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Bruised, not broken: Pope encourages Colombians to pursue peace

BY CINDY WOODEN



CNS/Paul Haring

People celebrate as Pope Francis celebrates Mass at Contecar terminal in Cartagena, Colombia, Sept. 10.

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.

While the bruise would fade, the overall experience of the trip was likely to linger. "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

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Irma leaves path of destruction

MIAMI (CNS) — A weakened Hurricane Irma churned in Florida after ripping through southern portions of the state and the Caribbean islands, flooding cities, knocking out power to millions, destroying homes and businesses and killing more than 20 people.

The massive hurricane, which dwindled to a tropical storm as it neared the Florida-Georgia line early Sept. 11, was forecast to die out over southern states later in the week. Officials in Florida and across the Caribbean, meanwhile, started to dig out and evaluate the full scope of the disaster Irma left behind.

The strength and size of the storm, with 120-plus mph winds stretching 70 miles from its core, left hardly any place near its path untouched. It leveled entire

islands in the eastern Caribbean, snapped construction cranes in downtown Miami and brought unprecedented flooding on Cuba's north coast.

"The hurricane has caused serious damage in the towns, villages and farms of the north coast of our island, from Camaguey to Havana," said Maritza Sanchez, director of Caritas Cuba. "Flooding was caused by hurricane force winds and rains all the way from Camaguey to Santa Clara in the middle of the country, reaching as far as Matanzas and Havana along the northwest coast."

By the evening on Sept. 10, roughly 5.7 million Florida residents were left without power. Aerial footage showed large

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Engage through joy, Kelly says at ZEAL

BY DENISE FEDOROW

"What I know for sure," Matthew Kelly told attendees of the ZEAL: Missionary Discipleship Summit on Saturday morning, Sept. 9, "is that you can't catechize someone if they're not engaged. And the most effective way to get them engaged is to help them hear the voice of God."

The ZEAL Summit, held in Warsaw at Lakeview Middle School, was for catechists, directors of religious education, youth ministers and others who help teach the faith, and featured Kelly as the keynote speaker. He also spoke to teachers across the diocese, as well as at two sold-out parish events on each end of the diocese.

Kelly started out his ZEAL

presentation by thanking those present for what they do for the church and youth, and said it had more impact than they might ever know. He asked the audience, "If I put you up against the culture who's going to win?" When a participant said, "Us," he responded, "No. You are going to get your butt kicked. Our culture has a relentless communication of trash, so we need backup. We have to understand that part of our job ... is to give people the opportunity to have a personal encounter with God."

Kelly said while there are numerous ways that God speaks to us, he wanted to focus on three ordinary voices. The first is the voice of the legitimate needs of food, water and sleep; the

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Pope says he hopes Trump reconsiders DACA decision

BY CINDY WOODEN

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM COLOMBIA (CNS) — Politicians who call themselves pro-life must be pro-family and not enact policies that divide families and rob young people of a future, Pope Francis said.

Flying from Colombia back to Rome late Sept. 10, Pope Francis was asked about U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which allowed some 800,000 young people brought to the United States illegally as children to stay in the country, working or going to school.

Trump announced Sept. 5 that he was phasing out the program; his decision was strongly criticized by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Pope Francis said he had heard of Trump's decision, but had not had time to study the details of the issue. However, he said, "uprooting young people from their families is not something that will bear fruit."

"This law, which I think comes not from the legislature, but from the executive (branch) — if that's right, I'm not sure — I hope he rethinks it a bit," the pope said, "because I've heard the president of the United States speak; he presents himself as a man who is pro-life, a good pro-lifer."

"If he is a good pro-lifer, he understands that the family is the cradle of life and its unity must be defended," the pope said.

Pope Francis said people must be very careful not to dash the hopes and dreams of young people or make them feel "a bit exploited," because the results can be disastrous, leading some to turn to drugs or even suicide.

Pope Francis spent only about 35 minutes answering journalists' questions and commenting on his five-day trip to Colombia. After he had answered eight questions, Greg Burke, director of the Vatican press office, told the pope it was time to sit down because the plane was approaching an area of turbulence.

The pope went to the journalists' section of the plane still wearing a small bandage on his left eyebrow and sporting a large bump, which had turned black and blue, on his cheek. Rather than joking with reporters, he told them that he had been reaching out of the popemobile to greet people and turned. "I didn't see the glass."

While his trip back to Rome did not have to change flight plans like the flight to Colombia Sept. 6 did because of Hurricane Irma, Pope Francis was asked about the apparently increasing intensity of hurricanes and other storms and what he thinks of political leaders who doubt climate change is real.

"Anyone who denies this must



CNS/Paul Haring

Pope Francis answers questions from journalists aboard his flight from Cartagena, Colombia, to Rome Sept. 10.

go to the scientists and ask," he said. "They speak very clearly. Scientists are precise."

Pope Francis said he read a report citing a university study that asserted humanity has only three years to reduce the pace of climate change before it's too late. "I don't know if three years is right or not, but if we don't turn back, we'll go down, that's true."

"Climate change — you can see the effects," Pope Francis said. "And the scientists have told us clearly what the paths to follow are."

Everyone has a moral responsibility to act, he said. "And we must take it seriously."

"It's not something to play with," the pope said. "It's very serious."

Politicians who doubt climate change is real or that human activity contributes to it should speak to the scientists and "then decide. And history will judge their decisions."

Asked why he thinks governments have been so slow to act, Pope Francis said he thinks it's partly because, as the Old Testament says, "Man is stupid, a stubborn one who does not see."

But the other reason, he said, is almost always money.

Talking about his five-day stay in Colombia, Pope Francis said he was "really moved by the joy, the tenderness" and the expressiveness of the people. In the end, they are the ones who will determine whether Colombia truly has peace after 52 years of civil war.

Politicians and diplomats can do all the right things to negotiate peace deals, he said, but if the nation's people aren't on board, peace will not be lasting. In Colombia, he said, the people have a clear desire to live in peace.

"What struck me most about the Colombian people," he said, was watching hundreds, perhaps thousands, of fathers and mothers along the roads he traveled, and they would lift their children high so the pope would see and bless them.

What they were doing, he said, was saying, "This is my treasure. This is my hope. This is my future. I believe in this."



CNS photo/Kyle Grillot, Reuters

Dafne Jacobs, a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipient, stands with supporters during a rally outside the Federal Building in Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 1. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced Sept. 5 that the DACA program is "being rescinded" by President Donald Trump, leaving some 800,000 youth, brought illegally to the U.S. as minors, in peril of deportation and of losing permits that allow them to work.

Catholic Charities to DACA recipients: We are with you

BY NICK STUMP

In the wake of President Trump's decision Tuesday, Sept. 1 to rescind DACA, or the Deferred Action for Child Arrivals Program, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is responding to the fear and concerns of DACA recipients who now face the threat of deportation.

"The young people who are the beneficiaries of the DACA program were brought to the United States when they were babies, young children or teenagers," Luz Ostrognai, supervisor of immigrant services, said Monday. "Today we have working professionals, honor roll college students and high school students in the DACA program. These young people have proved themselves to be talented, hard-working and ambitious individuals. Like all the graduates, after earning their degrees they are and could continue to lead positive, productive lives, and contribute to our economy and communities," she said.

Catholic Charities is currently prioritizing DACA recipients whose benefits are set to expire in the next six months. It will be operating during extended hours at the Archbishop Noll Center, 915 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, until Oct. 4. Starting Monday, Sept. 11, the closing hour will be pushed back from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Fridays until 4 p.m., and on Saturdays it will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The deadline for DACA renewal requests is Oct. 5. After that, all renewal requests will be rejected automatically. Ostrognai stressed that once an individual's DACA benefits expire, that person will no longer have authorization to drive. He or she will also no longer have authorization to work, and deportation will no longer be deferred. This does not mean the person will be automatically deported, but he will then be subject to potential removal from the United States.

In order to qualify for renewal, DACA recipients must meet the following requirements:

- Not have departed the U.S. on or after Aug. 15, 2012, without first having been granted advance parole.
- Have resided continuously in the U.S. from the time he/she submitted the initial request for DACA up until the present time.
- Not have been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and must not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Those who meet these requirements also need the following items:

- A check or money order for the USCIS \$495 application fee
- Two passport-style photos
- Evidence of employment authorization approval notice (copy of the front and back of the work permit or copy of approval letter)

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CNS photo/Daytona Beach Police Department handout via Reuters

A man signals to police officers from a flooded house after Hurricane Irma passed through Daytona Beach, Fla.

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swaths of cities like Miami and Naples, on the Gulf Coast, under water. State officials had ordered 6.3 million of the state's approximately 21 million residents to evacuate; many headed north to stay with relatives.

"Millions of Floridians are being impacted by this storm," Florida Gov. Rick Scott said during a news conference Sept. 10.

Earlier, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called for prayers for all those in the path of Hurricane Irma.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, whose diocese was hit by flooding from Hurricane Harvey, noted that people in the Caribbean had "felt Hurricane Irma's full force."

"Let us join in prayer for those who are in the path of Hurricane Irma, and may God bless and protect you," he said in a statement Sept. 9. "At a time like this, when our endurance is tested, we implore God to direct us to yet unknown reserves of strength and human compassion for those suffering so deeply. May our manifestations of love and solidarity be lasting signs in the midst of this crisis."

The cardinal noted that, as with Harvey, the bishops' conference would work with local dioceses, Catholic relief agencies and other groups to offer assistance.

The storm had already left a path of destruction in the Caribbean. The disaster risk ana-

lyst company Center for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction Technology, based in Germany, estimated more than \$10 billion in damages in the Caribbean, making it the costliest storm ever in the region.

The Netherlands estimated that 70 percent of the houses on St. Martin were badly damaged or destroyed. That left 40,000 people in public shelters as Hurricane Jose approached.

The Pentagon mobilized the military to respond to the U.S. Virgin Islands, where at least four people died and devastation was widespread.

"This is a horrific disaster," Gov. Kenneth Mapp said Sept. 9. "There will be no restorations or solutions in days or weeks."

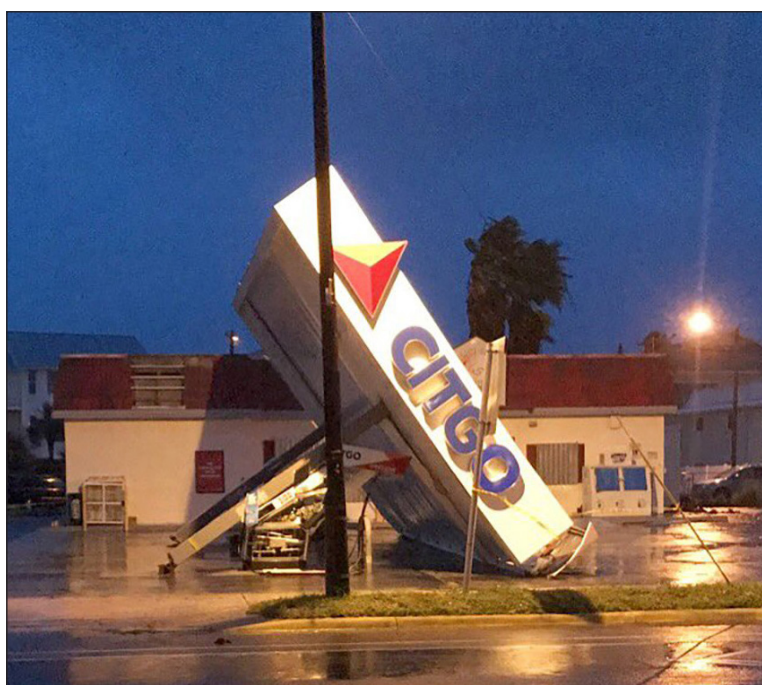
In Antigua and Barbuda,

Arthur Nibbs, minister of Barbuda Affairs who was on Barbuda when Irma hit, said it was the worst storm he'd ever seen.

"It was enormous. There's nothing that is comparable. It destroyed everything that was in its path," he said.

Nibbs said roofs were torn away, trees were toppled, government buildings were destroyed, and cell towers were snapped in half, leaving the small island of about 1,600 people without any form of communication.

Officials scrambled to evacuate the island before the arrival of Hurricane Jose. The Category 4 storm veered north of Barbuda, sparing it from a second direct hit.



CNS photo/Pinellas County Sheriff's Office via Reuters

A gas station damaged by Irma is seen in North Redington Beach, Fla.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, September 17: 11 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
 Sunday, September 17: 6 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. John the Evangelist Church, Goshen
 Monday, September 18: 10 a.m. — Mass with Blessing of All Saints Chapel, Jenkins/Nanovic Hall, University of Notre Dame
 Monday, September 18: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. John the Evangelist Church, Goshen
 Tuesday, September 19: 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Finance Council, Holiday Inn Express, Warsaw
 Tuesday, September 19: 5:30 p.m. — Mass for Michiana Catholic Homeschooling Community, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
 Wednesday, September 20: 12 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Community Foundation, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
 Thursday, September 21: 4 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
 Saturday, September 23: 10 a.m. — Mass of Beatification for Father Stanley Rother, Oklahoma City

STATEMENT OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend



Concerning the Trump administration's decision to end DACA

A few weeks ago, I wrote a column expressing the Church's strong support for the Dream Act of 2017. The passage of the Dream Act has even greater urgency now that the DACA program has been cancelled. My heart goes out to our DACA youth and their families who have been left unprotected from deportation and fear for their futures in the United States, their home. I am very saddened and disappointed in the Administration's termination of the DACA program. I urge our legislators to support the Dream Act. It is a matter not only of mercy, but of justice. I hope and pray that Congress will act soon to protect these young people who were brought to the U.S. as minors and not responsible for the violation of our nation's immigration laws. America is their home. They are part of our community, our churches, our schools, our workplaces, and our military. May we all stand in solidarity with them during this difficult time!"

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• Additionally, DACA recipients need to have a list of all the addresses they have had and the dates they moved since submitting their DACA applications two years ago. Those applying for renewal do not need to list out all their addresses again, only those since their last application.

Also, estimates of annual income, expenditures and assets are necessary as well. On form I-765WS, estimates of some financial information such as income, expenses and assets are required.

Once a DACA recipient seeking renewal has met these requirements, it is time to take the next step. He or she should seek out Catholic Charities in their area, or a similar organization offering assistance to those in this situation. DACA recipients interested

in applying for renewals through Catholic Charities have to first make an appointment by calling, 260-422-5625 Ext. 282; emailing bspaulding@ccfwsb.org or walking in.

Catholic Charities is also conducting community informational meetings at local parishes. This is a chance for the community to receive answers to DACA questions and concerns. It is also where individuals can receive information about their rights and options, and the next steps they need to take. The next meeting is set to take place at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fort Wayne on Sept. 24.

For many, the decision to end DACA brings an uncertainty as to what the future holds.

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, issued a statement of support for all those who are impacted by the DACA decision. He encouraged the entire diocese to stand in solidarity during this difficult time.

Church leaders, including those from U.S., pray for quake victims

BY DAVID AGREN

CARTAGENA, Colombia (CNS) — Church leaders prayed for Mexicans and Guatemalans affected by a magnitude 8.1 earthquake that struck the Pacific Coast.

At the end of Mass in Villavicencio, Colombia, Sept. 8, Pope Francis prayed “for all the people who are suffering because of the earthquake last night in Mexico.”

In an early morning tweet, the Mexican bishops’ conference prayed: “God strengthen us as brothers in the faith, to (be) available to those that have suffered in this strong earthquake.”

Later, the bishops said “We want to express our solidarity with the Mexican people in the face of this suffering caused by the earthquake last night. ... We offer prayers for the victims and especially the family and populations affected, mainly in the states of Chiapas, Oaxaca and Tabasco.”

They also praised “the many prevention and security measures undertaken in buildings, along with the immediate actions of the authorities through civil protection programs.

“We realize, however, how far we have to go in our caring for creation,” they added.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called for prayers “for the victims and their families, as well as for emergency personnel and rescuers.”

“The Mexican and



CNS photo/Jorge Luis Plata, Reuters

Women embrace while standing next to a destroyed house Sept. 10 following a magnitude 8.1 earthquake in Union Hidalgo, Mexico. Church leaders prayed for Mexicans and Guatemalans affected by the Sept. 7 earthquake that struck the Pacific Coast

Guatemalan people are resilient in their faith and trust in the loving providence of God,” he said. He entrusted them to Our Lady of Guadalupe, “who, amidst the sorrows of life, reminds us today as she did 500 years ago: ‘Am I not here, who is your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the fountain of life?’”

The Sept. 7 quake occurred shortly before midnight. In less than 24 hours, Mexico’s seismology service reported more than 260 aftershocks, with the stron-

gest registering magnitude 6.1.

By midday Sept. 10, Mexican officials put the death toll at 90, with most of the deaths occurring in the southern state of Oaxaca. Rescuers raced to rescue people trapped under rubble in the city of Juchitan on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, 450 miles southeast of Mexico City, where the city hall partially collapsed.

Two children died in Tabasco state, with one dying after being crushed by a falling wall. The toll was expected to climb, and

school was canceled in 10 states and Mexico City so officials could assess structural damage.

Father Alejandro Solalinde, a priest working with migrants in Oaxaca state, tweeted “solidarity and prayers with those affected by the earthquake in Mexico. Eternal rest for the deceased. Amen.”

State officials in Chiapas reported 1,000 homes destroyed and another 5,000 damaged. Several churches in the Diocese of San Cristobal de Las Casas were damaged, according to media reports.

A diocesan priest, Father Marcelo Perez, said some churches were damaged, but was unable to say how many. The Catholic Church in Chiapas was attending to some of the displaced people, he added.

Other churches across southern Mexico were damaged by the

earthquake, including four in the state of Oaxaca.

Across the border in Guatemala, the Catholic cathedral in Huehuetenango reported moderate damage. In San Marcos, Guatemala, the hospital was damaged, and rescuers reported moderate infrastructure damage.

Shortly after the earthquake occurred, Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto and Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales took to Twitter to reassure citizens. Pena Nieto called the quake “the strongest in almost a century.”

Morales urged Guatemalans: “Please maintain calm and be on alert; we’ll have more information soon.”

The quake appeared to do little serious damage to Mexico City, which was devastated by a similarly strong quake in 1985. That earthquake left thousands dead and many more homeless. The federal government — responsible for Mexico City at the time — offered an inept response, forcing people to fend for themselves. Many Mexicans rose to the occasion by forming brigades to pull people out of rubble, including babies from a collapsed children’s hospital.

Experts say the epicenter being located around 400 miles to the southeast of the national capital may have made the earthquake less catastrophic in Mexico City, too.

Since that disaster, building codes in the national capital have improved, and earthquake drills are commonly practiced by apartment residents and office workers.

An earthquake was not the only disaster Mexico has had to deal with. Hurricane Katia slammed into the Veracruz coast Sept. 8, but weakened to tropical storm status after reaching land. The Veracruz state government reported two deaths due to mudslides triggered by the storm.

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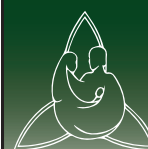
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Catholic judicial nominee grilled by senators on her religious views

BY KURT JENSEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California, spurred outrage about possible religious tests for judicial appointees when she questioned a Catholic judicial nominee Sept. 6 about what impact her faith would have on her interpretation of the law.

Reaction from Catholic leaders to the hearing for Amy Coney Barrett, nominee for a seat on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, was swift, with a leading archbishop calling the Senate hearing “deeply disappointing.”

In the hearing, Feinstein not only referred to Barrett’s speeches in the committee hearing, but also to a 1998 article by Barrett, a law professor at the University of Notre Dame, about the role of Catholic judges in death penalty cases.

The Marquette Law Review article, co-authored by John H. Garvey, who is now president of The Catholic University of America, concluded that although Catholic judges opposed to the death penalty could always simply recuse themselves under federal law, “litigants and the general public are entitled to impartial justice, which may be something a judge who is heedful of ecclesiastical pronouncements cannot dispense.”

Feinstein did not question Barrett about capital punishment cases, but rather the upholding of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that made abortion legal.

“When you read your speeches, the conclusion one draws is that the dogma lives loudly within you. And — that’s of concern when you come to big issues that large numbers of people have fought for for years in this country.”

Barrett addressed this issue early in the hearing, answering a question from Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, by saying: “It is never appropriate for a judge to apply their personal convictions, whether it derives from faith or personal conviction.”

Richard Garnett, also a University of Notre Dame law professor, said Feinstein’s line of questioning seemed to say “because you’re a Catholic, you can’t be believed.”

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty, said the hearing was “deeply disappointing” since



Provided by the University of Notre Dame
Amy Coney Barrett, a law professor at the University of Notre Dame and a candidate for the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, came under intense fire during a Senate hearing regarding her nomination last week because of her Catholic faith.

a number of senators failed to “simply consider the professional achievements of a nominee for the federal judiciary” and instead “challenged her fitness to serve due to her Catholic faith.”

In a Sept. 8 statement, the archbishop said the line of questioning Barrett received was “contrary to our Constitution and our best national traditions, which protect the free exercise of one’s faith and reject religious tests for public office, they are offensive to basic human rights.”

Garvey was among the first to respond in print to the hearing.

“I never thought I’d see the day when a coalition of left-wing groups attacked a Republican judicial nominee for opposing the death penalty,” he wrote in a Sept. 7 opinion article for the *Washington Examiner*. “Catholic judges are not alone in facing such dilemmas.”

An observant Quaker would have the same problem. And I like to think that any federal judge would have had moral objections to enforcing the fugitive slave laws Congress passed before the Civil War.”

Garvey and others accused Feinstein of echoing talking points from The Alliance for Justice, a liberal advocacy group that has prepared reports on all of Trump’s judicial nominees.

The Alliance report on Barrett said she “has avoided definitive public statements on *Roe v. Wade*” but added, referring to the 1998 article as well as other “positions and philosophies,” that she held “the astonishing

view that judges should place their religious beliefs ahead of the Constitution when carrying out their duties.”

“Barrett (and I) said no such thing,” Garvey wrote. “We said precisely the opposite.”

“I suspect what really troubled (the senators) is that, as a Catholic, her pro-life views might extend beyond criminal defendants to the unborn. If true, the focus on our law review article is all the more puzzling. After all, our point was that judges should respect the law, even laws they disagree with. And if they can’t enforce them, they should recuse themselves.”

The report also criticizes Barrett for signing a letter, produced by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, that criticized the Affordable Care Act’s contraception mandate as “morally obtuse.”

Eric Rassbach, the Becket Fund’s deputy general counsel, issued a statement in response: “It’s not something you could sue her over, but Sen. Feinstein would break her oath to defend the Constitution — including the part about no religious tests — if she were to vote against Barrett because of her Catholic religious beliefs.”

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, a Georgetown University graduate, added fuel to the fire when, after calling himself “the product of 19 years of Catholic education,” he brought up the use of the term “orthodox Catholic” in Barrett’s law review article. He asked Barrett to define the term and to say if she considered herself an “orthodox” Catholic.

Barrett explained that in the context of the article, the term was “a proxy” for Catholic believers, but she didn’t think it was a term in current use.

She added, “If you’re asking whether I take my faith seriously and am a faithful Catholic, I am. Although I would stress that my present church affiliation or my religious beliefs would not bear in the discharge of my duties as a judge.”

Durbin responded, “I happen to think Pope Francis is a pretty good Catholic.”

“I agree with you,” Barrett responded, smiling.

Archbishop Lori said the questions to Barrett “sadly, harken back to a time in our country when anti-Catholic bigotry did distort our laws and civil order.”

He wondered if the senators’ questions were meant “as a warning shot” for future law students and attorneys not to discuss their faith in a public forum at a time when “we should be encouraging faithful, ethical attorneys to serve in public office, not discouraging them by subjecting them to inappropriate, unnecessary interrogation based on their religious beliefs.”

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St. Matthew, South Bend | 11:30am-1:30pm
St. Thomas, Elkhart | 3-6pm

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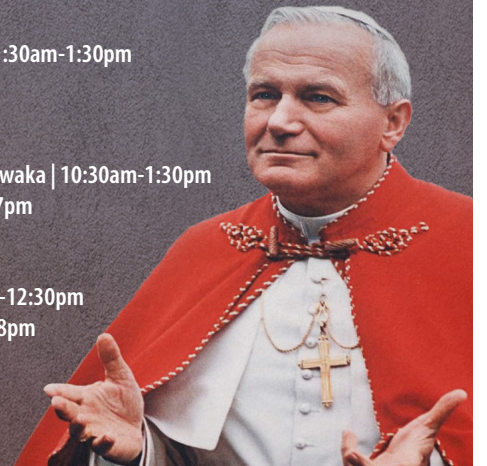
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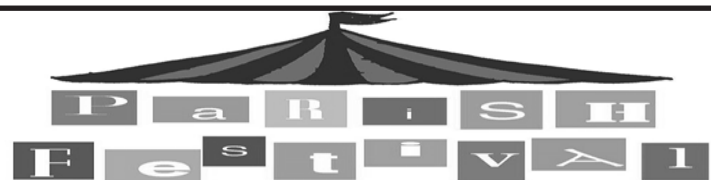
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U.S. bishops, other Catholic groups back conscience protection

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and 32 other organizations have signed a joint letter of support for the Conscience Protection Act of 2017. The bill, which has House and Senate versions, is intended to close loopholes that ignore the conscience rights of medical professionals on abortion, according to the signed letter. “Even many ‘pro-choice’ Americans realize that the logic of their (opponents’) position requires them to respect a choice not to be involved in abortion,” said the letter, dated Sept. 6 and addressed to senators. “Yet, with violations of federal conscience laws occurring in California, New York, Washington, Alaska, Illinois, and most recently Oregon, it is increasingly clear that the current laws offer far less protection in practice than in theory,” the letter added. “Federal conscience laws do not authorize a ‘private right of action’ allowing the victims of discrimination to sue on their own behalf, and allowing courts to take measured action to end this discrimination,” it said.

Catholic Charities USA, K of C give millions for hurricane relief

SAN ANTONIO (CNS) — Catholic Charities USA presented a \$2 million check Sept. 4 representing donations received to date for immediate emergency assistance for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and its catastrophic flooding. One hundred percent of the funds raised will go directly to immediate and long-term recovery efforts. Making the presentation was Dominican Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, accompanied by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio, Bishop Brendan J. Cahill of the neighboring Diocese of Victoria, J. Antonio Fernandez, president and CEO of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, and Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In addition, the Knights of Columbus has raised more than \$1.3 million to help recovery efforts in Texas. Funds have been used to provide food and shelter for residents in Houston and surrounding communities, Corpus Christi, Beaumont and Ingleside. “We have seen incredible generosity from our members, and we invite others to join us in providing aid that is urgently needed,” Carl Anderson, Knights’ CEO, said in a statement. “The funds we raise will make a real difference in the lives of those already affected and those who are bracing for the worst.”

Father Hesburgh honored with stamp



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Condoleezza Rice, former secretary of state and a 1975 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, delivers an address during a Sept. 1 ceremony at the school, where a new postage stamp honoring Father Theodore Hesburgh was issued. Father Hesburgh, a member of the Holy Cross order, was president of the university for 35 years. The stamp honors Father Hesburgh, born May 25, 1917, in Syracuse, New York, for his role as an educator and his service as an adviser on civil rights, peaceful uses of atomic energy, immigration reform, campus unrest and development in poor countries to presidents from Dwight Eisenhower to George W. Bush. Father Hesburgh died Feb. 26, 2015, at age 97.

New data from Britain: 53 percent of adults say they have ‘no religion’

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — More than half of the people in Britain say they no longer belong to a religion, said data released Sept. 5 by NatCen Social Research. Fifty-three percent of nearly 3,000 adults interviewed for the British Social Attitudes survey said they had “no religion,” NatCen reported. That figure, covering 2016, is up from 48 percent in 2015.

The center said in a statement that the data reveals the proportion of people in Britain who describe themselves as having no religion is at its “highest-ever level.” The proportion of nonbelievers has increased gradually since the survey began in 1983, when 31 percent of those surveyed said they had no religion. Most of the decline in religious affiliation has been among people who previously belonged to the Church of England. The survey found that 15 percent of people in Britain consider themselves to

be Anglican, compared to about 30 percent in 2000. The proportion of people who say they are Catholic has remained consistent, however, at about 10 percent for the past three decades.

Pope amends church law on Mass translations, 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.

In TV interview, Steve Bannon slams church, bishops over immigration

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In an interview that aired Sept. 10 on the CBS TV program “60 Minutes,” former White House strategist Steve Bannon criticized the Catholic Church and U.S. bishops for their views on immigration, saying “they need illegal aliens to fill the pews.” In

the interview Bannon, a Catholic, told newsman Charlie Rose that the bishops have “an economic interest in illegal immigration.” He also criticized his former boss, President Donald Trump, for taking a step back hours after ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, when the president said on Twitter that he might revisit the decision in six months. “Trust me, the guys in the far right, the guys on the conservative side are not happy with this,” Bannon said. CBS released advance clips of the interview Sept. 7. The same day, in a statement responding to Bannon’s interview, James Rogers, chief communications officer for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said it is “preposterous to claim that justice for immigrants isn’t central to Catholic teaching,” noting that the mandate comes directly from the words of Jesus, who spoke of feeding the hungry and welcoming the stranger. “Immigrants and refugees are precisely the strangers we must welcome,” he added, saying: “This isn’t Catholic partisanship. The Bible is clear: Welcoming immigrants is indispensable to our faith.” Rogers also noted that caring for the “Dreamers,” or DACA recipients, is a response to commands in both the Old and New Testaments. He said the bishops’ views on life issues, marriage, health and immigration reform are “rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ rather than the convenient political trends of the day.”

Cardinal Caffarra, outspoken defender of marriage, family, dead at 79

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Italian Cardinal Carlo Caffarra, retired archbishop of Bologna and founder of the Pope John Paul II Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family, died Sept. 6 at the age of 79. Cardinal Caffarra was one of four cardinals who formally asked Pope Francis to clarify his teaching on Communion for the divorced and civilly remarried. When the four prelates did not receive a response, they released the letter to the press saying, “We have noted a grave disorientation and great confusion of many faithful regarding extremely important matters for the life of the church,” especially given the contrasting interpretations — even among bishops — of Chapter 8 of ‘Amoris Laetitia,’ the chapter dealing with ministry to the divorced in Pope Francis’ exhortation on the family. Announcing the death of the Italian prelate, the Vatican said a telegram by Pope Francis was expected to arrive. The pope was on his flight to Colombia for a five-day visit when news of Cardinal Caffarra’s death was announced. Born June 1, 1938, in Samboseto di Busseto, Carlo Caffarra attended the seminary in Fidenza and was ordained to the priesthood in 1961.

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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.

Pope Francis seemed confident. 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.

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



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Pope Francis attends a national reconciliation prayer meeting at Las Malocas Park in Villavicencio, Colombia, Sept. 8. In the background, the remains of a crucifix from a church in Bojaya, Colombia, are seen during the event. Jesus' arms and legs were blown off in 2002 when an improvised homemade mortar launched by rebels crashed through the roof of a church and exploded.

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 com-

plex threads of disagreements."

With St. Peter Claver, the 17th-century Jesuit saint and apostle of the slaves, never far from his mind, 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 the saint died and his relics are venerated.

St. Peter Claver ministered tirelessly 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.

Throughout the trip, it seemed like the pope had all the time in the world. He never seemed to tire. He never cut short a speech and told those who waited for hours that they would get printed copies of the full text. In fact,

Trump backtracks a little on DACA after backlash

BY RHINA GUIDOS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Hours after the Trump administration announced on Sept. 5 an end to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program, the president seemed to backtrack, just a bit, by saying that if Congress can't find a legislative solution to legalize the program's 800,000 beneficiaries in six months, he might step in.

"Congress now has 6 months to legalize DACA (something the Obama Administration was unable to do). If they can't, I will revisit this issue!" President Donald Trump tweeted in the evening, even after Attorney General Jeff Sessions said using executive action in such a manner, as then-President Barack Obama had done, was "unconstitutional."

Obama established DACA in 2012 by executive action after Congress could not agree on legislation that would have legalized youth brought to the U.S. as children.

After DACA was rescinded, condemnation quickly followed. Javier Palomarez, the head of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said on a television show shortly after the decision was announced that he was resigning from the president's diversity coalition because of its move to end DACA. The chamber of commerce then followed up with a statement saying that it "vehemently" opposed the president's "inhumane and economically harmful decision to terminate DACA."

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia announced Sept. 6 that they were filing lawsuits against the administration to stop it from ending the program.

Republicans, such as House Speaker Paul Ryan, seemed optimistic and said he had "hope" that Congress could come to an agreement. Congress has not been able to agree on immigration legislation in more than a decade.

At a demonstration outside the White House on Sept. 5, DACA

recipient Greisa Martinez, who is advocacy director at United We Dream, a national immigrant youth led organization, said DACA beneficiaries will try to press for a legislative solution. However, she and other beneficiaries don't want to be part of political deals that will put other migrants at risk, she said. In other words, migrant youth will oppose any deals that attempt to use them as political pawns and oppose any legislation that will in turn put their parents or families at risk, she said.

The New York-based Center for Migration Studies said in a Sept. 5 statement by executive director Donald Kerwin that "Congress should act swiftly to pass the bipartisan DREAM Act, which was recently introduced in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives."

Although the 2017 version is the latest move by Congress to attempt at bipartisan legislation to help the undocumented youth, the White House told news agency McClatchy in July that the president wouldn't sign the proposed Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, or DREAM Act, legislation so it's hard to tell what legislative solutions the president is seeking.

Kerwin also took issue with what he called the attorney general's "demonstrably false claims and half-truths" when he announced why the administration was rescinding the program. The DACA program did not cause the flight of large numbers of unaccompanied minors to the United States, Kerwin said. That was a result of the violence from the Northern Triangle states of Central America, which includes El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

DACA recipients also have not deprived hundreds of thousands of U.S. citizens of jobs, Kerwin said.

"Sessions also repeatedly invoked the phrase 'illegal aliens' to describe legally present young persons who are American in everything but status," Kerwin said.

on several occasions he added long sections — particularly when talking about the evils of the drug trade.

And every evening, after a long day of traveling, reading speeches and celebrating Mass for hundreds of thousands of people, he set aside time for spontaneity.

With the doors of the apostolic nunciature where he was staying just a stone's throw away, Pope Francis would watch the evening's groups perform a folk dance or sing songs or play instruments. One or two or three of them would make a little speech describing what their organization does. And the

pope would respond with a few remarks of his own.

No more than 2,000 people could gather on the street outside the nunciature for the evening encounter, but it may have been Pope Francis' favorite part of the day.

Throughout the trip, he urged every Colombian to make some gesture of peace: to forgive someone or help someone. On a small scale, that's what the groups that outside the nunciature were doing, whether that meant offering shelter and a future to street children, promoting the social inclusion of young people with Down syndrome or strengthening fragile families.



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A priest is seen as Pope Francis celebrates Mass at Contecar terminal in Cartagena, Colombia, Sept. 10.

MATTHEW KELLY BRINGS ZEAL, INSPIRATION

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emotional needs that include the opportunity to love and be loved and to make a difference in people's lives; and intellectual needs such as the opportunity to learn new things and our spiritual needs for silence, solitude, scripture and the sacraments.

"The problem is we ignore our needs, and we live in a culture obsessed with wants," he said.

To illustrate, he used an analogy of a flight attendant instructing passengers to put their own oxygen masks on first.

"God wants you to serve powerfully and for a long time, and in order to do that you have to take care of your legitimate needs, because that's when you thrive, and when you thrive you get joy. It's hard to bring someone closer to God when there's no joy."

"The reality is we are each billboards for God and for our parishes, ministries and faith. God needs us thriving because joy is very attractive," he said.

The second ordinary voice God speaks to us is through talents and abilities, he said. There are two types of talents — universal and unique. Universal talents are those we all have, to do good and make a difference in other's lives. Unique talents are those that God gives to each of us. Kelly advised the catechists that when young people say they wished they had a talent like someone else, they should be told, "You have a perfect mix of the talents you need that God gave you to carry out his plan and live an incredible life. If you don't have the talent, you don't need it."

The third voice is deepest desire for good things. The biggest desires are vocational — to be married and have a family,

for example.

"The world is constantly filling our hearts with shallow, superficial desires — we have to dig down deep to find our deepest desires," Kelly said.

God gives us awareness in order to put things in context, he said, to understand and appreciate true value and he said there are different levels of awareness as we grow spiritually.

Kelly acknowledged that it's sometimes confusing to determine whether a desire is because of something we want or what God wants, so teaching others how to better listen to hear God's voice is key.

"Asking people, 'What is God saying to you in this?' will get them thinking if they don't know," he concluded.

A group from St. Mary of the Annunciation in Bristol shared their thoughts following Kelly's talk. Judy Keller was struck by the idea of "not just teaching kids, but engaging them and teaching them to slow things down enough to listen to God."

St. Mary Director of Religious Education Mary Stutzman said, it was sobering to realize "if it was us against the culture, we'd lose every time. God wants us to step out of the way and realize it's not in our hands, but in God using our hands."

That message also spoke to Paul Offert of St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne. "Too many times, as catechists, we think it's all our responsibility to teach," he said. "But maybe we're just planting seeds, and we need to step back and get out of the way and let the Holy Spirit take over."

Prior to Kelly's talk, Mass was celebrated by Father Dan Scheidt. During his homily he spoke about St. Peter Claver, whose feast day the church was celebrating. He brought up how the saint, when he gave

out lemons and tobacco to the slaves, also showed them a crucifix so that they would connect the joy of receiving the gifts with Jesus' outstretched arms — and see their suffering reflected in Jesus' face.

Two sessions of workshops were held in the afternoon with topics including "Divine Pedagogy," "Fatima and Missionary Discipleship," "Networking for Youth Ministers" and "Helping Young People Form Their Conscience and Grow in an Age of Relativism," among others.

Andy Oross led the workshop on relativism and told those present, "The best we can do is be consistent and logical and most important, witness to that." He used Greek mythology as an analogy of the self-centeredness in the culture today, comparing people to the gods of the ancient Greeks, where they each wanted their own truth.

"I'm god' versus 'God is God' is at the heart of relativism," he said. The problem with people each having their own truths and being their own gods is that people can't co-exist that way, just as the Greek gods couldn't. He said Jesus is the key to showing there is no competition, because Jesus was God and Man in one. Total cooperation is how God created the world until the fall of man.

"How much more astounding proof is there that God's not in competition with us than him saying, 'Oh, you want to kill me? OK.'"

"We have to understand and help our young people understand that natural moral law was written into the very essence of our humanity," Oross continued. "Truth is at the core of my being. God simply abides. When I turn my attention to that God is giving as a gift, not imposing himself upon us, that's when we discover joy,

Kelly keynote inspires

BY JENNIFER MILLER

"You never know who is in your classroom." This was the last statement Matthew Kelly, international Catholic speaker and founder of Dynamic Catholic, shared with the educators of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 7-8, at their annual Catholic Schools Mission Days retreat and training events.

"Because of one teacher, 1 million people visit dynamiccatholic.com every day. Because of one teacher, 75 million read my books. Because of one teacher, I am here today. You never know: That is why we do what we do."

In addition to sharing with the educators the impact one teacher had upon his own vocation, his keynote talk focused on three ways that God speaks to humans and how they can be attentive to God's voice in their own lives, as they guide and teach the young people in their classrooms.

Every year teachers and staff from the diocesan schools gather to be renewed, refreshed and build community during Mission Days. The days aim to recollect the mission and purpose of Catholic education. Matthew Kelly's work with inspiring and motivating the faithful to live "the best version of themselves" was appropriate for the educators, and for them to share with those they teach.

Using humor and examples from his every day, family life, Kelly pointed out that throughout human history, as described in Scripture, God communicated with his people — and he still does so today. "The most common phrase in the Bible is 'God said ...' God said to Moses ...' God said to Noah ...' This occurs first through their legitimate needs, secondly through their God-given talents and abilities, and thirdly through their deepest desire. The latter, he explained, can help "point us down the path that God wants us to walk, our vocation. Sometimes there is a path down a path, a little 'v' vocation. It is a gift to walk with God, to grow in awareness. Awareness is evaporating in our culture. Lack of awareness is diminishing our communication."

The Gospel puts life in perspective; we see the true value of things ... God wants you fully aware of what is happening. God



Co-workers Jeanette Goldsberry, both of School, received award and for 40 years of tively.

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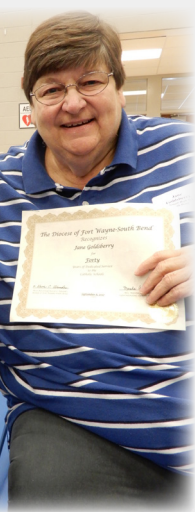
Kelly offered to share this with them after discovering first themselves. that place in your deep place." He told of St. John Paul Sydney, Australia grew up, when he old. "It was the first saw someone really don't see it that one really pray. He and closed his eye that deep place. It place in you. That world needs."

Carl Loesch, director of Office of Catholic reflected on Kelly typically engaging way, Matthew Kelly to engage their students their own authentic to help our students deeper prayer life times, striving for seem like an unbroken for us and for our the saints did not They lived holy men called to do the same



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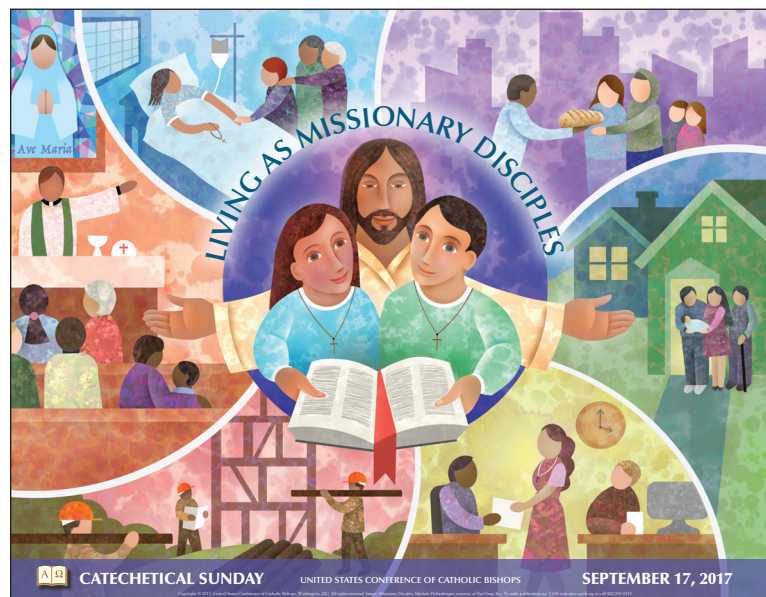
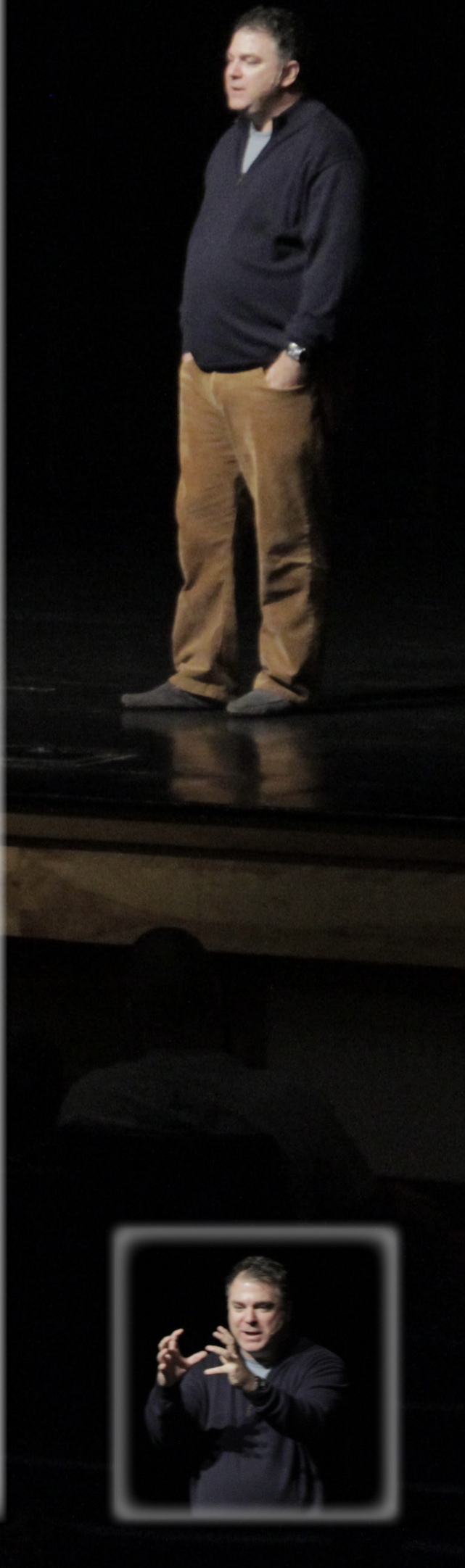
Jennifer Miller
 Honors the Honorable Fr. Stephen Joseph Brown and Jane Goldsberry of Saint Joseph High School as a retiree for 40 years of service, respect, and inspiration.

Following the keynote, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass with the educators. He spoke of Mary, as the feast of her nativity and the true mission of Catholic schools.

"The centrality of the true God revealed in Jesus Christ in the life of our Catholic schools is the formula we offer for the true human flourishing of our students. With the deepest conviction, we hold, as the Second Vatican Council taught and as the great Pope John Paul II never ceased to proclaim, "it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear. The woman who carried the Word made flesh in her womb is the most beautiful example of true human flourishing."

Later, he elaborated: "In the Bible, the heart denotes the spiritual center of the person, our core, so to speak. In speaking of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the church is referring to the center of their being. A Catholic education is about the formation of the hearts of our students according to the hearts of Jesus and Mary, hearts that are filled with love. A truly Catholic school educates the heart as well as the mind and the body. The great patron saint of school children and youth, St. John Bosco, once said, "Education is a thing of the heart." How do you educate the hearts of your students? I think you do so by personally accompanying your students, wisely and lovingly leading them to experience God's love for them, their dignity as his children, and their high calling to serve him. You educate them by your witness as well as by your words of instruction. The vocation of a Catholic school educator is really a supernatural one. You are called to form your students not only to be good citizens of this world, but to be citizens of the world to come, to fulfill their destiny to become saints. And who can better help us in this task than the one whom we honor as the Queen of All Saints?"

On each of the two days, educators celebrating milestones of five to 35 years of service to the diocese were recognized. Recent retirees were honored, and Jane Goldsberry of St. Joseph High School and Theresa Lolmaugh of St. Matthew Cathedral received special awards for 40 years of dedication to their mission.



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There's a family feeling at Queen of Angels

BY BARB SIEMINSKI

On July 4, 1947, the Independence Day holiday was celebrated in and around the city of Fort Wayne with fireworks, picnics, marching bands and the flag; but there was extra-special rejoicing by local Catholics as then-Bishop John F. Noll announced he had directed Father William Faber to establish a new parish on State Street so the overflow crowd at Most Precious Blood Church would have a new place to worship, in their own neighborhood.

This church was to be named Queen of Angels, and the groundbreaking was May 22, 1950. That was followed by construction that became delayed by severe snowstorms from November 1950 until March 1951. The attached school was opened on Sept. 21, 1951, and staffed by Precious Blood Sisters. Sister Mary Sienna Langhois was the first principal and 83 students were enrolled in



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the two classrooms that served four grades.

The first Mass — a wedding Mass — was celebrated on Oct. 6, 1951. The next day, Oct. 7, the feast of the Holy Rosary, Msgr. Charles Feltes, chancellor of the diocese, dedicated the church, which had 255 registered families.

Sister Matilda Boyert became principal of the school in 1956, and in 1957 a seven-room addition was constructed.

Father Robert Hammond served as assistant pastor from 1955-60. He was replaced by Father Dennis Blank, who was assistant pastor at the parish until 1964.

Spring 1962 brought the breaking of ground for the new sisters' convent, which was completed Oct. 7. In 1964, Father David Carkenord became assistant pastor at the parish, serving for nine years.

Changes came to the growing parish and school in the fall of 1972: Now-Msgr. Faber became pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Kendallville and Father Robert Hammond, a former assistant pastor, was appointed the second pastor of Queen of Angels. Also in 1974, the Precious Blood Sisters left



Photos provided by Queen of Angels Parish

This statue of Christ on the cross, with his mother, Mary Magdalene and the apostle John, adorns the front lawn of Queen of Angels Parish in Fort Wayne.

the school after 23 years of service. In 1973-74, Father Donald Gillig served the parish briefly as assistant pastor, as did Father

Brian Carsten in 1974.

Msgr. Stanley Manoski was appointed pastor of Queen of Angels parish in July 1974, and



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'Impelled to build community'

BY JEANNIE EWING

While ambling through the sanctuaries of most Catholic churches, one seldom ponders their beginnings and the rich stories that often accompany the founding of a parish.



FATHER JOSEPH GAUGHAN

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church is one such parish, with a fascinating history dating back to 1897 when the Society of the Precious Blood purchased a parcel of land between Fourth and Barthold streets in Fort Wayne. At the time the area was considered a prime location for growth in population and business development, which fueled the congregation's zeal to spread God's word through education.

Father Joseph Gaughan noted that the history of Most Precious Blood is a large reason why its parishioners are so dedicated to caring for the grounds and the surrounding community. "Many of our families have been part of the parish generationally," said Father Gaughan, "so they know



Michael Kleber/Provided by Most Precious Blood

Most Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne was built in 1911, and the original structure remains. Recent renovations on the inside of the sanctuary have taken place over the past two years: The changes can be viewed on the church's website.

the history of the parish well. If you can believe it, I am actually the first diocesan priest who has pastored this church."

Father Gaughan has been pastor of Most Precious Blood for 12 years. Before that, the Society of the Precious Blood ran the church and the school with secularized missionary priests, brothers and sisters. "These priests have an incredible devotion to Jesus' precious blood and his passion," added Father Gaughan. "Every week we pray the Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ when we have eucharistic adoration. We've maintained the beautiful tradition of focusing on how

much Jesus loves us."

The Society of the Precious Blood is a community of priests, brothers and sisters founded by St. Gaspar del Bufalo in 1815 at the request of Pope Pius VII. They live according to the "Society of Apostolic Life," which essentially means they are secularized religious who do not take official vows but instead make promises. They live in community and go through an extensive period of spiritual formation that takes several years.

Some men are discerned to formally enter seminary and become priests of the order. In this case, they leave the congre-



Most Precious Blood Parish was founded in 1897 by the Society of the Most Precious Blood missionary priests, brothers and sisters, whose main apostolate was to spread God's word. Until 2005, the church and school were run by the order.

gation for a time and eventually take formal vows of ordination. The original motto of the society is: "Christ's shedding his Blood was for St. Gaspar and is for us the sign of God's great love for all people. The spirituality of the Blood continues to impel us to build community through the inclusion of the marginalized, to walk in solidarity with those who suffer, and to seek reconciliation in a divided world."

Father Gaughan said that same spirit has carried on throughout the many generations of faithful laity who have comprised Most Precious Blood. "Our church is in a poorer neighborhood, so it is truly a beacon of hope for many marginalized people in our community."

The modest-sized school includes around 270 students up to eighth grade, and adds to the longing for hope that many people in the geographical area share. "Non-Catholics in the area have a lot of respect for our church," Father Gaughan added, "because they see how well-kept the parish is and how welcoming parishioners are to the families and children in the area."

Father Gaughan believes the greatest strength of Most Precious Blood Parish is that "everyone is really down-to-earth, very warm-hearted and kind." Many parishioners reside

in homes surrounding the neighborhood, and they often chip in to volunteer taking care of the grounds by mowing the lawn, weeding and maintaining the landscape.

Another interesting aspect of the school is that it boasts a full-size bowling alley, which Father Gaughan said is rarely used by the students. "We mostly rent out the bowling alley for parties and men's and women's bowling leagues. The proceeds we earn are returned directly to the needs of the parish."

Pastoral Associate Jessie Bloom has been a member of Most Precious Blood for most of her life. She attended the grade school, was married in the church, and taught first grade in the school for 22 years. "It's a joy to work here," she said. "Living in the 'shadow of the steeple' is a constant reminder for me to live my faith. The people of the parish and school not only call me to live my faith, but also assist me in that calling."

Bloom has noticed an increase in weddings and baptisms, as well as enrollment in the school — which she finds to be a "rich mixture of new families and generational families" that strengthens the Most Precious Blood community.

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Father Laurence Tippman as assistant pastor in September 1974. The new principal was Sister Johnine Heinze, a Dominican sister.

Mary Waning, a longtime parishioner, remembered when she first joined Queen of Angels School as a fifth-grade teacher and a member of the parish community, in 1972.

"I joined the church because I wanted to be part of the community where my students went to school and church," said Waning. "Also, I liked the idea of a smaller community. This is a large, friendly neighborhood church where members knew each other, and the families worked together by volunteering for many different events. Three of our four children were baptized there, three made their first Communion, and two were confirmed at our parish."

In the summer of 1980, Marjorie Mommer became the first lay principal of Queen of Angels School and Father Edward Krason was assigned as Queen of Angels priest in residence. A convent was remodeled into a rectory that year as well.

Msgr. Manoski retired in July 1982 and Father Barry England was appointed pastor. In 1983, Steven Bloomfield became principal of the school and Msgr. J. William Lester came to live in residence. In September 1983, kindergarten was begun in the school.

The parish, after much hard



Photos provided by Queen of Angels Parish

The Msgr. Faber Center was constructed at Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, in 1988.



The rectory and parish office of Queen of Angels is next to the school.

Father Gary Sigler was appointed the church's seventh pastor. In June 2007, the parish residence at 2312 Cambridge Blvd. was sold with

work and many sacrifices, added an activities center in the spring of 1988, which included a gym, kitchen and meeting rooms. The center was named for the parish's founding pastor, Msgr. Faber, who joined in the celebration of the parish's 50th anniversary Mass and the official groundbreaking for the activities center on Sept. 14, 1997.

January 2003 saw an extensive renovation of the parish and sanctuary. In August 2005,

the diocese's permission. The parish office was renovated to include private living quarters for the pastor.

In July 2014, Father Ajay Tiru was assigned to Queen of Angels Parish as its ninth and current pastor, and Queen of Angels School is proud to offer students in preschool through eighth grade a Catholic education in the West State street neighborhood.



Students from Most Precious Blood School work on a prayer book for the Year of Mercy in 2016.

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venir book that showcases Most Precious Blood's history from 1897 to 1929 elaborates on the hidden treasure of details that make this parish so dedicated to keeping the church and school

alive. An excerpt from a poem by an unknown poet succinctly sums up the slow-but-steady growth of Most Precious Blood:

*"Great things from small beginnings flow;
Tall oaks from tiny acorns grow;
Small leaves make up the massive trees;
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Sometimes you have to bend the rules

Recently a gentleman presented to one of my cardiology colleagues in the office for evaluation of symptoms that can best be described as vague and nonspecific. He happened to be Catholic, and he attends a parish in our diocese. He gave me permission to share his story.

One of the symptoms he reported was what doctors call a Globus sensation. This is a feeling of something caught in your throat. The most common cause of this symptom is actually anxiety or nervousness. When doctors hear this described, they don't normally think it's the heart. He also described some intermittent discomfort in his upper back. His electrocardiogram was distinctly abnormal and strongly suggested cardiac ischemia (reduced blood flow to the heart muscle). My astute partner diagnosed him with unstable angina, despite his unimpressive symptoms, and recommended immediate hospitalization for testing. He believed there was a high likelihood of a significant coronary artery blockage.

I was one of the cardiologists working in the hospital that week, so I assumed his care. It wasn't too long after I met him, and outlined our plan for a coronary angiogram, that he told me there was a complicating family issue. His only daughter was getting married on Saturday, less than 48 hours later. I told him that I was hopeful that we would find a coronary blockage that could be fixed with a stent on Friday. Hopefully, we could

then discharge him Saturday in time for his daughter's wedding. But the heart catheterization was performed and, unfortunately, that was not the case this time.

There are times when the blockages we find are very strategically located and not optimal for stenting. The best and safest option in these circumstances is referral to our surgical team for bypass surgery. One of his blockages was a very critical 99 percent LAD stenosis. You know, the one they call the "Widow Maker."

Even though I had just met this man, all the other physicians on the team were more than happy to leave the decision as to the timing of his bypass surgery to me. (Thanks, guys!) I reviewed his angiograms and believed that he needed prompt bypass surgery. The coronary blockages were ugly, as we sometimes say in the business, and I had to recommend he stay at rest in the hospital through the weekend on intravenous blood thinners to prevent one of the critical blockages from occluding before we could get him to the operating room.

The partner of mine who had initially seen this man in the office also reviewed the angiogram. I distinctly remember what he said to me after reviewing the pictures: "If one red blood cell goes through that blockage sideways, it could be all over." It was time to have a serious heart-to-heart discussion with my patient.

We sat down in his hospital room and had a talk. He asked me if there were any

THE CATHOLIC DOCTOR IS IN

DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

other options for him to walk his daughter down the aisle. I first told him he would have to accept a risk that I estimated to be about a 5 percent chance of a disastrous outcome if he left the hospital. But I told him I would work with him and not mandate the plan. He decided to go to his daughter's wedding and accept the risk.

We then devised the plan. At 10 a.m. on Saturday we would stop his heparin. At 11 a.m., as the heparin began to wear off, I would give him a shot of subcutaneous Lovenox (a blood thinner that would slowly be absorbed through the subcutaneous tissue, keeping his blood thin for 12 hours) to hopefully keep him from clotting off his 99 percent lesion. He would then mysteriously disappear from the hospital. I told him if he was not back by 10 p.m. to be started back on his heparin drip he would turn into a pumpkin.

You may be wondering why he had to mysteriously disappear. This is the other interesting piece of the story. In the old days, I could let patients go on a leave of absence from the hospital, but not now. Insurance companies now say that if you leave

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Don't wait for the young adult group to get involved in your parish

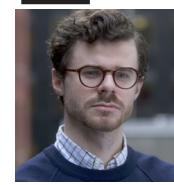
Young adults are tough to minister to. We're on the move, our peers aren't going to church with us, and we're most likely to sneak out of the back of the church before someone can hand us a parish registration form.

But we desperately want community — and faith-based ones especially. As we move into new phases in life, we remember fondly the bonds that were formed in our high school youth groups and campus ministry service trips.

One of the things that has surprised me most about starting a new podcast for young Catholics is how many people write in to say that just knowing there are other young Catholics out there on the other end of their headphones is a consolation for them.

Unfortunately, so many of us suffer from this awful tendency to demand a Catholic Catch-22: @Goodtweet_man tweeted: "Me: Heck yeah I'm a pious Catholic who wants more community ... Also me: no I won't join any church groups."

The preparatory document for the 2018 synod on youth instructs the church to "give major importance to young people's involvement in the structures of participation in diocesan and parish communities, starting with pastoral councils, inviting young people to make their



ZAC DAVIS

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creative contribution and accepting their ideas, even when they appear challenging."

I think the document has it right. The onus is on parishes to open up spaces for young adults to serve. But so many young adults hold back from engaging in parish life because we're waiting for the world's most dynamic young adult group to form before we make any first moves toward committing to a parish or community.

That's what it was like for me.

I was nervous when I filled out the information card for ARISE, a new small-group, faith-sharing program held once a week in the home of a parishioner. I had apprehensions about not knowing anyone in the group, about being the youngest person by far, and therefore not having enough life experience to have anything meaningful to contribute.

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Forgive others and the Lord will forgive you



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matt. 18:21-35

The Book of Sirach is the source of this weekend's first biblical reading. Sirach's author was Joshua, the son of Sirach. He should not be confused with Joshua, active centuries earlier as a disciple of Moses and leader of the Hebrews as they passed into the Promised Land.

Written in Jerusalem, originally in Hebrew, Sirach lost the right many years ago to be regarded as sacred Scripture because some very strict and conservative scholars presumed it to have been written first in

Greek, instead of Hebrew. In fact, its Hebrew original was later translated into Greek.

Evidently Joshua, son of Sirach, operated a school in Jerusalem for young men. (Young women received no formal education.) His great interest was to teach ethics to his students. Thus, this book is very much a testament of Jewish belief in God and of Jewish belief in right and wrong.

Composed less than 200 years before Christ, Sirach indicates the intellectual environment in which it appeared. It was an environment affecting even pious Jews, filled with regard for human logic — a circumstance taken from the Greeks, whose military exploits had overtaken much of Asia Minor, including the Holy Land.

The reading frankly calls upon its audience to forgive the faults of others and to trust in the merciful God. Wrath and anger are hateful things, the reading insists. No one who succumbs to these faults should expect mercy from God.

St. Paul's Epistle to the

Romans provides the second reading.

Probably the great majority of Christian Romans, to whom this epistle first was written, were among the poorer classes, tempted to look longingly at the rich and aristocratic, assuming that the privileged controlled their own destinies.

Instead, Paul insists, God controls the lives of all. All belong to the Lord.

For its last reading this weekend, from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus answers the question of how often and to what extent must disciples forgive wrongs done them.

Even 2,000 years ago, people hurt each other. Roughly, and generally speaking, they also lived as we live. We owe debts, material or otherwise, to others. We yearn. We suffer. We despair.

How should we react to hurts? The Lord answers that disciples must forgive, not "seven" times, but "seventy times seven." The number meant complete, absolute and total.

True Christian forgiveness, however, must in all things take

account of, and resemble, God. Those stingy with forgiveness are not of God.

Christian forgiveness, so powerfully noted here but also elsewhere in the Gospels, reveals the essence of the redemption, that in Christ we, as sinners, are forgiven. In turn, this reveals again that "God is love," and that always God's will for us is that we should live eternally.

Reflection

The church these weeks, on the threshold of fall, calls us to be good disciples; but it takes no one down a primrose path. St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, source of the second reading, reminds us also of who we are. We are humans. All of us must cope with human imperfections.

In the last analysis, we belong to God. God created us. God invites us to eternal life. God loves us. God's will to forgive us never ends, nor even pauses.

Indeed, the fact that we may choose to seek forgiveness, or not, underscores the reality of our humanity. We are free. It

also shows our foolhardiness and sinfulness at times.

While this reading from Matthew comforts us with promises of God's mercy, it more broadly calls us to discipleship. As disciples, we must bear witness to God's love by loving others. We must love ourselves by determining to live forever with God.

In a phrase, we must follow Jesus. The Lord loved us, even to death on the cross.

READINGS

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 34:1-13 Ps 101:1-3, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 23:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 8:4-15

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the hospital even for a short time, that indicates you really didn't have to be in the hospital. Therefore, they might use this as an excuse to not pay for the hospitalization. They are always looking for ways to cut costs or not pay. The team of nurses covering this unit were very cooperative in our clandestine plan, but worried they might be found out and get into trouble. I calmed their nerves by telling them I would not throw them under the bus, and I promised to take full responsibility if our plot collapsed on us.

Just one hour after he left the hospital our plan nearly blew up, when one of the cardiovascular surgeons came by to talk to the patient and found the

bed empty. A quick-thinking nurse said to the surgeon she just wasn't quite sure where he was right then. They heard the surgeon mumbling something under his breath as he left the unit. In the late afternoon, I was going to see another patient and walked by his room to find his door open, but curtains drawn so you could not see his empty bed. There were several nurses sitting at the station right across from the room. They observed me going into the room, and standing inside the closed curtain so I could not be seen but heard, I asked in a loud voice, "How are you doing this afternoon sir?"

As I walked out of the room, I smiled and told the nurses that they could now chart "Dr. Kaminkas came by to check on the patient." Well, it's all true, isn't it?

Our escapee — I mean, patient — came back to the hospital at 10 p.m. with little time

to spare. He told me he walked his daughter down the aisle just as he had always dreamed he would. He also was able to enjoy one slow dance with his daughter and one with his wife during the evening's festivities. He went on to have successful coronary bypass surgery on Monday morning. Praise the Lord.

I spent the next several days wondering what I would have done in the same situation. Would I have stayed in the hospital on IV blood thinners or walked my daughter down the aisle? I decided I would have said a Hail Mary ... and gone to the wedding.

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IN LIGHT

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And as I sat around George and Kathleen's table for the first meeting, I realized those apprehensions that I had were accurate — but they weren't at all limitations.

There are some things that you just can't get at a Theology on Tap event with other 20-somethings: like being in the presence of two couples, one married for 25 years and the other more than 50, while I began a new relationship; hearing about the faith of parents and single adults; and learning that friendship can be just as much of a challenge later in life

but remains fiercely as important.

Young adult Catholics suffer from lacking a community of other young adults, but we fundamentally suffer from a lack of a wider Catholic community. A parish can offer that — even without the hip, young adult group.

If you're nervous about going to a meeting or a program alone — that's OK. See if you can find just one other person your age who would want to go with you. They could be a fellow parishioner or just someone who you Soul Cycle with and also happens to not think it's totally crazy that you go to Mass on Sundays.

Now, this isn't exactly a strategy for some of our peers who haven't been active in the church for a long time, or ever. New

modes of evangelization remain to be developed there.

But for those of us who have had recent experiences being a part of a church community, whether that was your Catholic high school or your college campus ministry center, we can take a courageous first step into welcoming the community that a parish can give us, imperfect as it may be.

Join the conversation: Email inlightoffaith@catholicnews.com.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for September 17, 2017

Matthew 18:21-35

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: on how difficult it is to forgive. Words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PETER	OFTEN	SEVEN TIMES
SEVENTY SEVEN	KING	ACCOUNTS
ORDERED	BE SOLD	WIFE
CHILDREN	PAYMENT	PAY YOU
FORGAVE	YOU OWE	PRISON
DEBT	SUMMONED	WICKED
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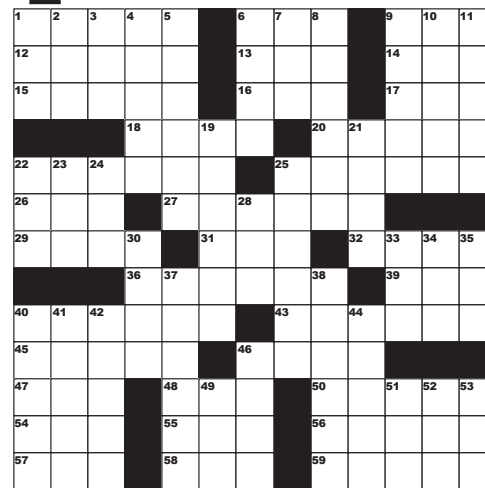
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Born to a farm family on Italy's Ligurian coast, Giovanni Croese first entered the Conventual Franciscans but in 1825 switched to the Capuchins in Genoa for a more austere lifestyle. He took the name Francis Mary. For many years he was the Capuchins' questor, begging food for the community by going door to door. He developed a reputation as a seer and miracle-worker, and offered himself to God to end a cholera epidemic ravaging Genoa. He died while ministering to cholera victims, and after his death the epidemic abated. This lay brother, who said he "came to the convent to be its beast of burden," was canonized in 1962.

The Cross Word

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Sunday readings: Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35 & Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24,27a; Mt 20:1-16a

ACROSS

- 1 End
- 6 Tiny
- 9 Tree in Mamre
- 12 Raccoon-like animal
- 13 Fortify
- 14 Defraud
- 15 "Wrath and ___"
- 16 Gross national product (abbr.)
- 17 Before, poetically
- 18 Sock's partner
- 20 Raging
- 22 Folksy art
- 25 Stadia

- 26 No room here
- 27 "The kingdom of ___"
- 29 Fifth book in the New Testament
- 31 Psalm could be one
- 32 "The ___ & the living"
- 36 Sins
- 39 West by north
- 40 Brawny
- 43 Mother ___
- 45 Japanese city
- 46 Eastern continent
- 47 Arabic for "exalted"
- 48 Compass point
- 50 Zero

- 54 Priest title (abbr.)
- 55 Deer
- 56 Form of "Esther"
- 57 Compass point
- 58 Attention Deficit (abbr.)
- 59 Devil

DOWN

- 1 Farm credit adm. (abbr.)
- 2 Charged particle
- 3 Complain
- 4 Objects
- 5 Ecclesiasticus
- 6 "Agree on a daily ___"
- 7 Gray sea eagle
- 8 Roman ___
- 9 Pacific, for example
- 10 Main artery
- 11 Debtor fell to ___
- 19 Hypothesis
- 21 Rip
- 22 Killed in action
- 23 Business title ending
- 24 Dynamite
- 25 Forestalls
- 28 Hubbub
- 30 "___ the Lord"
- 33 Nathan used to teach David
- 34 Abdominal muscles
- 35 Deoxyribonucleic acid
- 37 African country
- 38 Captured
- 40 Flies
- 41 Islands
- 42 Simple
- 44 God will "___ us from the dead"
- 46 Reverent
- 49 Affirmative gesture
- 51 Long-term memory
- 52 Chief exec. officer
- 53 Bidly

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Beatification of Father Stanley Rother
NOTRE DAME — Father Stanley Rother, an Oklahoma-born martyr who served as a priest in Guatemala for thirteen years, will be beatified in Oklahoma City on Sept. 23. He will become the first recognized martyr to have been born in the United States. At 10 a.m. Rev. Robert Pelton, CSC, will give a presentation on Father Stanley Rother followed by a live streaming of the Beatification Mass for Venerable Servant of God Stanley Francis Rother in Andrews Auditorium, 342 Geddes Hall.

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Annual Bishop's Appeal —

Over 30 years of helping the diocese and parishes grow and thrive

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

It seems that all one hears and sees in the news lately is how diversity and differences can divide people. But what Catholics must remember are the words of St. Paul in Romans 12:5: "We, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."

While Catholics within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend speak different languages and have different roots, certainly everyone can come together for the common good and be a blessing to others when the focus is on faith-filled unity and sameness as members of one body in Christ.

This year, the words of St. Paul are worth remembering as the diocese enters into the season of the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

"Our diocese is enriched by the diversity of our members, faithful of different races and cultures, ethnicities and languages," said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

"I see diverse communities and ministries throughout our wonderful diocese and the many diverse gifts that contribute to the welfare of the church. At the same time, there is a beautiful unity in this diversity, our unity in the faith we have received from the Apostles and our unity in the love poured out by the Holy Spirit." He noted that the Annual Bishop's Appeal "supports the many diverse gifts that contribute to the welfare of the church."

The ministries supported by the Annual Bishop's Appeal include evangelization, formation and education, family and pasto-



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Through the generous giving of people across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, during the Annual Bishop's Appeal, various ministries — including education — can continue.

ral life, and charity. Every year, parishioners come together to make sure these vital ministries continue and grow.

In the past few years of the campaign, the participation rate in the Annual Bishop's Appeal has averaged around 37 percent, or 19,900 families. Of each of these families, the average gift is \$345. And almost all parishes met or exceeded their annual parish goals: As a result, the total amount of funds returned to those parishes was just under \$1.7 million.

This year, the goal for the Annual Bishop's Appeal is \$5.33 million. The hope is that "everyone participates, no matter how large of a donation, as all gifts of all sizes are needed and appreciated," said Jeffery M.

Boetticher, director of the Office of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, who added that the success of the appeal for the diocese should also equate to success for individual parishes.

History of the appeal

Before the first Annual Bishop's Appeal, the work of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was financed, in part, by 13 percent tax on all parish income. The late Bishop John M. D'Arcy initiated a new structure that allowed individual parishes the freedom to raise money for capital projects and other ministerial needs without the burden of a percentage going to the diocese.

At that time the 13 percent

was taken from all income, including tuition, offertory, campaigns, bequests and other items. The bishop, together with his presbyteral council and leadership team devised a two-part solution still in use today.

The first part of the solution reduced the percentage to only 6 percent, and only included offertory funds. Six percent is well below the national average of 12 percent to 15 percent for parishes.

The second part was to introduce the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Two key components of the appeal are: 1) That every parish is assigned a mandatory minimum goal; and 2) Parishes keep 100 percent of the funds they raise above their goal.

While adopting these changes was risky, it has been "extremely successful," said Boetticher. He noted that the number of "building projects have skyrocketed, and programs

in the parishes and within (the) diocese have all increased." In fact, many parishes now expect and budget for an annual appeal coverage. "Many other dioceses are adopting similar plans to enhance not only the financial viability of their parishes, but of the diocese as well," said Boetticher.

According to the 2016 diocesan financial audit, the Annual Bishop's Appeal has helped to sustain parishes during its history.

"It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality," stated Joseph Ryan, director of the Office of Administrative Services for the diocese, in the audit report. "The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 30 years since the appeal began, our parishes have engaged in major capital fund drives. In the last 30 years, fund drives for parishes have brought in over \$170,021,794 for new buildings and renovations approved by the Diocesan Finance Council. This includes parish initiatives linked to the Legacy of Faith. Also, over \$195,470,970 that would have

been paid to the diocese under the previous system now remains in the parishes. In addition, \$6 million from the appeal has been given in grants to parishes in need."

A comment from Bishop Kevin C.

Rhoades, made last year concerning the Annual Bishop's Appeal, is still relevant as the 2017 Annual Bishop's Appeal begins. "The generosity of the faithful in our diocese in the Annual Bishop's Appeal is a testament to their faith and love for God and His Church. I am very grateful for the sacrifices of so many to ensure that the ministries and good works of our diocese continue," he said.

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ROMANS 12:5

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