadness.

"All Souls Day is a very special day," Fr. Schrader noted. "Yesterday, we honored the saints in heaven. And today, we're praying for ... those who ... are on their way to heaven."

"We pray that God may unite all of us one day in His heavenly kingdom!" he said.

"Pray for them"

In the cemetery, Fr. Schrader led the praying of a Litany of Saints.

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Priests reflect on answering God's call

In honor of National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 6-12), the following priests submitted reflections on recognizing and answering their call to Holy Orders.

The series was featured throughout the week over the diocese's social media platforms.

By Father Henry Ussher

I had my call after witnessing the ordination of three

priests in my parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, Asankrangwa Ghana in 1983.

When the candidates laid prostrate and all knelt for the Litany of Saints, I felt within myself a desire to be one of them.

I was a catechist by then. I went home that day and told my mother that I want to be a Catholic priest.

True to my words, I sat for minor seminary exams in May

1984, and I entered seminary formation for 14 years (that includes 7 years of high school).

Fr. Ussher is pastor of St. Clement Parish in St. Clement; St. Joseph Parish in Louisiana and the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace in Clarksville.

By Father Matthew Flatley

What I want to communicate most of all is the realiza-

tion that God had a plan for my life, much to my resistance, and that God was VERY-VERY patient!

The key component of my vocation story is all about the relentless pull or call of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was very gentle and humble, always respectful of my autonomy, but relentless nonetheless.

Perhaps a significant lesson to be learned from my situation is the fact that if something keeps coming up in your life ... it may well be the Spirit of God knocking at the door.

The other lesson is that vocations may come at a later stage in your life. Perhaps your role as a priest may be Act II.

Fr. Flatley is pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City.

Father Christopher Cordes

I started to sense an inclination toward the Priesthood during my freshman year of college.

Faith was already very important to me, and I had become involved with Teens Encounter Christ, attended Mass and other events at the Newman Center at Northeast Missouri State (now Truman State) University, participated in a Bible study with some guys from different churches I met through a friend, and took a course on the History of Religion in America as an elective.

My church/faith-related activities were what I found to be most meaningful and enjoyable. I was reluctant to talk or even think much about the seminary or Priesthood at first because of the commitment to celibacy, but over the next two years it just seemed more and more like I should take a serious look at Priesthood, especially as I got to know some priests on a closer level and got a better sense of what their lives were like.

It was still a long process that continued through the seminary years, and I had to make peace with the commitment to closing off the option of marriage and family, but who I was and what I felt drawn to and inspired by led to ordination 27-plus years ago.

Fr. Cordes is pastor of Our

Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia and vicar for priests for the diocese.

By Father Thomas Alber

I grew up in a small parish of about 100 families.

I felt called as I served daily Mass. Later as a lector, I felt that God was speaking to me in the readings.

I was encouraged by others to consider Priesthood.

I liked stories of the foreign Missionaries from Peru, and I enjoyed reading the *Maryknoll* magazine.

I liked the studies in seminary. I found the faith of my parents and our weekly Mass attendance inspiring.

I started thinking about Priesthood in fifth grade in public school. I didn't feel for sure about God's call to Priesthood until I was 22 years old.

Fr. Alber is associate pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City and provides ministry to the Hispanic communities of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Ozark and Sacred Heart Parish in Columbia.

By Father Simon Jude Kanyike

At 8 years old, I was allowed to serve at Mass and that was a great score for me as a child growing up with practicing parents in our active parish church.

My favorite role was ringing the bell at the Consecration when everyone was quiet and the Eucharist was elevated in the hands of the priest. For this, I could do anything to serve at more than one Mass on Sunday!

Soon, I wanted to be the priest that celebrates Mass.

My parents called it a childish fantasy that I would outgrow. Later, when I turned 11, a priest friend to my parents visited and I told him, "I want to be like you."

It was then that he explained to my parents that the Lord was calling me. I was accepted in the junior seminary and it kept getting better and clearer through the formation that God would consider me a priest servant to His Church.

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HOLOCAUST

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"We were on our feet from 8 in the morning until sometimes as late as 8 at night, moving from place to place, trying to maximize our time there and see as many places as we could within the program," said Mrs. Jarman.

They attended powerful lectures by scholars and survivors, on topics ranging from pre- and post-war politics to the role spirituality played in the lives of those who survived.

One of the presenters had taken in a family of refugees from the current war in neighboring Ukraine.

"Being close to the border made it feel like a bit more of a reality and very relevant to what we were there to study," said Mrs. Kempker.

One of the lecturers said something Mrs. Jarman will never forget: "We've learned to build museums, but we haven't learned to stop genocides."

He also told them that there can be no education without an emotional connection.

"That's really grown for me since we've had the opportunity to go to these conferences," said Mrs. Jarman, "to help our students connect emotionally to what happened there."

"Silent but loud"

The group visited Treblinka, a death camp where 900,000 people were killed.

They walked along a tree-lined, curving path that prison guards during the Holocaust called "the way to heaven."

It was the road from the trains to the gas chambers.

"It's one of those places where you feel a tremendous weight while you're there," said Mrs. Kempker. "We were in a forest and there were no birds chirping, no animals scurrying.

"It was silent but very loud," she said.

They also visited the cell at Auschwitz where St. Maximilian Kolbe was held prior to his execution.

The renowned Catholic priest was among the thousands of prisoners there when one escaped. The prison guards decided to execute 10 randomly selected men to keep any of the others from escaping.

St. Maximilian offered to die in the place of one of the 10 who had a family.

"What I didn't know until I went there was that the man whose life he saved wound up attending (St. Maximilian's) canonization," said Mrs. Jarman.

"Part of my purpose"

Mrs. Kempker said it took weeks for her to feel normal again after returning to the United States.

Both teachers took exhaustive notes throughout the gathering and wrote daily reflections in their prayer journals.

"Prayer was an absolute necessity," said Mrs. Kempker. "Prayers for strength and guidance to help me remember this, to help me use this, to make it part of my purpose to help educate others about this very dark moment in history."

After touring one of the gas chambers at Auschwitz, the two teachers talked about what the hundreds of thousands of people must have been thinking right before they were put to death there.

Together, the teachers realized that the people who carried-out these atrocities were not demons or monsters but flesh-and-blood human beings.

"Human beings, just like you and me," Mrs. Kempker stated with awe and sadness.

The teachers agreed that it's urgent to listen to the first-person testimonies of as many survivors as possible before their time on this earth runs out.

Those who experienced the Holocaust as children are now in their mid- to late 80s.

"Humans might be kinder to each other if they could understand what this place is," Mrs. Kempker surmised.

"This didn't end"

Mrs. Jarman and Mrs. Kempker share a deep, indescribable bond over what they teach and what they've experienced through these trips to Poland.

They are convinced that teaching the unit on *Night*, coupled with their own firsthand observations from visiting the death camps and hopefully with testimony from survivors, helps shape their students' worldview for the better.

"The reason we do these things is to keep the memory alive, the stories alive," said Mrs. Kempker.

She recommended praying "that God may help all of us find the courage to stand up and speak for those who cannot speak for themselves."

"Pray also," said Mrs. Jarman, "for people who think this is old history, to be aware that this didn't end, that it continues everywhere in all different times."

VOCATIONS

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After 17 years, I got ordained in 2005 for the Archdiocese of Kampala in Uganda.

I am happy to be a priest and am glad that I can serve as a missionary priest for the Diocese of Jefferson City.

Fr. Kanyike is associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia.

By Father Ignitius Nimwesiga

My vocation to Priesthood began when I was a little boy.

I grew up seeing priests visiting our mission church (which they could visit about four times a year) and whenever they were around, everything would be done differently.

It is only then that there would be the reception of Holy Communion, Confessions, and sometimes weddings. And at that point, I wanted to be that man who would do all those wonderful things for people.

When I was in middle grade, my village, which neighbors an army base, received a threat from the rebels who were fighting against the government that it was going to be attacked, so that they (the rebels) could gain access to the army base.

We ran away from our homes and went into hiding. While in hiding, I remember praying to God and promising Him that if He saves my life from that looming danger, I was going to dedicate my life to His service.

I literally did not understand what I was saying and what serving God meant.

When I was in my senior year of high school, whenever I would be going to school, I would pass by the church for morning weekday Masses at least three times a week.

At every Mass, I would find myself asking God to grant me the grace to serve Him but not as a street preacher (I had seen preachers on the streets of my city and I never wished to be like them, though I admired their boldness).

It was one Sunday and during the Consecration, I listened to every word that the priest said. I was amazed that it is only a priest who can say

the very words of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

It became so clear to me on that Sunday that that was how I wanted to serve God. God answered these prayers, and after high school, I joined a college seminary and since then I haven't looked back.

Fr. Nimwesiga is chaplain of Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia.

'To God, my joy, my delight'

Adult and young singers and accompanists lead the singing during a youth Mass in St. Joseph Church in Palmyra on Sunday, Oct. 23.

— Photo by Andrea Barnes



SR. KAREN

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open a second mission in Guatemala.

By then, Sr. Karen's father was elderly and she didn't want to leave him behind.

"They encouraged me to call him and see what he says," she recalled. "I called him and said, 'Dad, the sisters are asking me to go to Guatemala.' He said, 'Then, that's what you have to do.'"

She served first as a catechist and pastoral minister in Nahualá, Sololá.

She then spent 14 years teaching English at Colegio San Bernardino, Patzún.

An earthquake leveled the school and convent in 1976, and she helped rebuild.

"And in 1981, our little town was taken over by the military," she noted.

She and a fellow SSND were sent to Merida, Mexico, until the local priest told them after a week that it was safe to come back.

Sr. Karen remained there until 1989.

"I loved Guatemala," she said. "I loved the people. I think I left part of my heart there."

It was a familiar pattern for her.

"That's the thing: No matter where you are, you love the people," she said.

Change of plans

Back in the United States, she earned a corporate ministry certificate from Saint Louis University in St. Louis, followed by a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University, New Orleans.

She then took up ministry to Hispanic Catholics at several parishes in Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota.

After a sabbatical, she served as a pastoral associate for the Hispanic community at St. Cecilia Parish in Kennett.

She visited Holy Cross Parish in Cuba after making a discernment retreat at the SSND motherhouse in St. Louis.

She then interviewed for a position in Hispanic ministry at a parish close to where she grew up in Minnesota.

"I had never been in a place close to my family," she noted. "The interview went re-

ally well. I liked it there. I planned to go to this place."

A short time later, her provincial counselor called and asked her to consider serving as a pastoral minister for the three parishes in Crawford County, Missouri.

There was a need she knew she could help meet. She knew what her answer had to be.

"My heart broke for a short time," she recalled. "But I quickly found out how much I really like it here. Father Richard Boever, a Redemptorist priest, was the pastor and understood religious life. And Sister Mary Elizabeth Runde (SSND) came to be in community with me."

Sr. Karen planned to stay for a year or two.

That was in 2016.

"It's such a great community," she said. "The people here are wonderful. The pastors have been great."

"Magnificat"

For her 60th anniversary as a professed School Sister of Notre Dame, Sr. Karen composed her own version of the "Magnificat," the Blessed Mother's litany of praise (Luke 1:46-55):

My whole being proclaims the goodness of You, O Holy One.

For You have favored me with the gift of parents who loved me; brothers and sisters who continually forgave me and saw beyond my faults.

You have done great things for me: calling me into religious life as a School Sister of Notre Dame!

You have allowed me to see Your greatness wherever I "Am Sent ..." in schools, in parishes, in hospitals, in the people of Guatemala and Mexico.

You have filled my life with new relationships wherever I journeyed ... Canada, Japan, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Central America, and the United States.

You stripped me of Wisdom people in my life — only to show me their power

and strength into the untraveled future.

My family and friends are scattered over this land, so I am at "home" wherever I go.

You have filled me with New Life, New Understandings, and a desire to grow in Your Love — to live the "NOW" forever. Amen.

"It took me a long time to put all of that into words," Sr. Karen noted. "But I've had a long religious life to live it."

"In so far as I can"

Sr. Karen's heart overflows with thanks for everything God has done for her and the people who have become her family in religious life and in the communities where she serves.

She has found the people of Crawford County to be generous, kind and cooperative.

"Right now, this is the most special place for me," she said. "They have been through everything with me. I really feel loved by them, and I know I love them."

Her father lived to be 96. He often told her that he felt a great responsibility as the last living sibling in his family.

"Now, here I am in that same position," said Sr. Karen. "All of my brothers and sisters have passed away."

If she could go back 60 years and remind her newly professed self of anything, it would be God's instruction repeated numerous times throughout the Bible "Don't be afraid."

"Me saying, 'Here I am,' and God saying, 'Be not afraid' — I don't think it would be any more than that," she said.

When asked what prayers she'd ask for as her jubilee year winds down, she called to mind a quote from Catholic mystic Thomas Merton:

"The thing is to cling to God's will and truth in their purity and try to be sincere and to act in all things out of genuine love, in so far as I can."

"I would like people to pray for that to be in me," said Sr. Karen.



By Father Don Antweiler

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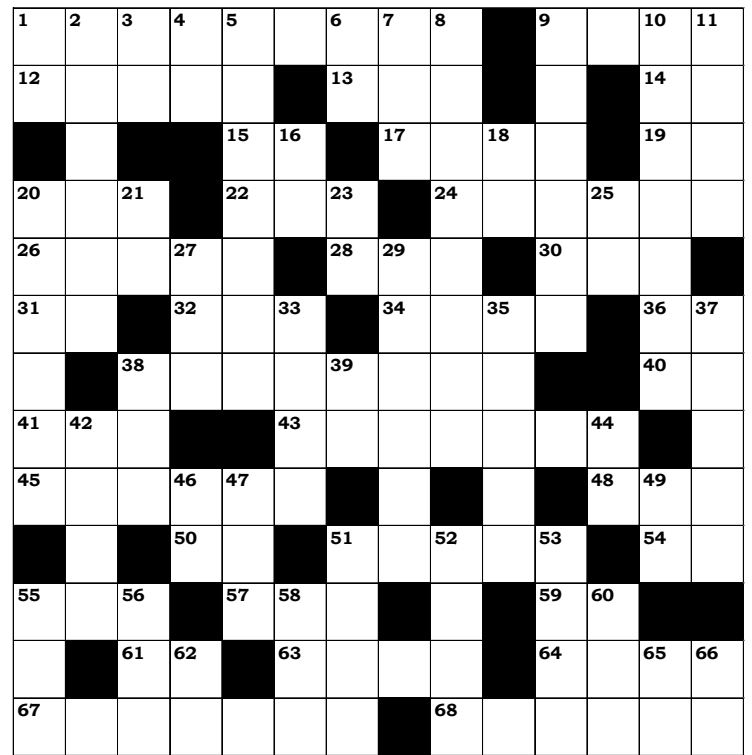
1. Nearly 90% of earth's creatures hatch from eggs. This puzzle ____ some of the Show-Me State's eggstraordinary eggs.
9. Crayfish moms glue their eggs to the underside of their ____ flippers. Even after hatching, the babies continue to cling for several weeks.
12. Most baby birds and reptiles have an "egg ____" to escape from their shells. It disappears as the hatchlings grow.
13. "Divisive conduct is vulgar, childish and petulant, ____ befitting priests of God and men of sense." —Constantine; Frank Slaughter.
14. "You know where also you'll find ____ and countless other imperfect people? The Catholic Church," —*Why I Love Being Catholic*, Alex Breindel, Dynamic Catholic.
15. One of the 8 States bordering Mo. (abbr.).
17. For many fish it's the dad who guards the fish. He swishes his ____ to move fresh water over the eggs and if another fish, even a big one, creeps too close, he will charge to chase it away.
19. In a letter, after the signature, these two letters indicate an addition to the main text.
20. Car club.
22. "...every tree that does

- not bear good fruit will be ____ down and thrown into the fire," (Matthew 3:10).
24. "If more people had been organ donors...But people like to keep what's ____, even after they're dead," —Neal Shusterman.
 26. The farmer was always up at the ____ of dawn.
 28. The ultimate degree.
 30. A really wide shoe size.
 31. Cousin to St. or Hwy.
 32. Although the ____-sized eggs of the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird are the smallest of any bird in Mo., they are actually quite large compared to the body size of the hummingbird.
 34. "Rudeness is the ____ man's imitation of strength," —Eric Hoffer, longshoreman/philosopher.
 36. Letters after the name of a member of the Society of Jesus (i.e., a Jesuit).
 38. Said to be the mascots of 25 Mo. high schools, including Monroe City and Palmyra.
 40. Prefix for cede or rum.
 41. Private's response to his Sarge: yes, ____!
 43. Orchestra leader.
 45. Most mama reptiles lay their eggs and leave. But the Five-Lined Skink stays to guard them. If any one of the eggs ____, she eats it so the smell doesn't attract predators. Once hatched, she skedaddles.
 48. Wildebeest.
 50. Two of these often follow Tra.
 51. Try your best. Give it ____ (2 wds.).
 54. "____ the Lord is our witness, we are certain that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the saints of God are alive," —Sermon on Baptism by St. Pacian, Bishop, 310-391 A.D.
 55. According to legend,

- Robin Hood used to ____ from the rich and give to the poor.
57. Letters you might see on a Cardinal fan's baseball cap.
 59. Bone.
 61. Stomach muscle.
 63. A response from the pews.
 64. After a mama Box Turtle covers her eggs with ____, the temperature determines the sex of the hatching. Warmer nests produce females; cooler nests males.
 67. Brown-Headed Cowbirds are absentee _____. They don't make nests. They don't sit on their eggs. They don't raise their chicks. Instead, they lay their eggs in other birds' nests and let others unwittingly hatch, feed and raise them!
 68. Some birds, like the Killdeer, don't put a lot of effort into nesting. They simply lay their eggs on the ____, right out in the open. Luckily, the eggs are well-camouflaged so predators have a hard time spotting them.

DOWN

1. In 1921, Mamie Ousley was elected in _____. James, Mo. as Mo.'s first female mayor.
2. This county in our diocese was established in 1816, the 8th and by far the largest, 22,000 acres; 1/3 of the whole Mo. Territory. It is called Mo.'s "Mother of Counties." 31 Mo. counties came from it as well as parts of 6 other Mo. counties and even parts of 8 counties that are in present day Iowa. Its county seat is Fayette, Mo.
3. ____ 7: James Bond designation.
4. Short for weight.
5. Canada Geese win the prize for laying the largest eggs in Mo., nearly twice the size of ____ eggs.
6. Yes, for Fernando.
7. Santa's helper.
8. There can be a lot inside an egg. The Eastern Yellow-Bellied Racer snake's egg is only about 1 inch long, but the baby snake that ____ out can stretch up to 10 inches long.
9. "I too will go ____ the Lord," —Zechariah 8:21 (2 wds.).
10. When going to a job inter-



11. "Then there was Tobit's religion. Colored folk in this part of the country had only a little ____ suspicion of Catholics than did the white Protestants," —*Tobit's Dog*, Michael N. Richard.
16. Chemical letters for gold.
18. Mt. Washington in this State is the highest peak (6,200 ft.) in the Northeast U.S. It is notorious for its extreme and erratic weather. Concord is this State's capital (abbr.).
20. "...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on ____," (Philippians 2:8).
21. Original 12-step group.
23. Elvis' Graceland is in this State (abbr.).
25. Common Latin abbr. for *id est*, meaning, in other words.
27. Many financial advisors/tax preparers have this professional degree.
29. It's what a Robin in the treetops does all day long, according to the 1958 hit "Rockin' Robin."
33. Money machines.
35. A Houston MLB player.
37. "To pray as ____ describes demands the courage of a warrior and the docility of a disciple," —*The Lost Art of Walking on the Water: Reimagining the Priesthood*, Fr. Michael Heher.
38. Prefix for noun or gram.
39. That's a laugh!
42. ____ *facto*; Latin phrase

- view, forget the t-shirt and torn jeans! Dress to ____.
- Put your best foot forward.
44. Bashon's king (Psalms 136:20).
46. Land of Lincoln State (abbr.).
47. ____ Vegas.
49. Chemical letters for sodium.
51. "Sell your belongings and give ____," (Luke 12:33).
52. "At the house of Haman stands a gibbet fifty cubits high. Haman prepared it for Mordecai. The king answered, '____ him on it,'" (Esther 7:9).
53. There was a big ____ in the stands over the umpire's call (2 wds.).
55. Letters on a gravestone, perhaps.
56. The Missouri ____ Assn. was created in 1944 by order of the Mo. Supreme Court. Its mission is to improve the legal profession, the administration of justice and the law on behalf of the public; 30,000+ members.
58. Do needlework.
60. Southern Illinois Univ. (____) at Edwardsville, Ill., part of the greater St. Louis metro area, has nearly 13,000 students on a campus of 2,660 acres of trees and lakes.
62. "Bitter though it may ____ to many, Cadfael concluded, there is no substitute for truth," —*The Raven in the Foregate*, Ellis Peters.
65. Professional caregiver.
66. 6 points in football.

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CRISTO REY

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Missionaries.

“We will also have a variety of prayers and a time of silence in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament,” said Mrs. Quinn.

“Our hope is that all young people of our diocese will feel welcome, regardless of cultural background, and will seize this prime opportunity to encounter Christ,” she stated.

A hopeful encounter

Mr. Greenfield said he’s excited about taking part in the celebration here.

“If you want hope, healing, encouragement, love, answers — then you should come,” he said.

He pointed out that people of all ages in this culture are united in a deep hunger for lasting hope.

“People don’t want a momentary or superficial hope,” he noted. “They want to know that they are seen, wanted, and that it will be ‘ok’ — whatever ‘it’ is.”

That lasting hope must be rooted in something everlasting — in truth and in love.

“Jesus is the name of the Person we are looking for,” said Mr. Greenfield. “And we find Him in His sacraments, the community that He brings together, and in His Word.”

“People should come to this event so that they can have an encounter with Hope, so that they can have an encounter with the God Who sees them, wants them and loves them,” Mr. Greenfield stated.

“That is what we will be gathering to experience,” he said.

Bishop McKnight said it will be an ideal time for young people to renew their citizenship in God’s Kingdom and commit to carrying-out His mission.

“You have the energy and you have a fresh pair of eyes to help our Church transform into what the Lord is calling us to be,” he said.

Hope and glory

Mrs. Quinn said the Cris-

to Rey celebration will be “a chance for young people to come together for fellowship, inspiration and prayer.”

Catholicism in their country in the 1920s.

“Many lives were lost through martyrdom while calling out those words — ‘Long live Christ the King!’” Mrs. Quinn noted.

“Today in our world, young people in our churches have an opportunity to glorify God and bring new hope while proclaiming Jesus Christ as our King.”

“Instruments for Christ”

Deacon Enrique Castro, diocesan director of intercultural and marriage ministries, said the Cristo Rey celebration will provide welcome encouragement.

“I believe it will be a call to remember that before anything else, we are Christians — Catholics! — and that our faith should be driving us and guiding everything we do and say,” he stated.

Deacon Castro grew up in central Mexico, not far from where the Cristo Rey movement took root nearly a century ago.

Pope Pius XI established the Solemnity of Christ the King in 1925, in part as a response to growing secularism and hostility toward the Church.

The following year, the phrase “Viva Cristo Rey” became the motto for Mexico’s drive to restore religious free-

dom.

Catholic priests, religious and laypeople risked their lives in defiance of repressive government restrictions on how they could worship God and practice their faith.

“These people were dying for what they believed,” Deacon Castro noted. “They were fighting for freedom, for their right to express their faith freely.”

He noted that throughout history, courageous Catholics have led all of the great movements toward freedom and independence in Mexico.

Pope St. John Paul II in 2000 canonized 25 Cristo Rey martyrs from 1926-29 — priests, seminarians and laypeople, including several young people.

Their memory is urgently relevant today.

“The same growing hostil-

ity against the Church that prompted Pope Pius XI to declare the Solemnity of Christ the King nearly 100 years ago is still very present and visible in the world,” said Deacon Castro.

Young people must fearlessly stand up and stand out for their King, he stated.

“We’re probably not going to die as martyrs here, because we live in a country where we have religious freedom,” he stated.

But people do face ridicule, rejection and ostracism for professing and practicing their faith.

“Nonetheless, our citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven moves us to be instruments for Christ and for the Church in this time in history,” said Deacon Castro.

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Organizers, while discerning what the event’s focus should be, saw clearly that teens and young adults need to be inspired and equipped to live and evangelize in the current culture.

“Young people today are immersed in a world that many times can have anti-Christian messages,” Mrs. Quinn noted. “We want them to be inspired to live ‘in the world but not of the world.’”

She said people who attend the Nov. 20 event will learn about Blessed Miguel Pro and St. Jose Sanchez del Rio, who gave their lives while proclaiming “Viva Cristo Rey.”

It was the battle cry of Mexican martyrs who were rebelling against government-imposed secularism and anti-

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Fundraisers & Social Events

Nov. 13

Belle, St. Alexander Parish fall dinner, 11 am-4 pm; **Crocker**, St. Cornelius Parish annual dessert auction, 11:30 am-2:30 pm; **Glasgow**, St. Mary Parish drive-thru fall dinner, 11 am-2:30 pm, school parking lot/K of C Hall; **Morrison**, Assumption Parish breakfast, 8 am-noon

Nov. 19

Loose Creek, Christmas Extravaganza and pork burger sale, 9 am-4 pm, Loose Creek Community Center

Nov. 20

Argyle, K of C drive-thru fall chicken dinner, 11 am-5 pm; **Columbia**, "St. Cecilia Sing" musical event with the Jefferson City diocesan chapter of the National Association of

Pastoral Musicians, 7 pm, St. Thomas More Newman Center

Nov. 24

Camdenton, St. Anthony Parish free Thanksgiving dinner, 11 am-1:30 pm, lower level of the church; **Tipton**, St. Andrew Parish Thanksgiving dinner, 11 am-10 pm, K of C building

Meetings/ Workshops

Nov. 15 & Dec. 20

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

Dec. 6

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

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

noviembre 19

Jefferson City, Encuentro de Liderazgo Diocesano, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, contacte a Diácono Enrique Castro al 573-680-3650 por su celular o en WhatsApp o por correo electrónico a ecastro@diojeffcity.org

diciembre 3

Sedalia, Retiro para Cursillistas, 9 am-4 pm, Parroquia San Patricio, contacte a Oswaldo Diaz al 660-829-5213 o por correo electrónico a deleono@sedalia200.org

Faith Formation & Spiritual Renewal

Nov. 15 & 22

Jefferson City, "Tuesdays with Faith" fellowship group video series with Fr. Dave Pivonka and Wild Goose Ministries,

6:30-8:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall

Nov. 27-29

Columbia, "On the Way to Jesus Christ," Sacred Heart Parish mission, with Fr. Blaise Czaja, CP, 7 pm each evening

Nov. 29

Jefferson City, "Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room: An Advent to Remember," women's event, 6:30-8 pm, St. Peter Church's Hoog Hall

Dec. 13

St. Martins, "Praise, Pizza and Pitchers" evening of prayer and fellowship for adults 40 and older, second Tuesday of each month, 5 pm Rosary and Mass at St. Martin Church, followed by dinner at Pizza Haus, for info visit Facebook @Praise, Pizza and Pitchers

Liturgical

Nov. 11

Jefferson City, Veterans Day Mass, 9:30 am, St. Peter Church

Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18

Jefferson City, Advent sacred music & Sunday Vespers, 4-5 pm each Sunday, St. Peter Church

Youth & Young Adults

Nov. 20

Columbia, Viva Cristo Rey: Global Celebration of Young People, featuring food trucks, speaker Brian Greenfield, Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction with Bishop McKnight, 1:30-5 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; **Jefferson City**, Young Adult Mass, third Sunday of each month, 5 pm, Immaculate Conception Church

Nov. 21 & Dec. 6

St. Martins, "Pews and Brews" evening of prayer and fellowship for young adults in their 20s and 30s, first Monday of each month, 5:30 pm Adoration and Confession, 6 pm Mass at St. Martin Church, followed by fellowship at Last Flight Brewing in Jefferson City, for info visit Facebook @Pews&Brews

Dec. 7

Jefferson City, Rooted/Connected/Searching in Community young adult faith sharing group, first Wednesday of each month, 6-7:30 pm, Prison Brews, for info visit icangels.com/youngadults

FR. DOYLE

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with a kindly heart. We pray in thanksgiving for his life and ministry and for his eternal rest in the Lord."

CNS special projects manager Edmond Brosnan said that Fr. Doyle "had such a wonderful connection with the readers who sent him questions. While describing the finer points of Catholic teaching, he always displayed a pastor's heart."

The son of W. Kenneth and Sallie Shea Doyle of Troy, Fr. Doyle graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1957. He began his seminary education at Mater Christi Seminary in Albany and completed it at Theological College at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

He was ordained May 28, 1966, by Auxiliary Bishop Edward J. Maginn of Albany. Fr. Doyle served as associate pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Albany, and soon after began his association with *The Evangelist*, working there as assistant editor and editor from 1967-81.

In an interview with *The Evangelist* in December 2020, Fr. Doyle said that while at Catholic University, he minored in English and English literature because "I have always liked writing. A year after I was ordained, I got called in by Auxiliary Bishop Maginn and he asked me if I

would be willing to (be) assistant editor of *The Evangelist*," he said.

In 1978, Fr. Doyle earned a law degree from Albany Law School in 1978 and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1979.

During his three years in Rome as the CNS bureau chief, from 1981-84, Fr. Doyle covered papal events and Vatican activities for the news service's subscribers in 40 nations. His assignments included traveling with St. John Paul II on several of his pastoral visits including his trips to West Africa, Great Britain, Switzerland and Poland.

In recalling what covering a papal trip was like, Fr. Doyle told *The Evangelist* that the pope "would spend part of the airtime with the journalists, walking up and down the aisle, and you could ask him a question. There were about 10 English-speaking journalists — from The Associated Press, UPI, the *Times* — and we would organize our questions so that we would cover everything that we wanted to ask him."

"And the interesting thing to me was, you could ask him a question in any one of seven or eight languages and he would respond in that language," the priest said. "And I remember coming back from England in 1982, I said to him, 'When do you think we can expect full reunion with

the Anglican Church? Is it reasonable to think in terms of the year 2000? Because the archbishop of Canterbury said that was the target that he had in mind.'"

"The pope just looked at me and he smiled and kind of winked and he said, 'I share in the prophetic mission of Christ, but I am not a prophet.' And then he laughed," Fr. Doyle noted. "And English was his seventh or eighth best language and he could play on words like that in that language."

In 1984, Fr. Doyle was named the public affairs officer for what is now called the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington.

In 1992, he became pastor of St. Catherine of Siena in Albany, which later became Mater Christi Church, and served there until he retired in 2016. In 2000, he also began serving as chancellor of public information for the diocese.

He was named by CNS to be the new writer of the popular "Question Corner" column in 2011, succeeding Father John Dietzen, who first developed the column in 1971 for *The Catholic Post*, newspaper of the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois. Fr. Dietzen, who died in 2011, was associate editor of the paper 1957-73.

Fr. Doyle's first "Question Corner" column debuted June 17 of that year. He continued to write the column after

he retired as a pastor. He retired recently from writing the column this year with the last one appearing Feb. 28, and CNS has been rerunning a selection of his previous columns.

After his various roles in Catholic journalism for so many years and his world travels reporting on the pope, he told *The Evangelist* he really wanted to be a pastor again.

"I was delighted to get back into a parish in 1992," he said about his assignment as pastor that year. "The happiest I have ever been in my priesthood was all of my years at Mater Christi, working with people because that is why you did it to start with."

On Oct. 30, the Mater Christi parish community remembered Fr. Doyle in prayer.

Shortly after his death, a posting on the parish's Facebook page said: "It is with much sadness and heavy hearts that we share with you the passing early this morning of Fr. Ken Doyle. We are all so grateful for the many years, love, dedication countless memories that we all shared with him. We know he was and is loved and supported by all of your love and prayers."

Contributing to this story was The Evangelist, newspaper of the Diocese of Albany.

Anniversaries

Argyle, St. Aloysius
Chris & Bobbie Wulff, 15 years
Corey & Tricia Falter, 10 years

Belle, St. Alexander
Tom & Linda Donze, 64 years

California, Annunciation
Joshua & Joann Frank, 20 years

Freeburg, Holy Family
Keith & Karen Beck, 50 years
Steven & Nancy Maxwell, 50 years
Allen & Denise Gradel, 40 years
David & Patty Lauberth, 35 years

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph
Bernard & Jean Schanzmeyer, 70 years
James & Patricia Keller, 45 years

Jefferson City, St. Peter
Jim & Darlene Brenneke, 60 years
Steve & Beverly Cearlock, 50 years

Kirksville, Mary Immaculate
Terry Mock & Nancy Bucher, 30 years

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows
Sam & Carolyn Schwaller, 35 years
Daniel (DJ) & Jennifer Evers, 15 years

Palmyra, St. Joseph
Rich & Susie Wolfmeyer, 50 years
Gary & Catherine Williams, 20 years
Craig & Meredith Illa, 15 years

Pilot Grove, St. Joseph
Mike & Joni Schupp, 25 years

Russellville, St. Michael
Dave & Ruth VanLoo, 60 years
Brian & Fay Schulte, 15 years

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul
Jim & Pat Farris, 65 years
Bob & Rita Lawson, 40 years
Steve & Valerie Bloess, 35 years
Enrique & Rosalba Granados, 25 years

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels
Eddie & Mary Lee Nanneman, 50 years
Jerry & Sharon Weimer, 40 years
Bryan & Lisa Bennett, 30 years

Marriages

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Theresa McManus & Michael Burmeister**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Ashley Porting & Chase Fox**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Danielle Wallenmeyer & Austin Schulte**

Baptisms

Chamois, Most Pure Heart of Mary — **Sadie Lee Gerloff**, daughter of Marty & Savannah Gerloff

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Morgan Elizabeth Hahn**, daughter of Ryan & Alesha Hahn

Marshall, St. Peter — **Annette Orellana**, daughter of Cesar & Graciela Orellana; **Uriel Rivas**, son of Nelson Rivas & Delmy Medina Morales; **Josephine Sandoval**, daughter of Felix & Josefina Sandoval

Rhineland, Church of the Risen Savior — **Kali and Kolsen Parr**, children of Jaret & Shelby Parr; **Daniel Rohlfing**, son of Kevin & Charlotte Rohlfing

Russellville, St. Michael — **Harper Elizabeth and Rebecca Rylee Wolken**, daughters of Andrew & Lillian Wolken

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Riley Nichole Keilty**, daughter of Chase & Natasha Keilty

Deaths

John O. Bequette, 84 — father of Deacon Jon M. Bequette, who assists the pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Centralia and is the diocesan Coordinator for Marriage Enrichment — on Oct. 26 in Centralia. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 31 in Holy Spirit Church in Centralia

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Matt Cunningham**

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Theresa Burmeister**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Charlotte McMichael**

Marshall, St. Peter — **Virginia Graver**

Birthdays

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Joseph Richter**, his 90th on Nov. 15; **Martha Dudenhoeffer**, her 90th on Nov. 27

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Anna Wright**, her 91st on Nov. 3; **Marilyn DeHaven**, her 91st on Nov. 7; **Norma Ferraer**, her 90th on Nov. 19; **John Hunt**, his 96th on Nov. 28

Shelbina, St. Mary — **Sue Parks**, her 90th on Nov. 8

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URENECK

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create the demand for abortion.

Women, with their “love of beginnings,” can help other women be reconciled with the new life growing inside of them.

Or take the growing number of people seeking assisted suicide. One recent news report chronicled the story of a Canadian mother who happened upon her 23-year-old son’s appointment to die at the hands of a doctor. Afflicted with diabetes and blindness, her son filled out an online application for “medical assistance in dying.”

As of 2021, more than 30,000 Canadians died this way, many meeting the minimum criteria of having a condition that is “intolerable to them,” terminal or not.

Women often intuit when others are silently suffering or feel like a burden. They can play a crucial role in helping those in distress to be reconciled with their own lives, no matter the painful physical, psychological or social difficulties that they might be facing.

QUESTION

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sist in the glorification of the deceased (even less, the “canonization”); the funeral Mass instead is meant to use the scriptural readings to highlight the redemptive power of Christ’s resurrection, to pray for the deceased and to comfort the mourners by reminding them that eventual reunion awaits in heaven.

The same Order of Christian Funerals says in a later section that “a member or a friend of the family may speak in remembrance of the deceased before the final commendation begins” (No. 170). Some dioceses have

their own regulations, limiting the length of those remarks. (Three or four minutes would be typical.)

Recently, I have noticed that some parishes move these family remarks up to the beginning of the liturgy — perhaps feeling that if the speaker

Last, consider the growing number of men who are opting out of education, work and relationships, who spend more time in front of screens than with other people.

Women who seek justice need not dream of a world without men, or one in which they are optional but unnecessary. Women must summon these men to be better, dream bigger and find a place in families and society at large.

Men must be reconciled with life in its fullness -- with adventure and courage -- and not be content to pass their days listlessly or without purpose.

Many people in our midst struggle to recognize God’s presence in life’s tribulations. It is more important than ever that women, with their capacity to make the “truth sweet, tender and accessible,” share the Good News that our God is a God of the living.

In so doing, they will do as Pope Paul VI encouraged and “save the peace of the world.”

strays from the purpose of the Mass, the celebrant can “rescue” the situation by returning to the themes of resurrection and reunion. In the end, though, much of this does depend on the discretion of the local pastor, who I hope would take into account the feelings and desires of the grieving family.

Crossword puzzle answers

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St. Pius X's carnival of the animals at Homecoming Parade



Students ride aboard St. Pius X School's zoo-themed float during the Moberly High School's 2022 Homecoming Parade on Oct. 2. — Photos from the St. Pius X School & Early Childhood Center Facebook page

“Lead all souls to heaven ...”



In honor of October as the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary and the feastday of Our Lady of the Rosary, students of St. Andrew School in Tipton led a Living Rosary after the 8 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the Rosary Garden outside the school.

— Photo by Kara Higgins, principal

May they rest in peace



Mrs. Kilgore's seventh-grade students at St. Brendan School in Mexico learn about Catholic teaching on indulgences the week before visiting the parish cemetery on All Souls Day to pray for those who are buried there.

— Photo by Kelly Cosby

A blind man asks Jesus for sight

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

Jesus and the apostles were traveling to Jerusalem.

Along the way, Jesus healed lepers, told parables and predicted His death and resurrection.

During their travels, Jesus and His friends met an official.

“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” he asked Jesus.

“Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone,” Jesus replied.

“You know the commandments,” Jesus continued, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother.”

“All of these I have observed from my youth,” the official said.



“There is still one thing left for you: Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me,” Jesus said.

This made the official very sad, because he was very rich.

“How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to pass through the

eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God,” Jesus said.

“Then who can be saved?” those who heard asked.

“What is impossible for human beings is possible for God,” Jesus said.

As Jesus and His friends reached Jericho, there was a blind man sitting by the side of the road begging. He heard a crowd going by and wanted to know what was happening.

“Jesus of Nazareth is passing by,” someone in the crowd told him.

The blind man started to shout.

“Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!” he cried.

Some people in the crowd rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but the blind man shout-

ed all the more.

Jesus stopped. He ordered the blind man to be brought to Him.

“What do you want Me to do for you?” Jesus asked.

“Lord, please let me see,” the blind man replied.

“Have sight; your faith has saved you,” Jesus said.

The blind man immediately received sight and started following Jesus and giving glory to God.

When the people in the crowd saw what happened, they all began to praise God.

Read more about it...

Luke 18

1. Where were Jesus and the apostles traveling?
2. What did the blind man want from Jesus?

Bible Accent

In John 9, we can read about a time when Jesus healed a man who was born blind.

The apostles asked whether the man had been born blind due to his own sins or the sins of his parents.

“Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him,” Jesus said. “We have to do the works of the One Who sent Me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Jesus spit on the ground and

made clay, which He smeared over the blind man’s eyes. He told the man to wash in the Pool of Siloam. After he washed, he could see.

The man’s neighbors and others who had seen him begging asked the man how he had gained his sight.

“The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see,” the man explained.

The man was brought to the Pharisees, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath. The

man explained what had happened.

“This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath,” some of the Pharisees said, while others said a sinful man could not do such signs.

“If he is a sinner, I do not know,” the man said. “One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.”

Essay

When have you witnessed something miraculous?

Saint Spotlight

St. Catherine of Alexandria

St. Catherine is thought to have been born to a noble family in Alexandria, Egypt, in the late third century. After having a vision, she converted to Christianity and began evangelizing others. She even evangelized the wife of the pagan emperor, who was persecuting Christians. According to legend, she defied the emperor and refuted philosophers who were brought in to test her faith. She was imprisoned, tortured and martyred in 305. We remember her on Nov. 25.



Puzzle

Unscramble the letters in each word and arrange them to form a quotation from the Bible Accent.

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Sentence:



Answers: of, I, light, the, world, am, the; I am the light of the world.

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MEDIA: a new book looks at Christianity's roots in migration

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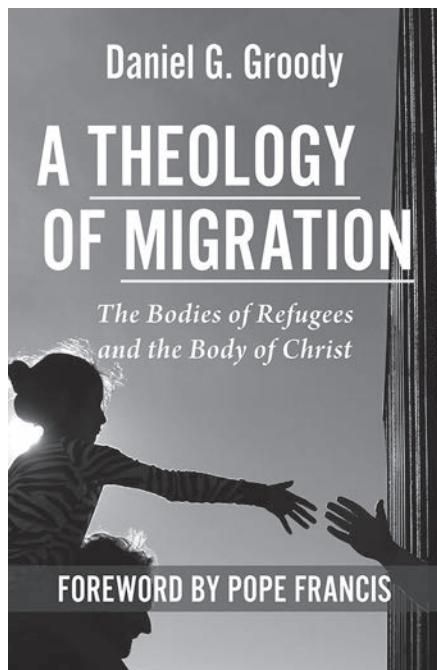
Migration, legal and otherwise, is in the DNA of the Catholic Church, and teachings that call on believers to aid “the stranger” are meant to guide followers of Christ toward a path of communion, said a priest from the University of Notre Dame who studies migration.

“Migration is really in our genes. It’s in our biological genes, it’s also in our spiritual genes and as we look at the Scriptures, we can see that this was something that goes through the Scriptures from beginning to end,” said Father Daniel Groody, a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

He was presenting his book, *The Theology of Migration: The Bodies of Refugees and the Body of Christ*, at the Keough School of Global Affairs Washington Office Oct. 27.

Fr. Groody, who has been a consultant on migration matters for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said that to look at the history of the early Church is to see the foundations of the Church “as fundamentally migrant.”

“Migration is in our genes. It’s also in our political histories, as we know, and it’s just part of the ... story of what it means to be a human being,” he said.



But it’s also something that brings controversy, conflict and tension between “sovereign rights and human rights, civil law and natural law, between national security and human security, and ultimately between citizenship and discipleship,” he said.

In talking with migrants and listening to their stories in different parts of the world, Fr. Groody said that he began to think: “What’s the deeper narrative? And it became clear to me that what’s needed it’s not so much more information, but a new narrative about migration.”

He sees a new narrative based on theology and the Church’s roots in the phenom-

enon of migration, which is increasing as wars, famine, persecution and climate change force people to leave their home countries.

“Just to lay out the reality of migration today, there are more migrants than ever before in history,” he said, offering statistics that reveal that 1 in 28 people in the world is a migrant and that there are 100 million forcibly displaced people in the world, according to the United Nations.

“Behind these numbers are people, human faces,” he said, and “how do we think about that from a faith perspective?”

The way he sees it, from a Christian point of view is: “Our ancestors in faith were always migrating.”

That movement helped Christianity spread beyond the Holy Land, where the faith began, as disciples migrated over the years to other parts of the world and took the Word of God with them. But even before then, we find a God Who migrated from the divine to our world in a strange way, Fr. Groody said.

Jesus came to live among us through Mary, a Jewish woman found pregnant “outside of the law” since Joseph, her betrothed, was not the father, and that subjected her to the risk of capital punishment by stoning, Fr. Groody said. That also means that Jesus, “in many ways was an illegal alien,” he added.

“I mean He was illegal be-

cause ... He is breaking the law in His conception,” and “He was an alien because He really was from another world, so you really have to ask: why would God choose to save the world through an illegal alien?”

Christ opened up a place of hope for all who were considered “outside of the law,” Fr. Groody said.

“God tried to save all those who are alien by Somebody Who was an illegal alien,” he said, adding that “we, all in this world, are aliens and migrants trying to all find our way back home” with God.

The event also invited other religious leaders to share their faith tradition’s views on migration.

“The takeaway from the book is I’m encouraged to perhaps look deeper into my

own religion to have similar supporting ideas,” said panelist Elobaid A. Elobaid, senior adviser for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, who has studied the relationship between human rights and cultural diversity in Muslim Africa.

In their Abrahamic roots, Christianity, Judaism and Islam share the precept of caring for the stranger in some form.

Panelist Rabbi Sarah Bassin, director of clergy and congregations for the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, a U.S.-based Jewish group that helps refugees, said that in Judaism’s sacred texts, the precept to care for the stranger or to not oppress the stranger, is lifted up more than any other commandment.

CNS documentary, ‘Voices of Vatican II,’ available free online

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

To help mark the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Catholic News Service has shared with the public a documentary featuring interviews with council participants.

Titled “Voices of Vatican II: Participants Recall the Council,” the 50-minute documentary was released in 2015 only on DVD, but it was posted Nov. 3 on YouTube.

With archival footage and exclusive interviews with prelates who attended the council sessions between its opening in 1962 and closing in 1965, the film pieces together firsthand accounts of that historic era and its impact on the Church today.

The entire narration is supplied by 12 bishops and priests who took part in the council, including Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who gave an unscripted talk about the council to Rome’s clergy in 2013.

“Off we went to the council not just with joy but with enthusiasm,” he said in that talk. “There was an incredible sense of expectation. We were hoping that all would be renewed, that there would truly be a new Pentecost, a new era of the Church, because the Church was still fairly robust at that time — Sunday Mass attendance was still good, vocations to the Priesthood and to religious life were already slightly reduced, but still sufficient.


“However,” he continued, “there was a feeling that the Church was not moving forward, that it was declining, that it seemed more a thing of the past and not the herald of the future.”

In that speech, the now-retired pope also observed, “There was the council of the Fathers — the real council — but there was also the council of the media.”

The documentary allows viewers to hear from the participants themselves.

Since the original release of the film, several of those interviewed have died, including: Cardinals Loris Capovilla, Georges Cottier and Roger Etchegaray; Bishops John C. McNabb, William J. McNaughton and Remi De Roo; and Paulist Father Thomas Stransky.

Search “Voices of Vatican II” at [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).


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Fr. Mark Porterfield returns to active ministry

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has provided an assignment to Father Mark Porterfield, who has recently chosen to return to priestly ministry, effective Nov. 4, 2022.

Fr. Porterfield's assignment includes providing ministry to the health care facilities in the Jefferson City and Columbia area, and in the prisons in the diocese.

He is also available to serve as a "supply priest" for parishes

needing occasional celebrants for weekend liturgies.

As previously announced, in 2018, Bishop McKnight received a serious allegation of sexual misconduct involving an adult former employee. Subsequently, Fr. Porterfield was placed on temporary administrative leave, and he ultimately resigned as pastor of St. Martin Parish in St. Martins.

A thorough investigation was conducted by indepen-

dent professional investigators. While the accuser was believed to be credible, the allegation could not be proven.

As a result of the canonical proceeding, Bishop McKnight set forth the conditions upon which Fr. Porterfield could return to ministry. Fr. Porterfield has recently fulfilled those conditions.

As this is a personnel matter, no further details on the canonical proceeding will be released.

PRAYERS

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Instead of responding, "Pray for us" after the name of each saint, the people answered, "Pray for them."

The students then explored the cemetery and visited the burial places of loved ones, friends and ancestors as Fr. Schrader sprinkled holy water over the graves.

Several students paused at the resting place of a young man who had died in a car crash shortly after graduating from nearby Fatima High School this past summer.

He was a star of the school's cross country team. Current team members make a point of running past his burial place, which is temporarily adorned with his running shoes and other mementos.

Fr. Schrader, after blessing that and other burial places throughout the cemetery, returned to the circle to bless the four priests' graves.

He closed with a prayer for the faithful departed and with a blessing for everyone present, and the students walked back to school.

PRO-LIFE

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of being used and made vulnerable and broken," she said. "The story you want to be able to tell is that you always stayed on the course God has given you."

She emphasized that it's never too late to turn around and decide to head down a new path.

She advised all of the students to make informed decisions about where they stand on the contentious issues surrounding human life.

"You may think you're for abortion, but I can assure you, you're not for abortion," she said.

She advised anyone who's on the fence or leaning toward "choice" to actually observe an abortion being performed.

"Go watch that innocent person's choice being taken away," she said. "I promise you, you're not pro-choice."

She encouraged the students to stand up for life and confidently share their pro-life convictions after they leave the



Abby Johnson signs copies of her book after giving a presentation in Holy Family Church in Freeburg Oct. 26. — Photo by Jay Locker

"comfortable bubble" of their Catholic high school.

"Don't ever feel like you have to hide who you are," she said. "Be proud of who you are."

Becoming Catholic

Mrs. Johnson and her husband were members of a congregation whose pastor was active in promoting abortion rights.

As soon as Mrs. Johnson's story became public, her pastor told her she was no longer wel-

come at that church.

Many of the couple's newfound friends were Catholic and invited them to Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had been raised to view the Catholic Church with suspicion, but they decided to go to one Mass out of kindness to their friends.

"While we were there, we both felt something right about it," Mrs. Johnson recalled. "We told our friends that we kind of liked it, and before long, we were in RCIA."

That's when they began learning about the universal truth the Catholic Church teaches and upholds, and realized that it was right where they wanted to be.

They received Sacraments of Initiation at Easter in 2012.

Unfathomable mercy

Mrs. Johnson said she has noticed over the past decade a softening of the tone that people in the pro-life movement tend

Daily Readings

Sunday, Nov 13

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mal. 3:19-20a
Ps. 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
2 Thes. 3:7-12
Lk. 21:5-19

Monday, Nov 14

Rv. 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Ps. 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Lk. 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov 15

St. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church
Rv. 3:1-6, 14-22
Ps. 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Lk. 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov 16

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, virgin
Rv. 4:1-11
Ps. 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Lk. 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
Rv. 5:1-10
Ps. 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b
Lk. 19:41-44

Friday, Nov 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin (USA)
Rv. 10:8-11
Ps. 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Lk. 19:45-48

Saturday, Nov 19

Rv. 11:4-12
Ps. 144:1, 2, 9-10
Lk. 20:27-40

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for November:

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Sunday, Nov 20

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
2 Sm. 5:1-3
Ps. 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
Col. 1:12-20
Lk. 23:35-43

Monday, Nov 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv. 14:1-3, 4b-5
Ps. 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk. 21:1-4

Tuesday, Nov 22

St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr
Rv. 14:14-19
Ps. 96:10, 11-12, 13
Lk. 21:5-11

Wednesday, Nov 23

St. Clement I, Pope and martyr; St. Columban, abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest and martyr (USA)
Rv. 15:1-4
Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9
Lk. 21:12-19

Thursday, Nov 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and companions, martyrs; Thanksgiving Day (USA)
Rv. 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9A
Ps. 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5
Lk. 21:20-28
or, for Thanksgiving Day:
Sir. 50:22-24
Ps. 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11
1 Cor. 1:3-9
Lk. 17:11-19

Friday, Nov 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr
Rv. 20:1-4, 11-21:2
Ps. 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a
Lk. 21:29-33

Saturday, Nov 26

Rv. 22:1-7
Ps. 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab
Lk. 21:34-36

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to speak with.

She believes the movement has become more open, more welcoming, more helpful to women in need of help, and "recognizing people who are broken and in need of Christ."

She acknowledged that some

in her audience might be grieving from having had an abortion or helped someone else get one.

"It's a forgivable sin," she told them. "It's not a burden that God wants you to carry. He wants to remove it from you and carry it for you."

Local Catholics contribute \$122,588 toward Ukraine relief efforts

The Church in central and northeastern Missouri is providing crucial help to people affected by the unfolding humanitarian disaster in Ukraine.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February, the people of the Jefferson City diocese have contributed \$122,588 to the U.S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) program for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

This program focuses on rebuilding the pastoral capacity of the Church and restoring the faith in 28 countries in the region.

The emphasis is currently on helping the people of Ukraine, who have been experiencing devastating loss and destruction since the war began.

Contributions go toward providing "emergency funds that are already helping the victims of this war with food and

water, hygiene supplies, support, and other necessary humanitarian services," according to the USCCB's website (usccb.org). Contributions are still being accepted online at diojeffcity.org/donate.

[org/donate](http://diojeffcity.org/donate).

For parishes that have completed the transition to the stewardship model, this donation is considered to be above and beyond individuals' regular tithes.

St. Mary Parish Annual
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Sunday, November 13
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Thanksgiving Festival
 Thursday, November 24
 Dinner served from 11 am-2 pm
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NPM St. Cecilia Sing event in Columbia

DATE: November 20
TIME: 7 pm

The Jefferson City diocese's chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will hold its annual St. Cecilia Sing event on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Newman Center, 602 Turner Ave. in Columbia.

Music ministers from parishes across the diocese will lead the audience in singing praise in honor of the patron saint of music.

All are invited. A reception will be held afterward.

Free-will offerings will be accepted to offset expenses.

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