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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed!

These ancient words are ever new as we sing and pray them in celebration of our Lord’s Easter triumph over sin and death.

The journey through Lent to Easter is a familiar one to all of us. We have all been this way before. The penitential season and the period of Easter exaltation have come and gone many times in our lives. Yet each year God can use this solemn time to touch us deeply and differently. This is because we are different each time we celebrate these mysteries. Christ’s love revealed in His passion, death and resurrection remains unchanging. Our lives have changed. Our willingness to accept and model His love varies.

These days are the feast of the triumph of Divine Love. Our God will not put up with sin and death. He alone will have the last word, and that word is LIFE. Like the first disciples, we are told not to cling to the tomb. Jesus does not belong to the past. He is not among the dead. He is risen! This mystery took hold of our lives in Baptism. The waters of Baptism buried us with Christ, so that we might rise with Him to new life. Our initiation into Christ’s death and resurrection requires us to go forth, to move on, to engage the world as missionary disciples, to announce Christ and His victory.

Because Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed and has been raised, the cross does not lead us to a dead end, but to life without end. Through the Easter Mystery, our God turns sadness to joy, guilt to innocence, hate to love, despair to hope, death to life. Wherever we find ourselves this Easter on our life’s journey, may Christ’s Paschal Mystery be our joy, hope and peace. May God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you abundantly throughout the Easter Season.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Bishop of Harrisburg
Love Jesus in All Who Suffer, Pope Says on Palm Sunday

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Jesus does not ask that people only contemplate his image, but that they also recognize and love him concretely in all people who suffer like he did, Pope Francis said.

Jesus is “present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own – they suffer from slave labor, from family tragedies, from diseases. They suffer from wars and terrorism, from interests that are armed and ready to strike,” the pope said April 9 as he celebrated the Palm Sunday Mass of the Lord’s Passion.

In his homily, the pope said that the day’s celebration was “bittersweet.”

“It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time” because the Mass celebrates the Lord’s entrance into Jerusalem as the people and disciples acclaim him as king, and yet, the Gospel gives the account of his passion and death on the cross.

Jesus accepts the hosannas coming from of the crowd, but he “knows full well that they will soon be followed by the cry, ‘Crucify him!’” the pope said.

Jesus “does not ask us to contemplate him only in pictures and photographs or in the videos that circulate on the internet,” but to recognize that he is present in those who suffer today, including “women and men who are cheated, violated in their dignity, discarded.”

“Jesus is in them, in each of them, and, with marred features and broken voice, he asks to be looked in the eye, to be acknowledged, to be loved,” the pope said.

We have no other Lord but him: Jesus, the humble King of justice, mercy and peace.

Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem as the true Messiah, who is a servant of God and humanity, the pope said. He is not a dreamer peddling illusions, a “new age” prophet or con man; he takes on the sins and sufferings of humanity with his passion.

Jesus never promised honor and success would come to those who follow him, rather, the path to final victory requires picking up the cross and carrying it every day, Pope Francis said.

“Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds. We also ask for the patience to carry our own cross, not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him, to take it up and to carry it daily,” he said.
Bishop Hosts Lebanon Catholic’s Champions

Continuing the tradition of honoring the outstanding academic and athletic achievements of diocesan high school students, Bishop Ronald Gainer hosted a luncheon at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg on April 4 for National Merit Scholar Finalist Asha Prihar of Lebanon Catholic School, and the Lebanon Catholic Beavers Girls Class A State Championship Basketball team. These luncheons with the bishop celebrate Catholic schools’ mission of forming the whole person, in body, mind and spirit.

Asha Prihar, a senior, is the daughter of Harry and the late Dawn Prihar. During her time at Lebanon Catholic, she has been involved in musicals, chorus, choirs and has served as editor of the school newspaper, The Challenge, and as Quiz Bowl captain, among other activities. Her favorite high school experience was portraying Belle in Beauty and the Beast.

The Lebanon Catholic girls’ basketball team won the State Class A Basketball Championship on March 24, defeating Juniata Valley by a score of 55-43. It is the third such state title for the program, led by Coach Patti Hower. The Beavers were 24-8 on the season, and District 3 champions as well. Their motto was, “Teamwork Makes a Dream Work.”

Clergy Appointments

Effective May 14, 2017:

• At the presentation of Reverend Frederick Clement, M.SS.CC., Delegate of the Superior General of the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the Reverend Robert Malagesi, M.SS.CC., from Pastor, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Fairfield, and Pastor, St. Rita Parish, Blue Ridge Summit to Pastor, St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Waynesboro.

• At the presentation of Reverend Frederick Clement, M.SS.CC., Delegate of the Superior General of the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the Reverend Peter DiTomasso, M.SS.CC., from Pastor, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Bonneauville, to Pastor, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Fairfield and Pastor, St. Rita Parish, Blue Ridge Summit.

Job Opening ~ Cemetery Manager

The Diocese of Harrisburg has a full-time opening for an experienced manager who will be responsible for managing all the daily functions and maintenance of its Harrisburg Cemetery properties located at Resurrection, Holy Cross and Mount Calvary. This position reports to the Director of Diocesan Cemeteries and is an opportunity to become part of a dynamic and highly dedicated team of cemetery professionals. Candidates will need to demonstrate excellent communication and interpersonal skills and have a proven track record in sales and customer service, as they will counsel families and cemetery patrons making pre-need and at-need burial arrangements. The ability to speak Spanish is highly desirable.

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Submit résumé and cover letter to employment@bgdioce.org or mail to: Human Resources, HCAS 4800 Union Deposit Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Closing date for applications is April 21.
Building the Kingdom
By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

Many of you are aware that I belong to the congregation of the Sisters of Christian Charity. Every congregation of religious has customs that are unique to them. These customs help to create a unique heritage within the congregation.

When I entered the formation process in order to become a Sister, my class was told by our directress to pick a patron saint as well as a class title. After much thought, prayer, and discussion, my class agreed that we were to be St. Joseph, spouse of Mary. After studying and praying some more on the attributes of St. Joseph, we came up with our class title: “Builders of the Kingdom of God through Sacrificial Love.”

As I began reflecting on “thy Kingdom come” for this part of the series on the Kingdom on the Lord’s Prayer, I knew that I could not, as a “Builder of the Kingdom of God,” overlook not only the meaning of the phrase but also how you and I both can and do build this up kingdom.

So, what’s the “Kingdom of God” all about? First and foremost, it is not a place one can visit as in an earthly kingdom. It is founded within a person, Jesus Christ. In Him, through Him, and with Him, God is present to us. So when we pray, “Thy Kingdom come,” we are praying that Jesus will one day again walk the face of the earth, establishing a new order, a new creation, a new Eden.

The second aspect of the Kingdom resides within the heart of mankind. A Church father named Origen wrote, “…those who pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God pray without any doubt for the Kingdom of God that they contain in themselves, and that they may say that this kingdom might bear fruit and attain its fullness.” When we pray “Thy Kingdom come,” we pray for the fulfillment of God’s personal call to holiness. This is truly a matter of the heart and an openness of the will to God. A constant openness and hunger to follow God’s will in our life is hard work but so rewarding because it creates hope and joy.

The third part of the kingdom can be found within the Church. It is present now but not yet complete until the end of history. We are still waiting for its fulfillment to be experienced. In fact, we pray during Advent, “Come Lord Jesus!” His coming is when the fulfillment of this third realm of the kingdom takes place.

With all this in mind, how does one build up the kingdom? In Colossians 3:23–24, St. Paul writes, “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance.” In other words, as we pray “thy Kingdom come,” we are commissioned to bring about the Kingdom by working. Human work is sacred, given to human beings by God. It is a means in which we can orient our beings to the divine. After all, wasn’t this the work created for Adam and Eve? They were given dominion over the animals and plants and were to till the earth, just as we are called to do. There are various ways of getting to know God. The primary ways are the sacraments and prayer, which are the two primary means by which we obtain grace.

Living and Spreading the Catholic Faith – Part II
By Jim Gontis
Special to The Witness

So what do we need for the renewal of the Catholic faith? In the first part of this three-part series, I emphasized some keys for this renewal of the Church:

1) Renewal of authentic marriage and family life as the fundamental cell of society, and that married couples must always open their marital love to the possibility of new life, i.e. no contraception and sterilization. As the family goes, so goes the culture.
2) That holy pastors who are consistently present to their parish families are the essential ingredient for holy, happy, and dynamic parishes, more so even than any parish program or structure.
3) That the Mass and the Holy Eucharist must be at the center of our lives, especially the Sunday Mass celebration and Eucharistic adoration.

So what are some other areas to focus on in order to better spread the faith? In this second installment of this series, I will focus on what are commonly referred to as the three great fundamentals of religious education and catechesis: knowing, loving, and serving.

There are various ways of getting to know God. The primary ways are the sacraments and prayer, which are the two primary means by which we obtain grace. But one that is not stressed enough is reading. We need to read the Bible, the Catechism, the lives of the saints, good popular authors like J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Peter Kreeft, Scott and Kimberly Hahn, Frank Sheed, Fulton Sheen, Emily Stimpson, to name a few. There are also lots of excellent adult education programs available now. We can start with these and branch out from there. For example, the Augustinian Institute, Good, solid Catholic reading and books, both non-fiction and fiction, have played an important role in many conversions. They also help to strengthen and enhance faith in those who already have it.

Beauty – We are made for it
In his autobiography, The Confessions, St. Augustine, while emphasizing the beauty of God, writes, “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.” So our churches, our music, our liturgies and our literature should reflect this. As we pray, “Thy Kingdom come,” we pray that beauty will fill our hearts and souls. Beauty is not just in the eye of the beholder; there is an objective quality to it as well. While I freely admit that different people can be drawn to different kinds of beauty, what is most important is that we be drawn to the beauty of God. This attractive power of beauty is reason enough to begin a search for that unique country music artist (good) to the voice of Andrea Bocelli (amazing). This beauty of God, writes, “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.” So our churches, our music, our liturgies and our literature should reflect this. As we pray, “Thy Kingdom come,” we pray that beauty will fill our hearts and souls. Beauty is not just in the eye of the beholder; there is an objective quality to it as well. While I freely admit that different people can be drawn to different kinds of beauty, what is most important is that we be drawn to the beauty of God. This attractive power of beauty is reason enough to begin a search for that unique country music artist (good) to the voice of Andrea Bocelli (amazing). This is not a put down of all pop-culture; some of it is good and enjoyable. But there is transcendent beauty to certain works that gives peace and lifts us heavenward.

Goodness – We are drawn to it
The best examples of goodness are the saints, by whom, after God, the Church is always primarily renewed. This has to do with growing in virtue and living in sanctifying grace, which unites us to the Holy Trinity. To do this, we must first root out evil sin in our lives. This calls for a renewed commitment to the fulfillment of the sacrament of mercy: the Sacrament of Penance. This also means we need to know what needs to be confessed. Solid catechesis is essential here, as well as many opportunities for this means of accessing God’s unlimited mercy. Goodness also means basic human compassion and help for those most in need of it: the unborn, the poor, the unemployed, the depressed, the imprisoned, the home- less, those suffering from various diseases including AIDS, and from addiction and mental illness, etc. Jesus said that “the gates of hell would not prevail against the Church.” That means that the Church must be on the offensive and be on a rescue and mission saving those who are most in need, spiritually or physically.

And so, our living and spreading of the faith depend integrally on our personal and communal friendship with Jesus, Who is Truth, Beauty, and Goodness itself. (This is the second installment of a Whirley series on Living and Spreading the Catholic Faith. Jim Gontis is the Director of Religious Education and recently appointed Director of Sports Ministry for the Diocese of Harrisburg.)
By Jen Reed

April Fools’ Day was no ruse for the more than 1,100 men gathered for the annual Diocesan Men’s Conference. “We have to be infinitely tough-minded. Truth is an absolute. The only annual Diocesan Men’s Conference. The crowd of more than 1,100 attendees was a record number among annual diocesan conferences. The conference, now in its sixth year, featured Dr. Kreeft’s keynote presentation, more than 35 workshops, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day concluded with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer.

Dr. Kreeft, a professor of philosophy at Boston College and King’s College, offered in his presentation seven reasons why everyone should be Catholic: the Church is true, the Church is good, the Church is beautiful, the facts of history prove its existence, it produces saints, it is the vehicle to Heaven, and it is where we meet Jesus Christ.

Truth, goodness and beauty - the first three of the reasons - are “the three foods that every human soul is designed to hunger for, infinitely,” and the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity are the answers to those desires, Dr. Kreeft began.

A fundamental truth is the historical fact that Jesus Christ established the Catholic Church, he continued, pointing to the Church’s presence throughout history. “To be Christian is to accept Christ as Lord, and if Christ said, ‘Here is the Church that I designed for you,’ you take it!” he remarked.

On sainthood, Dr. Kreeft reminded the conference attendees that we are all called to be saints. “The highest authority in the world demands nothing less!” he stressed, urging the faithful to turn back to the Church, responding to children and grandchildren to bring children and grandchildren to the Church, responding to children with same-sex attraction, and the martyrs teach about conscience and its formation.

Today’s concept of “self-aholism,” in which a person is absorbed with himself or herself, creates confusion regarding conscience. “More than 1,100 men fill Finestra Hall at Bishop McDevitt High School for the sixth annual Diocesan Men’s Conference April 1.

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The Great Locomotive Chase – Andrews’ Raid

By Chris Hesey

The Catholic Witness

Great daring exploits abound in Civil War history lore. Arguably the most daring of all occurred on April 12, 1862, the one-year anniversary of the war’s commencement at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina. In the spring of 1862, the war effort for the Confederacy was off track, especially so in the Western Theater in central Tennessee. When Fort Donelson, located 70 miles northwest of Nashville near the Kentucky border, fell after a brilliant campaign by Union General U.S. Grant, the Confederates were forced to retreat, giving up their forces control of the vital capital city. On April 6 and 7, Confederates lost the war’s first big battle around a remote log cabin Methodist church named Shiloh in southern Tennessee. The reeling Confederates slunk back into northern Mississippi and Alabama in dire straits. Their tenuous hold on the crucial railroad city of Chattanooga, Tennessee, located just 138 miles northwest of Atlanta, was also in peril.

Railroads were the arteries that fed both sides during the four-year Civil War. While the North had nearly 20,000 miles of track compared to 9,000 miles for the South, it was the South, whose vast rural territory was poorly served by a crudely primitive road network, which depended more heavily on rail commerce. Knocking out a rail line in the heart of the Confederacy was worth the risk, and in the cold, wet spring of 1862, Union high command was eager to disrupt the South’s capacity to supply Chattanooga, which had General Ormsby Mitchel’s eye. If Chattanooga fell, Atlanta was next in the Union crosshairs. While not much is known about the meeting between Andrews and Mitchell, shortly after, Andrews recruited 22 volunteers from the three Ohio regiments to aid him in crippling the W & A Railroad. Rumor had it that Mitchell gave Andrews nearly $50,000 in gold to pull off the daring plan of stealing a locomotive near Atlanta, and then racing that engine north to Chattanooga.

The plan was to steal the locomotive, The General, a 4-4-0 train that was built in Patterson, New Jersey, a few years earlier for the Union. The Atlanta was Big Shanty in Marietta, where the train’s engineer, William Fuller, and crewmates stopped for breakfast every day. Breakfast was a hefty 25 cents at the Fletcher Hotel, and Fuller left the train idle, unguarded given there was a Confederate military camp right next to it. He was so brazen as to steal a train in the heart of the Confederacy?

“Somehow we are going to run off with your train,” a hotel worker yelled to Fuller as he was eating his pancakes. Andrews hopped in the engine, stowing his men inside a box car armed with 44 caliber pistols which were lethal at a considerable distance. The General quickly was up to speed, 16 mph, with two boxcars attached to the locomotive, which, when pushed, could go as fast as 60 mph full throttle. Given the line’s multiple curves around mountain passes and steep grades, The General was adept at handling the challenging terrain.

James Andrews was a cool customer, and stealing the engine went smoother than he expected. Soon some five miles up the line, Andrews stopped the train to cut the telegraph wires and destroy the track. “It was a thrilling moment!” William Pittenger, one of Andrews’ raiders, wrote afterwards. “Victory or death hang on every moment.” But the overconfident Andrews began making small mistakes. When he passed a hand rail car with a crew of workers, Andrews asked to borrow a crow bar, which he wanted to use to tear up track. Why he did not take more tools, steal the hand car, and tie up the workers in hindsight seems foolish.

What Andrews did not count on was the pluck of William Fuller, The General’s able and staunch Confederate engineer, who flew out of the Fletcher Hotel with his napkin still tucked under his chin. He ran at nearly a full sprint for five-miles following his beloved, but stolen train. And when the bewildered railroad crew saw Fuller running up the tracks followed by two of his train staff, they were amazed at his tenacity and resolute firmness in tracking down the stolen train.

Yet, Andrews was already some 20 miles ahead of him, puffling along at times going 40 mph.
Andrews' Raid

Fuller commandeered the hand car, which was pushed along by poles, not the see-saw type pump, so the cart’s propulsion was strenuous. Downhill, the cart was nearly uncontrollable, reaching speeds of 40 mph. It was a dangerous pursuit for Fuller, who risked everything in pursuit.

The handcar also allowed Fuller to lift the car away from the area where the raiders had crudely ripped up the track. In addition, the raiders had no design for a box car, Fuller was able to dismount and get around that obstacle too. He was wary, but aggressive in his pursuit.

Some 30 miles into the race north, Andrews had to decouple and set the hand car by the side, as the train was heading south. There, he lost valuable time waiting, though he was able to refill water and wood to keep the steam at max pressure. A hole had been ripped in the firebox, and the “sustenance” just had to be again clouded, when he failed to destroy the locomotive. Catoosa was unheeded, at Texas Gulf of Mexico. All eight made it to their units to fight.

The best book by far is Stealing the General. According to P. Aponick, “We very much wanted the site to be intuitive to the user. We did not want them to have to understand how the Diocesan Offices are structured in order to be able to find the information that they need.”

Visitors will find in many cases that there is more than one way to find what they are looking for at www.HbgDiocese.org. The Web site is more than just a way to present information about itself; it is a way to interact with the public, with social media integration. Visitors will find the Diocese’s face on Facebook and the Bishop Gainer’s weekly Gospel Reflections inviting people to Mass. Links to Twitter and YouTube feeds and other also are easily navigated. Every news page offers visitors the ability to share what they are seeing via a variety of social media channels.

The site fills many other important functions as well, as numerous diocesan events and the ability to register for them are listed in a calendar/events section. Employment opportunities for diocesan, parish and school positions can be found on the site, along with a section devoted to the important annual collections that support important ministries of the local church. These include the Pentecost Collection, the Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal, the Mathew 25 Collection and other giving opportunities.

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Palm Sunday ~ Welcoming the King of Glory

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

In the shadow of the 13-foot World Youth Day Cross, some 500 high school teens joined Bishop Ronald Gainer in the celebration of Palm Sunday, commemorating Christ’s triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

Traditionally held on the steps of the state capitol and at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg, the World Youth Day Palm Sunday celebration had a new venue and a new look this year, with the annual gathering held on the grounds of Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill.

The spirited event kicked off with lively praise and worship music from the Teresa Peterson Band, a music ministry from the Philadelphia area, as teens assembled in the church. The congregation then joined Bishop Gainer outside for the blessing of the palms and the first Gospel Reading, before processing back into the church for the continuation of Mass.

Following the Mass, the youth enjoyed the offerings from various food trucks on the parish grounds, before returning to the church for a Holy Hour.

In his homily, the bishop reflected on an often-overlooked detail in Matthew’s account of the Passion, which was proclaimed during Mass by Deacon Joshua Cavender and several members of the Diocesan Youth Council.

In the Gospel account, when Jesus breathes his last breath, the temple curtain, which separated the congregation from the Holy of Holies in the innermost sanctuary of the temple, is torn in two.

The symbolism of the curtain torn in half reveals Jesus as the new temple, Bishop Gainer explained.

“There is no longer a separation. Now all of us have access to the mystery of God,” he said. “Jesus on the cross reconciles us to his father, and to one another. This unity that Jesus brings about through his death and Resurrection brings new accessibility to God and the mystery of God and his love for us.

“What do we see when that veil is ripped? The cross reveals to us the very heart of God, filled with love for each one of us, filled with mercy,” the bishop said.

(For information on the activities and celebrations offered through the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/youth-and-young-adults.)

Members of the Diocesan Youth Council lift the cross to its proper place near the altar.

Bishop Ronald Gainer blesses palms during the World Youth Day Palm Sunday celebration.

Diocesan Youth Council members begin the procession following the blessing of the palms.

The World Youth Day Cross casts its shadow as some 500 participants process on the grounds of Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill.

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The liturgy of the Chrism Mass takes us out of the liturgical time of Lent to celebrate our joy as anointed members of the Body of Christ, Bishop Ronald Gainer said in his homily during the liturgy, celebrated April 10 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg.

The reason for the congregation’s gathering for the Mass of the Holy Oils is to be “joyful in the things that matter,” he said, quoting a G. K. Chesterton essay that offered a proposed definition of religion.

“Our joy in the things that matter is revealed in our common priesthood of all the faithful, because of our sacramental unity with Christ, the great High Priest,” Bishop Gainer reflected.

It is reflected in the order of deacons, “who are ordained to be visible signs of Christ, God’s anointed one, who came to serve, and not to be served;” in religious men and women, “whose consecrated lives call us to deeper and more fruitful holiness;” in the laity, “who are the leaven for the Good News in the world, and who are servant-leaders within the Church;” and in our priests, “without whose sacred ministry we cannot be Church,” the bishop said.

“Christ has anointed us to be joyful in the things that really matter,” he said.

Celebrated in many dioceses on the Monday of Holy Week, the Chrism Mass offers the faithful a solemn occasion to witness the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year.

It is also during this Mass that the priests of the diocese stand before the bishop and the congregation to renew the commitment to priestly service that they made on their day of ordination.

The Oil of the Catechumens is used for those who are preparing for baptism. The Oil of the Sick is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Sacred Chrism takes its name from Christ, “the anointed one of the Lord,” and is used in the Sacrament of Confirmation, the anointing of priests and bishops during ordination, and in the dedication of new churches and altars.
Roman Missal Calls Easter Vigil ‘Mother of All Vigils’ for a Reason

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

The Catholic Church pulls out all the stops for the Easter Vigil, the Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday.

The Roman Missal, which spells out specifics of how the vigil is to be celebrated, describes it as the “mother of all vigils” and says it is the “greatest and most noble of all solemnities and it is to be unique in every single church.”

That quote, “mother of all vigils” comes from St. Augustine’s Sermon 209, which is pretty old, since the saint died in the year 430.

In other words, the tradition of the Easter Vigil and support for it, goes way back in the church. But there was a falling out over this tradition for a long time and only in the 20th century did the Church recover what “got lost in the Middle Ages,” said Jesuit Father Bruce Morrill, the Edward A. Malloy professor of Catholic studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee.

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The Mass also includes the baptism, confirmation and first Communion of catechumens who are joining the Church, having prepared for this moment through the Rcia. Candidates, who are already baptized, receive confirmation and first Communion at the vigil to enter full communion with the Church.

Pope Francis calls Easter Vigil ‘Mother of All Vigils’ for a Reason

The student was moved right from the start with the symbolism of the fire lighting the darkness. Then he felt the readings were not just about what God had done but was still doing today.

Father Morrill saved the paper and has kept in touch with the student. He said if no one else got anything from the experience, he would still “thank God for the privilege” of leading one person there that night.

Pope Francis and cardinals present in Rome will formally approve the canonizations of two of the children who saw Mary in Fatima, a large group of Brazilian martyrs, three child martyrs from Mexico and two priests.

The Vatican announced April 11 that the “ordinary consistory,” as the gathering is called, will take place April 20, a little more than three weeks before Pope Francis is scheduled to travel to Fatima, Portugal.

Although it cannot be confirmed until the consistory is held, the pope is expected to canonize the children, Blessed Francisco Marto and Blessed Jacinta Marto, during a Mass at the Fatima shrine May 13, the 100th anniversary of the first time Mary appeared to the siblings and their cousin, Sister Lucia dos Santos.

The other causes to be approved formally April 20 are:

- The “Martys of Natal,” Brazil, including: Blessed Andre de Soveral, a Jesuit priest; Blessed Ambrosio Francisco Ferro, a diocesan priest; Blessed Mateus Moreira, a layman; and 27 others. They were killed in 1645 in a wave of anti-Catholic persecution carried out by Dutch Calvinists.
- The “Child Martyrs of Tlaxcala,” Mexico – Blessed Cristobal, Blessed Antonio and Blessed Juan – who were among the first native converts in Mexico. They were killed between 1527 and 1529 for refusing to renounce the faith and return to their people’s ancient traditions.
- Blessed Manuel Miguez Gonzalez, a Spaniard born in 1831. He founded the Calasanizian Institute, a religious order of women dedicated to educating other women.
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Pope to Formally Approve Canonizations, Including of Fatima Seers

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

The other causes to be approved formally April 20 are:

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Father Bateman Reflects on Year of Service and Ministry in Rome

By Father John Bateman
Special to The Witness

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One thing I’ve really come to know is the good, hard work done by the many men and women—priests and religious alike—who staff the various offices of the Roman Curia. Every one of them, no matter their “job,” is working diligently to help strengthen and build up the Church around the world. There is also a great fraternity among the American priests who work and live here and that fraternity (which is so much a part of our pastoral people back home) is another thing I miss from home. But while separated from my home and diocese, God has filled me with joy and given me a unique opportunity.

The Holy Land through the efforts and sacrifices of our Lieutenancies throughout the world. Many in my former parishes know the great love I have for our persecuted brothers and sisters. My work for, and now membership in, the Order has given me the ability to continue that connection with our Christian brothers and sisters living in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, and Cyprus (the countries that are part of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem). The work done by the Church of Jerusalem is a tremendous labor of love, of reconciliation, of understanding, and of building peace among all the peoples of that Holy Land. Our Order provides a large percentage of the financial resources that the Church in Jerusalem uses to run its various ministries: such as schools, universities and various outreach or aid programs for refugees and migrant workers. One of the unique things about their schools is that they serve no one other than children of other faiths, mostly Muslim. Imagine the foundation these schools are building in this next generation: helping them to see one another as brothers and sisters, as friends—not as enemies. What we hope and promise this is for PEACE!

In September, following the retirement of the former Patriarch, Jerusalem welcomed a new Archbishop. Traveling to Jerusalem for his official installation was quite a remarkable moment. Archbishop Pizzaballa entered the Holy City via the Damascus Gate and was greeted with crowds of people, waving palm branches, singing songs (“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”) and walking with him to the cathedral where he officially took possession of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Our time there also afforded us the unique opportunity to celebrate Mass at the site of the crucifixion and inside the very tomb from which Jesus rose from the dead. That was a moment! Inside the Holy Sepulchre, the Mass celebrated is ALWAYS that of Easter morning. I won’t ever forget reading that Resurrection gospel, “and when they arrived at the tomb—this tomb—they found it empty.” THIS tomb! To be in the very place from which Jesus rose from the dead! It gives me goose bumps just to remember that awesome moment and experience.

Another blessing is that I have been able to continue my service to our country as an Air Force Chaplain. My commander at the base in Harrisburg, who is a member of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish, was excited that I had this opportunity to serve the world-wide Church through this assignment to Rome—and he and the other commanders at State headquarters were able to find a way for me to continue my military service while working here in Italy. Every month, I go to Aviano Air Base and there can at least keep involved in pastoral work with the military members and their families: celebrating the sacraments, preaching, teaching religious education, offering support and counseling and even doing a bit of spiritual direction. It is great be able to continue serving our country as a member of the military. I also have to continue to do my two-week summer training. You may remember that last summer I was able to join Father Raymond LaVoie, a priest of the diocese, in Kosovo. This summer, I’ll be meeting up with members of my own wing as they travel to England for their annual training.

I’ve also been able to be connected with the young men studying for the priesthood at the North American College—the U.S. seminary here in Rome. Of course I get together regularly with Stephen Logue, our diocesan seminarian here, and another seminarian from the Greensburg Diocese. I’ve been given the opportunity to assist in the formation program of the seminary by serving as a moderator for the homily practicum for the second and third year men. It’s another opportunity for me to have my hand in some pastoral work.

And then there are the many visitors. People from throughout the diocese have reached out to contact me in order that I can meet them here in Rome, or assist them in securing tickets for papal audiences or the Scavi Tour underneath St. Peter’s Basilica. It is a great opportunity to share with people the wonderful treasures of the Church here in Rome. In fact, right now there are five seminarians from our diocese on pilgrimage to Rome during their spring break. What a great opportunity for them to grow through this pilgrimage to Rome.

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Congratulations to the Diocesan Spelling Bee, Geography Bee and Speech Contest Winners!

Last month, 157 students took part in three annual contests hosted by the Diocesan Department for Catholic Schools – the Diocesan Spelling Bee, the Diocesan Geography Bee and the Diocesan Speech Competition. The spelling and geography bees both featured more than 30 students who won the respective contests at their schools. For the speech contest, 90 students demonstrated their public speaking abilities in persuasive speech, oral interpretation, and duo dramatic interpretation. Awards and prizes were presented to the top three finalists in the spelling and geography bees, as well as the top three winners and honorable mention awardees in the speech contest.

First, second, third and honorable mention place winners of the Diocesan Speech Competition are pictured. Front row from left are Giovanna Jiang of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in McSherrystown, first place in oral interpretation; Alexis Drenning of St. Margaret Mary School in Harrisburg, first place in persuasion; Symya Lawrence and Caroline Dinello of Holy Name of Jesus School in Harrisburg, second and third place in oral interpretation, respectively; Walker Camathan of St. Margaret Mary School in Harrisburg, honorable mention in oral interpretation; and Griffith Kotlinski of St. Francis Xavier School in Gettysburg, second place in persuasion.

Second row from left are Angela Warriner of St. Joseph School in Danville, honorable mention in duo dramatic interpretation; Alaina Zeager and Allie Gray of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in Middletown, honorable mention in oral interpretation and first place in duo dramatic interpretation, respectively; Samantha Lauck, Isabel Benfield and Hannah Hopper of St. Columba School in Bloomsburg, honorable mention in duo dramatic interpretation and in oral interpretation, respectively; Jack Guerrisi of Holy Name of Jesus School in Harrisburg, third place in persuasion; and Alex Tapsak of St. Columba School in Bloomsburg, third place in duo dramatic interpretation.

Third row from left are Andrew Warthen and Daniel Sautter of St. Francis Xavier School in Gettysburg, second place in duo dramatic interpretation; Laura Hilker of St. Joseph School in Dallastown, honorable mention in duo dramatic interpretation; Caroline Erb of Our Mother of Perpetual Help School in Ephrata, honorable mention in persuasion; Rena Rankin of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in Middletown, first place in duo dramatic interpretation; Veronica Marchak of St. Francis Xavier School in Gettysburg, honorable mention in persuasion; and Thomas Rydzewski of St. Columba School in Bloomsburg, third place in duo dramatic interpretation.

The Diocesan Spelling Bee was won by Daniel Siahaan, center, of Corpus Christi School in Chambersburg. Ryan Crooks, at right, of St. Patrick School in Carlisle placed second, and Allie Patera of St. John the Baptist School in New Freedom, left, placed third.

The winner of the Diocesan Geography Bee was Alex Giorgione, center, of St. Catherine Laboure School in Harrisburg. John Marinelli, right, of Our Lady of the Angels School in Columbia placed second, and Michael McKnight, left, of York Catholic was third.
Peruvians Carve Life-Size Way of the Cross for New Las Vegas Parish

By Barbara J. Fraser
Catholic News Service

A grim-faced Pontius Pilate stares straight ahead, while Jesus, bound with rope, stands beside him, head down. Jesus turns a tortured face heavenward as he falls for the first time under the weight of a stone cross.

Mary places a hand on Jesus’ arm, as if beseeching, and he looks at her with compassion, but faces forward, one hand open toward whatever lies ahead. The journey toward Calvary continues, and finally a white tear glistens in Mary’s eye as she holds her son’s broken body.

Five young Peruvian stone carvers have spent the past year fashioning the life-size Stations of the Cross from six-foot-tall blocks of Italian marble for a parish in the United States.

The figures, which went on exhibit April 8 at the cathedral in Huaraz, Peru, will eventually be shipped to Las Vegas to become part of a prayer garden at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, the newest parish in the Las Vegas Diocese, which is expected to be completed in early 2018.

“When we first saw the [carving of] the body of Christ placed in [the] arms of Mary, his mother, it brought tears to our eyes,” said Father William Kenny, pastor of Holy Spirit. “We were speechless. It was so powerful.”

He, the church architect, a deacon and the two laymen’s wives had traveled to Peru to meet the artists, who are also making the parish’s altar, ambo and baptismal pool.

The stone carvers are members of Artesanos Don Bosco, a program of schools and cooperatives founded by Salesian Father Ugo de Censi in the 1970s in a village in the shadow of the snowcapped Cordillera Blanca in central Peru.

Father Kenny and his companions visited the program’s workshops and boarding schools, living with the students and the mainly Italian volunteers who support the program.

“It’s like a religious community,” Father Kenny said. “Many [of the students and artisans] came from very poor situations, and they have strong spiritual lives.”

For Antonio Tafur, 33, who designed all the figures and carved three of them, fashioning the Stations of the Cross has been a labor of skill and prayer.

“I like to think about what Jesus must have been like,” he said, looking at the agonized, upturned face of the figure of the fallen Jesus. “There is passion, there is love, there is mercy.”

As Jesus cries out to his father, there is also a sense of abandonment—an emotion Tafur has also known. His parents separated when he was young, and his mother, who worked long hours to support her family.

By the time he was a teenager, he was on a dangerous path shared by many young people in rough, low-income neighborhoods in Lima, Peru’s sprawling capital.

“In Lima, I did stupid things,” he said. “Sometimes I skipped school. I partied.”

When he was 13, his father took him to spend two months in his [father’s] hometown of Chacas near Huaraz, where Tafur joined the Don Bosco “oratorio,” a group of young people who met to pray, reflect and help others. Although they were poor, they learned to find joy in serving those needier than themselves, he said.

Instead of returning to Lima, he was invited to enter the Artesanos Don Bosco school, where he learned his craft along with mathematics, literature and other academic subjects.

On weekends, he and his classmates helped elderly villagers, cutting firewood, tending their fields or repairing their houses.

That is part of the rhythm of prayer, study, work and rest that marks life in the schools, which become like families for the students, said Dario Chiminelli, 43, an Italian volunteer who manages the school and workshops in a village just outside the town of Huaraz, in Peru’s central Ancash region.

Each student chooses a specialty—carpentry, stone carving, mosaics, glass working, weaving or painting—and receives a set of professional tools at graduation. Some strike out on their own, while others, like Tafur, join one of the cooperatives operating in rural parts of Peru.

Father de Censi’s vision for Artesanos Don Bosco was to enable young people to earn a living in their home villages, near their families, instead of migrating to Lima or other large cities to seek work, Chiminelli said.

In Italy, he and other volunteers did odd jobs and recycled discarded items to earn money for the program’s outreach work in Peru and programs in Brazil, Bolivia and Ecuador. A similar group has formed in Baltimore.

Volunteers who choose to serve in South America receive room and board, but no stipend, and they pay their own travel expenses, he said. All the funds they collect go to help those most in need.

“Each place is like a hub,” Father Kenny said of the workshops he visited, where poor local residents can also get meals and other assistance.

“It’s a whole spiritual community,” he said. “They seem very happy, and obviously they all have bright futures in their profession.”
The names of the following deceased persons have been submitted by their parishes. Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of these recently departed souls and the consolation of their loved ones.

**Obituaries**

**MILTON** – St. Joseph: Paul Vincent Reich.

**MOUNT CARMEL** – Divine Redeemer: Rose M. Bird Antico, Francis Gallney; Our Lady: Donald J. Betz, Sr., Barry Blank, James R. Callahan, Joseph McCoy, Paul J. Schu, Thomas G. Shada, Ann Spandrea, Mary Theresa Tarlecki, Catherine Walsh.

**NEW CUMBERLAND** – St. Theresa: Ronald Heberling, Irene Teter.

**NEW Freedom** – St. John the Baptist: Nancy Lasher.


**STEELTON** – Prince of Peace: Emma (Kepp) Malatestinic, Anna (Costanza) Weltmer.

**WAYSNEBUCK** – St. Andrew: Elizabeth Devlin, John Gill.

**YORK** – Immaculate Conception BVM: Yvonne Banks, Mary Reineberg, Mary Schlager, Jean Swingle; St. Joseph: Paul Anthony, Liborio “Buddy” Arcuri, Michaelene “Mickey” Cuffaro, Edward Lyons, Iris Mummert, Dr. James Smolko; St. Patrick; Schu, Rose of Lima: Ruth Gerard, Edward King, Marie Lundi, Nancy Spencey.

**RESURRECTION**

**REMEMBER OUR Deceased Clergy**

**Please pay for the following clergy who died in April during the past 25 years:**

- Msgr. Joseph Hager, 1992
- Msgr. Bernard Mattern, 1992
- Deacon Halmon Banks Sr., 1993
- Msgr. Donald Adams, 1996
- Father Patrick D’Alessandro, 1996
- Deacon Arthur Colonell, 1996
- Father Anthony Burakowski, 2002
- Father Curtis Delarm, 2005
- Father Mark Matthew Casey, 2005
- Father Gerald Lytle, 2006
- Deacon Charles Clark, 2012
- Father Daniel Menniti, 2015.

**Resurrection’s ‘Rock the Church’ to include Wheatland Chorale, Special Meal**

Empanadas, eggrolls and accompaniments to complete a meal will be offered as part of Resurrection Catholic School’s annual Rock the Church benefit concert April 21, 7 p.m., at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Lansford.

In addition to the $5 per person meal served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, the event features the renowned Wheatland Chorale under the artistic direction of Eric Riley. The Wheatland Chorale has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association for excellence.

“The only way we get to perform is if people come and our goal is to give everyone a reason to want to come,” said Principal Brenda Weaver. “We are happy we can add food this year, and excited that the Wheatland Chorale is joining our talented parish choir. It will be an unforgettable evening for everyone.”

Rock The Church III also features guest choirs and ensembles from St. Mary, St. Joseph, St. Anthony and San Juan Bautista churches and the students choirs from the Singing Saints.

In all, close to 200 men, women and children sing pieces that reflect the diversity of the parishes, the styles of the groups and the scope of their talents. They include both gay and bisexual missionaries who play guitars and congas, contemporary church choirs singing a cappella and contemporary ensembles with a modern sound.

Directors of music are Riley; Robert Grabowski of St. Anthony of Padua, brother of Father Anthony Wiker of San Juan Bautista; and Joshua Vyskocil of Resurrection Catholic School.

Rock The Church was named in 2015, its inaugural year, when the school’s theme was Resurrection Rocks. Rock the Church is free, though donations may be offered.

Event details are forthcoming. There is no charge for ticket purchases but tickets are limited.

**Beginning Experience Weekend for Those Suffering Loss of a Spouse**

The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Hebron, Halifax, for a Beginning Experience Weekend, May 5-7, 2017.

The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends. The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization.

The following is a testimonial of a person who attended the Beginning Experience Weekend: “I can tell you that my encounter with the Beginning Experience weekend has brought me greater peace and given me an extended family of lifelong friends who I quickly grew to love and lean on. If you or someone you know is suffering the isolation and pain that can accompany the loss of a spouse or marriage, I encourage you to seriously consider attending the Beginning Experience weekend.”

Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. Check the Harrisburg diocesan Web site www.hbgdioce.org and go to the marriage and family link, or check www.beginningexperience.org. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at 717-379-0800.

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-532-3431.

To report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer, also please call the diocesan toll free hotline: 1-800-626-1608
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**Spiritual Offerings**

Mass in the Polish language will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on April 2 at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Quarryville. Confessions are available at 10 a.m. and in Polish on April 1.

A Rosary Rally celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions is prayed the third Saturday of each month at 12 noon. The next rally is April 15. Call Beti at 717-359-4804.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Mechanicsburg will hold its annual Divine Mercy Day on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m. The service will include: Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and includes Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., the Hour of the Holy Soul at 4 p.m., the Hour of Reconciliation at 5 p.m., and benediction. Confessions will be offered from 1-2 p.m. on Saturday at our Lady of Fatima Church, at 717-705-1542.

The St. Catherine Laboure Council of Catholic Women, Harrisburg, is sponsoring a Eucharistic Holy Hour of Prayer with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Image and includes Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., the Hour of the Holy Soul at 4 p.m., and Benediction at 4 p.m.

A Divine Mercy service will be held at St. Joseph Church, Mechanicsburg, during the Holy Hour of Mercy, a special day of indulgences and grace, as Deacon Neil Grigsma隐身 the Divine Mercy Chapel.

**Fundraisers & Events**

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Harrisburg is welcoming you! On May 7, the parish is hosting a fundraising event for all parishes, students of OLBS School, and friends of the event. The event includes guided tours of the historic church, a musical evening, a barbeque and auction, and a raffle to raise funds for the parish. For more information, please visit the following link on Facebook.

**Job Openings**

Lebanon Catholic School has an elementary teaching position opening for the 2017-2018 school year. The ideal candidate will possess a master’s degree in education and a minimum of two years teaching experience in grades K-5. The position is full-time and includes a competitive salary and benefits.

**Education & Enrichment**

The Wild Goose is Loose Project (The Wild Goose is an all-day arts, music, and food festival that celebrates the process of transformation and personal growth.)

The Wild Goose is Loose Project will host its annual event on May 28 from 12-6 p.m. at 102 E. Main St., Lebanon, PA. The event features a variety of vendors, food trucks, live music, and a kid-friendly area. The festival aims to bring the community together and promote positivity and growth.

**Jobs**

**For Sale**

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Lebanon Catholic School presents Seussical, the Musical. Apr 28-30. Performance times are 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 2 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are being offered as a general admission with prices of $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and students, and $5 for children 5-10. This is a special event to benefit the school. Tickets can be purchased online or at the school office.

**For Sale**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a fundraiser for Undefeated Courage, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping low-income families initiate and maintain breastfeeding for their babies. The Knights have teamed up with Hoss’s Steak and Sea House in Enola, PA to host a fundraiser on April 29. 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. of the event. Tickets can be purchased by calling 717-393-8433 or at the door. All proceeds will go towards Undefeated Courage.

**For Sale**

The Catholic Women’s Club of Lebanon presents a spring flower and plant sale to benefit Undeveloped Courage. The sale will be held on April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lebanon Catholic School. All proceeds will go towards Undeveloped Courage.

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The Wild Goose is Loose Project is seeking a new executive director to lead the organization in its mission to create a more just and equitable world through arts, music, and food events. The ideal candidate will possess a minimum of three years of experience in the arts and entertainment industry, including event planning and management. They will also have strong leadership skills and the ability to plan and prioritize effectively. Interested candidates should send their resume to jbova@skdparish.com or contact the Wild Goose is Loose Project at (717) 705-6012.

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Invoking the redeeming love and consolation of the Divine Mercy, the celebration will begin with Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament following the Cathedral parish’s 12:15 p.m. Mass. At 3 p.m. Bishop Gainer will lead those gathered in the solemn praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 4 p.m., a solemn Mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of William Cardinal Keeler.

All services are open to the public, particularly those in the local community who have been impacted by the ministry of Cardinal Keeler while he was a priest and bishop in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

“Whatever life has done to us, or whatever we have done during life, the heart of God is revealed on Calvary. We have communion with God through the gift of the Last Supper and the gift of his Body and Blood.”

– Bishop Ronald Gainer, World Youth Day Celebration on Palm Sunday