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Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton has appointed and reappointed priests to serve on the **College of Consultors** – responsible for diocesan functions determined in canon law – and **Presbyteral Council** – which aids in governance of the diocese.

Father Thomas A. Nelson, parochial vicar to Msgr. John Michael Campbell, rector of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, has been appointed to the **College of Consultors** for a five-year term, beginning immediately.

Reappointed to five-year terms, which end Sept. 1, 2022, on the **College of Consultors** are **Msgr. Gerald E. Calovini**, pastor of Holy Family Parish, Steubenville; **Msgr. Campbell**; **Father Thomas A. Chillog**, diocesan episcopal vicar for pastoral planning and personnel and pastor of St. Mary Parish, St. Clairsville; **Father David J. Cornett**, pastor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Barnesville, and St. Mary Parish, Temperanceville; **Msgr. George R. Coyne**, a Steubenville Diocese priest retired from active parish ministry who resides in St. Clairsville; **Father Daniel Heusel**, pastor of St. John Parish, Bellaire, and Sacred Heart Parish, Neffs; **Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo**, diocesan vicar general and pastor of Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes, both in Wintersville; **Father John J. (Jack) McCoy**, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Amsterdam, and St. John Fisher Parish, Richmond; and **Father Timothy P. McGuire**, pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Colerain.

Father Nelson replaces **Father Charles E. Mascolino**, a 91-year-old diocesan priest, retired from active parish ministry, from Steubenville, who has served on the College of Consultors since 2008 and is in ill health.

Father David L. Gaydosik, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Miltonsburg, and St. Sylvester Parish, Woodsfield, and administrator of St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis, has been reappointed to a three-year term as the bishop's representative to the Presbyteral Council.



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, center, stands with participants at a workshop for clerics, religious and laypeople who minister to children and young people in the diocese. They include members of the diocesan Child Protection Review Board – Belmont County Common Pleas Court Judge Frank A. Fregiato, second from left; Belmont County Prosecuting Attorney Daniel P. Fry, fifth from left; and St. Clairsville attorney Sandra Nicholoff, right; and diocesan employees, Permanent Deacon Paul D. Ward, left, director, Office of Christian Formation and Schools; Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, third from left, vicar general; James G. Piazza, back, executive assistant to the bishop; and Michele A. Santin, director, Office of Catholic Charities and Social Concerns. (Photo by DeFrancis)

Clerics, religious, laypeople review 'decree'

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Clerics, religious and laypeople, who minister to children and young people in the Diocese of Steubenville, were given an overview of the diocesan "Decree on Child Protection" and its "Safe Environment Program" at a Sept. 14 workshop at St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville.

The workshop was one of four held in the diocese to, as Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, diocesan vicar general, put it, enable participants to learn something new and refresh their memo-

ries about the decree, originally instituted in the diocese in 2003 and updated in 2009 and again in 2014. Drafted at the mandate of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, who wrote a "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," the decree and charter were a response to sex abuse by some clergy, nationwide.

Children are the joy of their parents and the church, Diocese
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New communications director, Register editor named

STEUBENVILLE — Dino Orsatti has been named director of communications for the Diocese of Steubenville and editor of The Steubenville Register.

Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton announced the appointment. Orsatti replaces Pat DeFrancis, who retired Sept. 20 (**Column/Page 6**).

A resident of Steubenville, Orsatti has a bachelor's from Marquette University, Milwaukee, and a master's from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Presently, a branch manager for Huntington Bank, Steubenville, Orsatti has taught at West Liberty University, West Liberty, West Virginia; Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, West Virginia; Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, and Franciscan University of Steubenville.

He, too, has served as news anchor on WCDK-FM, Weirton, West Virginia; WTOV-TV9, Steubenville, and WTRF-TV7, Wheeling.

As well, Orsatti has been a public information officer for the Jefferson County Health Department, Steubenville.

The new communications director and Register editor has a wife Rose, four children and five grandchildren.

He is a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Wintersville.



Dino Orsatti

(Photo by DeFrancis)

School, teacher cited for excellence

STEUBENVILLE — Bishop John King Mussio Junior High School, Steubenville, and one of its teachers, now vice principal, is among the 58 Ohio schools and 509 teachers selected by the Ohio Academy of Science to receive a Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Education and Student Research for accomplishments during the 2016-17 school year.

The school — where Theresa Danaher is principal — will receive a certificate, and Sandy Morelli will receive a complementary membership to the Ohio Academy of Science.

The Technology Division of the Ohio Development Services Agency funded the program.

The criteria for the Thomas Edison Award for Excellence are to conduct a local science fair with 12 or more students, qualify two or more of these students for one of the academy's 17 district science days, have students participate in at least one or more youth science opportunities beyond the classroom and convince external STEM professionals how and to what extent the school's program met the academy's definition of STEM education. The Ohio Academy of Science defines STEM education as both the mastery and integration of science technology, engineering and mathematics for all students. It incorporates scientific inquiry and technological design through student-focused, project-based curricula to develop skills of communication, teamwork/collaboration, creativity/innovation, critical thinking and problem solving.

"These schools and teachers push the boundaries of the traditional classroom by advising and mentoring student-originated research and other hands-on experiences," said Michael E. Woytek, the academy's CEO.

The Ohio Academy of Science initiated this educational partnership program in 1985 in cooperation with the Office of the

Governor and the Technology Division of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Forty professionals — representing STEM employers from business, industry, government and academia — evaluated the applications in a review process.

Danaher said of Morelli that she "continues to lead our students in an inquiry-based science curriculum, utilizing our science lab to its fullest capacity. Students work in self-selected teams of four, in a hands-on learning environment. Our lab configuration easily integrates technology into experimentation, with lab tables that house laptops for each lab team member. Our lab design fosters collaboration and team problem solving. (Students) learn to convert lab data into charts and graphs, which they present not only for science fair but for weekly lab reports."

A resident of Wintersville, Morelli, who now serves Bishop John King Mussio Central Junior High and Elementary School as vice principal, is a graduate of Steubenville parochial schools and holder of bachelor's and master's degrees from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She has served the District 16 Science Committee.

Students at the Steubenville parochial schools participate in a science fair, 15, most recently, qualifying for the district fair and five going on to State Science Day, Danaher said. As well, STEM education is integrated in classrooms with Smart boards, through math competitions and a focus on engineering principles. The school continues partnerships with the Jefferson County Soil and Water staff for stream monitoring and Trinity Health Systems, Steubenville, which provides a minicourse on medical careers. For a fifth year, students spend an afternoon in team building with the goal to continue to increase student collaboration, teamwork and respect, Danaher said.

Student test results reflect increased science knowledge and growth in data analysis, conceptual understanding and extended reasoning, she added.



St. Mary School, Marietta, students, from the left, Max Reed, Max Frye, Tyler Frye, Jonathan Crosby, Aiden Church and Gabriella Wojcik, participate in a dress-down day to raise money for victims of Hurricane Harvey. The students raised \$930, said Susan T. Rauch, St. Mary principal. The youth at the 320 Marion St. parochial school joined with parishioners of the nearby Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption and from other parishes in the Diocese of Steubenville — on call of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton — to donate for the people who were in the path of the recent high winds and rain. Also, St. Mary School Student Council coordinated a collection of bottled water to help load trucks headed to Texas with items for use by those affected by the hurricane. St. Mary students collected 1,957 bottles of water. The bottles were put on semitrucks that left downtown Marietta Sept. 12 for Texas. The school's fourth-grade class won the challenge for the most donations and was given an ice cream party by Student Council. St. Mary students now will join with basilica parishioners to partner with Cross Catholic Outreach to fill 25 boxes for children in need. Donations will be accepted for the boxes until Nov. 1. (Photo by Tammi Bradley)

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Plans are being finalized for youth conference

By Matthew A. DiCenzo

STEUBENVILLE — The 15th annual “Rise Up! Let Your Light Shine” Diocese of Steubenville youth conference is scheduled for Oct. 15 at St. Mary School, 320 Marion St., Marietta, from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., announced Alyson Radford, Diocese of Steubenville coordinator of youth and young adult ministry, diocesan Office of Christian Formation and Schools.

Radford said the theme for this year’s diocesan youth ministry is “Put On Courage.”

Students in grades seven through 12 can register online at <https://dyc2017.eventbrite.com> for the conference and transportation. Cost of the conference is \$20 per participant for youth and adults and \$35 per family up to three members, with each additional person \$5. Late registration costs \$25 per participant, \$40 per family, with each additional person after three \$10. There will be no refunds after Sept. 29. Registration fees include the cost of lunch.

Transportation to the conference will be free, with buses provided for participants throughout the diocese. Four buses are expected to depart to the conference.

Two buses are expected to pick up participants at Catholic Central High School, 320 West View Ave., and will travel from Steubenville to the Marietta location.

Another bus is scheduled to have pickup locations at St. Benedict School, 220 N. Seventh St., Cambridge, and St. Stephen Church, 1036 Belford St., Caldwell.

Also, a bus is expected to pickup students at St. Joseph High School, 912 S. Sixth St., Ironton; St. Ann Church, 310 Third Ave., Chesapeake; and St. Louis Church, 85 State St., Gallipolis.

Bus routes and pickup times will be determined closer to the conference, depending on the number of groups registering for the event.

Sean Forrest is this year’s keynote speaker and will speak the morning of the conference. Forrest is a national speaker, author, musician and the founder of “Movin’ With the Spirit Inc.,” a nonprofit Catholic organization that is dedicated to Christian outreach and proclaiming God’s eternal truth and love through mission work, talk and music, Radford said. Forrest began his ministry as a youth minister in Stratford, Connecticut, and has been a guest on multiple television programs on EWTN. He has

won awards for his music at the United Catholic Music and Video Association UNITY Awards. Forrest spoke at the National Catholic Youth Conference, and World Youth Day, and is often a headliner at the Soulfest Christian music festival in Gunstock, New Hampshire. Through dialogue and music, Forrest will encourage youth to open their hearts to God’s love, Radford said.

Workshop speakers for the event will include Kris Frank, Cindy Costello, Emily McManus, the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus from Steubenville, and Father Michael W. Gossett, the Diocese of Steubenville vocations director, chaplain at Catholic Central High School and parochial vicar to Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, pastor of Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes, Wintersville.

Kris Frank, who will be master of ceremonies at the conference, is a Franciscan University of Steubenville graduate, with a degree in catechetics and theology, with a concentration on youth ministry. Currently serving as the missionary director for Dirty Vagabond Ministries, a nonprofit Catholic organization in youth ministry in Steubenville, Frank has been part of youth programs in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida and Texas.

In addition to the speakers, the youth conference will include games and concessions.

At 4 p.m., a Marian procession from St. Mary School will lead to the celebration of Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, 506 Fourth St., Marietta. There, Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will celebrate Mass at 5 p.m. Following the celebration of Mass, a Holy Half Hour

with eucharistic adoration will take place to close the conference.

For additional information about the “Rise Up! Let Your Light Shine” diocesan youth conference, telephone Radford at the chancery, 422 Washington St., Steubenville, at (740) 282-3631 or email aradford@diosteub.org.

Also, information is available on the Diocese of Steubenville website regarding the youth conference at www.diosteub.org/dyc.



Sean Forrest (Photo scanned)


Bishop Monforton’s Schedule

- Sept. 23 Hiking with Franciscan University of Steubenville students, 8 a.m. Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, football game, 7 p.m.
- 24 Dedication Mass of new Our Lady of Mercy Church, Carrollton, 3 p.m.
- 26 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 7 a.m. Franciscan University of Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 30 Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, football game, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 1 Respect Life Mass, St. Agnes Church, Mingo Junction, 10 a.m. Greet Respect Life Chain participants, Steubenville, 1:45 p.m. Mass with home-schooled, Holy Family Church, Steubenville, 2 p.m.
- 3 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 7 a.m. Franciscan University of Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 4-6 Diocesan Priests’ Convocation, Newark, Ohio
- 7 Evening prayer, followed by dinner, Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Steubenville, 5:20 p.m.

Bishop calls for support for Irma’s victims

STEUBENVILLE — Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton announced a special collection in diocesan parishes Sept. 30-Oct. 1 for people impacted by Hurricane Irma, which damaged portions of the Caribbean and southeastern United States earlier this month.


The money collected will be used in the affected areas to support humanitarian aid, assistance with long-term efforts to restore communities and for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Catholic Church.



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Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton gathers with health care workers after a third annual White Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville, where Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, right, is pastor, and Father Michael W. Gossett, left, parochial vicar to Msgr. Kemo. Permanent Deacon Thomas E. Graham, far left, and Permanent Deacon Mark A. Erste, far right, also serve Blessed Sacrament Parish. At the Mass, named for the color worn by those in the healing profession, the bishop talked about justice and mercy and gave the health care workers a special blessing and holy card. (Photo by DeFrancis)

Bishop Monforton to fill two vacancies on diocesan finance council

STEUBENVILLE — Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will fill two vacancies on the diocesan finance council.

Richard Dolan, a longtime Diocese of Steubenville Finance Council member, has resigned, because of health.

A member of St. Mary Parish, St. Clairsville, the attorney and retired senior trust officer, was lauded by Bishop Monforton for his years of service when the diocese's finance council met Sept. 13 at the chancery in Steubenville.

Dolan's resignation created the second vacancy on the council. The first came several months ago with the resignation of Colleen M. Oess of Cambridge, because of work commitments.

Other members of the council include Gregory Agresta, Mark Bradley, Thomas Hisrich, Msgr. John C. Kolesar and Susan A. Tolbert. Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, diocesan vicar general, serves as the diocese's finance officer. James G. Piazza, executive assistant to the bishop, serves as an ex-officio member of council.

Finance council, also, learned from Shannon Minch-Hughes, diocesan human resources, of the steps that have been taken to hire a chief financial officer for the diocese. The CFO will replace more than 30-year diocesan comptroller David A. Franklin, who will retire.

With the anticipated departure of Franklin, council was told of the reconciliation of accounts by a representative of Perry and Associates, Marietta.

As well, it was informed by diocesan Attorney Thomas S. Wilson of his ongoing

quest to find source documentation that supports the use of previously donated money to the diocese. Some of the dollars have been placed in restricted funds for years. Council wants to determine if the restricted monies should be placed in that category indefinitely, or if they can be used for other purposes.

No date was set for another meeting, since it was decided that it would come after the review of accounts, expected to take four weeks, is completed and a CFO is hired.

Clerics, religious, laypeople

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of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton prayed as he opened the workshop, replicated in Wintersville Sept. 12, Marietta Sept. 19 and Gallipolis Sept. 21.

Belmont County Common Pleas Court Judge Frank A. Fregiato, who chairs the Steubenville Diocese's Children Protection Review Board, outlined the decree to priests, deacons, parochial school principals and catechetical leaders. Those trainers will return to their parishes and schools to present the decree to others who work with children and young people.

"The Catholic Church now leads the way in protecting children," Fregiato said. "The foundation of everything that we do is the decree. You've got to read" it.

The decree is meant to prevent abuse through education and screening and provide assistance if abuse occurs, explained Fregiato via PowerPoint. Child abuse is defined in the decree as sexual activity, endangering or injuring a child, providing a child with alcohol or illegal drugs, physi-

cal or mental abuse or using demeaning language.

Further, he stressed that the decree not only protects children, but also safeguards those who minister to children and young people from unfounded accusations.

In addition, the decree outlines steps to take if there has been abuse. "All incidents are taken seriously," Fregiato said.

Anyone who is a religious or in a paid or volunteer position in the diocese who suspects child abuse must contact Msgr. Kemo, who administers the decree in the diocese, and civilian authorities in their locale.

Any victim or victims harmed by a priest or anyone serving on behalf of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Steubenville should contact diocesan and secular authorities. Msgr. Kemo can be reached in the chancery at 422 Washington St., Steubenville; via telephone (740) 282-3631; or email kkemo@diosteub.org.

Screening of clerics, regular volunteers and paid employees who work with chil-

dren, also, is a component of the decree. Those people must have a criminal background check, with fingerprinting, from federal and Ohio authorities, every five years. The volunteers and employees, too, must provide three references, which are checked, and complete an applicant's certification form.

Permanent Deacon Paul D. Ward, director, diocesan Office of Christian Formation and Schools, detailed the diocese's "Safe Environment Program," viewable, like the decree, on the diocesan website — www.diosteub.org. The program includes a report-an-incident page that provides contact information; a general information and adult training page that includes such things as locations for background checks, available through the diocese; a resources page with such items as materials for parents; a forms page and a verification of compliance.

As the workshops concluded, Msgr.

Kemo played a video that described "Erin's Law," named for childhood sexual abuse survivor Erin Merryn. She is lobbying states to pass laws that require public schools to implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program. "The video," Msgr. Kemo said, "not only reminds us of why we are here, but also makes me feel proud that the Catholic Church and school system is far beyond what is going on" in other institutions.

Statistics from the most recent reporting period concerning clergy and abuse allegations in the U.S. reveal that only 25 occurred during 2015. Of those, only two were substantiated.

"It is staggering how far we have come, though even two are too many, Msgr. Kemo said.

"That is why we are here tonight. We want to get the number to zero."

"It is critical to protect the most vulnerable," Bishop Monforton said.



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In Churchtown, you may be able to prove, everybody is related to each other

CHURCHTOWN — Parishioners in some of the small parishes in the Diocese of Steubenville often purport that everyone is related to everyone else in the church pews. In Churchtown, they may be able to prove it.

Augustine R. "Gus" Letto, who calls himself an amateur genealogist, has loaded thousands of ancestral records on a database, now sitting in the former convent at St. John the Baptist Church.

The one-time convent, restored by St. John parishioners who are celebrating the parish's 150th anniversary this year, and the nearby former rectory, turned into a building for multiple uses, are becoming repositories for the history of the area, said Ken Pottmeyer, St. John parishioner.

On a recent rainy afternoon, Letto sat in a room in the convent and talked about the people that he has been tracking since the 1950s.

A resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Letto grew up in Chicago. After receiving an electrical engineering degree in 1953, he joined the U.S. Air Force. His first assignment, after graduating flying school, was at an Air Force base in Columbus, Ohio. He ended up marrying Waterford resident Carolyn Pottmeyer, a cousin of Ken Pottmeyer.

Letto's mother-in-law took him to a closed church, Ave Maria, in Waterford, founded in the 1800s, like St. John the Baptist, he said. "I was fascinated by the church, its cemetery." Many of the gravestones were lettered in German.

As a result of his interest being piqued about those early Washington County settlers, Letto started collecting information on the families. He began corresponding with many people in the Churchtown area. Actually, he said, when he was not flying, he was gathering genealogy. "The collection grew and grew," Letto explained, as he perused

census records, death listings, sacramental records and such.

Letto has typed all the information he has gleaned into a computer. Now, he can show people their ancestry, he said.

"What grabbed me about this area," he said, "is the people are the salt of the earth people." Many are farmers. None, he added, is famous, but they taught their children to honor religion, work hard.

Now, Letto wants to get the people locally interested in his findings. So, after he set up the computer, which has at least 47,000 entries on the data base, he opened the doors of the historical brick structure, adjacent to the hilltop church, to let the St. John community know of the capabilities and resources available. "These are your ancestors, the people responsible for who you are today, morally and culturally," he told them.

The people he described as typical Germans came from Baltimore or New York to settle the area, he said. Many had 100-acre farms, and it was not until after the 1950s that youth in Churchtown started to leave the land to attend college.



Augustine R. "Gus" Letto sits in front of documents and computers that Churchtown residents can access to learn about their heritage. (Photo by DeFrancis)

Also, Letto photographed the gravestones in St. John the Baptist cemetery, which sits alongside the church. He has charted those buried by row and the grave's placement in the row.

Letto has turned the material over to Nancy Arnold. She is the curator of the information now, Letto said, free for the asking.

Supplemental family information is available in the former rectory, next door to the convent.

Rosary congresses to be held in Ironton, Marietta, Steubenville Oct. 7-13

IRONTON/MARIETTA/STREUBENVILLE — Rosary congresses will be held Oct. 7-13 in three locations in the Diocese of Steubenville in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and to help save America, said Peggy Downs, impetus behind the seven days and nights

of eucharistic adoration, Masses, hourly rosaries and Divine Mercy chaplets, confessions, conferences and processions.

Congresses will be held in Ironton, Marietta and Steubenville.

As explained by Downs — a Hopedale resident, wife, mother and member of St. Joseph Parish, Amsterdam — the rosary congress began in 1978 in

Poland. The people there offered seven days and nights of continual eucharistic adoration, rosaries and Masses in petition to the Blessed Mother to intercede for then Pope John Paul II, so that he would be allowed to visit the communist country. On the seventh day of the congress, the government relented and lifted all bans on the pope's visit, and he was able to travel freely, Downs said.

Ten years later the rosary congress was brought to the



These are part of the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in the Ironton Catholic community. (Photo by DeFrancis)

United States. It has been taking place in various places around the country on and off since then, and now it is beginning to be recognized around the country as a powerful way to observe the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Downs said.

The congress begins with a Saturday evening vigil Mass on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Oct. 7, and culminates on the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's final appearance at Fatima, Oct. 13.

In Ironton, an opening Mass will be celebrated at 5:15 p.m. A closing Mass is scheduled for 6 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, not far from St. Joseph and St. Lawrence O'Toole churches, Ironton, and St. Mary Mission, Pine Grove. Father David L. Huffman is pastor of the parishes and administrator of the mission.

In Marietta, the opening Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. by Msgr. John Michael Camp-

bell, rector of the basilica. It will be followed by a Marian procession around the basilica and adoration. The closing Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m., Oct. 13, in the basilica in honor of the family.

In Steubenville, the opening Mass will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Triumph of the Cross Parish, at 4 p.m. The Oct. 7 Mass will be followed by a Marian procession. Father Thomas R. Nau is pastor.

Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton is expected to celebrate Mass at 7 p.m., Oct. 9, at the basilica and at 7 p.m., Oct. 11, in Steubenville with youth.

Additional information on the rosary congresses and the schedule of events in Ironton, Marietta and Steubenville is available at www.rosarycongressusa.org.

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St. John Paul II The Third Person

By Diocese of Steubenville
Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon

St. John Paul quotes a famous Father of the Church, Gregory of Nazianzen, in pointing out that God revealed the mystery of the blessed Trinity only progressively. That's understandable, when we consider how the existence of one true God was inculcated so vigorously in the Israelite people. This was necessary because most of the ancients in the period before the coming of Christ were polytheists, i.e., believers in a plurality of gods (and goddesses). That God was not one person, but three, would have seemed a contradiction to what they had been taught under Moses: "I am the Lord, thy God. Thou shall not have strange gods before me" said the First Commandment! This is a flat rejection of any other god or gods besides the true God, Yahweh ("He who is").

Still, throughout the Hebrew Scriptures (or the "Old Testament," as we know them), there are many references to the "Spirit of God," which the Israelites took, correctly, to be a reference to God in action.

Only the later revelation of Christ would show that Spirit to be a divine person, but of the same nature as Yahweh, God, "the Father." At the same time, he would also reveal himself as the Son of God, but likewise of the same nature as the Father.

We who have grown up with this understanding accept it without blinking, but it would come as a startling

challenge to those of the time of Jesus. Nevertheless, there were hints of this truth in the Old Testament prophets, particularly those referring to the Messiah. We find in Isaiah (the prophet *par excellence* of the Messiah) saying: "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, ... the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him ..." (Is 11:1-2). Jesus would refer to this in his sermon in the synagogue of Nazareth, where he would identify himself as the recipient of that spirit: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me ..." (Lk 4:18). Jesse, we recall, was the father of David, from whose descendants was to come the Messiah. Again, we read: "I the Lord, have called you (his servant, the Messiah) ... and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations ..." (Is 42:6).

The pope comments: "In such a way, the Old Testament, with its abundant references to the action of the Spirit of God, prepared our understanding for what would be given in the New Testament's revelation concerning the Holy Spirit as a person in his unity with the Father and the Son." All this, he goes on to say, "would lead to the knowledge of the greatest of mysteries: the Trinity, the incarnation of the Word, and the coming of the Holy Spirit." John Paul

speaks of the New Testament offering "a greater awareness of the *person* in regard to man (emphasis added), a context in which the revelation of the Holy Spirit as a person can find fertile ground." We must keep in mind that the notion of "person" is a development of Greek thought, unknown as such to the Semitic thinking of the Jews' time. "Person," in Greek thought, refers to an intelligent, i.e., *thinking* being that is *free*, i.e., master of its own actions, one that chooses for itself and is responsible for those choices. The elements that stand out in such a definition are: intellect and will. A "person" is a being that has and uses both.

Let's move on now to the New Testament, where the evidence for the reality of the Holy Spirit as a person is more explicit. We find it spelled out in Our Lord's farewell commission to the disciples: "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations ... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). St. John Paul asserts: "This ... clearly reveals the Holy Spirit as a person because it names him in the identical way as the other two persons, without indicating any difference in this regard. ..." He says, further: "(I)n the Bible, the expression 'in the name of' is not usually used to refer to anything other than persons. It is noteworthy that the Gospel expression uses the term 'name' in the singular, even though it mentions

several persons. From all of this, we have the undeniable result that the Holy Spirit is a third divine person, closely associated to the Father and the Son in the unit of a single 'name.'"

Next, let's consider the baptism of Jesus – not our sacrament of baptism as we have seen, but, the occasion of a *theophany*: a manifestation of God in three persons: the voice from heaven manifesting the Father, the Son in human form undergoing the ritual act of repentance, the Dove manifesting God's presence (see, Matthew, Chapter 3, Verses 16-17). Each of the three thus appears in a perceivable form: "The person of the Spirit of God appears as distinct from the Father and Son and in relationship to both of them."

Another occasion is that of the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary of her selection as the mother of the long-awaited Redeemer. Note the words of the angel Gabriel: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Lk 1:34-35). Again, we have the naming of two other "actors," besides the Child, to be born. John Paul observes: "Of itself, the text does not tell us that the Holy Spirit is a person. It merely shows that he is a being in some way distinct from the Most High, that is, from God the Father, and from the Son of the Most High." Quoting the pope again: "At this point we

can also point out a reflection of this mystery on Christian anthropology. There is a connection between the birth of the Son of God in human nature and the 'rebirth' of the sons and daughters of humanity by divine adoption through grace." This connection shows us the important relationship between baptism and the other sacraments with the source of our redemption: the incarnation of the Son of God. The Son's incorporation of his divinity into our humanity is the basis of God's adoption of our humanity into his divinity!



Bishop Sheldon

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No More Deadlines

By Pat DeFrancis

For as long as I can remember, newspapers have been a part of my life.

Early on, reading local newspapers – there were two of them then, a morning and an afternoon edition, whose reporters and editors were in cutthroat competition with one another for news – was part of the daily and Sunday routines in my family.

In high school, journalism class meant you were at the very least an automatic advertising salesperson for the school's

newspaper. That was in the days before computers were used to produce slick-looking ads that include pieces of easily attached clip art. My memories are of my best friend and me whispering long into the night as we drew, rather feebly, mirrors and combs to place in the block that we had sold to advertise a newly opened beauty shop – another dated reference, I suppose, since now such places of business are called styling salons.

Those first encounters with print media were the staples that led to my career. As I entered university, To Page 8

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Bishop Urges People to See Things, As God Sees Them

By Diocese of Steubenville
Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton

“What actually is a blessing?” We consider blessings as family, health and, even, wealth, but that is a broad focus which is in need of refinement. If we are to see things as they truly are, we need to see them as God sees them. Therefore, when in need of direction, we go to the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

In challenging times, such as these, we can take the attitude to close in on ourselves. This is not Christ-like but a defeatist attitude, which has no place in our community. We are children of the Light and should never forget that.

It’s been said that the “Sermon on the Mount,” also known as “The Beatitudes,” is the New Testament version of the Ten Commandments (no, Jesus did not dismiss the Ten Commandments). In other words, in addition to avoiding unholy actions, Jesus enables us, encourages us, to follow his sacred example – to follow in his footsteps.

Blessed are the merciful.

To be merciful is to be concerned more directly with moral and spiritual values. We are to be concerned, not so much about ourselves, but about those who are near to us, those who are dear to us, and those who even are distant from us. God did not create this world to be divided, but to be united. In other words, you and I are invited to choose the Light. We all need mercy. We all require forgiveness and as Jesus says in the Gospel, according to Luke,

“Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.”

The question remains: *How do we get out of our “comfort zone” in order to broaden our service base?* To seriously be merciful we must avoid the “me first” philosophy.

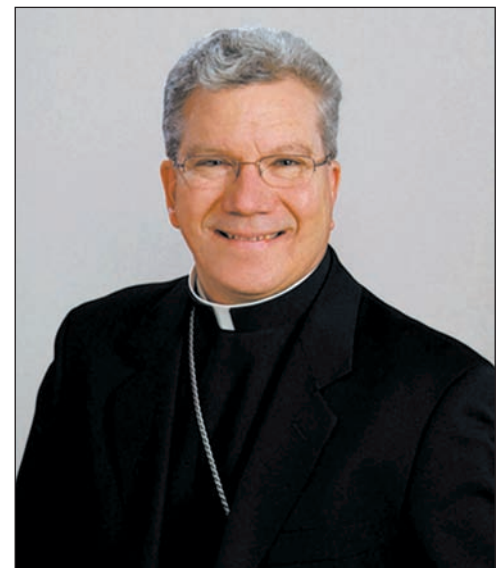
In our community, any community for that matter, hate and violence have no place, yet, they manifest in different forms in our nation. Recent local events should strengthen our resolve for peace and unity, and not feed despair. We pray for all our brothers and sisters who serve our community at large, ensuring dignity and respect for all, justice and peace.

What precipitated this prayer service is local, national and global. Violence responding to violence is not a cure, but an epidemic. I referred in my remarks in the Herald-Star (a Steubenville newspaper) that we must confront the social evils of our day. For instance, the Catholic bishops in the United States recognize the flames of violence in the form of racism burn hot these days, and the proper response is not more fuel, but the ability to extinguish the flames with confronting sources of division. The national response from the bishops is the establishment of an ad hoc committee chaired by Bishop Murry of Youngstown, our northern neighbor.

Locally, we cannot permit the flames of division to be fed by violence and hatred. As one human family, we confront the social sins through mercy and compassion.

Mercy instructs that we must confront each tragic rejection of the demands of love of our time as one people, appealing to the respect and dignity of all. In order to attain the peace for which we strive, we first must acknowledge that evil is unacceptable and that violence never solves problems. The common good for all demands respect for all.

Referring to the words from the Prophet Isaiah, Jesus



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instructs us that this is a year acceptable to the Lord. Not just 2,000 years ago, but *this year*. Here in the Ohio Valley we build bridges, not just across the Ohio River, but among ourselves, and the material we use is mercy and compassion. Pray for unity, pray for peace, then let us be on our way and put them into action. Amen.

• *These comments were made by Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton at an interfaith prayer service for unity Aug. 25 in St. Peter Church, Steubenville.*

When Grace Trumps Justice (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A)

By Father Paul J. Walker

The Gospel parable for the 25th Ordinary Sunday (Sept. 24) is anything but ordinary! Most would agree that the workers who were up early and worked all day in the vineyard have a valid complaint. Working from sunrise to quitting time and receiving the same pay as those who were hired an hour before the day ended, does appear to violate anyone’s sense of justice. Here it is crucial to understand Jesus’ use of the parable. First of all, the parable is the mutual expression of a mind that sees truth in concrete *pictures* rather than conceives it in abstractions. Its most basic method of engagement confronts the hearer by the vividness or strangeness of the picture presented or narrative that is woven around it. Its precise application leaves one in sufficient doubt. Indeed, it may call into question one’s basic assumptions as to how God is at work in the world (and in my world).

The parable of the workers in the vineyard is one that, most likely, Jesus’ hearers (and us) find a bit outrageous. When you look at the work ethic of equal pay for equal time, there seems to be no such thing as merit in the sight of God (remember, all the parables are about the reign of God, though God goes unnamed in all of them). In the story where God is the subject, he lavishes his gifts upon those who have done nothing to deserve them. Is God, then, like some wildly generous employer who pays a full day’s wage for an hour of labor? Yes! The vineyard owner asks if those hired first are jealous because he is generous! Here, mercy and grace trump justice.

If we translate the parable in our experience, it is even more shocking: God’s gifts of grace and eternal life are

given freely, without merit. This scenario is there in a number of Jesus’ parables (for example, the Prodigal Son). God is not the great accountant who checks his heavenly calculator as we step over into eternity, or for that matter, as we make our way on life’s journey. The hidden question asks whether or not you accept the reign of God. There’s a greater urgency here: Will you stake your life on it? The story of the workers in the vineyard is directed to Jesus’ apostles, all of whom are on the journey toward Jerusalem, as they hear this parable (indeed, as they hear most of the parables).

What people do get from serving God and living as disciples is not what we would recognize as payback or a wage. The kingdom of heaven is not a business deal or contract. A biblical word for the kingdom is “covenant.” People negotiate contracts, make compromises, arrive at terms. A covenant is pure gift, no negotiations. It is not a reward for our effort but is, rather, the overflow of God’s grace inviting us to respond. This violates our sense of justice and we cry “no fair!” God is just as likely to sweep into heaven the sinner who forsakes his way and repents in the minutes or seconds before death, as he is to welcome those who have been faithful all life long. Is God fair? No! We should get over it!

A frightening insight can occur here for those who hear



Father Walker

the parable with a hardened heart. Why would we *not* want the sinner to enjoy heaven with us? Why would we want to exclude anyone? There is plenty of joy and delight in heaven to go around, even if everybody gets there! Will not our joy be greater because God’s mercy and eternal love have led all of us home? Those whose hearts remain cold and hardened must think they will have pleasure seeing the damned in eternal isolation, or will the grace of the generous God who loves us all thaw and fill the most hardened heart?

Many are likely to search the Scriptures for a solution to this conundrum, but the mystery still abides: Mystery that will continue to unfold throughout our life’s journey, offering not an explanation of the mystery, but a way to live with it and work through it. Fairness is not a problem for God, whose mercy and love extend to all; no, fairness is a problem for you and me, whose mercy and love do not!

The first reading (see, Isaiah, Chapter 55, Verses 6-9) gives us the “solution” we shall have to carry with us all our nights and days into eternal life: “... my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, ... as high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts” (Is 55:8-9).

Father Walker is a Diocese of Steubenville priest, retired from active parish ministry. A former director of the diocesan Office of Worship, Father Walker is a resident of McConnellsville, his hometown, where he often celebrates Mass at St. James Church, there. In addition, Father Walker writes a regular column for The Steubenville Register.



Sister Maria Ecclesiae stands before Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, who prepares to begin a Sept. 9 Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Oratory, Steubenville. Sister Maria professed perpetual vows at the Mass. She is the first American vocation of the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus. The religious congregation originated in Spain. Its first house in the United States was established in 2011 in the Diocese of Steubenville. The congregation, which dates to Sept. 8, 1998, proceeding from another religious congregation, is contemplative and missionary. It has communities in Spain, Peru, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Chile and Rome. The sisters evangelize, especially through teaching and educating children and youth. They are campus ministers at Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary School, Steubenville. Steubenville Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon was among those at the Sept. 9 Mass, where Bishop Monforton delivered comments in Spanish, which he continues to study. As he referenced the Gospel, Bishop Monforton said of the commandment to “love one another, as I have loved you,” this commandment is the foundation to Christian life. To Sister Maria, he said, “This is your call.” The sisters are building a novitiate on their Lovers Lane property. (Photo by DeFrancis)

Cleveland bishop installed Sept. 5

CLEVELAND (CNS) — Expressing hope and optimism for his new mission, Bishop Nelson J. Perez told a packed St. John the Evangelist Cathedral during his installation Mass that he didn't arrive with a preconceived plan of action, but that he wanted to learn from the faithful of Northeast Ohio.

“I have been sent here to become a part of you, not the other way around,” he said during the Sept. 5 liturgy.

“Do not make the mistake about making this about me because it is not ... 50 years from now, I will be just a picture on the wall,” he said, eliciting laughs.

“If there is a plan, I promise you all I came here to work together collaboratively ... to engage, to build, to proclaim and to serve. That is the plan. I promise to do all I can to help this part of the body of Christ flourish here in Northeast Ohio,” he said.

Bishop Perez, the son of Cuban immigrants who served as an auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, for five years beginning in 2012, explained that he wanted to help carry out Pope Francis' vision for the Catholic Church: that the faithful accompany and meet people where they are with joy in living as missionary disciples.

He spoke of joy and gratitude for the opportunity to serve in a diocese with a rich ethnic diversity. He also thanked the diocese for “your warm and joyful welcome, your commitment to your faith, your love for the Lord and his church.”

Such diversity was reflected throughout the liturgy as Scripture readings and music alternated between English and Spanish. Prayers of the faithful were offered in multiple languages.

“Like my own family, many of you and your families came to this country looking for a better life, a more just life, where freedom, human dignity, human rights and life itself is respected. You come from many countries, each with the beauty of your language and culture and, of course, your great food,” Bishop Perez said.

“I am looking forward to getting to know you, walk with you in the midst of your joys and challenges, and above all, to learn and grow with you.”

Bishop Perez offered a brief greeting

in Spanish, saying he knows the dreams, joys and challenges Hispanics face in their lives. He said the Hispanic community could “count on my love, my support and my presence among you” in the future, especially as the U.S. church prepares for the fifth Encuentro in Dallas next September.

The bishop also acknowledged that the church continues to respond to the challenges and pain stemming from the clergy sexual abuse scandal.

“In union with my brother bishops from all over this country,” he said, “I once again ask forgiveness, ask that we all continue to pray for victims, and continue the work of healing and reconciliation, with all the grace and compassion we can offer, and with fullness of heart. We have to do all we can so this scourge never happens again.”

The bishop opened his homily by inviting the congregation in a chant and response: “God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.”

He also invited attendees to a moment of prayer and a Hail Mary for the people in Texas and Louisiana recovering from Hurricane Harvey. The storm lingered for days along the northwest Gulf Coast at the end of August.

The bishop concluded his homily with the two words he said he has heard repeatedly from well-wishers in text messages, emails, letters and phone calls since his appointment July 11: “Cleveland rocks!” More laughs and applause followed.

The ceremony began with a 30-minute procession of priests, deacons and lay leaders from throughout the diocese as well as ecumenical and interfaith leaders. Among the priests attending were several of Bishop Perez's classmates at St. Charles Seminary in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who were ordained with him in 1989.

About 50 archbishops and bishops (including Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton) from Roman Catholic and Eastern-rite Catholic churches attended.

At the beginning of the liturgy, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr of Cincinnati, head of the province in which the Cleveland Diocese is a part, welcomed Bishop Perez, saying he and other Ohio bishops looked forward to working with him.

No More Deadlines

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I knew I wanted to work to be accepted as a journalist. After the required introductory years, the placement came, and as I learned, I was first a reporter, then a page editor for the college newspaper. Manual typewriters and stories pasted on pages for later typesetting by professional men in inky, noisy pressrooms (also gone) were part of the routine. That same work environment was where I learned to smoke, too — Parliaments with recessed filters — a habit I would have to unlearn after years of late nights at desks that housed ashtrays overfilled with snuffed-out cigarettes (remember, you could smoke anywhere).

Before landing a job at The Steubenville Register approximately 17 years ago, I spent time in a variety of professions, but all were somehow tied to newspapers. There

were public relations jobs, where I relied on the media to print the information of the institution I represented; the volunteer positions that meant I was in charge of publicity for the organizations because of my background; and wife and mother. My husband, Robert, spent more than four decades in the news business. My son, Preston, was given permission to bend the age rules and took over his best friend's newspaper delivery route when he aged out. That meant, also, of course, that mom was a carrier at times. When the Sunday edition was just way too many pages for that preteen to haul, it meant either pulling a wagonload full of newspapers, loudly, up and down neighborhood hills, or loading the car with those bulky bundles for a constant stop and start to toss papers on porches. Then, when our daughter, Anna, was born, she, too, became part of the delivery team. Many times, as

Preston's increasing involvement in after-school activities meant he couldn't meet newspaper delivery schedules, I would stuff the papers in the carrier's bag, wind its straps around Anna's stroller and deliver the papers (I did have the route's customers memorized by this time, but had to remember how too many papers in the bag would make the toddler tilt dangerously as I threw the papers).

Deadlines are relentless in the news business. It is those beat-the-clock details that have made me say it is time to retire as editor of The Steubenville Register.

When I assumed the editorship in 2000, I was not only the first lay editor, but also the first woman to hold the job. And, as a native West Virginian, I immediately had to learn the Diocese of Steubenville and its people — the Register readers, whose paper it is. While I have driven thousands

of miles throughout southeastern Ohio, written hundreds of stories and taken dozens of photographs, I have become expert about the 13 counties that make up the Steubenville Diocese, visited the parishes time and again and met their pastors and parishioners, many of whom have become friends.

I have served three bishops (hired by Bishop Sheldon, I continued as editor after he retired when Bishop Conlon was ordained and installed as Steubenville's bishop and was retained in that role as well as diocesan communications director by Bishop Monforton when his predecessor was reassigned).

Obviously, as I step down as Register editor, (this edition is my last) it will take some adjusting by my family and me to not eye the calendar to determine if it is deadline day.



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton blesses plaques and holy cards he gave to first responders at the annual Blue Mass, Sept. 10, at St. Peter Church, Steubenville. He is assisted by his master of ceremonies Father Bradley W. Greer, right. Seminarian Wil Crow, center, and server Riley Brooks, also, aid. Despite having celebrated the Mass for five years now, Bishop Monforton said to the police, fire and emergency personnel that he continues to be filled with gratitude for their work, which is critical. "You are here to serve." First responders are carrying out the Christian mission, "You and I are our brothers and sisters keepers," the bishop said. (Photo by DeFrancis)

Pope expands scope of marriage, family institute

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — To better prepare priests and pastoral workers to help meet the challenges families face today, Pope Francis is strengthening the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family and changing its name to the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for the Sciences of Marriage and Family.

The new institution is to expand and deepen the types of courses offered as

well as take "an analytical and diversified approach" that allows students to study all aspects and concerns of today's families while remaining "faithful to the teaching of Christ," the pope wrote.

The re-foundation of the institute was issued "motu proprio," on the pope's own accord, in an apostolic letter, "Summa Familiae Cura" ("Great Care for the Family"). Dated Sept. 8, the feast of the nativity of Mary, the letter was released at the Vatican.

Bruised, not broken: Pope encourages Colombians to pursue peace

CARTAGENA, Colombia (CNS) — Pope Francis said he had no magic words or special recipes for Colombians seeking peace, but rather he wanted to listen to them, learn from them and travel a bit of the road with them.

He had a small accident on the road Sept. 10 in Cartagena, the last city and last day of his five-day trip: Riding in the popemobile down a street packed with people who wanted to see him, Pope Francis turned and bashed his face on the edge of the window, cutting his eyebrow and provoking a sizable bump on his left cheekbone.

"I really was moved by the joy, the tenderness ... the nobility of the Colombian people," he later told reporters flying back to Rome with him.

Before ending the trip with a Mass in Cartagena, Pope Francis had visited Bogota, Villavicencio and Medellin. He celebrated a large outdoor Mass in each city and had a packed schedule of meetings with government officials, bishops, youths, children living in a group home, and with priests, religious and seminarians.

The painful realities of Colombia's recent past were openly acknowledged with

tears and hugs Sept. 8 in Villavicencio. At a national prayer service for reconciliation, a former member of the main rebel group and a former fighter with a paramilitary group shared their stories and asked forgiveness. A woman who lost two small children in the fighting and another still limping from injuries suffered in an explosion in 2012 offered to "forgive the unforgivable," as Pastora Mira Garcia, the mourning mother, told the pope.

The theme of his trip was "Let's take the first step," and Pope Francis told reporters he hoped that, after he left, Colombians would take a second step. No matter how thorough political leaders and professional mediators are in bartering and building consensus, he said, "the protagonist of peacemaking is the people; if not, it will only go so far."

The country is divided not only between those who participated in the war and those who innocently suffered its effects, but also between those who support and those who oppose the 2016 treaty that led to the demobilization of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, commonly known as FARC.

Pope highlights bishops' role

MEDELLIN, Colombia (CNS) — In changes to the Code of Canon Law regarding translations of the Mass and other liturgical texts, Pope Francis highlighted respect for the responsibility of national and regional bishops' conferences.

The changes, released by the Vatican Sept. 9 as Pope Francis was traveling in Colombia, noted the sometimes tense relationship between bishops' conferences and the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments over translations of texts from Latin to the bishops' local languages.

The heart of the document, which applies only to the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, changes two clauses in Canon 838 of the Code of Canon Law. The Vatican no longer will "review" translations submitted by bishops' conferences, but will "recognize" them. And rather than being called to "prepare and publish" the translations, the bishops are to "approve and publish" them.

Archbishop Arthur Roche, secretary of the worship congregation, said under the new rules, the Vatican's "confirmatio" of a translation is "ordinarily granted based on trust and confidence," and "supposes a positive evaluation of the faithfulness and congruence of the texts produced with respect to the typical Latin text."

Pope Francis made no announcement of immediate changes to the translations currently in use.

The document is titled "Magnum Principium" ("The Great Principle") and refers to what Pope Francis called the "great principle" of the Second Vatican Council that the liturgy should be understood by the people at prayer, and therefore bishops were asked to prepare and approve translations of the texts.

Pope Francis did not overturn previous norms and documents on the principles that should inspire the various translations, but said they were "general guidelines," which should continue to be followed to ensure

"integrity and accurate faithfulness, especially in translating some texts of major importance in each liturgical book."

However, the pope seemed to indicate a willingness to allow some space for the translation principle known as "dynamic equivalence," which focuses on faithfully rendering the sense of a phrase rather than translating each individual word and even maintaining the original language's syntax.

"While fidelity cannot always be judged by individual words but must be sought in the context of the whole communicative act and according to its literary genre," the pope wrote, "nevertheless some particular terms must also be considered in the context of the entire Catholic faith, because each translation of texts must be congruent with sound doctrine."

The pope said the changes would go into effect Oct. 1, and he ordered the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments to "modify its own 'Regulations' on the basis of the new discipline and help the episcopal conferences to fulfill their task as well as working to promote ever more the liturgical life of the Latin church."

The greater oversight provided earlier by the Vatican was understandable, Pope Francis said, given the supreme importance of the Mass and other liturgies in the life of the church.

The main concerns, he said, were to preserve "the substantial unity of the Roman rite," even without universal celebrations in Latin, but also to recognize that vernacular languages themselves could "become liturgical languages, standing out in a not-dissimilar way to liturgical Latin for their elegance of style and the profundity of their concepts with the aim of nourishing the faith."

Another teaching of the Second Vatican Council that needed to be strengthened, he said, was a recognition of "the right and duty of episcopal conferences," which are called to collaborate with the Vatican.

Cardinal Ruben Salazar Gomez of Bogota told the pope Sept. 7 that the process of building peace "has become a source of political polarization that every day sows division, confrontation and disorientation."

But the cardinal also brought up an issue Pope Francis repeatedly warned could undo any hope for peace.

"We are a country marked by deep inequalities and inequities that demand radical changes in all fields of social life," the cardinal said. "But it does not seem we are willing to pay the price required."

No peace deal can last without addressing the poverty and social exclusion that led so many people to fight in the first place, the pope said.

"If Colombia wants a stable and lasting peace," he said Sept. 10, "it must urgently take a step in this direction, which is that of the common good, of equity, of justice, of respect for human nature and its demands. Only if we help to untie the knots of violence will we unravel the complex threads of disagreements."

Pope Francis asked Colombians to ensure all the nation's people are part of its progress.

The pope ended his trip in the city where St. Peter Claver, the 17th-century Jesuit saint and apostle of the slaves, died and his relics are venerated. St. Peter Claver ministered to the African slaves brought to the Caribbean port town in the 1600s, and "he faced strong criticism and persistent opposition from those who feared that his ministry would undermine the lucrative slave trade," the pope said, standing in front of the church built in his honor.

St. Peter Claver knew what the Gospel was calling him to do, the pope said, even though it was not popular at the time.

With great respect for what Colombians have suffered and admiration for the faith and hope they managed to maintain despite a 52-year civil war, Pope Francis asked them to look beyond their old behaviors and alliances and ask what new thing God might want of them.

"We are called upon to be brave, to have that evangelical courage which springs from knowing that there are many who are hungry, who hunger for God, who hunger for dignity, because they have been deprived," the pope said at a Mass in Medellin Sept. 9.

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Athens — A White Mass, which will honor physicians, nurses and those in the health care profession, will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Oct. 15, at Christ the King University Parish. Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will be the celebrant.

Belle Valley — Corpus Christi Parish will hold an annual hog roast from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Oct. 1.

Buchtel — St. Mary of the Hills CWC will have a bake sale Sept. 30, following the celebration of the 4:30 p.m. Mass, and Oct. 1, following the 11 a.m. Mass.

Caldwell — St. Stephen Parish will hold a social from 5-8 p.m., Oct. 8, in the church hall. The event will include bingo, a country store, food and a raffle.

St. Stephen Parish CWC will sponsor a raffle, following the celebration of the 8:30 a.m. Mass, Nov. 12. For additional information or to purchase tickets, telephone (740) 732-4779 or (740) 732-5072.

Colerain — St. Frances Cabrini CWC will sponsor a bus trip to the "Flight 93 National Memorial" Stoystown, Pennsylvania, Oct. 10. The bus will depart the church parking lot at 9 a.m., and return at approximately 5:45 p.m. Cost, adults only, is \$35 per person. For additional information, telephone (740) 633-3149.

Ironton — Training for the Diocese of Steubenville "Decree on Child Protection" will be held at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sept. 26, and 6 p.m., Oct. 1, in the St. Joseph Church undercroft. For additional information, telephone (740) 532-0485 or (740) 532-5052.

The Ironton Catholic community CWC will sponsor a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 7, in St. Joseph Church undercroft.

Marietta — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be held at 7 p.m., Mondays, at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, for anyone interested in learning more about the teachings of the Catholic Church. For additional information, telephone (740) 373-3643.

Cub Scout Pack 653, chartered by the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, will sponsor a popcorn sale; orders can also be sent to those who are active in the military. For additional information or to place an order, telephone (740) 373-3643.

Richmond — St. John Fisher Parish will hold an annual Oktoberfest celebration from noon-4 p.m., Oct. 8. The menu includes roasted turkey and pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, haluski, sauerkraut, green beans, stuffing, roll and homemade desserts. Coffee, tea, punch and water will also be available. Cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 4-11; children ages 3 and under eat for free. Takeout is available by telephoning (740) 765-4142. Live music, 50/50 raffle, basket raffle and country kitchen, with homemade crafts and treats, will be part of the event.

St. Clairsville — Evening Bible study on the Letters of St. Paul will be held in the St. Mary Parish offices, Wednesdays, from 6:30-8 p.m. For additional information, telephone (740) 695-9993.

A pre-Cana marriage workshop will be held Oct. 14 at St. Mary Church Marian Hall. The workshop fulfills the diocesan requirements for marriage preparation. At the close of the workshop, the couples engagement will be blessed. For additional information or to register for the class, telephone (740) 695-9993.

A Red Mass, which will honor judges, lawyers and those in the legal profession, will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m., Oct. 28, at St. Mary Church. Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will be the celebrant.

Steubenville — A "Crusader 5K Run/Walk and Fall Fest" will be held at the Catholic Central High School Athletic Complex, 3102 St. Charles Drive,

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Rita Rodgers, left, and Karen Waller, center, are the featured speakers at the annual "Renew Your Spirit Ladies Retreat Day," sponsored by the St. Ambrose (Little Hocking) Catholic Woman's Club and the parish's women's prayer group. School Sister of Notre Dame Joan Marie VanBeek, right, who coordinates activities at the St. Ambrose Sacred Heart Retreat House, under the direction of parish pastor Father Robert A. Gallagher, will facilitate the retreat day, Oct. 14, at St. Ambrose Church, 5080 School House Road, Little Hocking. Rodgers is one of six children. Raised in Woodsfield, she is a retired public school mathematics teacher, member of St. Ambrose Parish and serves its CWC as treasurer. Rodgers, also, volunteers with the ecumenical Belpre Area Ministries and has participated in mission trips, especially to Belize to build houses, since the 2006 death of her husband, David, of 23 years. "Godwinks" is the title of Rodgers' retreat day presentation. Waller, executive director of the Belpre Area Chamber of Commerce, is a former counselor and teacher. She and her husband Carl are members of St. Ambrose Parish, which she serves as a greeter, lector and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults team member. Waller, also, is active in Mid-Ohio Valley organizations. Her talk for retreat day is labeled "It's Not What You Know." To register for the retreat day, which begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 2:30 p.m., telephone Rodgers at (740) 423-5697 or email drrogers2417@gmail.com or Becky Hennen, (740) 989-2460, becky1097@windstream.net. Cost of the day, which includes lunch, confessions, group discussion and music by Kay Carter, St. Mary of the Hills Parish, Buchtel, director of music ministry, is \$10. Make checks payable to St. Ambrose CWC and mail to Rodgers, 2417 Norris Ave., Belpre, OH 45714, by Oct. 7. (Photo provided)

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Athens — A "5K Fall Fun Run," which will benefit the Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio Faith Build Coalition, will be held at 9 a.m., Sept. 30, beginning at the Stanley Memorial, behind the Athens Community Center, 701 E. State St.

Bloomington — A "Fatima Fest Pilgrimage" 100th anniversary celebration will be held Oct. 13-15 at Catholic Familyland, 3375 County Road 36. Throughout the day, there will be speakers and music. To register, visit AFC.org/FatimaFestPilgrimage. For additional information, telephone (740) 426-1007.

Cambridge — A rosary rally and Marian procession will be held at noon, Oct. 14, at the Guernsey County Courthouse, 801 Wheeling Ave.

Carey, Ohio — A noon liturgy, followed by a picnic lunch and games, will be held Sept. 24 at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of

Consolation, 315 Clay St., behind the office building beside the basilica. The day will conclude with devotions at 2:30 p.m. and an outdoor rosary procession and family blessings. For additional information, visit www.olcshrine.com or telephone (419) 396-7107.

Dayton, Ohio — The Mariological Society of America will hold a conference at the Bergamo Center, 4400 Shakertown Road, May 15-18. The theme of the conference will be "the Blessed Virgin's relationship to the sacraments of healing and Christian vocation." For additional information, visit <http://www.mariologicalsociety.com>.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — A Catholic Women's Fellowship Conference will be held Nov. 18 at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School, 1400 Troy Hill Road. The theme for the conference is "BRAVE:

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beginning at 9 a.m., Oct. 14. Participants can register online, at runtheday.com, prior to Oct. 6, and receive a free T-shirt. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. the day of the event. Cost is \$20 for adult participants and \$10 for students. Admission to the fall fest for children is \$5, which includes registration for the 400 meter "Little Saints Sprint," at 10:15 a.m., games, face painting and crafts. All children participating in the "Little Saints Sprint" should be present at the event by 10 a.m.

Tiltonsville — St. Joseph Parish St. Francis Society will sponsor a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 12, and from 9-11 a.m., Oct. 13, in St. Joseph Church hall.

Wintersville — Blessed Sacrament Parish CWC will sponsor an annual raffle Oct. 29, following the celebration of the 11 a.m. Mass. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. This year's project will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry and CWC activities. For more information or to purchase tickets, telephone (740) 264-0868.

Woodsfield — St. Sylvester Parish CWC will sponsor a spaghetti dinner from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 8, at Brown Community Center, 100 Creamery St. The menu will include spaghetti, salad, bread, homemade dessert and beverage. Cost for adults to eat is \$8; children, 3 through 12 years of age, eat for \$5. Takeout orders will be available, also.

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Fighting our daily battles with grace." Speakers will be featured at the event. For more information, visit www.cwfpitt.org.

Richmond — Catholic War Veterans will sponsor a fall picnic for all Catholic veterans and their families from 1-4 p.m., Sept. 23, at the park in Richmond. The event will include games, food and music. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Participants can bring a covered dish or dessert. For reservations, telephone Tim Allen at (740) 381-2508 or email tjallenxyz@yahoo.com.

Russell's Point, Ohio — A eucharistic procession will begin at 11 a.m., Oct. 14, at St. Mary of the Woods Church, 464 Madison Ave., and continue to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 261 Chase Ave. A cookout, with games and entertainment, will follow the procession.

Steubenville — A public square rosary rally, to pray for peace in the world, will take place at noon, Oct. 14, at Third and Market streets.

Steubenville — An annual pet blessing will be held at Trinity Health Systems, West, at 5 p.m., Oct. 3.

Steubenville — Franciscan University of Steubenville Fine Arts Society will celebrate a solemn high Mass for the feast of Christ the King at 7 p.m., Oct. 29, at Christ the King Chapel. There will be singing by the Schola Cantorum Franciscana featuring Antonio Lotti's "Missa Ottavi Toni." For additional information, visit franciscan.edu/FineArts/Society/Events.

Wheeling, W.Va. — The Cathedral of St. Joseph, 1300 Eoff St., will pray a novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague at 7 p.m., beginning Sept. 25. The novena will be prayed for nine consecutive Mondays and conclude Nov. 20. Each week will consist of exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily by a guest priest, music and prayers. The theme for the novena is "Encountering Christ in His Miracles."

Wheeling, W.Va. — The West Virginia Auxiliary of the Congregation of St. Joseph will hold a 28th annual gala and reverse raffle at Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack Oct. 5. The evening begins at 6 p.m. For additional information or to make reservations, telephone Tiffany Hoffman at (304) 830-0377, by Sept. 28.

Masses for marriage anniversaries

STEUBENVILLE — Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will celebrate Masses to recognize significant marriage anniversaries in the Diocese of Steubenville.

Masses will be celebrated for couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and every anniversary after 60 years.

Masses are scheduled at 5:15 p.m.,

Nov. 4, at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Ironton; at noon, Nov. 5, at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, and at 5:30 p.m., at Holy Family Church, Steubenville. An informal reception will follow the Masses at all three locations in the diocese.

To register, couples can contact their parish pastor. Participants should register by Oct. 16.

Obituaries

Rick J. Farnsworth, 60, Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, Sept. 3.

Jon T. Grantonic, 98, Steubenville, St. Agnes, Mingo Junction, Sept. 3.

Estelle Sagun Pillar, 92, Canton, Ohio, St. Francis of Assisi, Toronto, Aug. 28.

Remo Rocchi, 95, 102 Mabeline Drive, Gallipolis, St. Louis, Aug. 13.

Jennifer M. Sarlo, 69, St. Peter, Steubenville, Sept. 5.

William H. Sloane, 100, Toronto, St. Francis of Assisi, Sept. 8.

Ruth M. Warner, 77, St. Stephen, Caldwell, Sept. 10.

Bernadine Zapolnik, 79, St. Peter, Steubenville, Sept. 4.

Immaculate Heart Fund collection benefits parochial school students

STEUBENVILLE — A special collection for the Immaculate Heart Fund — which provides tuition assistance to students in parish parochial schools in the Diocese of Steubenville — will be taken up in all parishes in the diocese Sept. 23-24.

For the 2017-18 school year, 106 students received awards totaling \$28,000, said Permanent Deacon Paul D. Ward, director, diocesan Office of Christian Formation and Schools.

The students represent the 13 schools in the diocese — Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary and Junior High School and Catholic Central High School, Steubenville; St. Mary Central School, Martins Ferry; St. Mary Central School, St. Clairsville; St. John Central Grade and High School, Bellaire; St. Benedict School, Cambridge; St. Sylvester Central School, Woodsfield;

St. Mary School, Marietta; St. John Central School, Churchtown; St. Lawrence Central School, Ironton, and St. Joseph Central High School, Ironton.

The Immaculate Heart Fund provides tuition assistance to fill gaps that occur for parents of Catholic school children not satisfied by other means, such as parishes or schools.

The fund was established through private donations after study determined that cost is the biggest factor that prevents parents or guardians from sending their child or children to parochial schools in the diocese.

Created by former Steubenville Bishop R. Daniel Conlon (now bishop of the Joliet, Illinois, Diocese), the first awards from the fund were made in 2007.

Information on the fund is available from parochial schools in the diocese.



Hold a sign, stand for life Oct. 1

STEUBENVILLE — "Be Not Afraid ... Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age," reads Matthew, Chapter 28, Verse 20.

The Bible verse is the theme of Respect Life 2017, as promoted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

People in the Diocese of Steubenville expect to join thousands of others throughout the United States and Canada, Oct. 1, to respect life.

As is tradition, on that first Sunday of October, life chains form along roads in many of the dioceses 13 counties — Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble and Washington.

In Belpre, life chains will form on Washington Boulevard, beginning at 2 p.m. For more information telephone (304) 588-1404.

Beverly pro-life witnesses will stand on Ohio 60, just south of the town's limits, from 2-3 p.m.. Telephone (740) 984-4566 for details.

Among those sign carrying pro-life people who will stand from 2-3:30 p.m. and pray silently are those who plan to congregate at the fountain, located at the intersection of Ohio 7 and U.S. 40 in Bridgeport. Telephone (740) 484-1194 for more information.

Guernsey County life chain forms in front of that county's courthouse on Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, from 2-3 p.m. Additional information is available at (740) 439-4927.

Those Respect Life marchers in Carroll County will hold signs from 2-3 p.m. in Carrollton, on Ohio 43, between Main and 12th streets. To obtain added details, telephone (330) 627-2917.

Life chains, also, form in the diocese's southern counties, including Lawrence and Gallia. In Chesapeake, sign holders stand between 2-3:30 p.m., just east of the Sixth Street bridge. Telephone (304) 521-9504 for details, if needed.

Eastern Avenue is the site of the life chain in Gallipolis. The time to stand is from 2:30-3:30 p.m., with more information available by telephoning (740) 256-6745.

Muskingum Drive is the locale for the Marietta life chain, 2-3 p.m. More details are available at (740) 376-0551. Advice to those people is to be prepared to stand quietly with signs that are provided, be ready for any kind of weather, spend time in prayer and respond positively to passers-by.

In Pomeroy, life chains form on Main Street, along the Ohio River, between 2-3:30 p.m. Telephone (740) 508-1327 for more information.

And, in Steubenville, Sunset Boulevard at Wilshire Boulevard is the location for the life chain from 2-3 p.m. Telephone (740) 424-4100 for added information.

Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton anticipates to greet some of the life chain formers in Jefferson County this year.

Women in St. Clairsville plan book, bake sale

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The Women of St. Mary Church will hold a book and bake sale Oct. 5-7 in the church's Marian Hall, West Main Street, St. Clairsville.

From 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Oct. 5 and Oct. 6 and from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Oct. 7, books and baked goods will be on sale. All hardcover books are \$1.

Shoppers can win a floral arrangement.

To donate books, stop by Marian Hall from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Oct. 4 and Oct. 5.

Baked goods can be dropped off just before and during the sale.

To volunteer to set up or work the sale, telephone (740) 695-5782 or (740) 695-1315.

DPSC tops \$2 million for sixth consecutive year; pledges can be made

	GOAL	AMOUNT PLEDGED	% OF GOAL
MOTHER OF HOPE DEANERY			
ST JOSEPH AMSTERDAM	17,152.00	20,205.00	118%
ST TERESA CADIZ	17,688.00	23,060.00	130%
OUR LADY OF MERCY CARROLLTON	17,152.00	21,303.00	124%
ST MATTHIAS FREEPORT	5,226.00	8,280.00	158%
SACRED HEART HOPEDALE	9,648.00	32,705.02	339%
ST FRANCIS XAVIER MALVERN	23,852.00	21,765.00	91%
ST GABRIEL MINERVA	24,656.00	30,750.00	125%
ST AGNES MINGO JUNCTION	36,180.00	42,998.00	119%
ST MARY MORGES	8,978.00	8,740.00	97%
ST JOHN FISHER RICHMOND	11,524.00	18,430.00	160%
HOLY FAMILY STEUBENVILLE	52,394.00	83,413.00	159%
TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS STEUBENVILLE	67,402.00	148,075.00	220%
ST PETER STEUBENVILLE	51,724.00	62,347.10	121%
ST FRANCIS TORONTO	22,646.00	41,424.00	183%
ST JOSEPH TORONTO	16,616.00	23,005.00	138%
BLESSED SACRAMENT WINTERSVILLE	52,394.00	132,327.00	253%
OUR LADY OF LOURDES WINTERSVILLE	12,194.00	18,585.00	152%
MOTHER OF HOPE DEANERY TOTALS	447,426.00	737,412.12	165%
NATIVITY OF MARY DEANERY			
CHRIST THE KING ATHENS	40,334.00	55,059.33	137%
ST PAUL ATHENS	32,696.00	64,010.94	196%
ST ANN CHESAPEAKE	20,636.00	30,415.00	147%
ST LOUIS GALLIPOLIS	35,644.00	22,760.00	64%
HOLY CROSS GLOUSTER	11,256.00	13,495.00	120%
ST JOSEPH/ST LAWRENCE IRONTON	41,540.00	172,804.99	416%
ST MARY NELSONVILLE	7,906.00	11,035.00	140%
ST MARY PINE GROVE	3,350.00	4,925.00	147%
SACRED HEART POMEROY	19,028.00	23,634.34	124%
NATIVITY OF MARY DEANERY TOTALS	212,390.00	398,139.60	187%
PRESENTATION DEANERY			
ST CASIMIR ADENA	12,864.00	25,730.00	200%
ASSUMPTION BARNESVILLE	26,666.00	87,839.00	329%
ST JOHN BELLAIRE	22,914.00	23,643.00	103%
ST ANTHONY BRIDGEPORT	11,658.00	17,125.00	147%
ST JOSEPH BRIDGEPORT	18,760.00	25,620.00	137%
ST FRANCES CABRINI COLERAIN	19,296.00	34,250.00	177%
ST ADALBERT DILLONVALE	17,018.00	27,368.00	161%
ST MARY MARTINS FERRY	20,770.00	39,265.00	189%
SACRED HEART NEFFS	11,658.00	13,750.00	118%
ST JOHN VIANNEY POWHATAN POINT	3,752.00	4,551.00	121%
ST MARY SHADYSIDE	11,658.00	26,255.00	225%
ST MARY ST CLAIRSVILLE	81,606.00	150,632.06	185%
ST MARY TEMPERANCEVILLE	6,566.00	7,687.00	117%
ST JOSEPH TILTONSVILLE	16,080.00	26,525.00	165%
ST LUCY YORKVILLE	6,164.00	9,350.00	152%
PRESENTATION DEANERY TOTALS	287,430.00	519,590.06	181%
VISITATION DEANERY			
CORPUS CHRISTI BELLE VALLEY	9,648.00	11,542.00	120%
ST AMBROSE LITTLE HOCKING	41,272.00	69,505.00	168%
ST BERNARD BEVERLY	26,532.00	47,495.00	179%
ST STEPHEN CALDWELL	33,500.00	44,464.49	133%
ST MICHAEL CARLISLE	9,380.00	11,470.00	122%
ST JOHN CHURCHTOWN	18,492.00	21,120.00	114%
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FULDA	22,244.00	31,280.00	141%
ST HENRY HARRIETTSVILLE	8,576.00	13,770.00	161%
OUR LADY OF MERCY LOWELL	20,100.00	34,941.00	174%
ST MARY MARIETTA	90,584.00	156,437.67	173%
ST JAMES MCCONNELLSVILLE	10,720.00	15,516.00	145%
ST JOHN MILTONSBURG	5,628.00	11,430.00	203%
ST SYLVESTER WOODSFIELD	20,100.00	35,015.00	174%
ST JOHN BOSCO SARDIS	2,010.00	3,525.00	175%
CHRIST OUR LIGHT CAMBRIDGE	73,968.00	75,696.00	102%
VISITATION DEANERY TOTALS	392,754.00	583,207.16	148%
GRAND TOTAL ALL DEANERIES	1,340,000.00	2,238,348.94	167%

Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign 2017



"Do Whatever He Tells You"
(Jn 2:5).

Goal: \$1,340,000



Bishop Monforton



Diocese of Steubenville
Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton
said to the people on their support
of the Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign:
*"My dear brothers and sisters, thank you,
for providing our church the opportunity
to share peace in the midst
of our community and, therefore,
inspiring hope, hope
in Our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Msgr. Kurt H. Kemo, Steubenville Diocese's
vicar general, is director of the DPSC.

He lauded parishioners for their
continued support of the annual campaign.
*"Helping is what the DPSC is all about. It is
more than about giving money. It is giving part
of what we have to help Christ's church
to grow and prosper."*

Martin B. Thompson, DPSC associate director,
said pledges or one-time gifts to the campaign
should be made in parishes.

It is *not too late* to make a pledge to the 2017
DPSC.

For those who have pledged and selected payment
options, the final DPSC statement will be mailed in
October, Thompson said.

Pledges can be paid with cash; a personal check
made payable to the Diocese of Steubenville, noting
DPSC on the memo line of the check; or a credit/
debit card by visiting diosteub.org/giveonline.

Appreciated stock can be gifted to the DPSC, also.
For questions on the DPSC, contact Thompson
at the diocese's chancery, 422 Washington St.,
Steubenville; telephone (740) 282-3631; email,
mthompson@diosteub.org.