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News Briefs

Nuncio to seminarians: no 'office hours'

COLUMBUS, Ohio (CNS) and STEUBENVILLE — A priest's "office hours" are unlimited, and the priesthood is not solely focused on administrative work, the apostolic nuncio to the United States told students at the nation's only Vatican-affiliated seminary.

"It's important to say this to young seminarians: Don't prepare yourselves to be administrative people, to say 'I work from 8 to 6 and after that, it's finished and I take my rest.' No, you are full time," Archbishop Christophe Pierre said during a question-and-answer session April 23 at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

"Your enthusiasm is so important," he continued.

"This country needs the church announcing the beauty of the presence of God in Jesus Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the power of transformation found in the Gospel, in which whenever a person met Jesus, he became different."

The nuncio's remarks came after he delivered the college's annual lecture honoring the late Cardinal Pio Laghi, who served from 1980 to 1990 as the Vatican's apostolic delegate to the United States and, after the title was changed, as nuncio, the equivalent of an ambassador.

As nuncio Archbishop Pierre also is chancellor of the college, the only seminary outside of Italy with pontifical status, an honor Pope Leo XIII granted to the institution in 1882.

The **Diocese of Steubenville** has three men studying for ordination to the priesthood at the Josephinum — Frederick "Wil" Crow IV who is in pre-theology; Peter Stetson, college; and Nicholas Ward, theology.

Official

Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton has accepted the retirement of **Msgr. Robert J. Kawa** from active parish ministry, effective June 30. Msgr. Kawa is pastor of St. Bernard Parish, Beverly, and St. James Parish, McConnelsville.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary statue — in churches in the Diocese of Steubenville during the Year of Reconsecration of



the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary — will stand in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Carrollton, May 19-26, after being situated in St. Mary of the Hills Church, Buchtel, May 5-12, and Holy Cross Church, Glouster, May 12-19. (Photo by DeFrancis)



Ground is broken for the Catholic community parish life center, across from St. Joseph Church, Ironton, by, from the left, Louis Cloran, chairman of the Ironton Catholic community Finance Council; Bryson Canter, representing Ironton Catholic schools; Paul Mollett, principal of St. Lawrence Central School and St. Joseph Central High School, Ironton; Chris Monte, assistant principal of the Ironton parochial elementary and high schools; Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton; Father David L. Huffman, pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish and St. Joseph Parish, Ironton, administrator of St. Mary Mission, Pine Grove, and pastoral administrator of the Ironton parochial schools; Jennifer Howard, president, Ironton Catholic community Pastoral Council; and John W. Mullins, president of Mullins Construction Co. Inc., Wheelersburg, Ohio. The center is projected from a southwest view, above left, and a northwest view, above right. Within close proximity to St. Joseph Central High School, and the nearby St. Lawrence church and school, the center is expected to be completed before year's end, Father Huffman said. (Photos by DeFrancis and scanned)

Ground broken for parish life center in Ironton

IRONTON — "Are you ready to play basketball in the new gym?"

That was the question Father David L. Huffman posed to one St. Joseph Central High School student and then another after the April 24 groundbreaking for a parish life center for the Catholic community of Ironton and Pine Grove.

As the students answered affirmatively to the question asked by Father Huffman — pastor of St. Joseph Parish and St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Ironton, administrator of St. Mary Mission, Pine Grove, and pastoral administrator of St. Lawrence Central School and St. Joseph Central High School — he detailed plans for the multimillion dollar center, which will house a gymnasium, classrooms and meeting facilities.

In the fall of 2015, the Catholic community of Ironton and Pine Grove purchased a lot for \$400,000, across from the

South Fifth Street, Ironton, St. Joseph Church. St. Joseph Central High School is situated beside the church, at 912 S. Sixth St.

At the same time, Ironton/Pine Grove parishioners purchased St. Lawrence Central School, a short distance on Sixth Street from St. Joseph Church and St. Joseph Central High School. The elementary school at 315 S. Sixth St. had been leased from Ironton City Schools.

After the purchases, a Focus group was formed to look into taking the Catholic community into the 21st century, Father Huffman explained.

Recently, too, he added, a baseball field has been constructed, soccer field improved, computers and technology upgraded in schools and flooring, lighting and sound system

Doors open Sept. 5 for prekindergartners at St. Benedict, Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE — When the 2017-18 school year opens at St. Benedict School, 4- and 5-year-olds will be among the enrollees.

Jane Rush, St. Benedict principal, announced the start of the St. Benedict Preschool.

The concept to educate early learners at St. Benedict was a vision of former Christ Our Light, Cambridge, pastor, Father Robert D. Borer, which continued after his retirement from active parish ministry with his successor, Father Paul E. Hrezo, Rush explained. Christ Our Light Parish supports St. Benedict School, and the parish pastor serves as the school's pastoral administrator.

As a prelude to opening the preschool, a state-of-the-art playground was installed at the 220 N. Seventh St. school. Space for the 4- and 5-year-olds was carved out in the building, which educates kindergarten through eighth-graders. Rush said she and Audra Carpenter, who has been named the director and head teacher of the St. Benedict prekindergarten, are equipping the newly updated room with the assistance of many others.

Carpenter is a resident of Cambridge. She has a degree in child development from Muskingum Area Technical College, Zanesville, Ohio. Previously, an early childhood teacher and director, more recently, Carpenter has been a stay-at-home mom. She has a husband Aaron and children Kirstin, 17, Laney, 14, and Garrett, 9.

The director and head teacher of the St. Benedict Preschool expressed excitement at the prospect of returning to the classroom — especially one at St. Benedict — to prepare children for kindergarten.

"The support I have been given has been amazing," Carpenter said.



Jane Rush, left, welcomes Audra Carpenter to the new room that will house St. Benedict School, Cambridge, preschool. (Photo by DeFrancis)

In a letter to the parents and guardians of prospective preschoolers, Carpenter wrote, "As part of the St. Benedict family, we have a shared mission. We promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ, helping to develop the whole child: spiritually, academically, psychologically and physically. In particular, with our preK children, we will focus on positive interaction and relationships, social-emotional competence, constructive and purposeful play, interaction with the environment and partnerships with families."

St. Benedict's program will follow Ohio's early learning and development standards, Carpenter explained. Daily activities will include language arts, math,

science and development of motor skills. In addition, students will be given a physical education class, library time and music instruction. While some of the play will be outdoors, other will be in the classroom, at sensory tables that can be filled with water

or sand. Cots will be in place for rest time.

"In a loving, Catholic Christian environment, we will strive to build your child's confidence to stand, engage and succeed no matter what life throws their way," Carpenter said.

For information on the prekindergarten, telephone St. Benedict School (740) 432-6751. Tours of the facility can be arranged, Rush said.

Options for class times are available with full days considered from 7:30 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. Two-, three- and five-day options can be scheduled. For example, cost of Tuesdays and Thursdays is \$180 per month; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, \$270 per month; and Mondays through Fridays, \$450 per month.

In addition, an extended day, from 2:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., is available for an additional \$5 per day.

"We hope to welcome at least 28 children into St. Benedict," Rush said of the new preschool.

"It is important for us to be here," she said of the school that dates to the early 1900s when Franciscan Sisters of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, began teaching Cambridge students.

The first day for the preschool is Sept. 5.

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Ground broken



Paul Mollett, principal, Ironton Catholic schools, examines the bus donated to the Ironton/Pine Grove Catholic community. (Photo by DeFrancis)

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improvements made in the high school stage and performing arts area.

Ralph Kline, chairman of the parochial schools' board, served in the same capacity for the Focus group.

Other members were Robert Ackerman, Larry Anderson, Mack Anderson, Mike Haas, Lou Mains, Paul Mollett, Robert Roach, Shawn Walker, who is deceased now, and Maria Whaley.

As he reviewed the history of parochial schools in Lawrence County, Father Huffman said, "Catholic education came to Lawrence County in Pine Grove (1848 at St. Mary Church) and Ironton (1853 at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church and 1878 at the first St. Joseph Church down near the Ohio River)."

However, he mused that much has happened since the one-room, one-teacher schools provided formal education, usually only until a student was in seventh or eighth grade.

Now, Father Huffman said, as students study through 12 grades, and beyond: "A Catholic education stresses morals and faith-based learning that is supported by many extracurricular activities."

More than 90 years have passed since the high school was completed in 1925, at a cost of \$100,000. It has been well maintained, Father Huffman said, but "our 1925 gym does not allow our boys' and girls' basketball teams to join an athletic conference. No one wants to come here to compete in our small, 35-foot by 70-foot gym, with seats for only 75 people and an out-of-bounds line 1 foot from the wall!" High school regulations set the gymnasium size at 50 feet by 84 feet, Father Huffman added.

During the Focus group study, thought was given to adding on to the present high school. The cost to build a regulation-size gym, classrooms and a performance area was not feasible, Father Huffman said. Figures could have tallied \$15 million for the add ons. Therefore, he said the five-year and 20-year plans reviewed had to be narrowed. What could be done in five years that would continue to be useable and maintainable in the next 20 years?

Ackerman, a member of the St. Joseph Central High School Class of 1969, wrote that though junior high and high school basketball and volleyball are played in the St. Joseph Central High School gym, high school boys rent space for home games and practice.

St. Joseph Central students Joseph Bush, Ashley Bartram, Bryson Canter and Kaitlyn Sheridan elaborated in a letter to alumni: "The parish life center will be used to host fundraisers. ... Space for bereavement luncheons, faculty meetings, faith formation workshops and school retreats can be held, also, in this space.

"We greatly need a larger space to hold our church/school functions. ...

"As students of St. Joseph (Central) High School, our sports teams desperately need a larger gym. The gym at St. Joseph can no longer hold our fan base. Secondly, the gym is not regulation size for our sports teams. Therefore,

our boys' basketball teams currently play at the Ironton High School auxiliary gymnasium, which only holds about 200 fans. This gym does not meet the needs of both our home and away crowds.

"Our boys' basketball team currently practices at the old Rock Hill Middle School, which serves as the Lawrence County Juvenile Center. Due to time restrictions at the practice gyms, our practices are greatly diminished. In addition, the gym at the (juvenile center) does not have heating; because of this, players wear long-sleeved shirts and sweat-shirts while practicing which constricts movement. This past year the temperature dropped

to 35 degrees inside, which forced us to cancel practice multiple times.

"Currently, our girls' and junior high teams utilize St. Joseph gym. However, the programs are hindered because of lack of seating for fans and nonregulation-size court.

"We were unable to join the Southern Ohio Conference, because of all of these space/size issues. ..."

Ackerman continued that an architect, Edward Tucker Architects Inc., Huntington, West Virginia, was hired and a general contractor secured.

An original bid on the center was lowered after a local contractor submitted a new bid of \$2.2 million. The contractor, Mullins Construction Co. Inc., Wheelersburg, Ohio, found brick to match the church and school. He has obtained what has been termed reasonable pricing for flooring, seating and such. The handicapped accessible building, between South Fourth and South Fifth streets, will seat 600.

Though a large portion of the money for the center has been pledged and/or paid, donations continue to be taken for it and a school foundation, Father Huffman said.

Other parish leadership involved in discussions for the design/build center included members of pastoral council – Brigham Anderson, Rhonda Colegrove, Neil Dufore, Julie Fugitt, Dan Hartwig, Jennifer Howard, Jackie Murnahan, Jim Parker, Bobbie Shelton, Judy Sierer, Alyce Waldo and Scott Woods; finance council – Mack Anderson, Lou Cloran, Haas, Aaron Heighton, Mary Ann Monte and Brad McFann; school board – Christi Bartrum, Cara Clark, Sissy Clyse, Joni Hacker, Chuck Heim, Chris Kline, Ralph Kline, Mollett, Chris Monte, John Turner and Andy Whaley.

Bishop Monforton's Schedule

May

- 6 Confirmation Mass for Triumph of the Cross Parish, Steubenville, at Holy Rosary Church, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Confirmation Mass for Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes, Wintersville, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 11 a.m.
Confirmation Mass, Holy Family Church, Steubenville, 2:30 p.m.
Speaker for Knights of Columbus Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 472 anniversary dinner, Wintersville, 5:30 p.m.
- 10-12 Annual diocesan priests' retreat, Loyola Retreat House, Clinton, Ohio, 9 a.m.
- 12 Baccalaureate, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 15-19 Bishops' retreat, Washington, Michigan
- 18 WAOB radio segment, 7:40 a.m., 8:40 a.m. and 6:40 p.m.
- 19 Dedication/blessing of mural of Immaculate Heart of Mary, chancery, Steubenville, 1:30 p.m.
- 20 Confirmation Mass, St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, 4:30 p.m.

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At annual DCCW convention, June 7, OU prof will examine ‘Laudato Si’

STEUBENVILLE — Ohio University, Athens, Professor Emilia Alonso-Sameno will examine Pope Francis’ encyclical “Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home” at the Diocese of Steubenville Council of Catholic Women 72nd annual convention, June 7.

Pamela Ambrose, DCCW president of Harrisville, and DeDe Kidder, DCCW past president and current treasurer, announced the convention.

Women from throughout the diocese will gather at Holy Family Church, 2608 Hollywood Blvd., Steubenville, beginning at 8:15 a.m. that day. By 9 a.m., the business meeting will be underway, and the convention, themed “Behold the Handmaid of the Lord,” will continue with Alonso-Sameno’s presentation, “Laudato Si’: An open invitation to care for our common home.”

A St. Paul, Athens, parishioner, Alonso-Sameno is a native of Spain.

A full professor of Spanish at Ohio University, she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Spanish language and linguistics. In addition, she is the director of the Institute for the Empirical Study of Language.

Alonso-Sameno’s main research interests include speech perception and lexical access, phonetics, language understanding, first- and second-language acquisition and foreign language learning and teaching.

She received her PhD in applied linguistics from the University of Seville, Spain, after doing graduate work in linguistics and applied linguistics at Harvard University

(Massachusetts) and the University of Oregon.

Alonso-Sameno has given talks at both national and international professional meetings, is the author of numerous publications, a member of the Scientific Committee of the Spanish Association of Applied Linguistics and a reviewer for several scholarly journals.

An avid advocate for social justice, Alonso-Sameno is a member of the peace and justice ministry of the Athens Catholic community, has sponsored Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is active in parish music, liturgical and eucharistic ministry.

A member of the Steubenville Diocese’s task force that was created in response to Pope Francis’ “On Care for Our Common Home,” Alonso-Sameno was the first of that membership to write an article on the encyclical for The Steubenville Register.

She, too, is a member of the diocese’s Mission Advancement Planning Advisory Task Force.

Currently, Alonso-Sameno serves as



(Photo provided)

Emilia Alonso-Sameno

president of the Athens Rotary Club.

She has received mission formation with the Maryknolls and will spend July doing pastoral and missionary work in Puno, Peru. Later in the summer, Alonso-Sameno will complete mission instruction in Los Altos, California.

Alonso-Sameno is the mother of two grown children, Alejandra, currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Latin American Studies and Public Health from Tulane University, New Orleans, and Adrian, finishing a

certificate in teaching English as a foreign language at Ohio University.

In her free time, Alonso-Sameno enjoys traveling, hiking, playing the guitar and cooking for her family and friends.

Morning activities at the DCCW convention will continue with an 11 a.m. memorial service and Mass, celebrated by Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton and concelebrated by diocesan priests. During the memorial service, women of the parishes who died during the past year are remembered.

After Mass, a catered lunch will be

served in the Holy Family Parish Hall.

The afternoon program will include awards to parish Catholic Woman’s clubs for their service to others. Eileen Ackerman of Barnesville is in charge of parish awards.

A preconvention dinner will be held June 6 at Bella Hall, corner of Braybarton and Sunset boulevards, Steubenville. That evening’s social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Reservation forms and checks – made payable to the DCCW – should be mailed to Kidder, P.O. Box 31, Toronto, OH 43964. Reservations are due by May 30.

Overnight accommodations can be made at the Best Western Plus – the Inn at Franciscan Square, 200 Franciscan Square, Steubenville, OH 43952; telephone (740) 282-0901. Discounts for block rates end May 6. To receive the discount, reservations must be made via phone and notice given that the caller is with the DCCW.

Reservations, also, can be made with the Hampton Inn, 820 University Blvd., Steubenville, OH 43952; telephone (740) 282-9800.

During the convention, a raffle to benefit seminarians will be held under the sponsorship of the Visitation Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

Convention-related questions can be raised with Ambrose via telephone (740) 546-3685 or email, pambrose49@hotmail.com; Kidder, cell phone (740) 632-3018 or email, dede.kidder@gmail.com; Ackerman (740) 757-2481; or Joanne Kolanski, DCCW secretary, of St. Clairsville, email, jkolanski51@comcast.net.

Plight of persecuted Christians topic

WINTERSVILLE — The founder and president of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council – a nonprofit organization in the United States that raises awareness about the persecuted church in Iraq – will speak at 7 p.m., May 18, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 852 Main St., Wintersville.

Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, Diocese of Steubenville vicar general and pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, also in Wintersville, announced that Juliana Taimoorazy

would return to Blessed Sacrament Church to discuss the plight of her people throughout the Middle East.

Taimoorazy first talked in 2015 in Wintersville about attacks on Christians in Baghdad that accelerated in 2006 and the council’s assistance to thousands of displaced Assyrian Christian families

throughout Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan with food, shelter and medicine.

The Iraqi Christian Relief Council, started in 2007, provides prayer support and advocacy, as well.

Taimoorazy said that she travels throughout the United States and Israel to educate the public about the situation of her people throughout the Middle East and to raise funds for humanitarian relief for people in Iraq.

Herself a refugee, Taimoorazy was smuggled into Switzerland in 1989 because of religious persecution in her native Iran. After spending seven days in a

monastery in Zurich, she was smuggled into Germany, where she sought religious asylum. In 1990, she came to the U.S. as a refugee. In 2000, she obtained a master’s from Northeastern Illinois University.

The Wintersville multimedia presentation is free and open to the public, Msgr. Kemo said.



(Photo provided)

Juliana Taimoorazy

Teaching Positions Available

St. Benedict School, Cambridge, Ohio, has two positions open for the upcoming school year. Available positions include a second-grade teacher and a fifth-grade teacher. Both classrooms are self-contained. An Ohio teaching licensure is required.

Send resumes and three professional references, prior to May 19, to:

Jane Rush, principal, St. Benedict School
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Nominations sought for people making a difference

NELSONVILLE — To honor people making a difference across Appalachia, the Jenco Foundation Fund is seeking nominations for the 2017 Jenco Awards.

Begun in 2002 to honor the legacy of Father Lawrence Martin Jenco, the awards are for individuals in Appalachian Ohio who have performed visionary leadership in the service of others in the region. All the counties in the Diocese of Steubenville – Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble and Washington – are considered part of Appalachia.

Nominations must be postmarked or emailed by May 31. Nomination forms

and additional information about the Jenco Awards are available at www.AppalachianOhio.org/Jenco or by telephoning (740) 753-1111.

Founded in 2001 by journalist Terry Anderson, the Jenco Foundation honors the Catholic priest who was kidnapped in Beirut, Lebanon, while serving as director of Catholic Relief Services. Father Jenco was an inspiration to many, including fellow captive Anderson, because of his compassion and service to others.

The Jenco Foundation joined the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio in 2011 as an endowed fund to ensure that Father Jenco’s legacy and the mission of the fund lives on forever.

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Diaconate directors hear how Christian unity will come by hearing others

By Tim Puet

COLUMBUS, Ohio (CNS) — Catholics and those of other Christian faith traditions will come closer as they get better at practicing “holy indifference,” said the priest who directed the U.S. bishops’ interfaith relations activities for five years until his retirement last year.

Salesian Father John Crossin, speaking during the opening day of the three-day annual convention of the National Association of Diaconate Directors April 26, said holy indifference is a term used by his order differently from what most people might think when they hear the phrase.

“It means getting to the point where we are able to see in depth what those who may disagree with us are saying,” said Father Crossin, who was executive director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs from 2011 to 2016.

“This involves taking the positions and arguments of differing points of view into prayer. The goal is for each person to become ‘indifferent’ enough to hear deeply what those whose positions differ from yours are saying. It can be very hard to get beyond our own strongly held positions and emotional commitments,” Father Crossin told 100 directors of diaconate programs from dioceses throughout the U.S. and Canada.

“People have to be willing to think ‘Maybe what the other person is saying is right, or at least somewhat right. I may not completely agree with another point of view, but I realize it’s not an unreasonable

one. Others may be speaking God’s word to me,’” he said. “The group consensus may be to go in another direction than I prefer. This method differs from American politics considerably because it calls for the virtues of patience and humility.”

Father Crossin said that in ongoing discussions concerning church unity, Catholics and people of other denominations must reach “a stage of communal discernment where everyone searches for God’s will, in contrast to ‘getting my way.’”

“This will take time. Most of us, like me, are impatient and want to get things done in a hurry, but God is slow, and we need to recognize this.”

Since the Second Vatican Council 50 years ago, he said, “a lot of ground has been covered, I think more than most people expected” in efforts among Catholics and other Christian denominations to find points of unity. He cited the 2015 “Declaration on the Way,” in which the USCCB and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America listed 32 points of agreement on church, ministry and the Eucharist, as an example.

“Scholars who had been working on this for a lifetime were surprised at how many agreements we had,” Father Crossin added. “There remain serious issues ahead, but we will keep harvesting the fruits of what we have accomplished and move forward.”

He also said the relationships that have been and are being built among the people involved in such discussions are a key to the future success of the ecumenical movement.

“Some of these relationships are occasional, when we work on projects like a river cleanup together and bump into each other every year. Others are more professional, when we participate in formal theological dialogues. This

is one of the fruits of that dialogue,” Father Crossin said.

“There may be times when serious problems arise between communities or individuals, and in those cases, it’s important for people to have enough trust among them to contact each other and say ‘How can I help?’ This makes it easier to build an ecumenical community, or to keep it from being torn down,” he said.

Even if Catholics and other Christians overcome their differences and reunite, Father Crossin said, “it will take 100 years to absorb all the implications.”

“As we walk together, we will need to learn more, let go of dated knowledge, work our way through negative past experiences, and open ourselves to a deeper conversion to Christ,” Father Crossin continued. “The most important aspect of the walk toward unity is growing together toward spiritual maturity. This involves deep openness to the power of the Holy Spirit.

“As with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus is walking with us unrecognized, and we will know him in the breaking of bread. The Holy Spirit is guiding us as Jesus guided those disciples. The answers to our questions might be difficult, but we’re on the road God has put us on. The key in our walk along that road is prayer.”

• Puet is a reporter at the Catholic Times, newspaper of the Diocese of Columbus.

The Diocese of Steubenville has ordained 11 men to the permanent diaconate in recent years.

Pope plans Pentecost celebrations with charismatics and Pentecostals

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has invited thousands of Catholic charismatics and members of Pentecostal and Evangelical churches to Rome to celebrate Pentecost and mark the 50th anniversary of what became the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

The pope will lead a prayer vigil June 3, the eve of Pentecost, at Rome’s Circus Maximus, an open field that was the site of chariot races. Participants will join the pope the next morning for Pentecost Mass in St. Peter’s Square.

In 2014, Pope Francis had invited charismatics and Pentecostals to Rome in 2017 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Catholic charismatic movement, which traces its origins to a retreat held in 1967 at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. The anniversary event is being organized by the Vatican-based International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services.



This is the logo for the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal to be held in Rome May 31 to June 4. (CNS/courtesy Catholic Charismatic Renewal)

The jubilee celebrations will begin in Rome May 31 with prayer meetings, a youth festival, meetings for theologians and workshops.

“Pope Francis asked us to plan a jubilee that is as inclusive as possible,” particularly by including other Christians who also emphasize the importance of baptism in the Holy Spirit, said Michelle Moran, president of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services.

According to Moran’s office, the Catholic charismatic renewal is present in more than 200 countries and has reached an estimated 120 million Catholics.

Meeting with charismatics and Pentecostals in 2014, Pope Francis admitted he was not always comfortable with the way they prayed, but he knelt onstage as they prayed for him and over him by singing and speaking in tongues.

“In the early years of the charismatic renewal in Buenos Aires, I did not have much love for charismatics,” the pope had explained. “I said of them: They seem like

a samba school.”

But little by little, he said, he came to see how much good the movement was doing for Catholics and for the church.

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St. John Paul II The Holy Spirit and Prophecy

By Diocese of Steubenville
Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon

A familiar expression in sacred Scriptures is “The Law and the Prophets.” They are the two-fold basis on which God conveyed his will to the Chosen People. The Law was that given to them through Moses who was both lawgiver and prophet: *lawgiver*, as the conveyer to them of the Ten Commandments and other provisions of what we call the Mosaic Law; *prophet*, as one who speaks to the people on behalf of God. There would be no new lawgiver until Jesus came as the Messiah, the “Christ,” who would promulgate a new law, that based on his own teaching, the “good news” or *Gospel*. There would be other prophets, however, before the time of Christ, some of whom we read about, as in the books of Samuel and Kings. Others, the “writing prophets,” are those who left a written record of their prophecies, i.e., their words on behalf of God. We call four of the latter “major” prophets, and 12 of them “minor” prophets, depending on the extent of what they wrote.

There are incidents in the Bible where the Spirit of God “rested on” someone, not on an ongoing basis, as is the case with those we just described, but on a once-only basis. Such, for example is the case of a man named Balaam. He was designated to speak only once in God’s name and then pass away into obscurity (see, Numbers, Chapter 24, Verse 17). The gift, or commission of prophecy, was, also, subdelegated, so to speak. We read where Moses was told by God to select 70 upstanding men to share his own gift of prophecy, in order to relieve him of the burden of handling the individual problems of people who, by that time, numbered in the hundreds of thousands, (see, Numbers, Chapter 11, Verses 16-25). We find in the Bible, too, a case where an outstanding prophet is given a successor who shares some or all of the “Spirit” of his forebear (Elijah and Elisha, see, II Kings, Chapter 2).

We read, also, of “false prophets,” particularly among Israelites who were unfaithful to the Covenant and by the aliens who replaced the Israelites who were exiled by the conquering Assyrians and Babylonians. They worshiped

false “gods,” notably Baal, the ancient god of the Canaanites, who were the original occupants of the “Promised Land.” The Israelites conquered and settled there after their escape from Egypt. The true prophets, such as Elijah and others, had to fight against these false prophets.

How did the prophets receive their commissions, we might well ask? In the case of the writing prophets, that is often explained by the prophet himself. Among the major writing prophets, we find: Isaiah begins his book telling of “the vision which Isaiah, son of Amos, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem ...” (Is 1:1). Jeremiah says: “The word of the Lord came to me: ‘Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. ...’” Jeremiah protested: “I do not know how to speak. I am too young.’ But the Lord answered me, ‘Do not say I am too young. To whomever I send you, you will go; whatever I command, you will speak’” (Jer 1:4-7). Ezekiel tells us: “In the 30th year (of the Babylonian exile)

... the heavens opened and I saw a divine vision” (Ez 1:1). The Book of Daniel begins differently. It gives an historical account of how Daniel, and three other Hebrew young men among the Babylonian exiles, were drafted into the service of the king of Babylon. Daniel showed such wisdom that he was accorded a high

place among the king’s advisors. The book goes on to tell about Daniel’s tumultuous career under Babylonian kings. It says nothing of the source of Daniel’s wisdom, but the obvious implication is that it was a manifestation again of God’s initiative in endowing certain people with the gifts of the Spirit.

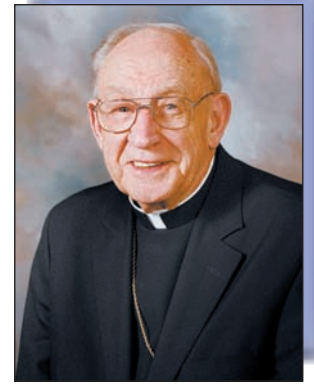
Most of these men did not choose to become prophets. In some cases, they made it clear that they simply did not want the job. But, nevertheless, they were chosen by God. The prophet, Amos, for example, was threatened by the high priest of the idolatrous kingdom of Israel not to speak in the name of the Lord because he warned of the downfall of that nation. Amos responded, “I am not a prophet, nor do I belong to a company of prophets. I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamores, but the Lord took me from following the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel’” (Am 7:14).

The “company of prophets” that he spoke of is an example of those false prophets that we mentioned before. They

were organized groups that claimed mysterious wisdom to advise governing officials. Generally, they said what they knew the officials wanted to hear, but they could also have been under satanic influence as well. Ezekiel had dealings with them, too. He said: “Thus the word of the Lord came to me: ‘Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel; prophesy! Say to those who prophesy their own thoughts: hear the word of the Lord: Woe to those prophets who are fools, who follow their own spirit and have seen no vision’” (Ez 13:2-3).

There would come a time in the history of the Chosen People when there would be “no prophet in Israel.” This was the era after the return to Palestine of a remnant of those who were exiled by the Babylonians during their conquest. The Persians then defeated the Babylonians and permitted those who wished to return to their ancestral land. This would have been about 300-400 years before the time of Christ. The last of the minor prophets wrote about this time. In their place would arise the scribes and Pharisees that we read about in the Gospels. Their qualification was not the Spirit of God, but their own study and insight. Jesus had many encounters with them as we all know. Yet, Jesus was not opposed to what they were trying to do, i.e., keep the people on the right track, although they often lost that track themselves. Nevertheless, Jesus said of them, “The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat in the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach, but do not practice” (Mt 23:1-4).

There was “no prophet in Israel” – except for one exception: John the Baptist, a contemporary of Jesus himself. John can be considered the last of the Old Testament prophets and the first of the Apostles who, in the New Testament, speak in the name of the Lord. John’s basic message was: “Prepare the way of the Lord!”



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There would be no new lawgiver until Jesus came as the Messiah. ... There would be other prophets, however, before the time of Christ. ...

Becoming a Holy Beggar

By Father Ron Rolheiser

With the exception of Scripture and a few Christian mystics, Christian spirituality, up to now, has been weak in presenting us with a vision for our retirement years. It’s not a mystery as to why. Until recently, the majority of people died shortly after retirement, and, so, there was no need for a highly developed spirituality of generativity after our active years.

What are our retirement years meant for, spiritually? What’s our vocation then? What might generativity mean for us, after our work’s been done?

Henri Nouwen, one of the first contemporary writers to take up this question, makes this suggestion: *There comes a time in our lives when the question is no longer:*

What can I still do to make a contribution? Rather the question becomes: How can I live now so that my aging and dying will be my final great gift to my family, my community, my church and my country?

How do I stop writing my resume in order to begin writing my eulogy? Happily, spiritual writers today are beginning to develop a spirituality around these questions and, in doing that, I believe, we can be helped by some rich insights within Hindu spirituality.

In Hinduism, life is understood to have *five* natural stages: *First*, you are a *child*. As a *child*, you are initiated into life, you learn to speak, you learn how to interact with others and are given time for play.

The *second* stage is that of being a *student*. In Hinduism, you’re a *student* until you get married, begin a family and establish a career. As a *student*, your primary focus is to enjoy your youth and to prepare for life.

Then you become a *householder*. This, the *third* stage of life, begins with marriage and ends when your last child is grown-up, your mortgage is paid, and you retire from your job. As a *householder*, your task is family, business and involvement with civic and religious affairs. These are your duty years.

The *fourth* stage is that of being a *forest dweller*. This period should begin when you are free enough from family and business duties to do some deeper reflection. *Forest*

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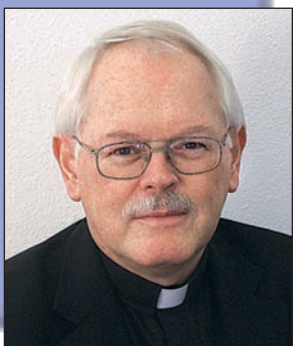
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Welcome All, Especially the Vulnerable, Those in Need

By Diocese of Steubenville
Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her (Lk 1:38).

May is the Month of Mary

How appropriate that May is the month of Mary, in which we recognize through Mary's "Yes" the flowering of God's love in our lives. The entire month of May is dedicated to Mary and also is the month of new growth following the darkness and stillness of winter. Of course, winter here in the Ohio Valley has a difficult time to let go.

We model our Christian lives after Our Lady, the mother of Jesus and wife of St. Joseph. Mary inspires us in the mother's critical role in the family as she also remained faithful to her Christian vocation as the Mother of God, even to the point of permitting her heart to be pierced by a sword.

St. Joseph the Worker

At the beginning of this week, we celebrated the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1), who is also the foster father of Jesus and husband of Mary. While, admittedly, we do not have much description of Joseph's role in the daily household of the Holy Family, we have ample evidence in his reception of the angel's message, informing him of the divine dignity of Mary's pregnancy and Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We, also, are familiar with his spousal

and fatherly care in the Nativity narrative of Jesus, as well as the flight into Egypt in order to protect the baby Jesus.

St. Joseph is a model for both husbands and fathers in his faithful actions steeped in trust in God's Divine Providence.

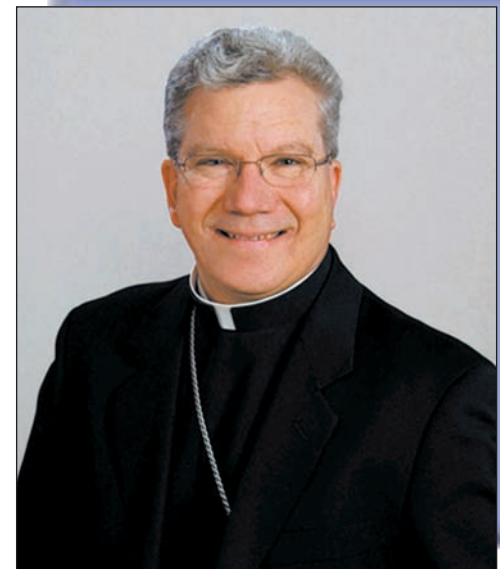
The feast of St. Joseph the Worker further instructs us of the dignity of human labor and encourages us to provide work and opportunities for work for all of our brothers and sisters. The hands of the carpenter underscores the dignity of all labor regardless the motive.

Respect ALL Human Life

A recent directive from a political party leader requiring individuals to promote abortion in order to be politically supported is deeply troubling. This instruction, better yet, a form of coercion, is not only an overt act of intolerance, and deeply disturbing, but it also undermines the foundation of our nation, which celebrates constructive dialogue and religious freedom. This extreme agenda, namely to unequivocally state to be American is to support abortion, provides a disservice to our nation's progress to value all human life without prejudice.

In the words of Blessed Paul VI in "Populorum Progressio," our task as fellow members of the human race is to ensure there is enough bread on the table for all. Our task is *not* to diminish the number of guests at the banquet of life. Unfortunately, abortion does just that. I encourage you to write your representatives asserting the need to protect all human life.

The Holy Family teaches us that we respect the dignity of all members of the family and in a particular way protect and provide the dignified care for a pregnant mother. We have the Christian mandate to care for the pregnant mother



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and her unborn child, to be in solidarity with them.

May it be our prayer that we welcome all to the banquet of life, especially the vulnerable and those in the greatest need of our compassion and mercy. To truly embrace the familial call as fellow Christians, we embrace the familial love shared by the members of the Holy Family – the model for us all regardless our Christian vocation.

May this season of spring be one of plentiful growth in our faith in the Resurrected Jesus providing us with an eternal hope as fellow members of the human family.

The Benedict Option and the Identity/Relevance Dilemma

By Bishop Robert Barron

Rod Dreher's "The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian Nation" has certainly emerged as the most talked-about religious book of 2017. Within weeks of its publication, dozens of editorials, reviews, op-eds and panel discussions were dedicated to it. Practically every friend and contact I have sent me something about the book and urged me to comment on it. The very intensity of the interest in the text in one way proves Dreher's central point, namely, that there is a widely felt instinct that something has gone rather deeply wrong with the culture and that classical Christianity, at least in the West, is in a bit of a mess.

Anyone looking for concrete evidence of the crisis doesn't have to look very far or very long. Twenty-five percent of Americans now identify as religion-less, and among those 30 and younger, the number rises to 40 percent. The majority of people under 50 now claim that their moral convictions do not come from the Bible, and traditional prohibitions, especially in regard to sex and marriage, are being aggressively swept away. In fact, legally speaking, the momentum has shifted so dramatically that now those who defend classical views on sexuality are subject to harassment, even prosecution. For Dreher, the "Obergefell" Supreme Court decision in regard to gay marriage, which basically unmoored marriage from its biblical and moral foundations,

was the straw that broke the camel's back.

It's important to see, moreover, that this was not simply due to a quirk or particularly anti-gay prejudice on Dreher's part. That legal determination had such a powerful impact because it expressed, with crystal clarity, the now widespread conviction that morality is essentially a matter of personal decision and self-invention. A reviewer for Commonweal commented that Dreher's reaction to the Obergefell decision, though understandable, is disproportionate, given that the 20th century has witnessed moral outrages far beyond the legalization of same-sex marriage. But this is to miss an essential point. To be sure, atomic bombings and genocide are far graver ethical violations than gay marriage, but in regard to the former, there was, among sane people, a clear consensus that these acts *were indeed* morally wrong. What has changed is that an agreement across the society regarding the objectivity of good and evil has largely disappeared. As G.K. Chesterton put it a hundred years ago, "Men today have lost their way. But this is not surprising, for men have always lost their way. The difference is that now they have lost their address."

And, so, Dreher recommends the now famous "Benedict Option," named for the sixth-century saint who, at a time of cultural collapse, withdrew to live the Christian life intensely and intentionally. Christians today, Dreher urges, should acknowledge that the cultural war has largely been lost and should stop spending time, energy and resources fighting it. Instead, they ought, in imitation of St. Benedict, to rediscover, savor and cultivate the uniquely Christian form of life. This hunkering down is expressed in a variety of ways: homeschooling of children, the creation of "parallel structures," which is to say, societal forms of resistance

to the dominant culture, the opening of "classical Christian schools" where the great moral and intellectual heritage of the West is maintained, the beautiful and reverent celebration of the liturgy, the revival of a sturdy ascetical practice, a profound study of the Bible, the fighting of pornography, challenging the tyranny of the new media, etc. Only through these practices will Christians rediscover who they are; without them, Dreher fears, Christianity will

become, at best, faint echo of the dominant secular culture.

As I was reading the book, I kept thinking of the famously unresolvable "iden-

identity/relevance" dilemma. The more we emphasize the uniqueness of Christianity, the less, it seems, the faith speaks to the wider culture; and the more we emphasize the connection between faith and culture, the less distinctive, it seems, Christianity becomes. This problem is on display throughout church history, as the society becomes, by turns, more or less amenable to the faith. In the era when I was coming of age, the period just after the Council, the church was thoroughly committed to relevance, so committed in fact that it came close to losing its identity completely. Part of the spiritual genius of St. John Paul II was that he struck such a dynamic balance between the poles. Who was more of an ardent defender of distinctive, colorful, confident Catholicism than the Polish pope? But at the same time, who was more committed to reaching out to the non-Christian world, to secularism, to atheism than he?

In point of fact, the career of Karol Wojtyla sheds quite a bit of light on the advantages and limitations of the

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Report documents religious freedom

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The 2017 annual report of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom added three “entities” to its list of 28 “countries of particular concern,” thanks to a law passed in December.

Islamic State, the Taliban and the Somali group al-Shabaab made the list in the report, released April 26.

Islamic State was faulted for its genocidal campaign in Iraq and Syria, while the Taliban got onto the list for its activities in Afghanistan, according to the report. The Somali group has undertaken random acts of violence against non-Muslims in eastern Africa.

The law allows for entities to be included if they “exercise political power, territorial control, and employ violence in pursuit of their political objectives,” said Jesuit Father Thomas Reese, commission chairman, during an April 26 conference call with reporters. Islamic State, he added, is “one of the most egregious violators of religious freedom.”

Sixteen nations were designated as “Tier 1” countries of particular concern based on their level of religious repression: Central African Republic, China, Eritrea, Iran, Myanmar, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. All but Central

African Republic, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Syria and Vietnam had been designated last October by the State Department as countries of particular concern.

Another dozen countries made the “Tier 2” list for their restrictions on religious practice: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia and Turkey.

Father Reese said the situations in Egypt and Iraq are improving.

He faulted Russia for its treatment of religious minorities, particularly Muslims, there and in sections of neighboring Ukraine, “where Russia has invaded a country illegally and occupied it and now is imposing its religious restrictions, its very tough religion laws, in the Crimea.” He noted “problems for the Ukrainian Catholic Church there, and other groups that the Russian occupiers are not allowing to practice their religion.”

Father Reese said Russia’s status as a Tier 1 country was given before the nation’s supreme court April 20 banned the Jehovah’s Witnesses, which has about 175,000 adherents and 400 churches there. Its status as a Tier 1 country, he added, was “confirmed, appropriately, justified and timely” by this latest move.

St. Padre Pio relics on tour in US

NEW YORK (CNS) — Relics of St. Padre Pio, a Capuchin priest who bore the stigmata of Jesus, will be on public display in several U.S. dioceses and archdioceses in May and again in the fall.

The Saint Pio Foundation announced that the tour corresponds with the 130th anniversary of the Italian-born saint’s birth.

The tour will include 12 locations nationwide starting May 6-8 at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia.

Hours that each site will be open for veneration and other events related to the tour were to be announced by each diocese.

Additional stops include:

- May 9 at St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh;
- May 10-11 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Denver;
- May 13 at Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln, Nebraska;
- May 18-19 at St. Andrew Church, Pasadena, California;
- May 20-21 at St. Ann Church, Arlington, Virginia;
- Sept 17-18 at St. Patrick Cathedral, New York;
- Sept 20 at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse, Wisconsin;
- Sept. 20 at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee;
- Sept. 22-23 at Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, Stamford, Connecticut;
- Sept. 24 at St. Theresa Church, Trumbull, Connecticut; and
- Sept. 29 at Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw, Michigan.

Born Francesco Forgione May 25, 1887, to a poor family near Italy’s Adriatic coast, he entered the local Capuchin novitiate at the age of 15. He was ordained a priest in 1910 and almost immediately began informing his superiors that he was experiencing spiritual and physical signs, along with a number of health problems.

Beginning in 1918, at the age of 30, the priest reported bleeding from his hands, feet and side — the stigmata wounds of Christ’s crucifixion. The wounds were said to have lasted 50 years, until his death.

Biographers reported that St. Padre Pio was uneasy about such phenomena, declaring, “I only want to be a friar who prays.”

St. Padre Pio’s alleged signs and special powers soon helped attract massive crowds to his southern Italian monastery in San Giovanni Rotondo. His Capuchin superiors tried to limit his public appearances and planned to transfer the priest, but they backed down after popular outcry.

With donations, St. Padre Pio opened a small hospital next to the monastery in 1925, the forerunner to a much larger health complex he had built in the 1950s.

After years of ministering to long lines of penitents and after suffering several more bouts with illness, St. Padre Pio died in 1968.

St. Padre Pio was canonized by St. John Paul II in 2002.

• More information on the tour can be found online at www.saintpiofoundation.org.

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dwelling is meant to be an extended period wherein you withdraw, partially or fully, from active life to study and meditate your religion and your future. Very practically, this might mean that you go back to school, perhaps study theology and spirituality, do some extensive retreats, engage in a meditative practice, and take some spiritual direction from a guide.

Finally, once *forest dwelling* has given you a vision, you return to the world as a *sannyasin*, as a holy beggar, as someone who owns nothing except faith and wisdom. As a *sannyasin*, you sit somewhere in public as a beggar, as someone with no significance, property, attachments or importance. You’re available to others for a smile, a chat, an exchange of faith or some act of charity. In effect, you’re a street person, but with a difference. You’re not a street person because you do not have other options (a comfortable retirement, a golf course, a cottage in the country), but rather because you have already made a success of your life. You’ve already been generative. You’ve already given what you have to give and you’re now looking to be generative in a new way, namely, to live in such a way that these last years of your life will give a different kind of gift to your loved ones, namely, a gift that will touch their lives in a way that in effect forces them to think about God and life more deeply.

A *sannyasin* gives incarnational flesh to the words of Job: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb and naked I return.” We come into this world possessionless and possessionless we leave it. A holy beggar

incarnates that truth.

Imagine what a witness it could be if very successful people, doctors, bank presidents, athletes, journalists, teachers, business people, tradespeople, farmers and happily married persons who had raised children successfully, people who have all kinds of comfortable options in life, would be sitting, as holy beggars, in coffee shops, in fast-food outlets, in malls, on street corners and in sporting arenas. Nobody could feel superior to them or treat them with pity, as we do with the street people who sit there now. Imagine the witness of someone becoming a voluntary beggar *because* he or she has been a success in life. What a witness and vocation that would be!

But this concept, being a holy beggar, is obviously an idealized image that each of us needs to think through in terms of what that might mean for us concretely.

In the early centuries of Christianity, spirituality saw martyrdom as the final expression of Christian life, the ideal way to cap off a faith-filled life. Justin, Polycarp, Cyprian and countless others “retired” into martyrdom. Later, Christians used to retire into monasteries and convents.

But, martyrdom and monasteries are, also, at a certain place, idealized images. What, concretely, might we retire into?

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At St. Benedict School, Cambridge, kindergartners and fourth-graders collaborated on a service project. After hearing from Cheryl Lawson, director of the Compassionate Ministries Center, Martins Ferry, the students collected more than 150 pairs of gently used shoes. The footwear and more pairs of shoes received by the center will benefit people in Third World countries. Anne Popp and Barb Denniston, St. Benedict teachers, join Cheryl and Don Lawson, pastors, to congratulate the students on the completion of the service project. (Photo provided)

The Benedict Option

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Benedict Option. When Wojtyla was a young man, the Nazis and Communists produced a poisonous, even demonic, cultural context, and he was compelled, consequently, to hunker down. With his friends, he formed a clandestine theater group, which, under cover of darkness and behind locked doors, preserved the great works of Polish drama and poetry, a literature in which the Catholic faith was the ingredient. During those dark years, identity was the supreme value. But then, when he became a priest, and eventually a bishop and a pope, he was properly prepared to unleash the energy he had stored. The result was one of the

most dramatic transformations of society in modern history. Better than almost anyone in the church at the time, he knew how to make the ancient faith relevant to the culture.

So do we need the Benedict Option now? Yes, I would say. But we should, also, be deft enough in reading the signs of the times, and spiritually nimble enough to shift, when necessary, to a more open and engaging attitude.

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True faith means loving others to the extreme, pope tells Egypt's Catholics

By Carol Glatz

CAIRO (CNS) — The only kind of fanaticism that is acceptable to God is being fanatical about loving and helping others, Pope Francis said on his final day in Egypt.

"True faith," he told Catholics, "makes us more charitable, more merciful, more honest and more humane. It moves our hearts to love everyone without counting the cost."

The pope celebrated an open-air Mass April 29 in Cairo's Air Defense Stadium, built by the anti-aircraft branch of the Egyptian armed forces. The pope concelebrated with Coptic Catholic Patriarch Ibrahim Isaac Sedrak of Alexandria and leaders of the other Catholic rites in Egypt.

After spending the first day of his visit in meetings with Muslim leaders, government officials, diplomats and members of the Coptic Orthodox Church, the pope dedicated the second day of his trip to Egypt's minority Catholic community.

Arriving at the stadium in a blue Fiat, the pope was slowly driven around the stadium's red running track in a small and low golf cart, far from the estimated 15,000 people seated in the stands high above. Yellow balloons and a long chain of blue balloons tied together like a rosary were released into the sky as a military helicopter circled high above the venue.

Helicopter gunships circled the perimeter of the stadium, while military jeeps patrolled Cairo's streets.

Surrounded by security, the pope managed to personally greet only one small group of children who were dressed as pharaohs and other traditional figures. They hugged the pope affectionately as security tightly closed in on the group.

In his homily, the pope used the day's Gospel reading of the two disciples' journey to Emmaus to highlight how easy it is to feel disappointment, despair and defeat when one is trapped by a false notion of who God really is.



Pope Francis greets the crowd as he arrives to celebrate Mass at the Air Defense Stadium in Cairo April 29. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

The disciples could not believe that the one who could raise others from the dead and heal the sick could "end up hanging on the cross of shame," the pope said. Believing Jesus was dead, all their dreams died with him on the cross and were buried in the tomb.

"How often do we paralyze ourselves by refusing to transcend our own ideas about God, a god created in the image and likeness of man," he said. "How often do we despair by refusing to believe that God's omnipotence is not one of power and authority, but rather of love, forgiveness and life."

Like the disciples, he said, Christians will never recognize the true face of God until they let their mistaken ideas die on the cross, rise up from the tomb of their limited understanding and shatter their hardened hearts like the "breaking of the bread" in the Eucharist.

"We cannot encounter God without first crucifying our narrow notions of a god who reflects only our own understanding of omnipotence and power," the pope said.

True faith "makes us see the other not as an enemy to be overcome, but a brother or sister to be loved, served and

helped," he said, and it leads to dialogue and respect and the courage to defend the rights and dignity of everyone, not just oneself.

"God is pleased only by a faith that is proclaimed by our lives, for the only fanaticism believers can have is that of charity. Any other fanaticism does not come from God and is not pleasing to him," he said.

At the end of the Mass, Patriarch Sedrak thanked the pope for his visit, which, though it was brief, "has overflowed our hearts with joy and our lives with blessing."

The warm welcome Pope Francis received from so many political and religious components of Egyptian society "is a message to the world that confirms Egypt's nature" as a lover of peace that seeks to affirm peace in the Middle East and the world, the patriarch said.

Later in the day, before his departure for Rome, the pope met with about 1,500 priests, seminarians and religious men and women for a prayer service on the sports field of a Coptic Catholic seminary in Cairo.

He thanked the church workers for their witness and for the good they do in the midst of "many challenges and often few consolations."

"Although there are many reasons to be discouraged, amid many prophets of destruction and condemnation, and so many negative and despairing voices, may you be a positive force, salt and light for this society," he told them.

But to be builders of hope, dialogue and harmony, he said, they must not give in to the many temptations that come each day, including the temptation to expect gratitude from those they must serve and lead.

A good shepherd, Pope Francis said, consoles even when he is broken-hearted and is always a father, even when his children are ungrateful.

Don't become like Pharaoh either with a heart hardened by a sense of superiority, lording over others, expecting to be served and not serve, the pope said.

"The more we are rooted in Christ, the more we are alive and fruitful," he said, and the more they will experience "renewed excitement and gratitude in our life with God and in our mission."

Pope: US, North Korea need diplomatic solution to escalating tensions

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM CAIRO (CNS) — A diplomatic solution must be found to the escalating tension between North Korea and the United States, Pope Francis told journalists.

"The path (to take) is the path of negotiation, the path of a diplomatic solution," he said when asked about U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to send Navy warships to the region in response to North Korea's continued missile tests and threats to launch nuclear strikes against South Korea, Japan and the United States.

"What do you say to these leaders who hold responsibility for the future of humanity," the pope was asked, during a Q-and-A with journalists on the flight to Rome April 29 after a 27-hour trip to Cairo.

"I will call on them. I'm going to call on them like I have called on the leaders of different places," he said.

There are many facilitators and mediators around the world who are "always ready to help" with negotiations, the pope said.

The situation in North Korea, he added, has been heated for a long time, "but now it seems it has heated up too much, no?"

"I always call (for) resolving problems through the diplomatic path, negotiations" because the future of

humanity depends on it, he said.

Pope Francis said his contention that the Third World War already is underway and is being fought "piecemeal" also can be seen in places where there are internal conflicts like in the Middle East, Yemen and parts of Africa.

"Let's stop. Let's look for a diplomatic solution," he said. "And there, I believe that the United Nations has a duty to regain its leadership (role) a bit because it has been watered down."

When asked if he would want to meet with President Trump when the U.S. leader is in Italy in late May, the pope said, "I have not been informed yet by the (Vatican) secretary of state about a request being made."

But he added, "I receive every head of state who asks for an audience."

A journalist with German media asked the pope about the controversy he sparked April 22 for saying some refugee camps are like concentration camps.

"For us Germans obviously that is a very, very serious term. People say it was a slip of the tongue. What did you want to say?" the reporter asked.

"No, it was not a slip of the tongue," Pope Francis said, adding that there are some refugee camps in the world — but definitely not in Germany — that "are real concentration camps."

When centers are built to lock people up, where there is nothing to do and they can't leave, that "is a lager," he said, referring to the German term for a concentration camp.

Another reporter asked how people should interpret his speeches to government officials when he calls on them to support peace, harmony and equality for all citizens, and whether it reflected him supporting that government.

The pope said that with all 18 trips he has taken to various countries during his pontificate, he always hears the same concern.

However, when it comes to local politics, "I do not get involved," he said.

"I talk about values," he said, and then it is up to each individual to look and judge whether this particular government or nation or person is "delivering these values."

When asked if he had had a chance to run off to see the pyramids, the pope said, "Well, you know that today at six in this morning two of my assistants went to see" them.

When asked if he wished he had gone with them, too, the pope said, "Ah, yes."

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Athens — Celebration of the Sunday evening Mass at Christ the King University Parish will be discontinued until the month of August.

Throughout the month of May, the rosary will be recited 20 minutes prior to the celebration of weekend Masses at Christ the King University Parish and immediately following Sunday Masses at St. Paul Church.

Athens/Pomeroy — The peace and justice committee from the Christ the King University Parish and St. Paul Parish, Athens, and Sacred Heart Parish, Pomeroy, will accept donations of new and gently used children's books through May 14. Books will be sent to a library in El Salvador. Books can be taken to the churches.

Belle Valley — Beginning May 14, and continuing throughout the summer months, Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., at Corpus Christi Church.

Beverly — Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m., May 5, followed by a "Litany of the Sacred Heart" and Benediction, at St. Bernard Church.

Buchtel/Glouster — Donations of preowned jewelry are being accepted at St. Mary of the Hills Church, Buchtel, and Holy Cross, Glouster, for an upcoming community bling show, sponsored by the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Cambridge — There will be an Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour and Benediction, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on the 100th anniversary of her apparition, from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m., May 13, at St. Benedict Church. Confessions will be heard from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Cambridge — A reception for Barb Denniston and Teri Fitch, retiring from St. Benedict School, and Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, who have served the school, will be held following the celebration of the 5 p.m. Mass, May 20, at St. Benedict Church.

An open house will be held from 1-4 p.m., May 21, at the Dockside Restaurant, Seneca Lake, to celebrate the services of Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Carolee Vanness and Anna Maar, and to celebrate the retirement of Barb Denniston and Teri Fitch, who have served St. Benedict School.

Marietta — Enrollment for Cub Scout Pack 653, chartered by the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, is open for boys entering first- through fifth-grades for the 2017-18 school year. For additional information, telephone Kelly Faires at (740) 336-2979.

Marietta — A St. Mary all-school reunion will be held July 8, in the Knights of Columbus Council 478 hall, 312 Franklin St., for alumni and graduates. Anyone who has a new address, or knows of anyone who has a new address, can contact Ken Strahler, (740) 373-4529; John Ley, (740) 373-3579; or Patty Perry, (740) 373-1946.

Martins Ferry — "Grandma's Homemade Gnocchi" are being sold by the Ladies of St. Mary's, for \$5 a pound. To purchase, telephone Kathy Kimble at (740) 633-3877.

St. Clairsville — Diocese of Steubenville Permanent Deacon Charles J. "Chuck" Schneider, St. Mary Parish, will lead the recitation of the rosary and give a talk on the first Fatima apparition at 6 p.m., May 13, in St. Mary Church Marian Hall.

Vacation Bible school — "Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World" — will be held June 5 through June 9, from 9 a.m. until noon, at St. Mary Church. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade can attend. There will be games, stories, crafts and foods. To volunteer or for additional information, telephone St. Mary Parish Director of Religious Education Michael Zabrecky at (740) 695-9993.

Steubenville — Beginning May 13, and continuing on the 13th day of each month through October, the rosary will be prayed in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, at 7 p.m., at the shrine of our Blessed Mother, at the entrance of Catholic Central High School, 320 West View.

Steubenville — The Catholic Central High School



Dozens and dozens of eggs are used to make the noodles, held by Donna Archer and Betty Schott, right, that will be sold by the bag and in dinners, which can be eaten in or carried out, May 14, at St. Henry Church, Harriettsville. Father Timothy J. Shannon, pastor of the parish and Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Lowell, stands with, from left, Lisa Weisend, Connie Legrean and Debbie Biehl, also, to announce the annual "Mother's Day Dinner" at St. Henry Church, 36575 Church St., County Road 47, Lower Salem. Biehl, president of the St. Henry Catholic Woman's Club, speculated that the dinner has been held on the second Sunday of May for a century. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and includes ham, chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, noodles, coleslaw, a roll, dessert and a drink for \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. Noodles, baked goods and crafts will be for sale, too. Tickets can be bought for a handmade quilt. The winning ticket for the quilt will be drawn on Father's Day. Tradition has it, Biehl said, that all St. Henry parishioners come and help with the annual "Mother's Day Dinner," whether it is wrapping silverware, taking out the trash or cooking and serving the food. "People know it is the major fundraiser of the parish, and they show up to work," Biehl said. Proceeds from the dinner are being used for maintenance of St. Henry Church, where a 150th anniversary celebration will be held in July. (Photo by DeFrancis)

Development Task Force will sponsor a 26th annual raffle, based on the Ohio Lottery daily Pick 4 evening drawing. Throughout the 29-week period, a ticket has more than 140 chances to win over \$20,000 in prize money. Tickets cost \$25 each. For additional information or to purchase a ticket, telephone the school office, (740) 264-5538.

Tiltonsville — St. Joseph St. Francis Society will

hold a rummage sale May 11, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and May 12, 9-11 a.m., in the parish center hall.

Wintersville — During the remaining Year of Reconsecration of the Diocese of Steubenville to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on June 24, a novena will be incorporated with the weekly recitation of the rosary, which is prayed at 7 p.m., Wednesdays, at Blessed Sacrament Church.

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Athens — The Faith Build Coalition Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio spring rummage sale will be held 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., May 6, in Holy Family Center, Christ the King University Parish.

Cambridge — Knights of Columbus Council 1641 will hold sign-ups for a free youth golf league, for boys and girls in grades four through 12, at 1 p.m., May 7, at St. Benedict School gymnasium, 220 N. Seventh St. At least one parent must accompany the child/children.

Carey, Ohio — The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay St., will celebrate a Mass in honor of St. Peregrine, patron saint of those affected by cancer, at 7 p.m., May 5. Anyone suffering from cancer, in remission from cancer, a cancer survivor, their loved ones and caregivers can participate. The sacrament of the anointing of

the sick will be offered at the conclusion of Mass; prayers for healing will also be offered. For more information or directions to the shrine, telephone (419) 396-7107, or visit www.olcshrine.com.

Throughout the year, "Our Journey With Our Blessed Mother" will be celebrated at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay St., with Mass beginning at noon. For additional information, telephone the shrine office at (419) 396-7107, or visit olcshrine.com.

North Canton, Ohio — Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, will sponsor a breakfast June 10, at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 E. Maple St. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.; breakfast 9 a.m.; cost, \$18; checks payable to Magnificat of

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The Canticle Singers Catholic Youth Choir – in front, from left, Carolyn Kuebler, Mary Jones, Emmy Martin, Luke Kanzelberger and Cecelia Wurzler; second row, from left, Maeve Symington, Jessica Tysz, Gemma Rigaud, Thomas Kanzelberger, Michael Grace, Naedia McCann, Agnes Wear and Hope Sirilla; third row, from left, Susanne Manocchia (vocal coach), Grace McKeegan, Hannah Mergen, Elizabeth Beigel, Clara Symington, Madalen McManamon, Cabrini Zaleski and Margo McKenna; and in back, from left, Marianne DuBois (executive assistant), Celia Mergen, Jacqueline Shea, Jonathan DuBois, Jacob Forrester, Nicolette Constable, Maggie Ward and Ronald W. DuBois Jr. (choirmaster) – will be in spring concert at 3 p.m., May 21, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Winterville. DuBois, who founded the youth choir in August 2016, said the concert will feature works by Mozart, Handel and Sir Edward Elgar. The program, also, will include Gregorian chant and traditional hymns. A freewill offering will be taken. (Photo by DeFrancis)

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Stark County and send to Debby Bentivegna, 5575 East Blvd. NW, Canton, OH 44718. Registration deadline is June 3. For additional information, telephone Shirley DeOrio at (614) 620-3169. Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m., in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, at the university.

Pittsburgh — Our Lady of Grace Parish, Scott Township, will hold a “Pentecost Sacred Arts Festival” May 31 through June 4, at 310 Kane Blvd., in Keefer Hall. The five-day festival will include live literary and musical performances. Mass will be

celebrated at 6 p.m., June 3, and at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., June 4.

St. Clairsville — Tri-County Help Center Inc. will sponsor a designer bag and vendor bingo from noon until 3:30 p.m., May 6, in St. Mary Church Marian Hall, 212 W. Main St. Admission is \$25 for a 10-game packet. Proceeds will benefit support services to victims of domestic violence, assault and mental illness. For advanced ticket sales or additional information, telephone Cathy Campbell at (740) 695-5441.

Steubenville — A pancake breakfast will be hosted by Knights of Columbus St.

John Neumann Council 11828 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., May 7, in St. Peter Church hall, 425 N. Fourth St. Donation is \$7 for adults; \$6 for college students; \$3 for children; and \$35 family maximum Proceeds will benefit the Franciscan University of Steubenville students’ mission to England this summer.

Steubenville — A Holy Hour for vocations will be prayed at 7 p.m., May 6, at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Oratory, 700 Lovers Lane.

Steubenville — A natural family planning class will be offered by NFP International May 27 at St. Peter Church. For additional information or to register, telephone Steve or Ann Craig at (740) 457-9663, or visit www.nfpandmore.org.

Wheeling, W.Va. — A 21st annual spaghetti dinner, benefiting the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center, 18th Street, will be held from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. May 7. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

Wheeling, W.Va. — A discussion-based session titled “Theological Reflections on Health and Healing,” which will explore the nature of integral spirituality of health and healing, will be held from 6:30-8 p.m., May 11, at St. Joseph Retreat Center, 137 Mount St. Joseph Road. Cost is \$10.

A part mindfulness retreat part songwriting workshop will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., May 13, at St. Joseph Retreat Center, 137 Mount St. Joseph Road. Cost of \$30 will include lunch.

Limited to 12 participants, May 20 will feature “Letting Go With Water Colors,” at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center, lower level, 137 Mount St. Joseph Road. This is a painting class for beginners and will be held from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost of \$25 will include lunch.

For additional information on the events, telephone (304) 232-8160, extension 112, or email saintjosephretreatcenter137@gmail.com.

Felician Sister, Steubenville native, dies

CORAOPOLIS, Pa. — Sister Mary Augustine Grajewski, a Felician Sister of Our Lady of Hope Province, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, died April 23.

The 100-year-old, a Sister of Our Lady of Hope Province for 80 years, was a native of Steubenville. She was born March 19, 1917, one of 11 children of Emily Matyszczyk and Victor Grajewski.

The Grajewskis were parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish, Steubenville.

Sister Mary Augustine entered religious life after graduation from eighth grade.

In 1936, she graduated from Our Lady of Sacred Heart Academy in Coraopolis. She made her first profession as a Felician Sister in 1938 and her final profession in 1944.

Sister Mary Augustine received a bachelor’s degree from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, in 1947, and a master’s from there in 1961.

An educator, Sister Mary Augustine

taught on both the elementary and secondary level. In 1968-69, she taught at Seton Central (high school) in Lafferty in the Diocese of Steubenville. She, too, served as a principal at schools in Pittsburgh and Coraopolis and as a diocesan education consultant for the Pittsburgh Diocese.

In addition, Sister Mary Augustine served her religious order in active ministry, including working in a school office and library, being a home and hospital visitor in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston (West Virginia) and acting as a delegate for her community during a general chapter. Later, she served in prayer ministry.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 27 in the Felician Sisters convent chapel, Coraopolis.

Sister Mary Augustine is survived by two sisters, Irene Sabados of Steubenville and Genevieve Hornof of Beaverton, Oregon, numerous nieces and nephews and an estimated 1,300 Felician Sisters worldwide.



(File photo)
Sister Mary Augustine

Obituaries

Elizabeth “Jean” Adams, 81, Colerain, St. Frances Cabrini, April 4.

Wilson S. “Poog” Adams Jr., 82, Colerain, St. Frances Cabrini, April 4.

Janine Bizanovich, 86, St. Clairsville, St. Mary, April 10.

George D. Callarik, 89, 56199 Colerain Pike, Martins Ferry, St. Frances Cabrini, Colerain, March 24.

Patrick Costello, 59, McConnelsville, St. James, April 21.

MaryAnn S. Donnelly, 61, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, April 16.

Dorothy J. Ebbert, 83, St. Clairsville, St. Mary, April 22.

Robin A. Fabian, 55, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, April 20.

Francis M. Josefczyk, 87, Massillon,

Ohio, St. Mary, St. Clairsville, April 12.

Lana Kalis, 92, St. Clairsville, St. Mary, April 24.

Elizabeth B. Marracino, 83, Mingo Junction, St. Agnes, April 15.

John A. Parise, 88, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, April 5.

Laura E. Somers Sass, 59, Christ the King University Parish, Athens, April 4.

Joseph L. Thompson, 76, Gallipolis, Sacred Heart, Pomeroy, April 21.

Lola Tremblay, 93, Beallsville, St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg, April 14.

John K. Wojchowski, 79, Mount Pleasant, St. Adalbert, Dillonvale, April 20.

Anna M. Wszeborowski, 92, Mingo Junction, St. Agnes, April 9.



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton spent five days last month celebrating the diocesan version of Catholic Schools Week. Because inclement weather often prevails during the traditionally celebrated Catholic Schools Week, Bishop Monforton designates a time later in the year for him to visit the parochial schools in the diocese. The bishop began his visits at St. Sylvester Central School, Woodsfield, and continued on to St. Benedict, Cambridge. April 20 he celebrates Mass in St. John Church, Bellaire, above left, with students in Belmont County parochial schools – St. Mary Central School, Martins Ferry, St. Mary Central School, St. Clairsville, and St. John Central School, Bellaire. Later April 20, he was in classrooms in St. Mary Central School, St. Clairsville. Students in St. Clairsville, above right, pose questions to the bishop. Bishop Monforton continued his visits to classrooms and celebration of Masses in parochial schools in Jefferson, Lawrence and Washington counties. The schools include Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary and Junior High and Catholic Central High, Steubenville; St. Lawrence Central and St. Joseph Central High, Ironton; St. John Central, Churchtown, and St. Mary, Marietta. (Photos by DeFrancis)

Catholics bring Pope Francis' call to protect creation to climate march

By Dennis Sadowski

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Carrying banners and signs with quotes from Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'," hundreds of Catholics joined the People's Climate March to call for moral and prayerful action to protect creation.

On a sweltering day that reinforced the message about the need to respond to climate change – the 91-degree temperature at 3 p.m. April 29 tied a 43-year-old Washington record for the date – many in the Catholic contingent said they felt they had a moral obligation to witness in the streets.

"We march for our grandchildren. Stop global warming," read one sign propped up in the back of St. Dominic Church in Washington, where about 300 people gathered before the march for Mass celebrated by Dominican Father Hyacinth Marie Cordell, the parish's parochial vicar.

"The Vatican is solar. What about US?" read another. "We resist, we build, we rise," read a sign from St. Francis and Therese Catholic Worker Community in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Underlying the messages on the signs and banners were people who shared a heartfelt concern to carry out Pope Francis' call in his 2015 encyclical to live responsibly with the planet, remember the needs of others around the world and to reduce consumption and energy usage for the sake of God's creation.

They also wanted to send a message to President Donald Trump that his policies on the environment and energy development do not follow the pontiff's call to protect Earth.

For Manny and Mary Hotchkiss, the march was their second in two weeks. Both scientists, the couple from Portland, Oregon, joined a regional March for Science in New Orleans April 22 as they made their way on a cross-country trip to a meeting of Maryknoll affiliates in Ossining, New

York. After the Mass, Mary Hotchkiss, 72, a chemist, said the couple's involvement was required by their Catholic faith. Manny Hotchkiss, 74, a mechanical engineer, expressed dismay about the president's policies.

"The most important thing I see with this political scene, and it brings a tear to my eye to think about it, is that everything I tried to teach our kids growing up (about science) is fully rejected by the current administration," he said.

The 300 people at the Mass heard Father Cordell call for an "ecological conversion" during his homily. He said each person must act in any way possible to protect God's creation: reducing energy usage; limiting waste; choosing carpooling or biking and walking more; and buying less.

"We can learn increasingly to act not only with our own good and convenience in mind, but above all to think and choose according to what is best for all, especially for the poor and for future generations," the Dominican said. "This ecological conversion calls us to self-examination, to make an inventory of our lives and habits so that we can learn to be better stewards of our common home and its resources, which are meant for the good of all."

He said such steps require a revolution of the heart, as Pope Francis has called each person to undertake. He described it as a "change toward responsibility and virtue, a transition to thinking about the common good, future generations, the poor, other living beings, God's glory and the environment in all of our decisions instead of thinking only in terms of a short-term, fleeting and superficial good or convenience for ourselves."

Sister Kathy Sherman, a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph in LaGrange Park, Illinois, was pleased to hear Father Cordell stress the encyclical's themes.

"I feel like I'm marching for the children, for the future," she told Catholic News Service. "Earth is getting bad for us. If we

don't do something there's not going to be anything like we've known for the future generations, and it breaks my heart."

March organizers said the event had been planned as a follow-up to the September

2014 People's Climate March in New York City. The march kicked off less than 48 hours after the Environmental Protection Agency began to revamp its website, taking down pages devoted to climate science.

DIocese of STEUBENVILLE
OFFICE OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, Ohio, is seeking a principal to begin July 1, for the upcoming academic year. Catholic Central has an enrollment of 250 students in grades nine through 12, with a dedicated faculty and staff. Catholic Central is an interparochial high school to the Catholic parishes of Jefferson County, Ohio.

Qualifications:

- Practicing Roman Catholic with an enthusiasm for his/her faith;
- Minimum five years of teaching experience, preferably in a Catholic school setting;
- Certified in the state of Ohio (or the ability to obtain certification);
- Master's degree required, preferably in Education or Education Administration.

Application materials:

Letter of interest in the position; resume of experience; transcripts of college/university coursework; three professional references; letter of recommendation from the applicant's pastor; copy of current educator licensure/certification.

Interviews for selected candidates will be scheduled following a review of application materials.

Salary and benefits are negotiable depending upon experience and qualifications. Send complete packet of application materials via email to:

pward@diosteub.org.

Application materials may also be mailed to:

Deacon Paul D. Ward, Director

Office of Christian Formation and Schools, 422 Washington St., P.O. Box 969, Steubenville, OH 43952.

Complete application materials will be accepted through June 9.

Teaching Positions Available

Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, Ohio, is accepting teacher applications for positions in Spanish and chemistry/physics and for an intervention specialist, for the upcoming school year.

Send resume and cover letter immediately to:

**Rich Wilinski, principal, Catholic Central High School,
320 West View, Suite 1, Steubenville, OH 43952.**