

Dynamic Catholics at The Church of the Sacred Heart

A Message from the Parish Pastoral Council:

What is a Dynamic Catholic? A Dynamic Catholic is an individual who consciously practices his/her faith in the areas of Prayer, Study, Generosity, and **Evangelization**.

■ EVANGELIZATION – THE 4th SIGN OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

The members of the Parish Pastoral Council of the Church of the Sacred Heart were introduced to the Dynamic Catholic Book Program founded by Matthew Kelly over one year ago. This program is dedicated to inspire Catholics to improve the way we practice our Catholic faith. How? One way is to read a good Catholic book. Or, listen to a good Catholic book!

Through the generosity of several parish groups the Altar Rosary Society, the Knights of Columbus, the Columbian Squires, the Fil-Am Association of Sacred Heart (FAASH), and private donors, the PPC was able to give each parish family a Christmas gift, which was the CD ***Becoming the Best Version of Yourself***.

In our recent bulletins, the PPC has been reminding our parishioners of the CD and of the Four Signs of Dynamic Catholics.

The PPC would like to provide each family with another CD or book this Christmas but we need your help. If you are able to support this effort with a donation of ANY amount the PPC would be most appreciative. And your donation would meet two of the Signs of Dynamic Catholics: Generosity and Evangelization.

If you would like to be a Private Donor, you may place your donation in the Suggestion Box in the foyer of the parking-lot-side door. A member of the PPC checks that box on a regular basis. Or if you have any questions please email Eileen at 142oaktree@comcast.net

If you borrowed a book or CD from the blue box in the parking lot foyer, please return it for other parishioners. If you like the idea, let us know by putting a note in the Suggestion Box. We have a few CDs left from the gift at Christmas. Please take one if you didn't get it. Perhaps you haven't had a chance to listen to yours yet. Take it out of that drawer and listen, we believe you will like it. What would make you the *best version of yourself*?

Let's all renew our commitment to
Becoming the Best Version of Yourself.

Join us as we continue to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful church.



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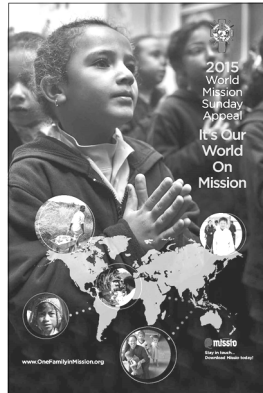
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October 11, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

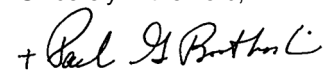
In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis writes, "Mission is part of the 'grammar' of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers 'Come' and 'Go forth.' Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries..."

On October 17-18, World Mission Sunday weekend, our diocesan family joins our brothers and sisters around the world, responding to the voice of the Spirit, we connect with our world on mission: ...with Africa, where six million children receive an education in some 16,000 Church-run elementary schools...with Asia, where the sick are provided with loving care at 5,000 Catholic hospitals and clinics...with the Americas, where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God's great love to families...with Oceania, where young men are supported in their training for priesthood, to bring our Lord's healing hope and peace to those in need...with Easter Europe, where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution.



Your prayerful help and financial support on World Mission Sunday 2015, offered in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, supports these efforts in 1,150 young mission dioceses around our world. Your sacrifices reach the poorest communities with a message of hope and healing, mercy and peace. Pope Francis emphasizes that "mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a passion for his people." May we have that same passion this World Mission Sunday, as we joyfully share Christ's Gospel and help the suffering poor and those persecuted by our fervent prayer and through generous hearts!

Sincerely in the Lord,



Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, DD

The Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



Lots of folks gathered last Sunday afternoon with their animal companions, *great & small*, to pray and celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The overcast sky cleared, the sun shone bright and the group was peaceful and calm as we shared God's blessing. Young and old, human and animal stood side-by-side or was held close in loving embrace as a thankful family united in God's love. "All creatures of our God & King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia!"

CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE —

On Saturday, October 24, the Diocese of Metuchen will be sponsoring a conference with expert speakers who will address a variety of life issues including: *Corragio!* The Courage to Honor Sickness, Disability and the End of Life, Modern Prenatal Care, Pornography's Attack on Marriage, Family and Life, Hope for Healing the Culture. The speakers will give practical information as well as thought-provoking testimony of real life experiences. The conference will also feature exhibits of products and services which pertain to some of these issues. At the St. John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway, 8:30AM-3:30PM. \$25 fee includes lunch and handouts. To register please visit <http://diometuchen.org/critical-life> or call 732-562-1990 x1629 or 1543, Limited seating.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONNECTIONS PROGRAM - is currently seeking volunteers for the **Connections Program**. This program provides positive adult role models for children who have suffered loss or who have special needs. If you have a minimum of three hours a week to offer a child, like having fun, enjoy being a positive role model, and want to make a difference in a child's life, call Jeanette Cullen 732-738-1323 or for more information email: jcullen@ccdom.org

A RETREAT FOR THOSE FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS - Gennesaret, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of October 16, 17 & 18, at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearney. The retreat will begin Friday at 1:30PM, and end with a closing prayer service Sunday at 1:30PM. There is no cost for the retreat. For more information call Hilare 732-566-7237 or Peggy 908-499-7677.

2015 BLUE MASS - Monday, October 26, at 10:30AM, at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Assembly of Officers and Procession begin at 9:30AM. Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski invites all the faithful in the Diocese to join him at this Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from communities and towns from across the Diocese. Come to represent your parish and town to support and pray for all our dedicated law enforcement officials and to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. There will be a special tribute to fallen State Trooper Anthony Raspa. Luncheon in the Cathedral Community Room following the Mass. For more information email: communications@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-2463.



HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE — If you were sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement, through the diocesan website (diometuchen.org), or by calling Lawrence Nagle, diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection, (732) 562-2413.

FAASH 25TH ANNIVERSARY - The Filipino American Association of Sacred Heart (FAASH) of South Plainfield, founded in 1990, will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary at a formal dinner dance fundraising event on Saturday, October 31 at *The Imperia* on 1714 Easton Avenue in Somerset, from 7-11:00PM. Everyone is welcome to join us celebrate this momentous occasion. A donation of \$60 is requested for each adult guest, \$20 for children 12 years and below. Net proceeds will go towards the various parish and community projects of FAASH. For more information or to RSVP, please contact William Co 908-912-4567, Beth Delacruz 908-412-1648, or Pat Lapitan 908-906-7245). Check us out on Facebook (find "FAASH South Plainfield") or at www.facebook.com/faash.southplainfield



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VISIT THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE AT
www.diometuchen.org


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SUSTAINABILITY TIP: The higher you set your heaters' thermostat, the faster your room will warm up. TRUTH: Setting the thermostat all the way up only wastes energy and increases your heating costs. TIPS: Close blinds and drapes at night to keep cold out. Keep warm air registers clean and clear of obstructions. If you have a reversible ceiling fan, set it to circulate the heated air collecting in the ceiling down towards the floor.

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Tickets \$30 at the OLMV Parish Center
For more information call 732-356-2149.