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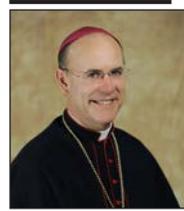
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# Thank you, Pope Francis!



IN TRUTH  
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

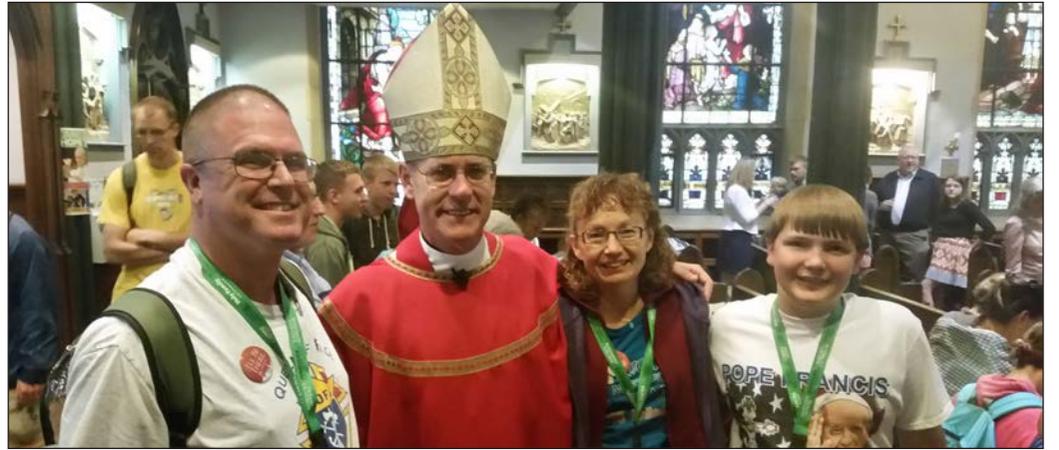
This past week in the United States, Pope Francis touched the hearts of millions of Americans, Catholics, other Christians, people of other faiths, and even unbelievers, with his message and witness of love, joy, humility, and hope. It was an incredible week as we welcomed with deep affection the successor of Saint Peter to our nation.

From the moment I entered the Fort Wayne airport to travel to Philadelphia and Washington, people approached me with excitement to talk about the visit of Pope Francis. Everywhere I went throughout the week, on the streets, in churches, restaurants, and hotels, people were smiling as they talked about the Pope's visit. It was extraordinary to see the interest of so many people, even strangers, who have been touched by the goodness and simplicity of our Holy Father.

I was happy to participate in several of the papal events as well as activities at the World Meeting of Families. Pope Francis spoke to the U.S. bishops during Midday Prayer on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Saint Matthew Cathedral in Washington. He encouraged us in our ministry, reminding us that is really God's ministry, not ours. The Holy Father reminded us that a bishop's ministry must be marked by compassion, joy, inclusivity, simplicity, dialogue, self-giving, mercy, and humility. I was especially moved by his words about the Church attracting people by being "the family fire" that offers warmth, comfort, and community. Pope Francis encouraged us to care for the poor and immigrants and to stay close to our people, keeping our eyes focused on Jesus and our hearts open to others. I thought about how the Pope models these things in his own life and ministry.

Later on Wednesday, we concelebrated with the Holy Father the canonization Mass of Saint Junipero Serra outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. In his homily, the Pope reflected on Saint Paul's words in his letter to the Philippians: *Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, rejoice!* Pope Francis asked: "How do we make the joy of the Gospel increase and take deeper root in our lives?" He said that Jesus gives us the answer: He told us to go forth and proclaim the Gospel. This is what Father Serra did. Pope Francis said: "the joy of the Gospel is something to be experienced, something to be known and lived only through giving it away, through giving ourselves away." As he does so often, the Holy Father called all Catholics to be missionary disciples, saying that this is what keeps the faith alive and joyful.

On Thursday, I returned to Philadelphia. That evening, I celebrated Mass at Saint Peter Church and the Shrine of Saint John Neumann. It was a Mass for the deaf and persons with disabilities who were participating in the World Meeting of Families. My family and several faithful of our diocese attended the Mass. The church was full with hundreds of persons with various kinds of disabilities, the blind, the deaf, and their families and caregivers. Despite the crosses they carry, the people prayed and sang



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**The Fitzmaurice family stands with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades following the Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Philadelphia during the World Meeting of Families.**

with much joy. They know the Lord's tender love and teach us so much about perseverance in faith in the midst of trials and suffering. I was very moved by this liturgy and an encounter I had there with a man who was blind and deaf. I could only communicate with him by touch. These are truly God's especially beloved children and must be welcomed as our beloved brothers and sisters in the Church.

Friday was mostly free so I met with old friends and enjoyed walking through center city Philadelphia. We visited the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul and the outdoor shrine there of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. Thousands of people wrote prayer intentions on cloth and tied and attached them at the shrine where others untied the cloth and prayed for one another's intentions. We also visited and prayed at the relics of Saint Maria Goretti brought from Italy to Saint John the Evangelist Church for the World Meeting of Families.

On Saturday morning, I was happy to celebrate Mass with the pilgrims from our diocese at Saint John the Evangelist Church. Three of our priests concelebrated the Mass: Father Daryl Rybicki, Father Glenn Kohrman, and Father Andrew Curry. Saint John's is a beautiful church, the former cathedral of the Philadelphia Archdiocese, including when Saint John Neumann was the bishop. It was also the home parish of Saint Katharine Drexel and her family. It was good to see many people from our diocese enjoying the World Meeting of Families and looking forward with excitement to see Pope Francis.

On Saturday, Pope Francis arrived in Philadelphia from New York. Despite the very tight security and closed streets, the people's enthusiasm was not dampened. As in Washington and New York, the streets were filled with people hoping to catch a glimpse of the Holy Father. I and my brother bishops again went through screening by the Secret Service and were bussed to the event at Independence Hall. It was a long wait, but well worth it to see Pope Francis standing before the seat of our nation's independence. While waiting, I was happy to chat a while with former Pennsylvania governor, Tom Corbett and his wife, whom I hadn't seen since leaving Harrisburg.

Speaking from the podium used by President Abraham Lincoln for the Gettysburg Address, Pope Francis praised our nation's immigrant history. He encouraged the many immigrants in attendance, saying: "I ask you not to forget that, like those who came here before you, you bring many gifts to your new nation." Hearing these words, I thought about the gifts that many immigrants bring to the Church in our diocese.

Pope Francis also spoke about religious freedom in his speech in front of Independence Hall, reminding us about the ideals on which our nation was founded. He spoke of religious freedom as "an essential part of the American spirit." Clearly the Holy Father is aware of the challenges we face today in defending our religious freedom here in the United States.

The climax of the papal visit began Saturday evening with the Festival of Families on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. It was a festive evening with beautiful music and faith-filled testimonies given by families representing the five continents. Pope Francis set aside his prepared speech and gave what I thought was his most animated and passionate talk of his U.S. visit. He spoke about the family. He shared some witty stories. He noted with humor how kids often ask difficult questions. He shared a question a child once asked him: "Father, what did God do before creating the world?" The Pope shared his answer: "Before creating the world, God loved, because God is love: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." God's love was then poured out in creation and most importantly in creating the family. And later His love came into the world with His Son who entered the world through the family, through Mary and Joseph who accepted, welcomed, and loved Him. The Holy Family shows us the mission of the family: love. This love involves the cross. The love of the family overcomes division and is the foundation of peace and goodness in society. The Pope's message really resonated with the huge crowd which seemed to hang onto his every word.

On Sunday, nearly a million people gathered throughout the day along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and nearby for the final Mass of the papal visit and the World Meeting of Families. We bishops again went through security clearance and arrived two hours before Mass began. In the homily at this beautiful liturgy, the Holy Father again spoke about the family. He stressed the importance of small acts of love in family life. "Love is shown by little things," he said. They show that the Spirit is alive and at work. The Pope called them "little miracles" that are signs of Christ's own living and active presence in our world.

Before the Holy Father boarded the plane to return to Rome, he said his time in the United States had been "days of great grace" for him. He prayed they were also days of great grace for us. They were for me. I hope and pray that Pope Francis' visit, his words and his example, will motivate and inspire us and all Americans and will bear much good fruit for the Church's mission in our country. Thank you, Holy Father! And as he asked many times, let us pray for him!

# Serve, care for each other, pope tells families at closing Mass

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Pope Francis urged the hundreds of thousands of people gathered for the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families to serve and care for each other as freely as God loves the human family.

The pope called upon the faithful to embrace signs that the Holy Spirit can work through everyone. He referred to the readings in the multilingual Mass — from the Book of Numbers and the Gospel of Mark — in which members of the faith community questioned the work of those not part of their group and for prophesying in the name of God.

“To raise doubts about the working of the Spirit, to give the impression that it cannot take place in those who are not ‘part of our group,’ who are not ‘like us,’ is a dangerous temptation,” the pope said. “Not only does it block conversion to the faith; it is a perversion of faith. Faith opens a window to the presence and working of the Spirit. It shows us that, like happiness, holiness is always tied to little gestures.”

Illustrating his point before the Mass, Pope Francis engaged in “little gestures” himself along the papal parade route to the Mass, kissing and blessing many babies brought to him from the sidewalk throngs by Secret Service agents, who themselves managed to crack smiles after days of maintaining a stern demeanor as they guarded the pontiff.

Pope Francis recalled that Jesus encountered “hostility from people who did not accept what He said and did,” saying they thought it intolerable that Christ was open to honest and sincere faith from men and women who were not part of God’s chosen people.

“The disciples, for their part, acted in good faith. But the temptation to be scandalized by the freedom of God, who sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous alike, bypassing bureaucracy, officialdom and inner circles, threatens the authenticity of faith. Hence it must be vigorously rejected,” he said.

“Once we realize this, we can understand why Jesus’ words about causing ‘scandal’ are so harsh. For Jesus, the truly ‘intolerable’ scandal consists in everything that breaks down and destroys our trust in the working of the Spirit,” he continued.

Pope Francis held up the family as vital to building the Church for the future. He said love must be freely shared for faith to grow.

“That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to become faith,” he said.

“Little gestures” of love exist daily in the lives of family and serve to carry on God’s love as well, Pope Francis explained.

“These little gestures are those we learn at home, in the family.



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An image of the Holy Family is seen as Pope Francis celebrates the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families on Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia Sept. 27.

They get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, by fathers and grandfathers, by children. They are little signs of tenderness, affection and compassion,” he said.

“Like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work. Homely gestures. Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day’s work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home.”

Pope Francis asked the worshippers to consider how they share God’s love with people in their families and in the world around them.

“What kind of world do we want to leave to our children?” he asked, referencing a line in his encyclical “Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home.”

“Our common house can no longer tolerate sterile divisions,” he continued. “The urgent challenge of protecting our home includes the effort to bring the entire human family together in the pursuit of a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change.”

The pope asked the congregation to consider how they treat each other in their own home. “Do we shout or do we speak to each other with love and tenderness? That’s a good way of measuring our love.”

Calling the Church to renew faith in the word of God, the pope said people can live prophetic lives as a “kind of miracle in today’s world.”

“Would that we could all be prophets. Would that all of us could be open to miracles of love for the sake of all the families of the world, and thus overcome the scandal of a narrow, petty love, closed in on

itself, impatient of others,” he said.

As the Mass concluded, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, who also was lead Vatican organizer of the World Meeting of Families, announced the next meeting will take place in Dublin, in 2018.

Six families, representing five

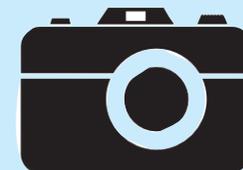
continents, received copies of the Gospel of Luke. Families from Syria, Vietnam, France, Australia, Congo and Cuba were chosen for their Church involvement and faith life. The Vatican also planned to distribute 100,000 copies of Luke’s Gospel in the families’ home countries.



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 4, 3 p.m. — 125th Anniversary Mass of University of Saint Francis at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop’s Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Oct. 5, 6 p.m. — Mass and Dinner with Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne, Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m. — Red Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. — All Schools Mass, Purcell Pavilion, University of Notre Dame
- Thursday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m. — Mass at Catholic School Mission Day, Saint Joseph High School, South Bend
- Thursday, Oct. 8, 12 p.m. — Lunch and Meeting with Catholic students at Bethel College, Mishawaka
- Friday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m. — Mass at Catholic School Mission Day, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m. — Mass at ZEAL Missionary

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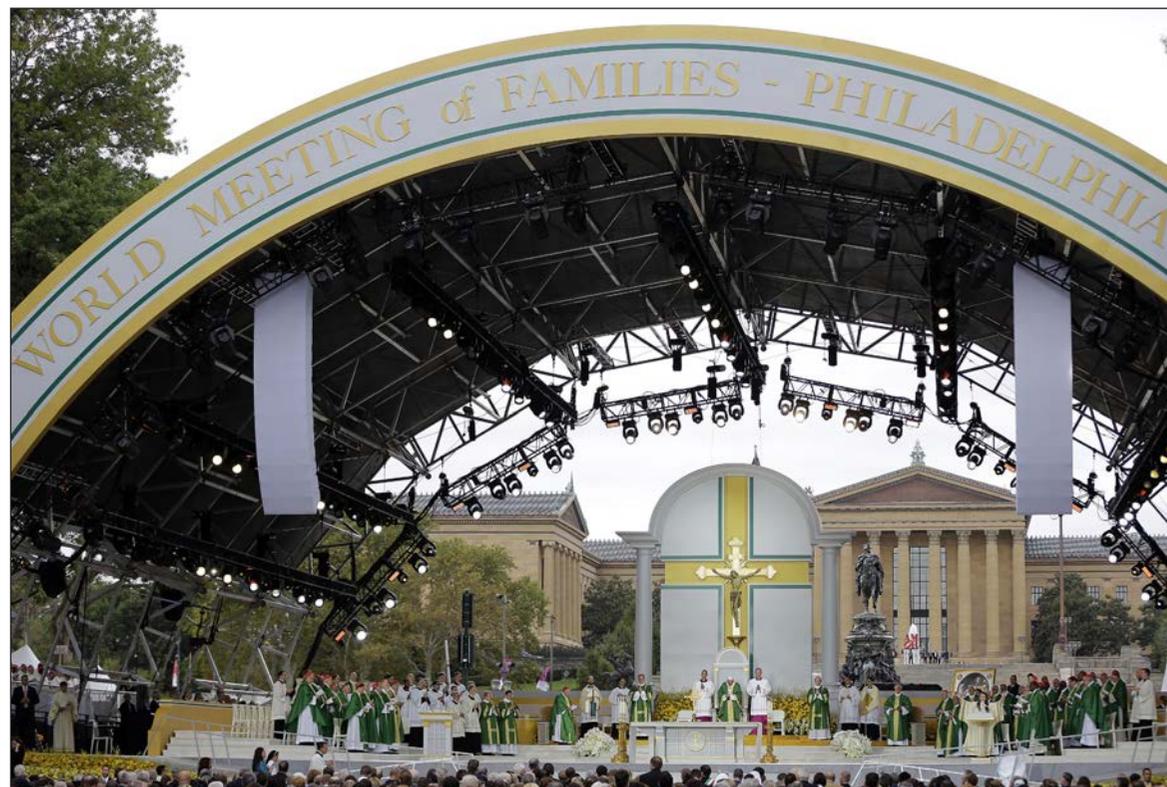
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Pope Francis celebrates Mass for the closing of the World Meeting of Families Sept. 27 in Philadelphia.

# Pope says he left U.S. praying for, impressed by its people

BY CINDY WOODEN

## ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM PHILADELPHIA (CNS)

— As the American Airlines plane taking him to Rome from Philadelphia took off, Pope Francis said he pictured the faces of all the people he met, and he prayed for them.

At the end of his first-ever visit to the United States, the pope told reporters he “was surprised by the warmth of the people” and how they were “so loving. It was beautiful.”

Spending close to 50 minutes with members of the media flying back to Rome with him Sept. 27, the pope said he also was struck by the sincere piety of people at his Masses and prayer services.

Shortly after takeoff, Pope Francis responded to a dozen questions, including why he spoke with such compassion to U.S. bishops in Washington about what they went through in the aftermath of the clerical sex abuse crisis.

“I felt a need to express compassion because what happened was horrible, and many of them suffered a lot,” the pope said. For “men of prayer, good pastors” the crisis was truly a “tribulation.”

Sexual abuse occurs in families, schools and other environments, he said, but when the abuser is a priest it is “a kind of sacrilege,” because a priest’s job is to help a person grow in love of God and, instead, an abusive priest “squashes” his victims.

An abusive priest “has betrayed his vocation, the call of the Lord, and those who covered these things up is also guilty; even some bishops covered this up. It was a horrible

thing. And my words of comfort were not to say, ‘well, be tranquil, it was nothing,’ — no, no, not that. But it was such a bad time that I imagine they wept a lot.”

Pope Francis said he understands survivors who feel they cannot forgive their abusers and those who have lost their faith in God because of it.

“I pray for them,” he said.

On another topic, a U.S. reporter referred to the Kentucky county clerk, Kim Davis, who refused to issue a marriage license to a gay couple because of her religious beliefs. The reporter asked Pope Francis to comment on the discussions in the United States regarding religious liberty and its possible limits.

Pope Francis said he had no idea of the specific case, but he insisted that “conscientious objection is a right — it is a human right.” If some rights can be denied in certain circumstances, he said, then it would turn into a situation where people were determining some human rights were more important than others.

When asked further about the county clerk, the pope said since the official was a human being then that official should enjoy the full range of human rights, including the right to follow her conscience.

Asked about the role of women in the Church, Pope Francis said not ordaining women does not mean the Church does not recognize how essential they are to its life and ministry, which is one of the reasons he highlighted the contributions of consecrated women.

“The sisters in the United States have done marvelous things — in



CNS PHOTO/ALEX WONG, POOL

**Members of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration from Mishawaka pray the rosary as they wait for the beginning of the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia Sept. 27. Pope Francis was concluding his six-day visit to the United States by celebrating Mass before an estimated crowd of more than 1 million people.**

the field of education, in the field of health care. And the people of the United States love the sisters.”

“I felt like I needed to thank them for what they have done,” he said.

After participating in the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia and looking ahead to the opening Oct. 4 of the Synod of Bishops on the family, Pope Francis was asked about his decision to streamline the process for declaring the nullity of marriages.

He insisted the change was strictly juridical and not doctrinal. It is not “Catholic divorce,” he said. The annulment process needed reform because with automatic appeals “there were processes that lasted 10-15 years.”

The annulment process does

not dissolve a marriage, but rather investigates whether or not a valid sacramental marriage was present from the beginning, he said.

The decision to issue the new rules for the process responds to a request made by the majority of bishops at the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family last year, he said.

The question of finding some sort of process or “penitential path” to readmit to the sacraments Catholics who have remarried without an annulment is something still on the synod’s agenda, he said. “It seems a bit simplistic to me to say they can receive Communion,” but it is an issue that needs further dis-

ussion.

Another issue touched upon during his U.S. visit was migration. Pope Francis had told the U.S. Congress, “Our world is facing a refugee crisis of a magnitude not seen since the Second World War.”

On the plane he told reporters that the world cannot pretend the crisis currently impacting Europe sprang up overnight. He said it was provoked by years of war and tensions in the Middle East and by decades of hunger and tensions in Africa, a continent that continues to be exploited by the world’s rich nations when some investment would create jobs and help people live dignified lives in their homelands.

As for the idea of some European nations to start building walls or fences to keep migrants out, Pope Francis said the influx of newcomers needs to be handled intelligently, “but walls are not the solution.”

Erecting walls, he said, “the problems remain and they remain with increased hatred.”

Pushed to comment on his popularity, Pope Francis insisted he doesn’t feel like a “star” because of all the crowds that flocked to meet him. Besides, he said, stars tend to come and go.

The pope is called to be “the servant of the servants of God — that’s a bit different than a star,” he said. “Stars are beautiful to watch; I like to gaze at them when the sky is clear. But the pope must be the servant of the servants of God.”



## Mass & Reception

**Mass for the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi  
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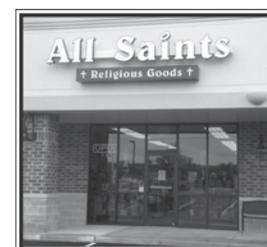
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# Pope canonizes Junipero Serra, says faith is alive only when shared

BY CINDY WOODEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Canonizing the 18th-century Spanish missionary, Blessed Junipero Serra, Pope Francis insisted a person's faith is alive only when it is shared.

Celebrating a late afternoon Mass outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Sept. 23, the pope declared the holiness of St. Junipero, founder of a string of missions in California.

Some people had objected to the canonization — like the beatification of the Spaniard in 1988 — because of questions about how Father Serra treated the native peoples of California and about the impact of Spanish colonization on native peoples throughout the Americas.

Pope Francis mentioned the controversy only briefly, saying: "Junipero sought to defend the dignity of the native community, to protect it from those who had mistreated and abused it. Mistreatment and wrongs, which today still trouble us, especially because of the hurt which they cause in the lives of many people."

Vincent Medina, who has questioned the wisdom of the canonization, read the first Scripture reading in the Chochenyo language of the Ohlone people of Northern California.

Before the formal proclamation of the missionary's sainthood, a choir and the congregation chanted a litany invoking the intercession of Jesus, Mary, the apostles and a long list of saints, including other saints who lived and worked in the United States, such as St. Frances Cabrini, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John Neumann and St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first American Indian to be canonized. The can-



A banner displays an image of Blessed Junipero Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington just ahead of his canonization by Pope Francis.



onization of St. Junipero, however, was the first such ceremony to be celebrated in the United States rather than at the Vatican.

After the formal proclamation, Andrew Galvan, curator of Dolores Mission in San Francisco, brought a relic of St. Junipero up to a stand near the altar as a song was sung in Spanish accompanied by a drum-beat.

Catholics in the United States and throughout the world are indebted to St. Junipero and thousands of other witnesses who lived their faith and passed it on, the pope said in his homily.

St. Junipero "was excited about blazing trails, going forth to meet many people, learning and valuing their particular customs and ways of life," Pope Francis said.

A missionary's life is exciting and brings joy, he said, because it is not sedentary or turned in on itself. Sharing the Gospel is the way to keep experiencing the joy it brings and keeps the heart "from growing numb from being anesthetized."

More than speaking about St. Junipero, Pope Francis spoke about keeping faith alive and joyful, calling on all Catholics to be missionaries.

"Mission is never the fruit of a perfectly planned program or a well-organized manual," he told the crowd of about 25,000 people. "Mission is always the fruit of a life which knows what it is to be found and healed, encountered and forgiven."

Pope Francis insisted that Jesus does not give Christians "a short list of who is, or is not, worthy of receiving His message, His presence."

Instead, Jesus embraced people as they were, even those who were "dirty, unkept, broken," he said. Jesus says to believers today, like yesterday, "Go out and embrace life as it is, and not as you think it should be."

"The joy of the Gospel," the pope said, "is something to be experienced, something to be known and lived only through giving it away, through giving ourselves away."

Before the Mass, Pope Francis made a short visit inside the basilica, where he briefly greeted families and men and women studying to be priests and sisters. They had waited inside for more than two hours.

Parents like Margarita and Carlos Ramos, who brought their 7-year-old son Samuel to Mass, were in the pews, sharing a prayer before all started, while Secret Service snipers stayed alert in several balconies.

"I like Pope Francis because he

**Pope Francis greets guests including California Indians following Mass and the canonization of St. Junipero Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Sept. 23.**



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

**Pope Francis waves as he leaves the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception after celebrating Mass and the canonization of Junipero Serra Sept. 23 in Washington.**

was born in Argentina; he is one of us. I would love to have the chance to be blessed by him. I'm telling everybody in my second-grade class that I was sitting here the day he made Junipero Serra a saint."

"It is a historic moment," said Sister Maria Virgen Oyente of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara. She was in the line to get inside the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception with a group of about 20 nuns. "We are very happy to be here. The line is long and it is getting hot, but we are reading about Fray Junipero Serra, and that makes us feel better."

"My expectations for today are very high," said St. John Vianney College seminarian Gustavo Santos. "Imagine what it is to be in the same place with your pastor, the vicar of Christ on earth. I can't even describe it with my own words."

"I admire Pope Francis' simplicity and mercy for the poor and vulnerable," said Yoandy Gonzalez, born in Cienfuegos, Cuba, and currently attending St. John Seminary. "The pope teaches us all simple ways to truly live the Gospel as Christ every day."

**Contributing to this story was Constanza Morales.**

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## Text of Pope Francis' formula for canonization of Junipero Serra

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Here is the text of the formula for canonization of Junipero Serra, as pronounced by Pope Francis Sept. 23:

For the honor of the Blessed Trinity, the exaltation of the Catholic faith and the increase of the Christian life, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and our own, after due deliberation and frequent prayer for divine assistance, and having sought the counsel of many of our brother bishops, we declare and define Blessed Junipero Serra to be a saint, and we enroll him among the saints, decreeing that he is to be venerated as such by the whole Church. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



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Pope Francis raises a chalice as he celebrates Mass outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Sept. 23 in Washington.

# WASHINGTON D.C.

## Pope Francis arrives to begin three-city visit

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. (CNS) — Pope Francis arrived in the United States the late afternoon of Sept. 22 to begin his first apostolic journey as pontiff. His plane, an Alitalia jetliner, touched down at Joint Base Andrews near Washington at 3:51 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, nine minutes ahead of schedule.

In the minutes before and after the plane landed, a group of excited Catholics, after having prayed the rosary, began and sustained a chant: "We love Francis, yes we do; we love Francis, how 'bout you?" Other chants later erupted: "Ho, ho, hey, hey; welcome to the U.S.A.!" and "Francis-co!"

Ready to greet the pontiff as he descended from the plane, which bore U.S. and Vatican flags, were President Barack Obama, his wife, Michelle, and their two daughter, Sasha and Malia. A group of bishops stood on the tarmac waiting to greet Pope Francis, among them Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, in whose archdiocese Joint Base Andrews is located. Others on hand from the episcopacy were Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB vice president; Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington; Archbishop William E. Lori of



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**Pope Francis talks with Sister Marie Mathilde, 102, during his unannounced visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor residence in Washington Sept. 23. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, told reporters in Washington that evening that the papal visit was intended as a sign of support for the Little Sisters' lawsuit against the Obama administration's mandate that all employers offer contraceptive coverage in their health plans or participate in a religious "accommodation" that the sisters have refused. But Sister Constance Veit, communications director for the Little Sisters, said Pope Francis made no mention of the lawsuit during his visit.**

Baltimore, a former Washington auxiliary bishop; and Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Washington-based Archdiocese for the Military Services.

## Pope, 'son of immigrant family,' tells Obama he's ready to learn in U.S.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis introduced himself to President Barack Obama and all people of the United States as a "son of an immigrant family"

arriving in the United States for the first time to learn from others and to share from his own experience. In a country the pope said he knows was "largely built" by immigrant families, he made his debut speech to Americans Sept. 23 on the South Lawn of the White House with some 20,000 people in attendance. Obama told him, "Our backyard is not typically this crowded," but the attendance on a bright, sunny morning was a reflection of the devotion of U.S. Catholics "and the way your message of love and hope

has inspired so many people, across our nation and around the world." While obviously honored by the welcome, Pope Francis was clear in issuing several challenges, including by publicly voicing his support for the U.S. bishops' defense of religious freedom. The bishops have objected to the Obama Administration's efforts to force almost all employers, including many Catholic institutions, to fund contraception coverage in health insurance policies. "Mr. President," the pope told him, American Catholics want "a society which is truly tolerant and inclusive," one that safeguards individual rights and rejects "every form of unjust discrimination," but also respects the deeply held religious beliefs of citizens and the moral and ethical obligations that flow from them.

## Pope's words on immigration, bishops as pastors stand out at cathedral

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Francis had much to say to the U.S. bishops during his remarks at a midday prayer service at St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington Sept. 23, the first full day of his U.S. apostolic journey. Because of that, different bishops could take away different things.

What resonated most for Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas, was the pope's remarks about immigra-

tion. "It's a historical legacy but also something very, very real" today, Bishop Flores told Catholic News Service after the prayer service had ended.

"I liked how Pope Francis saw the immigrant as a gift, and how we are called to love one another," Bishop Flores added. "In the Rio Grande Valley, that means a lot. It was beautiful, beautiful."

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore took heart in what Pope Francis said to bishops about "the encouragement he gave to the episcopacy. He cares to see us express discipleship in our roles as pastors. That, and the care of the poor and the immigrants. It was a beautiful address."

## 'No justification whatsoever' for lack of housing, pope says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — "We can find no social or moral justification, no justification, no justification whatsoever, for lack of housing," Pope Francis told an audience of about 200 clients of Catholic Charities gathered at St. Patrick Church. "I want to be very clear," Pope Francis told the crowd, many of whom have low incomes, are immigrants, and receive medical care or clinical and mental health services from Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Washington.



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# Diocesan representatives at the Mass of Canonization of St. Junipero Serra

## Deacon Bob Garrow, diocesan seminarian from St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

Having the opportunity to see and hear Pope Francis and attend the canonization Mass of St. Junipero Serra is an opportunity that I will not forget. I have had the privilege of being at two papal Masses before: Pope Benedict XVI 2011 in Madrid in speaking to seminarians and 2012 at the opening of the year of faith in Rome.

Pope Francis' homily was extremely wonderful to hear, especially the words: "So let us go out, let us go forth to offer everyone the life of Jesus Christ. The people of God can embrace everyone because we are the disciples of the One who knelt before His own to wash their feet."

This resonated for me as I pray, think and ponder on my future Priesthood. I also enjoyed his reflection on our mission as Catholics, we are to evangelize and share the good news of Christ.

As Pope Francis said: "Go forth! Proclaim! The joy of the Gospel is something to be experienced, something to be known and lived only through giving it away, through giving ourselves away."

I am extremely excited that the United States and the Catholic Church in America has had this

historic visit, and I pray that from this visit many fruits will develop from it.

## Andrew Polaniecki, Communion acolyte and director of Campus Ministry at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame

I was moved during the canonization Mass during the Litany of Saints. During the litany the Church calls upon the Communion of Saints to intercede and help guide the Church. Included in the Litany was St. Brother André Bessette. In 2010, I attended the canonization of Brother André in Rome and to now hear his name invoked for the canonization of Junipero Serra was a breathtaking and emotional moment. Seeing the unity of the Church and an inner continuity to the faith and movement of the Church is a testimony to the workings of Divine Providence.

The Communion process involved the coordination of nearly 400 individuals, as nearly 200 deacons were needed to distribute Communion and an escort was needed for each deacon. During the 15 minutes that was allotted for Communion, the Blessed Sacrament was offered to 27,000 people. To be part of the organizing and planning that went into that process was a great honor. People were at the Mass to, of course, see the pope and participate in the canonization, but they were also there to encounter Christ in the Sacrifice of the Mass, and to see the joy on the faces of the congregation and the unity of the Church during Communion helped me be drawn into the sacramental power of the Church. It was a moment I will never forget.

## Michael Griffin, Ph.D., associate professor and chair, Department of Theology and director of Service Learning at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame

As we sat on the Capitol terrace listening to Pope Francis' address, I jumped for joy when I heard him name Dorothy Day as a key American icon. Not only had I participated in the great conference on Dorothy Day at the University of Saint Francis, but my wife and I were Catholic

Workers in South Bend. Both of us were formed in a style of Christian discipleship embodied by Dorothy Day: a radical commitment to non-violence and love of the poor.

In some ways, the role of Dorothy Day in this historic moment is astonishing. You have the first time ever that the leader of the Catholic Church speaks to Congress, and he points us to a woman who neither voted or paid taxes! Of course, her reason for these stands was a preference for the values of the Gospel, compared to what she saw as the values of an empire.

## Seminarian Mike Grasiniski, diocesan seminarian from St. Mary of the Annunciation, Bristol

I was able to get within feet of Pope Francis as he was entering the basilica. I thought I would keep my composure but it was absolutely overwhelming. Seeing the pope was a tremendous blessing and a great source of strength for my own journey toward the Priesthood.

## Dominican Brother Patrick Mary Briscoe, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne

For days, we watched as the excitement built (literally around us). Seeing the presence of so many, some who had come from so far, told the entire world of our love for the Holy Father, and our love for the Church.

As a young religious, I joined thousands of other religious and seminarians who were greeted by the Holy Father inside the basilica. As soon as Pope Francis entered, the silent church erupted with enthusiastic cheering! When I set eyes on the Holy Father, I couldn't help but think, here was the one the Lord had sent us, the one to guide us. The joy characteristic of Pope Francis' pontificate was palpable as he walked and stood among us.

One striking element of the Rite of Canonization itself was the Litany of Saints. The litany ended with a number of our American saints, including Indiana's own Mother Guérin. Hearing these names, then listening to the Holy Father's exhortation (during his homily) to "Keeping moving forward," I found the call to joyfully live for Christ exhilarating.

Immediately after the Canonization Mass, the Holy Father placed a Rosary at the feet of the Blessed Mother.



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A girl hugs Pope Francis as he visits with people at St. Maria's Meals Program of Catholic Charities in Washington Sept. 24.

## BRIEF

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After his remarks at St. Patrick's, he exited from a side door of the church to visit the main headquarters of the archdiocesan Catholic Charities agency, blessing the chapel there. Outside the Catholic Charities office Sept. 24, many homeless clients receive a meal from the St. Maria's Meals Program. He stopped at the line and told them with a smile,

"Buen apetito!" — "Enjoy your meal!" — to applause followed by a swarm of outstretched arms and hands. Pope Francis waded into the throng, waving and shaking hands, surrounded by nearly as many photographers and security agents as hungry people. He also posed for a number of selfies taken by ecstatic members of the crowd. Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser, who was a teen lector at her District of Columbia parish, stayed behind to talk with the homeless diners after the papal motorcade left.

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# NEW YORK

Pope at 9/11 Memorial:

## Violence is never impersonal, always brings tears

NEW YORK (CNS) — Honoring both the pain and the strength of the families of those who died at the World Trade Center on 9/11 and drawing on the pools of water that are part of the site's memorial, Pope Francis spoke about tears and quenching the world's longing for peace. "The water we see flowing toward that empty pit remind us of all those lives" lost in 2001, he said. "The flowing water is also a symbol of our tears. Tears at so much devastation and ruin, past and present."

The pope and New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan each left a single white rose on the edge of the fountain in Memorial Plaza. Pope Francis also met briefly with 20 family members of fallen first responders, shaking their hands, blessing them and listening to them carefully with the help of an interpreter. Gathered around the fountain were 1,000 people — including some injured when the Twin Towers fell.

Afterward, Pope Francis joined a varied group of religious leaders and about 400 people in Foundation Hall to offer prayers for the deceased and for peace in the world. Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove of Park Avenue Synagogue and Imam Khalid Latif, the Muslim chaplain at New York University, offered reflections before the pope spoke. "Intolerance and ignorance fueled those who attacked this place," Latif said. "We stand together as brothers and sisters to condemn their horrific acts of violence and honor each life that was lost."



Pope Francis joins representatives of religious communities for meditations on peace in Foundation Hall at the ground zero 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York Sept. 25.



Pope Francis addresses the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York Sept. 25.

speech on the eve of discussion of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and, later in the year, the Paris Conference on Climate Change.

The first hour of Pope Francis' visit was heavy on protocol and posing for official group photographs. He met privately with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and spoke briefly with U.N. employees, urging them to make their workplace a model of the peace and respect they work to promote around the world. He also paid tribute to the sacrifice of U.N. employees killed in the line of duty.

### People come first, human life is sacred, pope insists at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — Dealing with war, development, the economy or environmental concerns, bureaucrats and diplomats always must remember that the lives of real children, women and men are at stake, Pope Francis told the United Nations.

Helping to celebrate the organization's 70th anniversary, Pope Francis visited its headquarters Sept. 25 and pleaded with government

leaders and U.N. officials to keep the dignity and sacredness of every human life and the value of all creatures at the center of their concern.

"Above and beyond our plans and programs," he told the U.N. General Assembly, "we are dealing with real men and women who

live, struggle and suffer and are often forced to live in great poverty, deprived of all rights."

More than 190 heads of state were attending the General Assembly, and many of them made a point of being in the U.N.'s historic hall for Pope Francis'

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COMMENTATORS: **Edward Hahnenberg**, John Carroll University  
**Christian Smith**, University of Notre Dame  
**Dora Tobar**, Pastoral Office for Family Life and Hispanic Ministry, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

5:30 P.M. RECEPTION, McKenna Hall Atrium

This conversation will build on the recent **National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry**, acknowledging the relevance of this work for the study of U.S. Latino Catholicism and a more dynamic understanding of the American Catholic experience in the 21st century.

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Pope Francis embraces Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York during an evening prayer service in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York Sept. 24.

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## In New York service, pope offers encouragement to men, women religious

NEW YORK (CNS) — During an evening prayer service at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, Pope Francis thanked the nation's priests, brothers and women religious for their service and gave particular thanks to women religious saying, "Where would the Church be without you?"

The pope began with unscripted remarks, extending his sympathy to the Muslim community for the stampede in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, that killed more than 700 people that morning. He offered his "sentiments of closeness in face of tragedy" and his assurance of his prayers. "I unite myself with you," he added.

The pope arrived by popemobile at St. Patrick's Sept. 24 after traveling from Washington.

He encouraged those with religious vocations and also acknowledged the pain of the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Church saying, "You suffered greatly in the not distant past by having to bear the shame of some of your brothers who harmed and scandalized the Church in the most vulnerable of her members."

He said he wished to accompany them "at this time of pain and difficulty."

Although the pope was speaking in Spanish, a translation of his remarks was posted on large screen TV. The congregation applauded his remarks about women religious in the United States, whom he described as women of strength and fighters and said their "spirit of courage" puts them "in the front lines in the proclamation of the Gospel. To you, religious women,



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People fill the pews before the start of a prayer service led by Pope Francis at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York Sept. 24.

sisters and mothers of this people, I wish to say thank you, a big thank you, and to tell you that I love you very much."

## Pope brings Gospel of 'encounter' to Madison Square Garden

NEW YORK (CNS) — Seeing New York for the first time in his 78 years of life, Pope Francis said he knew Madison Square Garden was an important gathering place for sporting events and concerts. For him, it was transformed into a chapel in the heart of the Big Apple.

True peace in a big city comes from seeing the vast variety of people not as a bother, but as a brother or sister, Pope Francis said in his

homily during the Mass Sept. 25 at "The Garden" where 20,000 people gathered to pray with him.

With tough security and long lines, people arrived hours early. They prayed and listened to inspirational music sung live by Gloria Estefan, Jennifer Hudson and Harry Connick Jr.

Before vesting for Mass, Pope Francis entered the arena in an electric cart, riding up and down the aisles, kissing babies and blessing several sick children.

In his homily, the pope urged the congregation to go out into the city, to seek the face of Jesus in the poor and suffering and to share the joy of the Gospel with all. Jesus urges His disciples "to go out and meet others where they really are, not where we think they should be," Pope Francis said.

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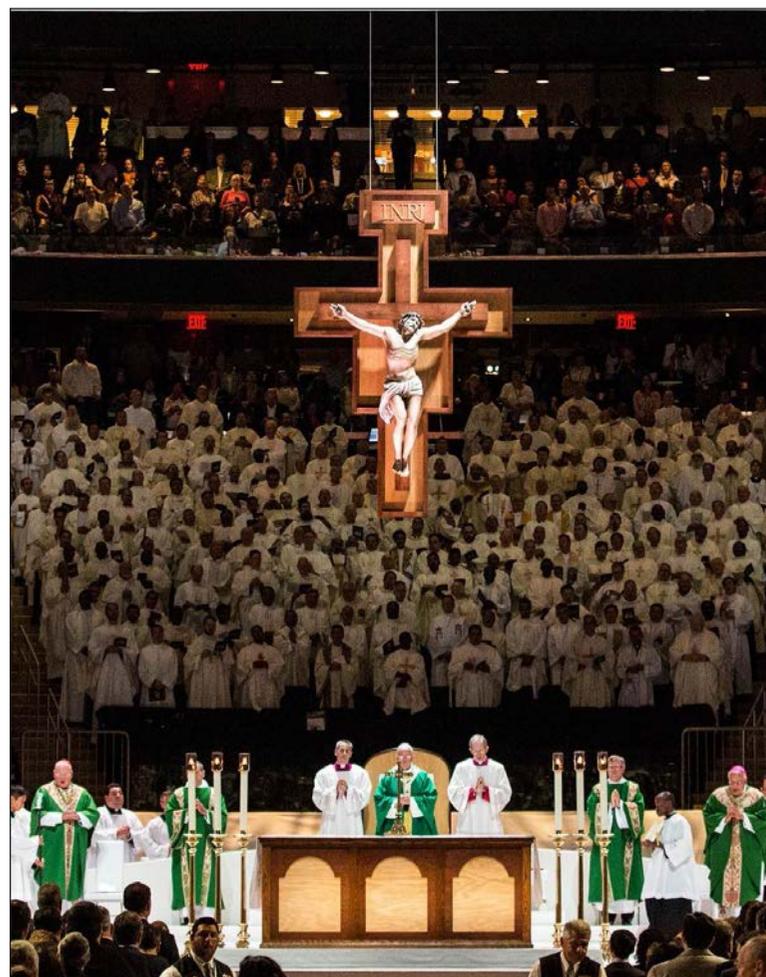
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Pope Francis celebrates Mass at Madison Square Garden in New York Sept. 25, day four of his six-day visit to the United States.

# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Building strong Catholic families

## Diocesan faithful encouraged at theological congress

BY TIM JOHNSON

PHILADELPHIA — Bishops, cardinals and Catholic theologians, international speakers and authors brought their expertise to celebrate Catholics families. And several diocesan families will bring home to their parish communities what they learned at the Philadelphia World Meeting of Families conference Sept. 22-25.

Being created in the image of God is a mission, an adventure and a command that each Catholic is called to carry out into the world and something we need to rediscover as people of faith living in today's secularized culture, said Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron of Los Angeles Sept. 21. He made the comments in the opening keynote address at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

Bishop Barron is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, host of the award-winning "Catholicism" film series, and from 2012 to 2015 was the rector/president of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary outside Chicago. He was ordained an auxiliary bishop Sept. 8.

Bishop Barron explored how each person is made in the image and likeness of God — "imago Dei" — and the great responsibility and mission that comes with that.

Rebecca Fitzmaurice, attending the conference with her husband Mike and son Gregory, 13, all members of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka, called Bishop Barron's talk "phenomenal."

She said, "We must understand — and share with others — that the 'no' of God's law is always in service of a greater and more abiding 'yes.' We must also share with others that the Church's extravagant demand of holiness is matched — even surpassed by — a greater mercy."



REBECCA FITZMAURICE

Gregory Fitzmaurice, 13, of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka, finds a good location to "camp" as he awaits the papal Mass on Sept. 27 in Philadelphia. Gregory and his parents Rebecca and Mike Fitzmaurice attended the World Meeting of Families theological conference.

At the opening Mass, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was one of the celebrants. Jeremy Reidy, attending with his wife Becky and five children and members of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, told *Today's Catholic*, "We saw Bishop (Kevin C.) Rhoades in the procession and even got his attention for a quick hello. Archbishop Chaput was the homilist."

African Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, presented the Wednesday morning keynote on "The Light of the Family in a Dark World."

The family is called to show Christ's love to the end, he reflected, so that what was said about the first Christians might be said of Christ's disciples today: "See how they love one another."

"Cardinal Sarah gave an inspiring lecture," reported Jeremy Reidy. "He traced the role of sin through salvation history — beginning with the fall, through the flood, all the way to modernity. The breakdown of relationships — divorce, contraception, abortion, disordered sexuality, unwillingness to care for sick or elderly family members — all of these are the result of sin. All of these cause the breakdown of families."

The afternoon keynote was given by professor of law Helen Alvaré, former spokesperson on pro-life issues for the U.S. bishops who is also a wife and mother. Alvaré reflected on how human beings are made for relationship in imitation of the Holy Trinity, and how the family is the first place where we learn to welcome one another.

Rebecca Fitzmaurice, attended the session by Alvaré. Fitzmaurice took to heart Alvaré's message that family life provides endless — and relentless — opportunities to learn to love, and "she reminded us of what Pope Francis has said about the reality of married life — that

"My experience was wonderful. I spent time with other Belles that I would have never met otherwise. We got to feel all the energy of the city because of this event. The feeling of all these different people coming together for one purpose in one faith was beautiful. I also really enjoyed learning and experiencing this historical city. This is where our country started and being able to experience that and see the pope was a blessing all in one."

— Claire Thornton, senior at Saint Mary's College who attended Marian High School

"I've never experienced anything quite like this before. To be in the Holy Father's presence, to be in the audience and blessed by Pope Francis at the beautiful Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception was incredibly moving and spiritually enriching.

I am in awe of the Holy Father's courage to say what should be said, as a Gospel imperative, on behalf of the poor, vulnerable and marginalized to audiences from whom he must have known he would likely receive mixed reviews.

His authenticity, grace, warmth, love and tenderness was so wonderfully evident and seemed to transform even cynics and people of no particular faith. I watched a lot of coverage on television as well as personally participating in the events in Washington and was struck by the enthusiasm Pope Francis generated among pundits and seasoned reporters.

In one word, this experience was transformational. The added bonus was sharing all of this with my Catholic Charities colleagues and friends from all over the United States."

— Gloria Whitcraft, director of Catholic Charities

"There were so many people it was beautiful. I hadn't experience the greatness of a universal faith until the papal Mass. All the waiting and walking and fasting and Power Bars were worth it and I will forever cherish it. I thought to myself, "The Church is not dead! We are the Church."

Eucharistic ministers brought the Eucharist into the crowds that couldn't make it into the Mass. "I received Communion and that was amazing. I was sharing this moment with the leader of our faith ... and with all my brothers and sisters."

— Perla Ocadiz, Saint Mary's College



JEREMY REIDY

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets Jeremy Reidy at the opening Mass of the World Meeting of Families on Sept. 22 in Philadelphia.

sometimes plates fly," Fitzmaurice noted.

Fitzmaurice also attended a presentation on saintly couples. The presenters introduced 15 saintly couples and then summed up the qualities they all had in common: Love and fear of God; unfailing trust in God; acceptance of God's will; personal and intimate relationship with God; obedience to Christ; fruitfulness; life of service to others; lived the evangelical counsels; and love of neighbor/hospitality.

Fitzmaurice also attended a talk that included seven practical suggestions for how the family can and should live as a domestic Church: Enthronement of the Sacred Heart; parental prayer; Morning Offering; family rosary; praying the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours); grace at meal time; and the importance of Sunday.

The Fitzmaurices were impressed by the Helping Hands project in the afternoon. Helping Hands was "a feed the hungry volunteer session where we met other folks, formed small work teams, and together bagged food items for shipping to West Africa," Rebecca said. "It was great — a whole room full of strangers working together out of love for other strangers overseas (all of us brothers and sisters in Christ)."

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## WORLD

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"Someone had the job of counting the items we all completed, and every 3,000 packages, they rang a huge gong and we all cheered," she said.

"They rang it four times while we were there," said son Gregory Fitzmaurice, 13. "That means we helped make more than 12,000 packages."

On Thursday, a Catholic married couple from Panama, Dr. Juan Francisco and Gabriela de la Guardia gave the first keynote address. Dr. Juan Francisco is the founder of the Panamanian Institute of Family Education and Gabriela is a psychologist in private practice and president of the institute. Their topic was "A Gift from God: The Meaning of Human Sexuality."

Scott Hahn, Christopher West, Helen Alvaré, Janet Smith, Robert George and Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, (the daughter of St. Gianna) were among the many workshop presenters on Day 3.

Juan Campos who is a candidate for the diaconate and a member of St. Patrick Parish, Ligonier, said a session he attended opened his eyes about original sin and how he needs to be vigilant to protect his loved ones in making right choices through the free will God gives us.

Cardinal Luis Tagle, the archbishop of Manila, presented the afternoon keynote address on "The Family: Home for the Wounded Heart." He began by mentioning that since this is the World Meeting of Families, he brought along with him from the Philippines his parents, brother and cousins.

Most painful are the wounds inflicted on us by members of our families, the cardinal pointed out, but the family is also the privileged place for consolation and healing. Jesus heals us by becoming wounded, and His glorified body still bears the lasting marks of His love for us.

The cardinal said as the family of God, the Church is called to continue the healing mission of Jesus Christ, and sometimes this means simply being a loving presence in someone's life.

The theological congress for the World Meeting of Families



JEREMY REIDY

**The children of Jeremy and Becky Reidy — Ellen, Gillian, Henry and Lucy — members of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, learn about St. Nicholas at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.**

came to a close on Friday with a final joint keynote by Cardinal Sean O'Malley, the archbishop of Boston, and Pastor Rick Warren, author of "The Purpose-Driven Life," on the topic of "The Joy of the Gospel of Life."

Warren gave a rousing reflection on five characteristics of joy-filled families: they are based on the love of God, built on a strong sense of purpose, focus on becoming like Christ, serve others together as a family, and fulfill their mission by sharing Christ with others.

Cardinal O'Malley, with his characteristic gentleness, described the family as the school of love, where pilgrims learn to make a gift of themselves to God and to others, where they are meant to experience and to express unconditional love.

He spoke of a family that made a deep impression on him as a young priest. Bill and Dorothy had six children of their own and then adopted another child. But their generosity was only beginning. On their large farm in Ohio, they took in several severely handicapped children and provided a loving home for them.

"We need to be able to see the world through God's eyes," he said. "Beauty and joy are the most powerful tools we have to evangelize."

By every measure, the theological congress was a tremendous success, and provided the inspiration and fellowship that many Catholic families around the world crave.

The World Meeting of Families moved into its final phase with the visit of Pope Francis on Saturday and Sunday.

In the meantime, many pilgrims enjoyed the electric atmosphere in the downtown area as streets were barricaded and scores of people strolled. A special attraction has been the nearby parish of St. John the Evangelist, where the remains of St. Maria Goretti rest temporarily. The line to venerate her remains was out the door and down the street.

This same church was the site of a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Rhoades for pilgrims from the diocese on Sept. 26.

**Fred and Lisa Everett** contributed to this article



LOURDES SILVA

**Part of the delegation attending the World Meeting of Families with the diocesan Hispanic Ministry.**

# 'Let freedom ring!' Respect for rights helps society, pope says

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Not far from where the Liberty Bell is on display, Pope Francis urged the people of the United States to continue to “proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof,” as the bell’s inscription says. Meeting Sept. 26 with members of the Hispanic community and immigrants at Independence National Historical Park, the pope said when governments respect human rights and freedoms, especially the right to religious liberty, they benefit from their citizens’ respect and care for others.

The “ringing words” of the U.S. Declaration of Independence proclaiming the equality of all men and women and their being endowed by their creator with “inalienable rights” continue to inspire people in the United States and around the world, the Argentina-born pope said. But even such powerful words can ring hollow if they are not “constantly reaffirmed, re-appropriated and defended,” the pope said.

In a speech punctuated by off-the-cuff comments and explanations, Pope Francis urged immigrant communities in the United States to be “responsible citizens” of their new home without being ashamed of or hiding their cultural heritage.

## Visiting prison, pope says all people need forgiveness, cleansing

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — While pilgrims in Philadelphia put up with a long weekend of



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**Pope Francis blesses a prisoner as he visits the Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility in Philadelphia Sept. 27.**

lines and security checks at the papal venues, the pope reached out to a group of people whose lives are lines and security checks for years at a time.

Pope Francis spent about an hour at the Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility. He entered the gymnasium from behind a blue curtain, walking up on to the small stage and carefully inspecting the large chair the inmates had made for him. He turned, with a big smile across his face, and gave the inmates a sincere Pope Francis thumbs up.

As the U.S. debates the need for penal reform, Pope Francis said prisons must focus on rehabilitation, and he insisted that no

one is perfect and without need of forgiveness.

While his speech was addressed primarily to the inmates, a small group of their family members, prison officials, state legislators and city officials, including Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, also attended. About 20 minutes before the pope arrived — ahead of schedule — Nutter greeted each of the inmates, who were wearing dark slacks and light blue scrubs, as they were led into the gym.

Michele Farrell, prison warden, later told Catholic News Service that the pope “threw us a curveball by showing up early.”



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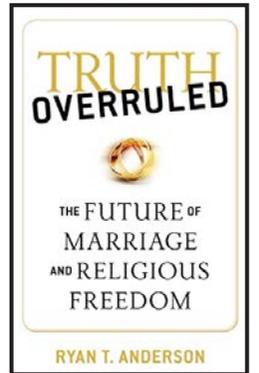
Father Daniel Durkin, pastor of St. Henry Church, Fort Wayne, second from left, traveled to the World Meeting of Families with Audrey Davis, diocesan coordinator of prison ministry, right, as part of a state-wide delegation meeting with more than 300 clergy and faith leaders from across the country who are organizing concrete initiatives to take action in their communities in the spirit of Pope Francis’ message — learning how families are suffering from the “economy of exclusion,” and confronting systems that marginalizes people. On Sept. 26, the group met with Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis, third from right.

## TRUTH OVERRULED: THE FUTURE OF MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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### Pope delights Philly crowd with spontaneous talk on families

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Pope Francis threw away a prepared text and, to the delight of tens of thousands of people on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, spoke from the heart about the challenges and love that come with being part of a family. After listening to testimony from six

families from various continents Sept. 26, he thanked them for sharing their stories.

"A witness given in order to serve is thoroughly good, it makes us good persons, because God is goodness," he began, continuing to increase in speed and emphasis to the delight of the crowd. He smiled, gestured with his hands and the crowd cheered as he said it was "worth being a family."

God sent His Son into a fam-

ily, he said, "and He could do this because it was a family that had a truly open heart," he said.

The pope spoke in Spanish, the language in which he is most comfortable; his talk was translated by Msgr. Mark Miles.

"We are celebrating the feast of the family," he told the crowd. "Families have a citizenship that is divine. The identity card that they have is given to them by God so that within the heart of the family truth, goodness and

beauty can truly grow. Some of you might say of course, Father, you speak like that because you're not married," he said.

"Families have difficulties. Families — we quarrel, sometimes plates can fly, and children bring headaches. I won't speak about mother-in-laws," he quipped. "However, in families, there is always light" because of the love of God's Son.



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## The simple joy of family

One of the best surprises in the world was last week when my son Michael walked through the door, shocking us all with a 2,500-mile long trip home, just two weeks after major jaw surgery. I saw a guy with a baseball cap and backpack heading toward our back sliding glass door and, since we are having work done in the yard, I thought, "Why does the landscaper have a backpack and why is he just walking in the door without permission?"

Then it hit me — this was no landscaper. This was my son!

As my mind processed what my eyes saw, I exclaimed, "What? What? What! Michael? Michael!"

I jumped up and down and hugged him. The girls upstairs heard my happy screams and came running downstairs to see why the commotion. "Oh my gosh!" each screamed as she saw him and rushed to hug him as well. While he had permission to work from home for three weeks, he said other than his wired shut jaw he felt good and that if he was going to work from home, he might as well work from this home, with us. Hallelujah!

That night, I made him a thick, hearty, cabbage, sweet potato and garlic soup for him to puree for dinner. When his father came home from work, just as unknowing of the surprise as we had been, Michael looked up from the table where he had been sitting, working on his computer, and my husband's jaw dropped.

"Mike? Michael? Michael!" he rushed to him and squeezed him tight. Happy tears welled up in his eyes. He was squeezing him so tightly I didn't think he was ever going to let him go. "What are you doing? Oh my gosh, Mike! This made my day!" Happy tears.

A few days later another son (this

one expected as he was attending a wedding locally) arrived, and our daughter, learning that two brothers would be home at the same time, decided on a whim to drive up from Indianapolis. We were only missing one son, and yes that left a hole, but we appreciated the rarity of having eight of the nine kids home at the same time. We'd take what we could get.

It's amazing how the feeling around the house changes when the adult kids come home, how whole we feel again when we are together. The younger ones hang on the older ones literally and figuratively, on their every word. There are walks, talks and sitting on the back patio, and drives to get ice cream. Sometimes there is euchre or a planned event, but mostly there is the rhythm that once used to be when they were littler, familiarly coming back, like an echo.

When people talk about raising large families they talk about expense. It's true. Big families are incredibly expensive. While the cost of raising five children does not quintuple from raising one — because of hand-me-downs, and certain other facts such as heating a house remains constant whether there are seven people or three sitting in it — you can't argue that raising a brood of children is cheap. It isn't.

And yes, there's not only a money cost to raising a large family but a sleep cost too. And a time cost. And sacrifice. And lots of tears as they move out to carve out their own lives, even while knowing it's best that they do.

But there are also many benefits — the treasure of having many unique human beings grow up together under one roof is just one. Synergy occurs when a kid talented in art shares her gift with one who can't draw worth a lick but can play



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and create music by ear. The gifts of one are shared by another and all are enriched.

The children learn patience and waiting ones turn, different perspectives, which are born from different personalities. They learn to understand an idea they didn't think of, and consider it. They become protectors and stand up for underdogs, even under their own roof. They fight, yes. But they learn to resolve. They learn the art of compromise. Basically, they learn to love. It is not every family's call to be great in number, but for those that are, it is a call to be answered, generously, with a big heart, for the rewards are many, even as are the sacrifices.

Last week briefly, the lives of most of my children and their parents once again converged. Bonds were strengthened. Laughter exchanged. Advice given. Encouragement offered. This occurred with more than enough to sustain until next time. We missed the one missing, but he will be back with us soon enough. I always tear up when we separate but only momentarily. For life is a gift. Family is a gift. I will gladly welcome the suffering of when we are apart because of how blessed I am when we are together.

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## Pope Francis' message is not new

As we await the Mass that closes the world meeting of families, and Pope Francis' first trip to North America, I sit here with the many other pilgrims, awaiting the pinnacle of our time together — the celebration of liturgy. Having lived in Rome, Italy, for two years, I am not a stranger to papal Masses, but something about this journey has been different.

During his time with us, Pope Francis has time and again emphasized the innate importance of story. He used the "historical memory" of our country, when speaking to the joint session of Congress, to examine the role of government.

Last night, at the same podium where Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, he encouraged all people of faith to keep our stories alive, to continue to recall and share them, not to make any apologies for our traditions. In fact, he said, it will be our revisiting our past that will keep us from repeating its mistakes, making us weary of any promised paradises on this earth, and keeping us from ever arriving at a place in time where we think human beings are "liberated," that the threat of concentrated power and tyranny no longer exists, or that humanity can provide for itself.

How impressed we have all been to hear that Pope Francis "stood up" members of Congress who asked him out to lunch, to eat lunch with the homeless. Or, that it was after listening to the loving message of Peter's successor that Speaker Boehner decided to resign.

On this journey, I have met many people, all with their own unique stories. Julio, who has lived 30 years in Indianapolis, flew in a plane for the first time to get to

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Philadelphia, and has three different residency statuses represented under his roof. Not having a Social Security card or driver's license, he walks throughout this city, highly saturated with local, state and national police, knowing that, at any time, catching a suspicious eye could mean spending time in jail, and all that could then ensue. The story of Jared, a 26 year old who has struggled with integrating his same-sex attraction with his desire to love and serve God. Watching the way the world has welcomed Pope Francis has allowed him the courage to look again at going to church. The story of Tamira, an African American mother of two who lost her job from the Philadelphia airport last week after getting permission to leave her post to go to the emergency room, where her oldest daughter had been rushed for "dry drowning." The story of the Baptist preacher who is looking again at how he challenges his congregation to take their faith beyond Sunday service. The middle-class, white doctor who is beginning to realize all the ways she's been sanitizing her own family struggles — the son who graduated and returned home, the hollowness she feels after an argument with her

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## All possess equal dignity in God's eyes



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 10:2-16

The Book of Genesis is the source of the first reading for this weekend. Among the first five books of the Bible, Genesis reveals great facts. God is the creator of all. He gives life.

God also created humanity, in the genders of male and female. Further, it was God's will that the two genders, united in one male and one female, compliment each other and live with each other.

The Scriptures at times are accused of belittling women. Certainly, the Scriptures were all

developed within varying cultural contexts. To an extent they were influenced by these cultural contexts.

The culture surrounding the development of Genesis was not strictly Hebrew. Rather, it was enveloped by paganism. In this paganism, women were little better than animals. Genesis, however, takes pains to declare the dignity of women, equal to that of men. This is the meaning of the story that Eve was created from Adam's rib. Adam and Eve, man and woman, were one in their nature.

It was a revolutionary, fundamental basis for looking at both men and women. Both genders possess an equal dignity, because all are created by God and infused with an eternal soul.

Finally, every person, regardless of everything else, holds the supreme dignity of being God's own, God's created, a physical, earthly sign of God.

This reading is a powerful testament to the historic Jewish and Christian concept of marriage. Ordained by God, marriage should never be defiled by exploitation,

selfishness or insincerity.

For its second reading, the Church offers us a passage from the Epistle to the Hebrews that also reaffirms the dignity of each human.

According to the reading, humans who love God, and are faithful to God, one day will rejoice in the presence of God. They will be with God. The key to attaining a place in God's presence is Jesus.

Because Jesus is human as well as God, Jesus loves all people as brothers and sisters.

St. Mark's Gospel provides the third reading. It is a familiar passage. The question centers upon the legality before God of divorce itself, not the grounds for divorce.

Often it is assumed that this question put to Jesus opened an entirely new debate, and that in replying, Jesus set aside the Law of Moses.

Actually, the debate was vigorously underway at the time among persons learned in the Mosaic tradition. No universal agreement pertained as to what the Law of Moses meant in this regard.

By settling the question, by end-

ing the debate, Jesus appeared in the role of the divinely constituted and divinely-empowered representative of God the Father.

Jesus set the question in its proper circle. Marriage is God's creation. It is subject to God's will, and ideally marriage in the hearts of the spouses reflects God's love.

In the same passage, though on another occasion, Jesus blessed the children. Like children everywhere and at all times, these children were innocent, vulnerable, but with great potential, not simply "to succeed" in this life but to live with God in the eternal life.

### Reflection

Fundamentally, these readings call us to a divinely revealed truth so often and so outrageously ignored in the world. Each human being is God's precious child, God's priceless masterpiece of creation. No one, and no society, has the right to demean or compromise this dignity.

The agonizing problems of this day and time all spring from refus-

ing to honor all human beings as God's own. So terror and prejudice reign.

Secondly, marriage comes from God. It is fully and absolutely within the overall purpose of God, namely to enable men and women better to know, to love and to serve God, and then finally to be with God in the wonder of heaven along with the angels.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-6 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

**Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:1, 11 (Ps) Jon 2:3-5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-4b, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

# Lessons from the Rough Rider for today's political ruffians

Sitting at a writing desk in the White House on Dec. 11, 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt was an unhappy camper. In previous letters, he addressed his correspondent as "Dear Maria." Now, it was "Mrs. Storer" who would be on the receiving end of the presidential wrath.

Maria Longworth Storer was a busybody — and a highly placed one at that. Her husband, Bellamy Storer, was close to President William McKinley, and had helped get TR appointed assistant secretary of the Navy. Bellamy Storer then served McKinley as U.S. minister to Belgium and Spain; Roosevelt, succeeding McKinley after the latter's assassination, appointed Mr. Storer U.S. minister to Austria-Hungary. But what prompted TR's fury at an old friend's wife had nothing to do with Washington-Vienna relations but with the Catholic Church: "Dear Maria" had morphed into "Mrs. Storer" because she was playing

Vatican politics — "I have now seen your letter to me sent through Mrs. Roosevelt. In it you actually propose that I ... should authorize you to go to Rome to take part in what I must call an ecclesiastical intrigue, and to drag the United States Government into it. Such a proposal is simply astounding. You say that Cardinal Merry del Val has stated that I have 'requested that two archbishops,' one (John) Farley (of New York), be made cardinals. All you had to say was that such a statement was a deliberate untruth, because you knew that I had refused to make such a request even for (John) Ireland (of St. Paul-Minneapolis). You say in your letter, 'You can trust me.' How can you say this, when you write ... a letter which if by accident published would absolutely represent, in the most mischievous manner, both me and the American Government?"

"You have no right to meddle in these matters ... (These activities are) utterly improper for ... the wife



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of an American ambassador, and show a continued course of conduct on your part which is intolerable if your husband is to remain in the diplomatic service ... I have always positively and unequivocally refused directly or indirectly ... to ask for the appointment of any man as cardinal; and it would have been a gross impropriety for me to have made such a request, while it is an outrage to represent me as having, in any shape, made it."

Given the unlikelihood of Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val, a diehard conservative, supporting a red hat for Archbishop John Ireland,

leader of the liberal party in the U.S. Church, we may reasonably conclude that Mrs. Storer was not only a busybody and an ecclesiastical intriguer, but an inept one. Still, what struck me about this remarkable letter — the closest a gentleman of TR's breeding could come to reading a distinguished lady the Riot Act — was the president's rectitude in refusing, as a public official, to be drawn into matters that properly belonged to the Church, and to the Church alone.

That rectitude is a virtue that might well be emulated today, and in the weeks and months following Pope Francis's pastoral visit to the United States.

Fifty-two years ago, John F. Kennedy, the first president baptized in the Catholic Church, was so nervous about anti-Catholic sentiment among voters that he refused to have his 1963 Roman visit to Pope Paul VI gazetted on the official presidential schedule; the meeting, it was said, was private. Things are differ-

ent now: very different. Members of Congress think nothing of writing the pope, attempting to recruit him as a trophy chaplain for their particular legislative projects. It's true that these solons are not, to my knowledge, trying to get this, that or the other churchman named a cardinal (or denied a red hat). But the question of rectitude remains.

Today's intrigues touch directly on the imperative of recognizing, and honoring, the uniqueness of the papal office and its integrity. A decent respect for the Bishop of Rome, who is the universal pastor of the Church and not a partisan political chaplain, suggests that all attempts to spin him for partisan point-scoring be regarded, in TR's pungent phrase, as a "gross impropriety."

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## Exploring lessons from Mary

Since Pope Francis spoke of "feminine genius," I get questions periodically as to what it possibly means. Does it refer to the instincts that women have for people with their intuitive sense of the interior? Is it the tenderness or expression of care through words, hugs or ministries of casseroles and on-time birthday and get-well notes? Is it the ability to weave in and out of roles as mother, wife, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, friend? Or achieving the almost supernatural balance between work, family, play and the daily chores? Inevitably, someone will ask the question that makes me wince: Do women therefore make better executives?

I could not speak for the pope. I could only reach for my own answers, which come into view through the people I associate with his description. Funny that none of them comes with big titles or the achievements that will turn heads. One such person is my aunt, who used her fifth-grade education (interrupted by World War II) to cultivate a love for learning in my cousins and parlayed her small savings into good investments that she liquidated for her sons' college tuition.

When my cousin logged astronomical grades in the Hong Kong public exams, journalists called for interviews only to be met with her simple answer: "Sorry, the mother is not home." Just as she could not brag about her accomplishments, she never spent money on herself but

always found a way to give to others.

I encounter the feminine genius in a colleague who made a commitment to send all four children to Catholic grade schools and high schools even when her husband lost his job and finances were tough, causing a few sleepless nights. I admire deeply a friend who was in her 50s when her husband lost his footing in a lucrative business. She dusted off her resume, steadied her nerves, interviewed for and then mastered a job in technology printing where young people reigned and competition was unrelenting. Together she and her husband rebuilt their lives and found a new profession for him, downsized their home, up-sized their faith, finding joy in each day and in each other, never looking back.

I can fill three essays with these examples, and to be fair, I see the "feminine genius" in many men also.

September heralded two Marian feasts: the birth of Mary on Sept. 9 and Our Lady of Sorrows on Sept. 15. An essay on feminine genius would be off-key if we do not center our reflections around Mary. She was lowly but turned her lowliness into the mirror of God's glorious working in her life. She needed no recognition as her purpose was to magnify God, not herself.

Mary was always there for her son, from birth, through a migrant's journey to Egypt, the panic of not finding him after the temple pilgrimage, letting him go as an itinerant



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preacher, standing by him despite mockery from those she must have known, and, of course, witnessing his torture and crucifixion in searing agony. Mary embraced the mystery. She had no answers beyond the "yes" she gave and kept it when God made His invitation.

Feminine genius, through the lens of Mary, is the genius of love that manifests itself in presence, not performance or position; grace, not calculations; trust in God's power, not our own; devotion that transforms sacrifices into joy and hope-filled routines in the ordinary of life; hearts that always see the person, not his problems; courage that engages hierarchy and power with plain-spokenness; and humility that recognizes God at work in us no matter how daunting the challenges we face.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 4, 2015

Mark 10:2-16

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: a trick question that turns into a lesson. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PHARISEES	LAWFUL	WIFE
MOSES	HARDNESS	OF CREATION
MALE	FEMALE	REASON
SHALL LEAVE	MOTHER	THE TWO
BECOME ONE	NO LONGER	HOUSE
MARRIES	COMMITTS	TOUCH
KINGDOM	ENTER	HANDS

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alcoholic husband.

What stories do we lift up at our parishes, in our local Church, with the examples we point to and elevate on a daily basis in our con-

versations and parish culture? Who are we seeing, and who is being left out of the picture. What lived memories are we leaving out of our story in order to maintain the one homogeneous story of success?

When we celebrate the Eucharist today, Pope Francis will lift up the Body of Christ broken for all, and we will pray the Penitential Rite: "I confess to almighty God, and to you,

my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned. In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do..."

I long for a day in my parish when we can say this, and know what we're each struggling with, that we each need the community's healing balm to rub and anoint.

Pope Francis has challenged us to ask ourselves if we are seeing the

world as it truly is, or just as how we'd like it to be. Who is benefitting from us not knowing each other? Is the Church's role in the public sphere to pontificate about issues, and start doing something about the situations families are facing? Could we start by being "those people" who see and listen?

I think I am coming to realize what makes this moment in history

different. Something, someone, is present in a new way.

The poor have arrived, and they are we.

**Audrey Davis** traveled to Philadelphia as part of the state-wide delegation meeting with more than 300 clergy and faith leaders. Davis coordinates the diocesan prison ministry.

# Sports

**STELLAR PERFORMANCE BY BISHOP LUERS TENNIS TEAM** The Bishop Luers tennis team had a stellar performance at the East Noble Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 26, with a second-place team finish and first-place honors to Johnny Woehner (No. 2 singles) and Ethan Brown (No. 3 singles).

— Michelle Castleman

## St. Charles extends winning streak

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles extended their win streak to 4-0 on the season with a 30-0 victory over a very hard-nosed JAT Knights squad.

The Cardinals gave up a first down for the first time this season in the third quarter when JAT's No. 11 broke loose on a 70-yard run before being corralled by Patrick Finley on the five-yard line.

The Cardinals had a stellar performance from Finley who had over 200 yards in total offense and three touchdowns in addition to his touchdown saving tackle. Hayden Ellinger was all over the field on defense and recorded a safety along the way. The Cardinals' final touchdown was on a 12-yard run by Jack Hartzog.

The Cardinals' eighth-grade O-line and tight ends led the way with a great performance. Owen Sharpe, Justin Baum, Lucas Krohn, Nolan Fischer, Nolan Hoffman, John Knepper, Sam Andonian and Braeden Groves blocked hard all day long.

A pleased Coach Sam Talarico said, "I was very proud of our offensive line today. I thought they played their best game of the year. Defensively, Ellinger was all over the field. I wouldn't want to coach against him."

## Volleyball update

In volleyball action reported from St. Joseph, Decatur, on Sunday, Sept. 27, the seventh graders from St. Jude defeated the seventh-grade Twins from St. Rose/St. Louis, while the eighth-grade Twins team picked up another conference win over the St. Therese eighth graders in two games. Next up, the host team seventh-grade Commodores downed the seventh-grade squad from St. Therese in two. Finally, the eighth graders from St. Joseph beat St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 25-17 and 25-11.

## Cardegles enjoy good cross-country competition

FORT WAYNE — At the midpoint of the 2015 Cardegles cross-country season, Coach Dan Kaufman's squad has competed in seven meets. The boys' varsity record is 34-43 and the junior varsity, 7-10. The girls' varsity is 68-8 and junior varsity, 14-3. Most recently, the varsity Cardegles ran a split squad with 14 boys and girls competing at the 45th West Noble Invitational in Ligonier and the remainder of the team competing at the Huntington Catholic Invite.

The Cardegles will host their own invitational on Oct. 8, at Shoaff Park. The race will begin at 4:30 p.m.

## Blazers, Panthers square off in ICCL

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHWAKA — Two charter members of the Inter-City Catholic League squared off as St. Matthew faced the Panthers of St. Anthony.

The first drive belonged to the Blazers as a long run by Isau Gonzalez and a couple solid carries by talented back Christian Tate, brought the squad to the shadow of the goal post where quarterback Bryce Martens plunged in for the score.

The Panthers would respond with a shot of their own by promptly marching down the field with a 18-yard scamper to Paxson Campbell, tying the score 6-6 still early in the first quarter.

The Panther defense flexed its muscles and held, placing the ball firmly in the hands of their quarterback Luke Leonard who found Mitchell Floran for a huge pass play. Then he nestled the ball in the belly of running back Tyler DeBoe who raced for 19 yards and another score.

The Panthers were not finished by any means. On the next Blazer possession Floran took the ball from a would-be receiver and then followed with a 30-yard run

from scrimmage setting up huge runs including a touchdown carry from DeBoe. Campbell completed the drive with a points-after kick increasing their lead, 22-6.

It appeared it would be more Panther magic as Blazer Tate bobbled a pitch and Kenzel Kelly hopped on it deep in enemy territory. But the black-clad warriors held their ground and stymied St. Anthony just before halftime.

The Blazers' defense held tough the third quarter and into the fourth as their talented rivals struggled to find the success of the first stanza, but a 20-yard gallop by the Floran express changed the Panther drought making the margin 30-6 with 3:53 left in the game.

The team from St. Matthew however ignored the scoreboard and kept battling, scoring on the final play of the game on a touchdown run by Tate giving a defeated group a bit of resolve for their efforts.

"We were a bit flat at practice this week, and they got on us early," expressed Panther Coach James DeBoe. "We responded well to their early success and I was very happy with the holes lineman Will Faulkner and Charlie Graham were able to open up for our skill guys."

"We knew against a juggernaut like St. Anthony, we would have to come out and be ready to play. Our staff definitely thought we could give them a game," commented Blazer Skipper Ben Domanikos. "Our quarterback went down early with an injury, but I was very happy that our offensive line — Joe Frechette, Alec Mishler, CJ Njuguna, Yordy Rios, Justin McCormick and Lawrence Daher — controlled the line against their talented front row."

In other action, West Side Catholic defeated Osceola Grace, 24-0, as quarterback Derek Derda threw a touchdown pass to Ayden Clark and ran for two himself. Jon Underly added another score by racing 25 yards to the goal line.

Mishawaka Catholic remained undefeated as they shut out the Crusaders of Holy Cross, 16-0, behind runs from Josh Gill and Thaddeus Horvath and kicks by Miguel Ortiz.

The big matchup on the final week of play will be the two undefeateds, Mishawaka Catholic and St. Anthony at Marian High School's Otolski Field at 1 p.m.

A complete list of highlights, schedule and standings can be found on the league's website [www.icclsports.org](http://www.icclsports.org).

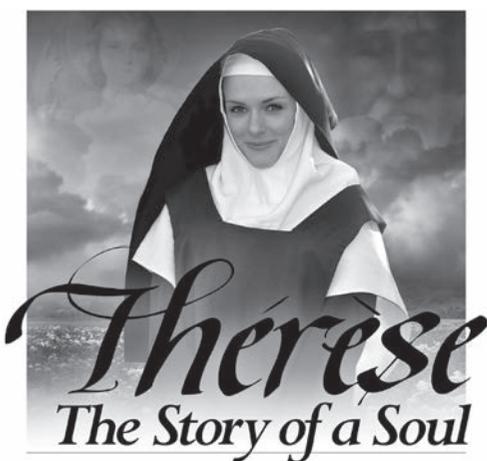
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## 'An Evening with Women Religious' at St. Charles

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Borromeo Parish Vocation Committee, under the leadership of Father Jacob Meyer, parochial vicar there, will offer a promotion of women's religious vocations on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Called "An Evening with Women Religious," the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Mishawaka, will make presentations. Father Meyer will make a presentation about the Poor Clare Sisters who live in cloister at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery at St. Andrew Church in Fort Wayne.

The evening will begin with Mass at 7 p.m. at St. Charles located at 4916 Trier Rd.. The presentation and casual conversation will take place at the Hession Center. Refreshments will be available.

## Safe Harbor Widow Support Group to host retreat

FORT WAYNE — Safe Harbor Widow Support Group will host a fall retreat for widows on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8-11:30 a.m. at the Msgr. Kuzmich Life Center, 1502 E. Wallen Rd. The retreat will begin with Mass in the church at 8 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast in the Life Center. Kay Cozad, grief educator, will speak on the topic, "Mourning With Hope." Registration is required by Oct. 12,

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## SJHS STUDENTS WATCH POPE FRANCIS ADDRESS CONGRESS



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Saint Joseph High School students spent the morning watching Pope Francis address Congress in the classroom followed by classroom discussion. "The pope's visit to the United States is a wonderful opportunity for us to draw our students into a conversation about how our religious beliefs and our American identity interact with each other," said Lauren Kloser, English teacher and part of the school culture and climate committee.

by calling Judy at 260-489-4875 or emailing judymockenhaupt@hotmail.com.

## Serra Club of South Bend views canonization Mass of patron

SOUTH BEND — The Serra Club of South Bend gathered around a widescreen TV on Sept. 23 at St. Anthony de Padua Church in South Bend to watch with heartfelt joy as Pope Francis celebrated Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and elevated club's patron, Junipero Serra, to sainthood. This is the first time that a canonization has taken place in the United States.

Responding to Christ's call to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest" — Mt 9: 38 — the Serra Club has made the encouragement of Church vocations its hallmark.

All members pray for, support, and promote vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

The Serra Club of South Bend meets twice a month at the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka. It is open to all Catholics, and new members are always welcome. For more information, call Ted Niezer at 412-328-5351.

## ZEAL deadline extended

The deadline to register for the ZEAL Missionary Discipleship Summit has been extended to Monday, Oct. 5, at 11:59 p.m.



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**Saint Joseph offers dates for prospective students**

South Bend — An information session will be Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the Black Box Theater at 7 p.m. The evening will provide information about admission policies, procedure and student life at Saint Joseph High School. A placement test will be held Oct. 24 and Nov. 7 at 7:45 a.m. to noon. All prospective students are required to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT). All testing has a \$20 fee. Visit [www.saintjoehigh.com](http://www.saintjoehigh.com) for information.

**Spaghetti dinner planned**

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, Oct. 8, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

**Have you thanked your priest lately?**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring World Priest Day Sunday, Oct. 25, in every parish of the diocese. It is a formal opportunity to mindfully thank each priest for their gifts and sacrifices. Thank a priest verbally or in writing for specific acts or qualities that are especially appreciated. Contact Brian and Amy Dumford at 260-341-1593 for more information.

**Bishop Luers plans corn hole tournament for fall**

Fort Wayne — A corn hole tournament will be Friday, Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m. Fee is \$20 per two-person team and \$10 for single players, cash prizes, limited to 32 teams. RSVP to 260-456-1261, ext. 3142 or [kskelly@bishopluers.org](mailto:kskelly@bishopluers.org).

**Presentation on the Seven Deadly Sins**

Roanoke — An informational evening with Dr. Lance Richey from the University of Saint Francis will be Monday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m., at St. Joseph Church. His talk "From Death to Life: Recognizing and Overcoming the Seven Deadly Sins" will offer coffee, cookies and dialogue with Dr. Richey.

**Pray for vocations monthly**

Fort Wayne — Little Flower Holy Hour will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, in the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel from 7-8 p.m.

**Franciscan Fest family fall fair**

Fort Wayne — Our Lady of the Angels Oratory, 2610 New Haven Ave., will host a family fall fair on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 1-5 p.m. A variety of food and beverages, booths, garage sale,

silent auction, raffle and many other activities will be offered. All proceeds will benefit the Confraternity of Penitents renovation fund.

**Bishop Luers Euchre Knight**

Fort Wayne — A Euchre night will be Saturday, Oct. 3, in the cafe at 6 p.m., Euchre begins at 7 p.m. \$30 per two-person team or \$20 per two-person team with a LuersKnight auction item donation, \$15 per single player or \$10 per single player with auction item donation. Must be at least 21 to play. Cash prizes awarded. Light snacks, soda and water provided. Beer and wine available for purchase. RSVP to 260-456-1261, ext. 3142 or [kskelly@bishopluers.org](mailto:kskelly@bishopluers.org).

**Luers Men's Knight "Smoker"**

Fort Wayne — A Smoker party will be Saturday, Oct. 17, following the 5:45 p.m. Mass. Notre Dame vs. USC game under the tent outside Bishop Luers High School. Tickets at all home varsity football games at the main gate, at the Luers Athletic Office or ticket captains. Cost is only \$25 for food and beer. Funds benefit Luers athletics. For information contact Brent Egts at 260-341-8510 or [brentegts@gmail.com](mailto:brentegts@gmail.com).

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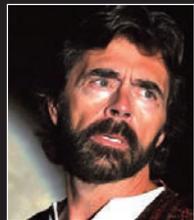
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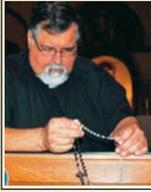


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