Prayers for Peace

Newly-Appointed Philadelphia Archbishop Says ‘What You See is ... What You Get’

By Lou Baldwin
Catholic News Service

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput told a crowd of reporters and guests at a July 19 news conference in Philadelphia that “what you see is pretty much what you get.”

“I don’t know why the Holy Father sent me here. But I do trust his heart, and I believe in his judgment,” he said, commenting on his appointment as archbishop of Philadelphia announced earlier that morning.

He will succeed Cardinal Justin Rigali. Pope Benedict XVI accepted the 76-year-old cardinal’s resignation and appointed the Denver archbishop, who is 66, to replace him. He will be installed Sept. 8. Cardinal Rigali had submitted his resignation when he turned 75 on April 19, 2010, as required under canon law.

“I know other bishops would have been smarter than I am, or more talented, or more connected with Philadelphia’s past,” Archbishop Chaput continued. “I know that Cardinal Rigali is one of the great churchmen of my life. He has served the church with enormous dedication and in ways I will never be able to duplicate.

“But I do promise that no bishop will love the people and priests of this local church more than I will. No bishop will give more of himself than I will give,” he added. “And no bishop will try to work harder to help persons who have been hurt by the sins of the past, or work harder to strengthen and renew the hearts of our people.”

Many of the questions put to the archbishop by the press centered on the current turmoil in the archdiocese caused by the child abuse scandal and how he would respond to it.

U.S. Church had ‘Highest Respect, Deepest Affection’ for Late Nuncio

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Archbishop Sambi, 73, died July 27 at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore apparently from complications of lung surgery performed approximately three weeks earlier. On July 22, the apostolic nunciature in Washington announced that the archbishop had been “placed on assisted ventilation to attempt recovery of his lung function” two weeks after undergoing “a delicate lung surgery.”

“Archbishop Sambi understood and loved our nation,” Archbishop Dolan said in a statement. “He traveled throughout the country, often to attend the ordination of bishops, always eager to meet the faithful, and to share with them the affection that the Holy Father has for them and their country.”

“He was open to the media as a conveyor of truth and welcomed journalists as representatives of the American people,” the USCCB president said. “He enjoyed everything from a stroll in the park near his residence in Washington to the diplomatic functions he attended as part of his service as the representative of the Holy See to the United States.”

Archbishop Dolan recalled “the indispensable role” the nuncio had during Pope Benedict XVI’s trip to the U.S. in 2008, saying he had “enabled our entire nation to see the wonderfully warm solicitude of the Holy Father for America.”
Carmelite Community Welcomes Bishops for Celebration of Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns enclosed at the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Elysburg found themselves doubly blessed as they celebrated the July 16 feast of their patronesses – Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Present for the Solemn High Mass celebrated in the monastery’s chapel were Harrisburg Bishop Joseph P. McFadden and Pittsburgh Auxiliary Bishop William J. Waltersheid.

“It was a wonderful blessing that we had very much been looking forward to,” Mother Stella Marie, prioress, said of the feast day celebration, for which Bishop Waltersheid served as principal celebrant and homilist and at which Bishop McFadden was present.

“It was a day of great grace for us,” she told The Catholic Witness.

As former Diocesan Secretary for Clergy and Consecrated Life, Bishop Waltersheid worked with former Harrisburg Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to establish the community in Elysburg – the second order of Discalced Carmelites in the diocese – in 2009.

The nuns are quick to acknowledge the support they’ve received from Bishop McFadden, Bishop Rhoades and Bishop Waltersheid.

In his homily during the July 16 Mass, Bishop Waltersheid called upon the local community to “pray today in a very special way for all in the Diocese of Harrisburg here on the Mount, Mount Carmel.”

“Today, we celebrate her feast. We celebrate her, who reaches out to each one of us in a very special way,” Bishop Waltersheid said.

“What a great gift of grace for us all to be here on this holy ground. It is truly holy ground here on this hill,” he remarked.

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Elysburg, the Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Danville and the Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary in Lancaster are the three contemplative communities of nuns in the diocese.

There are currently 14 Discalced Carmelite Nuns at the monastery in Elysburg, and their community members are young. Five are in solemn vows, and the remaining are in formation. The youngest is 18.

The congregation was officially accepted in the Church in 1226, though Carmelites trace their origins from Old Testament times as they consider themselves daughters of the Prophet Elijah. In 1251, St. Simon Stock, the general superior of the Carmelite order, received the Brown Scapular from Our Lady during an apparition. She promised special help to those who wear the Scapular with devotion.

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns encourage the faithful to wear the Brown Scapular as a sign of devotion to Mary, whom they strive to imitate.

“Just as a priest is an alter Christ or ‘other Christ,’ we try to be ‘other Marys’ so that we can support the priesthood by our prayers, just as Our Blessed Mother supported Our Lord throughout his ministry by her silent prayers and her silent presence,” Mother Stella Marie noted.

Their apostolate is to pray for the needs of the Divine Office eight times a day, attend daily Mass and pray before the Blessed Sacrament twice daily.

Prayer intentions can be submitted to them via mail or at the entrance of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph at 430 Monastery Road, Elysburg, Pa., 17824. Faithful are also welcome to attend Mass at the monastery Monday-Friday at 7 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m.

“Sometimes it’s difficult for people to understand the why and the wherefore of our life because we are very hidden,” Mother Stella Marie said. “We just would like all the faithful of the diocese to know that we are bonded with each and every one of them. We are very much a part of their lives in the sense that we pray daily for each and every person. No one should hesitate to write for intentions or to come by and give their intentions at the turnstile. Even though we are hidden, we haven’t forgotten anyone. We feel very united with them.”

For More Information
Find a brochure from the Friends of Carmel JM on the Monastery, or get more information at www.friendsofcarmeljm.org, via e-mail at info@friendsofcarmeljm.org or by calling (717) 236-3726.

Surrounded by seminarians and clergy, Harrisburg Auxiliary Bishop William J. Waltersheid shares a happy moment on the serene grounds of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Elysburg.

Bishop William J. Waltersheid, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh, delivers a homily during the Solemn High Mass celebrated at the Carmelite Monastery in Elysburg July 16. The Discalced Carmelites and faithful of the local community attended the Mass, celebrated in the presence of Bishop Joseph P. McFadden.
Diocese Recognizes Korean Catholic Community

On Aug. 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Bishop Joseph P. McFadden decreed the establishment of the St. Peter Son Korean Catholic Community of the Diocese of Harrisburg. The community, served by a chaplain, will function as an apostolate of the diocese.

For about 20 years, the local Korean Catholic community has been served by priests presented by the bishop of the Diocese of Jeonju, Korea. The community members have brought the rich Korean culture and heritage to the Diocese of Harrisburg.

The most recent chaplain was Father Thomas T. Lee, who recently returned to his home diocese. The new chaplain of the community is Father Jae-Sik Yang. Both priests met with Msgr. William J. King, Diocesan Vicar General, at the Cardinal Kee- ler Center in Harrisburg Aug. 5, to discuss the progress of the Korean community. According to Msgr. King, “Bishop McFadden’s official recognition of the Korean Catholic Community strengthens the bonds of communion in the diocese and recognizes the gifts of the Korean community within the diocese.”

Job Opening:
Cemetery Maintenance and Service

Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services has an immediate opening at Resurrection Cemetery, Oak Grove Road, Harrisburg. Applicants must have skills in grounds maintenance. The ability to operate a backhoe is essential. Other equipment that will be used: tractor, pickup, mowers and a variety of small equipment related to cemetery maintenance and operation. Must be able to work within a team and be able to demonstrate tact, courtesy and diplomacy.

Applicant must have valid clean PA driver’s license. Work is performed both indoors and outdoors. Must be able to work in all weather conditions, to tight deadlines and be able to lift and move items up to 100 lbs.

Resumes and cover letter should be sent to: employment@hbgdiocese.org

Closing date August 25

7th Annual 5K Run and Walk

The Shelter Shuffle benefits the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, the only emergency shelter in the greater Harrisburg area that assists homeless families of all ages.

The 7th Annual 5K Run and Walk will be held September 17 at 8 a.m. • Race at 9 a.m.

The registration fee for the race is $15. The registration fee for the 5K walk is $10.50.

Pre-registered runners and walkers must report to the registration area at 7 a.m. on September 17.

On the grounds of the former Harrisburg State Hospital

Refreshments and door prizes

Strollers and pets welcome.

Find more information and a downloadable brochure and registration from at www.hbgdiocese.org/charities or contact Chris Meehan at cmeehan@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4004.

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Deans Appointed

After consultation with the priests of each Deanery, Bishop Joseph P. McFadden has appointed the following priests to the office of Dean, with terms expiring July 31, 2014:

- Adams Deanery — Very Rev. Joseph Gotwalt
- Cumberland/Perry Deanery — Very Rev. William Forrey
- Dauphin Deanery — Rev. Msgr. James Lyons
- Franklin Deanery — Very Rev. John Bateman
- North Lancaster Deanery — Very Rev. Kenneth Lawrence
- South Lancaster Deanery — Rev. Msgr. Richard Youtz
- Lebanon Deanery — Very Rev. Michael Reid
- Northern Deanery — Rev. Msgr. William Richardson
- Northumberland Deanery — Very Rev. Alfred Sceski
- York Deanery — Very Rev. Robert Gillelan


Knowledge of diocesan and parish structure helpful.

Please send resume and cover letter to: employment@hbgdiocese.org

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Human Resources Department
4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111

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Office of Pontifical Missions Administrative Assistant – Full Time

Seeking a confident self-starter, who is able to take direction and follow through on duties and responsibilities with minimum supervision. Must be Mission minded in both word and deed and have a desire to spread the Lord’s Gospel message to those who have not heard. Must be able to think and make decisions with a minimum of supervision. Must be Mission minded in all matters, candidate must possess high levels of verbal, interpersonal and written communication skills as an ability to maintain good public relations is essential. Must have an eye for detail and desire ability to work with financial figures. Must be able to use some independent initiative and judgment.

Ideal candidate will have superior organizational and secretarial skills as proficiency in MS 2007 applications is essential. This includes all creative programs as there is a requirement to design mission awareness materials for all ages. Must exhibit professionalism on consistent basis.

Knowledge of diocesan and parish structure helpful. Must be a Catholic in good standing. Competitive salary & benefits.

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Progress Toward Life in the Diocese

By Father Paul CB Schenck
Special to The Witness

Before summer’s end, parishes and schools should be anticipating reception of the U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities for 2011-2012. The annual publication includes resources, activities and liturgical aids that will help place the focus on the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the person and the common good within society. Pastors, administrators and Respect Life coordinators should implement components of the Plan that extend their mission of evangelization, catechesis and service to life. The Respect Life Office provides the informational packet, while the churches and schools are responsible to order materials. Respect Life office staff is always ready in assist to that process.

October is Respect Life Month, which is a good time for pastors to focus on the gift of human life, appoint Respect Life coordinators and committees or reaffirm the work of those that already exist. Pastors will receive materials from the diocese to assist them in doing this.

Bishop Joseph P. McFadden will celebrate his Annual Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, October 8 at 8:15 a.m. in Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, 2121 N. 3rd Street in Harrisburg. Following Mass, the Bishop will lead a Rosary Procession to the only free standing abortion business left in the city. Afterward participants are invited to a brunch/reception in St. Patrick’s Cathedral Hall sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. This is a critical witness of prayer and service to life that everyone is invited to attend.

The national 40 Days for Life campaign will begin Wednesday, September 28 with an opening Mass. Daily prayer for an end to abortion and to bring awareness to the plight of the victims of abortion will take place through November 9. Volunteers are asked to go to the 40 Days’ Web site and Face Book page to sign up to pray and for more information. Prayer is scheduled at the abortion business site, in churches and chapels and private homes. The Respect Life Office will co-sponsor with Mater Dei Latin Mass Community an Annual Pro-Life Symposium on Saturday, September 24 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Cardinal Keeler Center. The topic is Population Control with speakers Austin Ruse of Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute at the United Nations and Steven Mosher of the Population Research Institute in Washington, D.C. Call Patricia Kabel at 717-536-2920 for more information. (See the ad on page 17 in this issue.)

Rachel’s Vineyard ministries will host the second annual “Pray n’ Play” event on Saturday, October 1 at The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmaus, Pa. Call Patricia Kabel at 717-536-2920 for more information. (See the ad on page 17 in this issue.)

Prayerfully consider being involved in one or more of these efforts to move forward toward a Culture of Life throughout our Church and communities. (Father Schenck is the Diocesan Director of the Respect Life Office.)

New Life-Affirming Law Helps Grieving Parents

By Mary Kathleen O’Connor
Special to The Witness

Mothers of stillborn children endure the unimaginable hardship of carrying a child in pregnancy only to learn that their little boy or girl died before birth. For many parents in Pennsylvania, the devastation over the death of their child is combined with confusion and anger that upon the child’s delivery, a fetal death certificate will be the only official remembrance of their little one’s life. Soon in Pennsylvania, this will change. Beginning in September, parents of stillborn children will be able to file for a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth along with the fetal death certificate. The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) supported this life-affirming legislation since it was first introduced by Sen. Jake Corman (R-Centre) in 2007. The bill was introduced a total of three times. Finally in this session, it passed unanimously in both the House and Senate and was signed into law. In previous legislative sessions, the bill never left the state House of Representatives.

Pro-abortion lawmakers in the past refused to move the legislation in the House out of fear that it could be construed as an anti-abortion measure. The controversy surrounded the bill’s use of the term “child.” In July 2008, an amendment was introduced to remove the term “child” from the legislation and replace it with the term “fetus.” Pro-life advocates, including the PCC, stressed that this bill would have no impact on current abortion law.

Proponents of the legislation do not see the issue as either “pro-life” or “pro-choice.” To them, including the term “child” is important to grieving parents. Pro-life supporters herald the bill because it acknowledges humanity of the youngest among us.

Senator Corman, the sponsor of the bill, said, “Stillbirths are a tragedy for parents, and often times they feel no sense of closure or healing because there is no documentation of their child’s birth.”

A spokesman for Governor Corbett told the PCC, “Governor Corbett felt it was important to sign the stillbirth bill to help the mothers and fathers who go through the difficult and tragic loss of a stillborn child. Having a certificate is something that many grieving parents who have lived through stillbirth feel is important because it recognizes the life of their child. The Department of Health has had requests in the past for these and now Pennsylvania can honor those requests.”

According to the National Institutes of Health, it is estimated that there are over 26,000 stillborn births each year in the United States. Stillborn births can be the result of many factors in a woman’s pregnancy, including umbilical cord accidents, but the cause of many stillborn births remains unknown.

In September, Pennsylvania will become the 28th state in the nation to offer a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth. These certificates will be available for all parents of stillborn children, including those parents who had endured stillborn births in the past. The parents will be given the option to include the name of the child, names of the parents, and place of birth on the certificate. More information is available at the Pennsylvania Department of Health Web site: www.health.state.pa.us. (O’Connor is the Summer Intern for the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, the public affairs arm of Pennsylvania’s Catholic bishops and the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania. Find more information at www.pacatholic.org.)

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313
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
Beginning in September, many parishes of the Diocese of Harrisburg will begin sing the new translation of the Giver, the Sanctus, and the Memento Acclamation. This is a precursor to what will affect the entire English-speaking Church on the First Sunday of Advent. Notably, the language used in the vernacular translation of the acclamation is not only something that we need at the present moment in the Church’s life, but was anticipated by those who were entrusted with the current translation that has been in use since the 1970s.

In 1963, the Second Vatican Council promulgated Sacrosanctum Concilium (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy). This was the first major document given to the Church by the Council. In it we find the mandate to review and revise the rites and rituals of the Church in line with the unbroken Tradition. Part of the revision was to allow for some parts of the Sacred Liturgy, especially the Scripture readings, to be translated into the modern languages. At the general assembly of the Sacred Liturgy, especially the Scriptures, to be translated into the ordinary language at use in local communities. This is called the vernacular language. The Council did not provide the rules for translation, it entrusted that to the special commission who developed the guidelines for translation in the modern languages. Comme le prévoit, issued in 1969, became the document guiding all the translations at that time.

Living at this document, we discover the basic rules governing the creation of vernacular translations. Most admirable about this document is the understanding that the text of the Sacred Liturgy is understood as “a ritual sign” (no. 5), meaning that the language itself, in addition to the ritual actions and ritual matter, acts as an outward sign that communicates the spiritual and mystical realities made present in the celebration of the rites. Because it is a ritual sign, the language seeks “to proclaim the message to believers and to express the prayer of the Church to the Lord” (no. 6). Of course, these are not the debatable issues. The real question becomes, how do we communicate the message of salvation and express the Church’s prayer adequately? Prevailing philosophies in 1969 sought to communicate the Faith in everyday language (no. 15), following a “less is more” approach removing the descriptive- ness of adjectives, repetitions, and superlatives (no. 12). The priority focused on bringing the language of Sacred Liturgy down to the ordinary level, so that it better reflected how we speak in everyday conversation. The general principle for translation favored dynamic equivalence over the strict rules of translating by formal equivalence. In the end, although creating easy to hear and easy to speak sentences, these rules for translation limited in some ways the message of salvation and the expression of the Church’s prayer, resulting in sometimes inaccurate ideas and overly generalized prayers.

Perhaps one of the most surprising directives of this 1969 document is found in its first lines. Recognizing the Church’s worship, challenging the vernacular translations to become more faithful to the manner of expression and the images used in Sacred Scripture. He mandated that formal equivalence guide the process of translation so that those Latin prayers which have been a part of the Church’s liturgical heritage and part of society’s literary patrimony will be clearly recognizable in the modern languages as well. Pope John Paul II also told the translators that the theological richness of the text, the biblical roots and allusions that permeate most of the Mass prayers, as well as the poetic nature of the Mass text, above all, the new translations must be faithful: expressing clearly the enduring Faith of the Church without any equivocation or confusion. In this way, the Holy Father was reminding us of the medieval axiom, “Lex orandi, lex credendi,” that the rule of praying is the rule of believing. Simply put, the prayer of the Church expresses and proclaims the Faith of the Church.

Additionally, there is another dimension that is at work in bringing us this new translation. In 2000, Pope John Paul II issued what is third edition of the Ro- man Missal. He issued a new edition of the prayers and rubrics for the Mass. This was published in Latin in 2002. In 2008, Pope Benedict left his own mark on the Roman Missal, further adjusting some of the directives for the celebration of Mass and adding some other new elements. Since the third edition of the Roman Missal contains prayers for saints and directions for Mass that have not yet been at use in the Church, he was invited to translate the most significant parts of the Mass. That is why Pope John Paul II issued those new rules for translation in 2001. He was keenly aware that new translations of the new prayers should be to be movements that he wisely invited the whole Church to review and revise the current translations as originally envisioned by the 1969 document. They have been prepared for publication and will be implemented in the United States of America on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011.

that the project of vernacular translation is so new in the life of the Church, the document wisely issues this directive for a future time: “The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy foresees that many Latin texts of the Roman liturgy must be translated into different lan- guages (art. 36). . . . After sufficient experiment and passage of time, all translations will need review” (no. 1). From the very beginning, those rules guiding the vernacular texts wisely anticipated revision and review, since time and use test their enduring worth and spiritual effectiveness.

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By Dennis Sadowski

Cardinal Criticizes Contraceptive Mandate, Calls Exemption Too Narrow

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston criticized the Aug. 1 announcement by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius that she had accepted the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine on eight “preventive services” that must be included in any health plan under the new Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

One of the mandated services is coverage of “all Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity.”

In announcing her decision, Sebelius also released an “interim final rule” that HHS said would “give religious organizations the choice of buying or sponsoring group health insurance that does not cover contraception if that is inconsistent with their tenets.”

But in a footnote to the list of mandated services, HHS defined a religious employer as “one that: (1) has the inculcation of religious values as its purpose; (2) primarily employs persons who share its religious tenets; (3) primarily serves persons who share its religious tenets and charitable services to the general public; and (4) religious tenets.”

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Surely she’s not the beloved of the great poet and playwright, but it’s an interesting monument in the historical cemetery that offers a glimpse into Harrisburg’s past. Among those buried there are the diocese’s first three bishops and the immigrants who labored to build the city’s roads and bridges.

“This cemetery has so much character,” Tom Bransky, a Diocesan Cemeteries manager, said as he scanned the landscape dotted with tombstones, monuments and mausoleums. “Every time I walk through, I find something different here.”

Walking along a shaded portion of the cemetery which overlooks Interstate 81 from its South 13th Street vantage point – Bransky pointed to large family plots surrounded by knee-high cement walls, to graves of veterans who fought in the Civil War, and to the burial sites of religious sisters who lovingly gave faith-based instruction to Catholic students.

The cemetery’s character and history, Ms. Holbert says she expects the project as a way of encouraging the public to visit Mount Calvary Cemetery, and others.

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Entering burial information into a database for that project requires time and effort. Mr. Bransky pointed out that volunteers would be critical to entering burial information into a database for that project.

Sally Holbert, landscape architect and principal of Land Logics Group, reviewed a detailed map of Mount Calvary Cemetery in Harrisburg as landscape specialists digitally scan the cemetery as part of a project that will result in a GIS database and 3-D model of the cemetery.

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Diocesan Chief Operating Officer Lyle Shughart, left, and Diocesan Cemeteries manager Tom Bransky discuss the history of Mount Calvary Cemetery as Patriot-News reporter Mary Klaus and Diocesan Cemeteries Manager Ed Scholly examine several headstones.

The National Park Service established the Historic American Landscapes Survey program for the systematic documentation of historic landscapes. The mission of HALS is to document these landscapes via drawings, written histories and photographs.

As a result of the Mount Calvary Cemetery project, documents, illustrations and photos of the cemetery will go into the Library of Congress. Miss. Holbert says she expects the material to be submitted to the Library of Congress sometime in January, and that completion of the GIS database would follow a few months later.

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For more information on Diocesan Cemeteries and their services, visit the “Cemeteries” link at: www.hbgdiocese.org

Learn more about the National Park Service’s HALS program at: www.nps.gov/nperv/hals/index.htm
By Jen Reed


Faithful, tree-lined pathways, detailed statues of the Blessed Mother and a tranquil grotto drew several hundred people to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, Md., for the 24th annual Pilgrimage for World Peace through Conversion of Heart.

Availing themselves of the time for reflection, prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Mass, pilgrims prayed for world peace and offered the sacrifices of the day for conversion of heart.

Bishop Joseph P. McFadden served as principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass, and was joined by several diocesan priests who served as concelebrants.

Calling to mind the need for prayer, penance and conversion, Bishop McFadden remarked that “It is through prayer that God is able to form us into the people that he wants us to be.”

Penance, he said, is not so much about what we do for ourselves. “We do not have to look for suffering. The key is to embrace that suffering, embrace our crosses the way Jesus did,” the bishop said. “We will be called to suffer, not exactly like Jesus, but we will suffer. Embracing the suffering comes with living the life Christ wants us to live.”

He noted that God changes the world, and he does it through his people. The pilgrimage, held each year on the first Thursday in August, was begun by Father Walter Sempko, a diocesan priest who is now retired from active ministry.

He organized the annual gathering on the heels of a visit to Medjugorje, the site of alleged Marian apparitions. Initially, the pilgrimage was an annual reunion of those who traveled there with him, but soon he began inviting diocesan faithful to also gather to pray for peace.

“This is something good and necessary for the whole human family,” Father Sempko told The Catholic Witness. “We need peace. Mary is the Queen of Peace; Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and they’re an excellent team we must approach and ask for this wonderful gift we need.”
World Youth Day in Spain

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

A cluster of emotions brewed inside Martha West as she prepared to depart with the diocesan World Youth Day contingent of some 225 pilgrims Aug. 10. Like her counterparts, she was at once eager and anxious.

"Coming here this morning, I was very nervous," she said as she and her parents John and Martha arrived at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. The West’s, members of St. Joseph Parish in Mechanicsburg, were among a group of families joining their young pilgrims for a Mass that Bishop Joseph P. McFadden celebrated prior to their departure for World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain.

"This Mass is good because it will help calm me before we leave, and give me a chance to pray that everything goes well," said Martha, who will be among a group of everybody who wants to be there and who are celebrating the same faith,” Martha said.

Mr. and Mrs. West said that as soon as their daughter approached them about her interest in joining the World Youth Day pilgrimage, they supported the idea. It’s a great opportunity for her to strengthen her faith and her relationship with the Lord, they said.

"Martha is so excited about going. I think she will realize just how important this pilgrimage is once it’s over," Mr. West said.

"We’re excited for her to have this experience, but it’s hard sending her off," Mrs. West said as she wiped away tears. Mrs. West’s mother passed away in April, and so she hopes that the pilgrimage will give her daughter “a sense of the spiritual connection of the faithful.”

As we go, we join in prayer in the Eucharist,” he said. “We’re called to follow him. That is what our journey is about, following more closely the Lord Jesus Christ,” Bishop McFadden remarked.

Rob Williams, Director of the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, bows her head in prayer during Mass to pray for pilgrims.

World Youth Day pilgrims listen to Bishop Joseph P. McFadden as he talks about the idea of pilgrimage during Mass celebrated prior to their Aug. 10 departure.

EWTN Global Catholic Network will air comprehensive coverage of World Youth Day 2011 with Pope Benedict XVI live from Madrid Aug. 16-21. Coverage of the events will be provided in English and Spanish on EWTN television, EWTN radio, and EWTN’s Web site, http://www.ewtn.com/wyd2011/. In addition, viewers will be treated to special events, such as a 90-minute live presentation of “Life on the Rock (LOTR) in Madrid,” a daily program at 9 a.m. ET, Monday through Saturday, Aug. 15-20. EWTN’s Web site, http://www.ewtn.com/wyd2011/, will feature live streaming video of the event. To view Father Mark’s “Power and Witness” WYD blog and pictures, go to www.ewtn.com, and search under blogs.


Additionally, USCCB has created a Facebook fan page (http://www.facebook.com/pages/Virtual-WorldYouth-Day/155152027881863) where virtual pilgrims can go to create their avatar, view live video feed from Madrid, follow key twitter feeds and blogs and upload photos and videos. Those in Madrid also can contribute to the page from the event. USCCB staff present at the event will post content from Madrid. The page will also feature posts from a team of young adults and young adult leaders who will attend WYD and blog on behalf of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

Virtual WYD Pilgrimage Online

For the first time ever, individuals can make a virtual pilgrimage to World Youth Day (WYD) using a social media tool developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Communications Department. USCCB has created a Facebook application and a Web site for non-Facebook users (http://www.virtualworldyouthday.org/) where individuals can create an avatar and use it to participate in the virtual pilgrimage. The application can be added to any Facebook fan page. A Google map provides visuals of where pilgrims are coming from throughout the world and another shows the pilgrims on a detailed map of Madrid.
Hello Diocese of Harrisburg! My name is Emily Albert and I have been the Catholic Witness Correspondent for four years. This will be my second WYD correspondent experience. Three years ago I was blessed to travel with our diocesan group to Australia. While there, I photographed the daily activities our young pilgrims were participating in and kept a daily blog as well. I am excited to see this experience grow into our current media plan for Madrid. Having 13 young adults to participate as correspondents is a dream come true. I love seeing our youth become involved and strengthening the reporting and photography skills they already have. I love to be around people and that is what makes reporting so fun. I am alwaysbuttoning up my computer and taking my camera to travel with the diocese group. I love to take pictures of things I like and love to go to new places, so I am particularly looking forward to seeing the good work the correspondents will share, and I am thrilled to be part of another WYD.

My name is Dariana Garcia and I am 16 years old. I go to Saint Francis Assisi Parish in Harrisburg. I am a senior at Bishop McDevitt. I was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, but my parents are from the Dominican Republic. I came to the United States five years ago and I speak full Spanish. My life is music and art and the most beautiful ways to express oneself. I am very compassionate to humans and animals alike. Everything deserves a chance at a wonderful life, so I will do all that I can to assist anyone in need. I am an extremely positive person, so I can see the good in every situation, and I believe every day is a new opportunity and every challenge is a chance to grow in mind and in spirit.

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As the diocese sends some 225 pilgrims on a spiritual journey to World Youth Day in Spain Aug. 10-22, the Communications Office and The Catholic Witness are collaborating with 13 youth and young adults who are serving as World Youth Day correspondents. These correspondents are sharing their personal experiences of their spiritual journey via the diocese’s Facebook and YouTube pages, and via a blog. They’re posting daily photos, articles and videos during the pilgrimage, and a portion of their material will be published in The Catholic Witness upon their return. Witness photjournalist Emily M. Albert and Diocesan Digital Media Specialist Antoine Wilson are also part of the diocesan contingent documenting this spiritual journey.

Several correspondents were introduced in the July 13 issue of The Witness, and the remainder share their own photos and introductions below:

Greetings to all. My name is Antoine Wilson and I work for the Communications Office for the Diocese of Harrisburg. Some of you may know me already. Some of you may be getting to know me during our pilgrimage through France and Spain for WYD. A little bit about myself, I work for the Communications Office as a Digital Media Specialist. I am a graduate of Bishop McDevitt High School and I attended the University of New Mexico, where I received degrees in Photography and Media Arts (Film-making). It has been both an honor and a privilege to help in preparing our WYD correspondents for their spiritual journey and a plase that have been chosen to serve the diocese as a media coordinator at WYD.

We have some really great youth correspondents and I would ask that you pray God grants our entire community the ability to see clear communication so that we are able to faithfully relay the WYD experience to the good people of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

We welcome you to continue following each of our correspondent’s blogs, as well as those of Antoine Wilson’s and mine, Emily Albert. I am looking forward to sharing this journey with our correspondents. With a past experience of one WYD, I’m looking forward to seeing the youth enjoy this amazing awe-inspiring journey.

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Pilgrims Prepare Hearts and Minds

By Emily M. Albert
The Catholic Witness

With a daily count down, youth and young adults from dioceses all over have been looking forward to traveling to Madrid, Spain, for World Youth Day. The pilgrims from the Diocese of Harrisburg prepared themselves and their hearts for this spiritual journey during a Mass at St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland July 17. Bishop Joseph P. McFadden, who is traveling to Spain with our diocesan pilgrims, celebrated Mass with the youth, young adults and their families.

Following the Mass, pilgrims endured treacherous heat conditions and made a 1.5 mile walk to Borough Park in New Cumberland while praying the rosary in Spanish. Pilgrims were greeted at the park by their families and a colorful display of food. Water balloon games were played and pilgrims met and mingled with other parish groups.

Five of the 13 selected youth who will be acting as correspondents with the Diocesan Communications Office and The Catholic Witness attended the Mass and began their journey as journalists. They used cameras to capture moments during the Mass and the rosary walk, took notes on the bishop’s homily and wrote a short blog about their experience from the day.

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Sisters of Christian Charity Welcome Bishop during Visit to Holy Family Convent

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Bishop Joseph P. McFadden made a pastoral visit to the Sisters of Christian Charity in Danville July 21, celebrating Mass for the sisters in the Chapel at Holy Family Convent and greeting the sisters who reside at the infirmary there.

The bishop remarked in his homily that the Congregation of the Sisters of Christian Charity “is dedicated to the mystery of love.” They were founded by Mother Pauline von Mallinckrodt in 1849. Pauline, born to a wealthy family in Germany, was dedicated to caring for poverty-stricken families. After opening a day-care center for the children of working mothers, she soon focused her attention on the needs of blind children and founded a school for the blind.

The Congregation of the Sisters of Christian Charity spread throughout Germany, then to North and South America and into several European countries. Mother Pauline died on April 30, 1881. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 14, 1985.

Holy Family Convent and Infirmary was established in 1899 as a place where elderly and infirm sisters could spend their retirement years surrounded by members of their community.

Bishop McFadden told the sisters, “It is in the cross where we see the glory of God.” “In the Eucharist, we find our identity and destiny,” he said. “You have the opportunity here to pray, to pray for God’s people and that’s a very active and important part of your vocation,” Bishop McFadden told the sisters. “I want to thank you for that.”

Sister Mary Thomas Blank participates in Mass celebrated in the chapel at Holy Family Convent.

An intimate statue of the Holy Family graces the chapel at Holy Family Convent in Danville, where the Sisters of Christian Charity gathered for Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph P. McFadden July 21.

Sisters of Christian Charity are reflected in an image of Mother Pauline von Mallinckrodt, who founded the congregation in 1849. Mother Pauline dedicated herself to caring for poverty-stricken families and blind children.

Blue Mass to Honor First Responders
September 11 at 9:30 a.m.
St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg

The Knights of Columbus Harrisburg Diocesan Chapter will sponsor this Mass to honor law enforcement and emergency personnel and their families. The ceremonial Color Corps of the Capitol Police and the Harrisburg Police Department will participate in the Mass.

Annual White Mass for Health Care Professionals
October 23 at 12:15 p.m.
St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg

Bishop Joseph P. McFadden, celebrant and homilist

The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites health care professionals, their families, medical students and residents to this annual Mass. A light reception will follow. RSVP for the reception by Oct. 16 to Jean Scicchitano in the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 717-657-4804, ext. 294, or jscicchitano@hbgdioce.org.
Catholic Charities Adoption Services to Host Informational Meetings

Catholic Charities Adoption Services will be presenting two free informational meetings in August and September.

An orientation meeting will be held Aug. 24 from 6-8 p.m. for those interested in learning about the adoption process, including Domestic Infant, International, and SWAN (Statewide Adoption Network).

On Sept. 15, Catholic Charities Adoption Services and Children’s Home Society and Family Services will be presenting a free informational meeting on international adoption. The informational meeting will be held Sept. 15 from 6-8 p.m. Participants will learn about adopting from China, Russia, Colombia, Korea, Philippines and many other countries. A representative from Children’s Home Society and Family Services, with offices in Minnesota and Maryland, will be present to talk about international adoption and to answer any questions about their programs.

For more information, call Good Shepherd at 717-870-8387 for more information or to see our Web site www.gastleyfoundation.org.

Bob Hurley, National High School Basketball Coach of the Year, to Speak at York Catholic

Bob Hurley, head coach of the high school national champions, St. Anthony from Jersey City, N.J., will be the featured speaker at York Catholic High School on Sept. 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Coach Hurley is a member of the National Basketball Hall of Fame and was named the National High School Basketball Coach of the Year in 2011. He has coached teams to 26 New Jersey State Championships – 24 as a head coach, and two as an assistant coach. He has achieved all of this at a school with a student population under 250 that doesn’t have a gymnasium. Coach Hurley was recently featured on an episode of “60 Minutes.” Coach Hurley will speak about how he created a national basketball powerhouse despite substandard facilities and financial limitations.

Cost is $5 per person and includes dinner and Coach Hurley’s speech. MVP tickets are available at $51 per person and includes the dinner and speech, as well as a Meet and Greet reception at 5:30 p.m., a group photo, and an advertisement in the event program. For tickets, call Barbara Bucher at bbucher@yorkcatholic.org or 717-846-8871, ext. 51.

Retrouvaille Weekend Planned: Program Helps Restore Trust, Communication in Marriage

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Rediscover the joy in your marriage through a Retrouvaille weekend. Retrouvaille is a French word meaning “rediscovery.” The program helps restore communication and trust in a marriage. If you feel helpless or trapped by frequent conflicts, know that hundreds of couples have been helped.

The next program will be held Sept. 16-18 at the Homewood Suites in Mechanicsburg. For information, call Tom or Patty at 717-938-8229 or 1-800-470-2230.

John Gastley Scholarship Foundation Plans Events

The John Gastley Scholarship (TJGSF) has begun the process of filling its fourth full scholarship slot to complete the roster of a freshman, sophomore, junior and senior at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown. The foundation will continue an award each year.

The John Gastley Scholarship Foundation strives to honor a man and his influences, assist Catholic education, and deliver an exceptional young person to Delone. At an early age this youngster has already demonstrated outreach to their community and this award seeks to recognize their achievements and position them as a positive influence on the school community.

The foundation holds four fund-raising events to raise the necessary funds to support these awards. The next event is a golf outing Aug. 20 at the Bridges in Abbo- town. Contact event Chairman Brian Billman at bbillman@riverrockacademy.net or 717-870-8387 for more information or see our Web site www.gastleyfoundation.org for a signup sheet. There are also opportunities for support by non players through sponsorships.

Then on Oct. 22 we will hold our annual Tailgate Party with the Colgan Brothers providing entertainment. This is a great evening of food, drinks, games of chance and fine camaraderie.

Pregnancy Center to Hold ‘Run for Life’ Event

The Catoctin Pregnancy Center in Emmitsburg, Md., will hold a Run for Life event at Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg Sept. 17. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Knoy ARC’s at 420 Water St. A one-mile fun walk/run will begin at 9 a.m., and the 5K run/walk will start at 9:30 a.m.

Entry fee is $20 if received by Sept. 10. Forms received after Sept. 10 on and race day will be $25. In lieu of the registration fee, runners/walkers may solicit sponsors to support their participation. Participants are encouraged to seek sponsors to assist the women, babies and families who come to the pregnancy center. Prizes and awards will be given. Applications and additional information can be found in the FSBG Calendar section at www.steeplechasers.org. Completed applications should be mailed to the Catoctin Pregnancy Center, PO Box 1168, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. To volunteer or for more information, contact Jim Lowrie at 717-442-0106 or jimlowrie@verizon.net.

The names of the following deceased persons have been submitted by their parish:

ABBOTTSTOWN – Immaculate Heart of Mary: Walter Hale.
BERWICK – Immaculate Conception BVM: Andrew Chepky, Nicholas Kerfol, Thomas McAvoy, Virginia Merklin, Helen Pugh, Margaret Vance.
BLOOMSBURG – St. Columba: Gina L. Devine, Maria Exler, Margaret M. Fry, Anna Guzior, Regina Huber.
CAMP HILL – Good Shepherd: Mildred DeCapua, Daniel P. Lyons, Eugene Merrill, Ron Noble, Mary Straub.
CARLISLE – St. Patrick: Melvin G. Darby.
CHAMBERSBURG – Corpus Christi: Julie Blum, Nancy Ciccarelli, John Kelly.
CONEWAGO – Sacred Heart of Jesus: Eileen Norris.
HANOVER – Daniel Baker, Shirley Todd.
LEBANON – O’Connor, Donna Wagner.
ILLINOIS – Mary Maas, Mary Chilko, Alda Mae Krebs, Dorothy Rickert, Andrew P. Kopec, Jean L. Womer; St. Catherine Labouré: Catherine Cieri; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Rosann Boyd, Sr.; St. Joseph: Bernice Raab.
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LYKENS – St. John the Baptist, Michael P. Hartnett.
LANCASTER – Assumption BVM: Carol A. Fier, Patricia L. Dodd, Stephen Murphy; St. Anne: Jane F. Reichenbach, Frank M. Schreiner, Sr.; St. Anthony: Joan Carney, August Gegg, Thelma Weaver; St. Joseph: Phyllis Armstrong, Josephine Bonneberger, Regina O’Connor, Donna Wagner.
LYKENS – Our Lady of Mercy of Lancaster.
MIDDLETOWN – Seven Sorrows BVM: Joan Cleland, Cecilia Mushinski.
MILLERSVILLE – St. Philip the Apostle: Paloma S. Reinoehl.
MILTON – St. Joseph: Margaret Adami, Ann Emery.
MOUNT CARMEl – Divine Redeemer: Louise Brady, Mildred B. Strantz.
NEW CUMBERLAND – St. Ther-esa: John Dougherty, Bernice Predmore, Bernice Raab.
NEW OXFORD – Immaculate Conception BVM: Helenie Ewasko, Trudy Willet, Donna Yake.
QUARRYVILLE – St. Catherine of Siena: Elizabeth H. A. McAdams, Lena DeVeccia.
ROHERSSTOWN – St. Leo the Great: Eileen Norris.
STEELTON – Prince of Peace: Gerard Krauthem, Florence Perry, Maryanne Rohacke, Anna Stekoevich.
Young Catholic with Cerebral Palsy
Enters Church, Starts Web Site on Disorder

Emily M. Albert
The Catholic Witness

“Hero: God.” These two very simple yet powerful words helped persuade a young man with Cerebral Palsy to do something he had never considered—eventually enter the Catholic Church. Brandon Fisher found himself faced with a life-changing experience two years ago, and reached out to a friend he had met on myspace. What drew him to Serena Fry’s profile was what was listed there under the hero column: God.

They decided to meet at the 7:30 a.m. Mass at Mrs. Fry’s parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, in Mechanicsburg. This, Mr. Fisher said, was his gateway to heaven. “Without meeting Serena I wouldn’t have been here speaking to you [about my faith].”

They stayed after Mass and talked for awhile, and this followed for several weekends. Some eight months later, Mr. Fisher, who lives with Cerebral Palsy, made the decision to take his faith more seriously. He started to worship at the 11 a.m. Mass, alone.

But he was never really alone. He had the help and guidance of Msgr. William King, current pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, and Josh Myers, a good friend from work who would be his sponsor for RCIA, the process by which adults are received into full Communion with the Church. He also met great people after Mass who encouraged him to become involved and to get close to God in everything you do and I know what you want it, but it’s not going to be easy if you’re not following God.”

Mr. Fisher wanted to evangelize to others. He has already begun by reaching out to people who have Cerebral Palsy.

Last October, he spoke to a friend, who also lives with the disorder, about his son possibly having CP too. They both tried to find out more about their shared disease by searching online, and realized that although there was plenty of information on the topics they were concerned about, finding the right Web site for each topic was exhausting and time consuming. They also noticed an online outcry of people looking for one solid site to find everything at once, rather than search for hours on several smaller Web sites.

Mr. Fisher created a Web site that holds all this information at one location, www.cerebralpalsyworld.com. While on this journey to educate others about his disorder, he has met people in the Church with CP. Msgr. King introduced Mr. Fisher to a priest friend who has CP, Father Wayne Ball, from West Virginia.

This experience has helped me to realize it’s ok to have a disability,” Mr. Fisher said. “Meeting Father Ball gave me acceptance, seeing a full functioning person serving two parishes. This was my first view of a success story.”

Meeting Father Ball gave him the courage to be tested to determine if driving would be a possibility for him, and though it isn’t, he was able to take advice from Father Ball about exercise, and was given helpful contacts. Father Ball introduced him to speech dictation software that has opened doors for his writing; as his hands and wrist often tire from typing.

By meeting so many different people in the Church, “I don’t have to pray for myself, I pray for others because I know people are praying for me,” he said. “When I started RCIA I wasn’t sure about staying, but said, ‘Ok, let me try this. It gets me out amongst people.’ Two months in, I realized I was staying and I was searching for a relationship with God.”

“A couple months before the Easter Vigil, I spoke to God and said, ‘Ok God, my way is not working. I will be content and I will do what you want.’ And everything started to fall in place. For so long I wanted to be in control of my future, but then I realized it won’t happen if God doesn’t take the reigns,” he said.

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In his own endeavors, whether it’s the Web site he is working on, or the road trips he takes, he follows God. Mr. Fisher said he chose to enter the Catholic Church because of its teaching on the Eucharist. Through the RCIA process and conversations with Msgr. King, he learned the significance of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Having never been baptized, Mr. Fisher was nervous the day of the Easter Vigil. “That was my big day,” he said. After Msgr. King baptized Mr. Fisher, they exchanged a hug. “I will always remember that. That was one of the best days of my life.”

As a new Catholic, Mr. Fisher has strong words to share: “Don’t be ashamed of the Church at all. If you need resources you will find them, because I did. I think you should follow God in everything you do and I know that is tough, but I did. And even though I’m still trying to figure out where I’m going, I think once I get a handle of what God wants from me he will set everything in place. The future may not be what you want it, but it’s not going to be as happy if you’re not following God.”

Mr. Fisher welcomes anyone who might like to contact him about Cerebral Palsy or his Web site to send questions to fisherb83@comcast.net.
The bingo is sponsored by the Woman's Concern and other council members. The cost is $17. Classes will be held Sept. 17-30 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church, Elizabethtown. For registration information, call 717-367-1255. Attend as many as you schedule permits.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Hanover will be holding the RCIA class for this year beginning on Sept. 13 in the Library at Golfe. Any persons interested in becoming Catholics are encouraged to call the parish house at 717-637-4265 or John Barrett at 717-633-1682 for details and registration information.

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is being hosted by Karen M. Hurley, DSS, from March 17-27, 2012. The courses will come with airline fare and ground transportation, and all meals. The Holy Land is mass at holy sites, guide, accommodation in First class hotels (five nights in Jerusalem, three nights in tablets, three nights in Galilee), and all transportation. For more information on pilgrimage, contact: George's International Travel, 800-966-6761. In connection with Travel Dreams Unlimited and Asian Waterways, is offering an eight-day Paris-to-Paris French river cruise in April 2012 in honor of next year's 50th anniversary of the laying of St. Joan of Arc's cornerstone. The trip includes stops in Conflans, Vernon, Roissy, Les Andes, Lille. Day 5 will be spent in Rouen, home to the tomb of Joan of Arc, and day 6 will be a day of prayer and, if met her domicile in the marketplace 1431. Father Philip Barber. For more information, visit www.Leprechaun.com or call Cecile Mortel at 717-903-0855.

Education, Enrichment & Support

The Oblates of St. Benedict, St. Anselm Academy will meet Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. at St. Psx Parish in Selinsgrove. The meet will begin with the light of the liturgy, with the Prior and the Oblates welcoming to the meet and offering, more, or less, St. Anselm Stoshok at 717-367-0086.

Holy Spirit Health System will host a free educational seminar on Hepatitis A & C. Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. The lecture will be held in Holy Spirit Hospital’s Auditorium in Camp Hill and will address the causes of Hepatitis A, the risk factors, symptoms and the importance of screening and diagnosis. There will also be a question and answer session for those interested in learning more about hepatitis. For more information on this program, contact: George’s International Travel, 800-966-6761.

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 2012 with Benedictine Father John Beckman. There will be opportunities for growth and renewal through prayer and meditation, daily Mass, and R & R. The cost is $25 per person and includes room (double occupancy), all meals and use of the dormitory, bus transportation, or for those traveling alone, round-trip coach MBL at 717-583-2071.

The Harrisburg Area Women’s Retreat Club welcomes and encourages women of all ages to attend the annual retreat weekend at the Rosary Chapel and Convent, Convent Rd. R & R. The cost is $25 per person and includes room (double occupancy), all meals and use of the facility, bus transportation or for those traveling alone, round-trip coach MBL at 717-583-2071.

St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Buchanan Valley will hold its 100th anniversary celebration and reception Oct. 16. Bishop Joseph P. McFadden will be attending the 10:30 a.m. Mass with a reception to follow.

Retreats & Pilgrimages

St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Harrisburg is sponsoring a weekend retreat at the St. Mary’s of Prayer Retreat House in Elverson, Pa., Aug. 26-28. The Spiritual Director for the retreat is Father John Beinlich. There will be opportunities for growth and renewal through prayer and meditation, daily Mass, and R & R. The cost is $25 per person and includes room (double occupancy), all meals and use of the dormitory, bus transportation or for those traveling alone, round-trip coach MBL at 717-583-2071.

The Shining Light Thrift Shop, a charity ministry of the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick in Harrisburg, will collect nonperishable food for our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament’s Food Pantry this month. The Food Pantry has a number of needs that other agencies cannot meet. Food items will be offered for each item donated. Visit the Shining Light Thrift Shop from 10-2 a.m. or 3-6 p.m. at 2220 Eisenhower Ave., Harrisburg (across from the Broad St. Market). Call 717-234-2434.

Resurrection Catholic School in Lancaster is seeking a music teacher to fill a full-time position in grades K-8. Qualified candidates will be music teaching professionals with a belief in theologies of beauty and excellence as foundational principles for life. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with students from a variety of educational backgrounds and cultures and to be a part of the Resurrection Catholic School community. To see a description of the position or to set up an interview, contact Miss Weiss at 717-392-3088 or beweiss@resurrectioncatholic.org.

Bloomong University Catholic Campus Ministry is looking for a student leader to assist with spiritual and pastoral support on campus. The Catholic Campus Ministry is a member of the Center for Campus Ministry, a full-time, ten-month professional position. Needed to assist in all areas of directing the Catholic Campus Ministry, and inspire and continue future growth. The CCM is a Christ-centered community serving students in a university campus environment. The CCM seeks to discern and follow the teachings of Christ and to provide spiritual and moral opportunities for young adult faith formation; attending weekly campus Mass and coordinating the liturgical leadership team; providing weekly and daily spiritual Communion; attending annual retreats; mentoring and guiding the student pastoral leadership team; and promote a culture of spiritual, service, and social activities. We offer competitive salaries and benefits, along with the opportunity to mold and shape the lives of young adults. Interested qualified applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by August 25, 2011, to Father Timothy D. Marcone, Catholic Campus Minister (Bloomong University), Newman House, 353 E. 2nd Street, Bloomong, PA 17515 or fmarcone@bloomong.org. A resume will be given as soon as possible after application reception.
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and his team in Malaysia.
Siodlowski shared. “As coaches, we tend to ask our players to go above
and beyond for the team. When presented with
the opportunity, are coaches able to recognize the
chance and do the same? This was a rare opportu-
nity, for a budding program in Central Pennsylva-
nia to reach out to a community they have never
meet and share their feelings of pride, family, and
accomplishment.”
Siodlowski will travel to Malaysia in Feb-
uary to continue to work with Coach Obona and
participate in an independent coaching study. He
will study at the largest professional soccer club
in Malaysia, Selangor FC. He plans to continue the
efforts of the McDevitt Girl’s Soccer Family
by coaching youth players with Coach Obona and
being involved with his grassroots effort.

By Brian Eltz
Special to The Witness

“T he Lord said to Abram: ‘Go forth from the land of
your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land
that I will show you’” (Genesis 12:1).
This was the daily Old Testament reading on June
20, the first day that a group of 25 pilgrims from As-
sumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (“St. Mary’s”)
Parish in Lancaster set out on the 1,500 mile journey
to their sister-parish of Sacred Heart on the Pine Ridge
Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where 97 percent
of the population live below the poverty line. We
left the comforts of home and summer vacation, and trust-
ed in the Lord to guide us across the country to meet
our Lakota brothers and sisters.

The group of teens and adults spent three days on the
road crossing half of Pennsylvania; a silver of West Vir-
ginia; all of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa; and most
of Nebraska, before turning north into South Dakota.
The driving days were long, but full of activity. When
we were not playing state and Bible trivia, or praying
the rosary or Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, some would
try to catch up on sleep, while the drivers stayed alert for
the next turn. We were blessed to have been hosted each
evening on the road by Catholic communities along our
route: St. Andrew’s Church in Richmond, Ind., and St.
Francis of Assisi Church in West Des Moines, IA.

After arriving at Sacred Heart Church on the Pine
Ridge Indian Reservation, we settled in for our four
full days there. Day one we toured the reservation with
Charles McGaa, Sacred Heart’s Parish Life Coordinator.
We visited other churches nearby, including Our Lady
of the Sioux and the chapel at Red Cloud Indian School.
The teens enjoyed some climbing in the Badlands with
their new friends from Sacred Heart.

Day two the group took an excursion to see the Crazy
Horse Monument and Mount Rushmore in the nearby
Black Hills. This day of education and relaxation pre-
faced us for day three: work day. Painting, polishing,
staining, cleaning, organizing, building: whatever Sister
Barb Bogenschutz, O.P., Director of Religious Educa-
tion and Youth Ministry, and Angie Stover, the Office
Manager, could think for us to do, we did. The hospital-
ity of the Sacred Heart community was amazing, with
wonderful meals provided for us, inclusion in their Liv-
ing Rosary, and the sharing of their stories and lives.

Day four was Corpus Christi Sunday. We all celebrated
Mass together, as the Mystical Body of Christ. Though
normally separated by great distances, and coming from
very different backgrounds, all of us gathered around the
altar of Jesus Christ and shared in His one sacrifice that
draws us all together.

We were blessed to have Father Leo Goodman, pastor of
St. Mary’s, as one of our group the entire trip. He min-
istered to us on the road and shared the gifts of his priest-
hood with the parish of Sacred Heart. He also shared his
talents after Mass as the keynote speaker of the
Chill on the Hill mini-retreat that the youth of St. Mary’s
presented to the Sacred Heart community.

After taking part in a Round Dance to traditional La-
Kota music, we gathered one last time for a shared meal,
capped off with a beautiful cake decorated with pictures
of the altars of St. Mary’s and Sacred Heart, and the
words “Companions on the Journey.”

Even before we arrived back in Lancaster, many of
the teens wanted to go back. “I want to go back to Pine
Ridge” was a common Facebook post for days after
coming home. We pray that many of us will make the
journey to Pine Ridge again in the future, and those that
do not will surely send their prayers to our sister-parish
in South Dakota. As companions on this pilgrimage jour-
ney of life, we pray someday we will all arrive home with
our Father in Heaven.

(Brian Eltz is a member of Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Parish in Lancaster.)
The following courses will be offered this fall through the Diocesan Institute. The In-
stitute provides adult Catholics opportuni-
ties to deepen their knowledge of the Church
to seek answers to questions of faith.

Learning at Home — You can take ad-

vantage of many Diocesan Institute offer-
ings without having to leave the comforts

of home! Through Elluminate Live, you
can participate in courses and workshops
offered at the Cardinal Keeler Center via
webinar. You now have the option to attend
Institute offerings in person, participate in
real-time via webinar, or view recordings of
webinar courses/workshops at a time that is
convenient for you. Offerings available via

6:30-9 p.m. Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6
St. Columba Parish, Bloomsburg
Mr. Joseph Mulllen

Teaching Methodology – Part I
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 29
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Ms. Karen Bruskewicz

Teaching Methodology – Part II
9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 5
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Mr. Ryan Bolster

Introduction to the Church
7-9 p.m. Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Mr. Ryan Bolster

CHRISTIAN MARTYRS
7-9 p.m. Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Mr. James Gontis

ELECTIVES
The Biblical and Liturgical
Foundations of the Eucharist
7:30 p.m. Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27, Nov. 3
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Rev. Paul Schenck

A Biblical Walk through the Mass
7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 30, Nov. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg

Praise the Holy Trinity, Undivided
Unity: A Catechesis on the Holy
Trinity as the Central
Mystery of the Christian Faith
7-9 p.m. Sept. 6
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Mr. James Gontis

Angels and Demons: A Catechesis
7-9 p.m. Sept. 13
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Mr. James Gontis

15 Promises for Those
Who Pray the Rosary
7-9 p.m. Oct. 18
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
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Catholic Perspective
Radio Campaign

August 14: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be com-
forted.” This passage from the Beatitudes sets the theme for this
week’s program. Losing a loved one through death is one of several
types of loss that will be explored. Listeners will hear how a coroner,
who often deals with families at times of very difficult losses such as
through an accident or foul play, uses her faith to help those who are
grieving.

In the Question and Answer segment, Franciscan Father Don Mill-
er answers two moral questions: 1) What does the Church say about
obtaining a tattoo? and 2) What is the Catholic Church’s teaching
regarding capital punishment?

Direct from Hollywood, in the Faith and Media area, Sister Rose
Pacatte from the Daughters of St. Paul talks this week about the
documentary film The Labyrinth and other films about the Holocaust
and genocide.

In the Exploring Our Faith segment, we’ll have a reflection on the
Beatitude, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comfort-
ed.” John Feister’s guest is author and speaker Susan K. Rowland.
Her recent book Healing After Divorce: Hope for Catholics is avail-
able in print and in a downloadable audio version from St. Anthony
Messenger Press.

Catholic Perspective is heard Sunday mornings on WLAN-AM
1390, Lancaster at 7:30 a.m.; WHYL-AM 960, Carlisle, at 8 a.m.;
WHVR-AM 1280, Hanover, at 8 a.m.; WOKK-AM 1070, Sunbury,
at 6:30 a.m.; WIEZ-AM 670, Lewistown, at 8 a.m.; WWSM-AM
1510, Lebanon, at 7 a.m.; and WVEC-FM 88.3, Elizabethtown,
at 9:30 a.m. It is also available on line at www.OldiesRadio1620.com
at 6:30 a.m. or for download at www.hbgdiocese.org.
Knights Called to Foster Christian Unity, Carry out New Evangelization

By Julie Filby Catholic News Service

The archbishop of Quebec told members of the Knights of Columbus gathered in Denver for their convention he hoped they would be transformed, just as the apostles had been transformed at the Transfiguration.

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“The Gospel reminds us that Jesus took with him Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain... and he was transfigured before them, said Archbishop Gerald Cyprian Lacroix, quoting from the Gospel of St. Matthew. “This year the Lord has led us up a high mountain to the Mile High City - Denver, Colorado - for a very special experience; hopefully a transfigurating experience,” he said.

Archbishop Lacroix, who also is the primate of Canada, was one of three speakers at the Knights’ States Dinner Aug. 2. The others were Cardinal Juan Sandro123 Iniguez of Guadalajara, Mexico, and U.S. Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, who is prefect of the Apostolic Signature, the Vatican’s supreme tribunal.

The States Dinner drew about 2,500 Knights to the Colorado Convention Center the evening of the 129th Supreme Convention’s opening day.

In his remarks, Cardinal Sandoval encouraged Knights to familiarize themselves with “Ecclesia in America,” Blessed John Paul II’s apostolic exhortation on the 1997 Synod of Bishops for America.

“The letter... is a document that sheds light on the reality of our America,” he said. “It proposes solutions based on the Scriptures and sets lofty and noble goals for our apostolic work.”

Of the ideas discussed in the document, he said the most prominent is unity.

Blessed John Paul II offered a deep intuition about the continent’s unity, a unity that serves as both a point of departure and a goal for our pastoral actions,” he said. “Between Catholics and members of other Christian faiths, we make up the majority of the inhabitants of the hemisphere. “Our common problems, which are many and serious, must be confronted based on our identity and faith in Christ,” he said.

Cardinal Burke, a “brother Knight” for 36 years, delivered the keynote address, in which he spoke on the life and witness of Blessed John Paul II and the significance of carrying out the new evangelization the late pontiff promoted.

“Before the daunting challenge of living the Catholic faith in a totally secularized society, he [Pope John Paul] called the whole church to the work of the new evangelization—to the work of teaching, celebrating and living our Catholic faith with the engagement and energy of the first Christians and of the first missionar- ies to our nations,” he said.

Cardinal Burke explained that teaching the truth of conscience must be one of the church’s priorities in today’s society.

The cardinal urged the members of the Knights to remain steadfast in their witness “even in the face of indifference and hostility.”

Earlier in the day in giving his annual report, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reminded members this year marked the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy, himself a Knight of Columbus member, Anderson spoke of the president’s call to action in that 1961 inaugural address.

“President Kennedy recalled that our rights come from God,” he said. “He re- minded us that on earth, God’s work must be our own. It was a monumental speech... that continues to resonate today.”

In other action during the Aug. 2-4 convention, delegates passed several resolu-
tions to, among other things, honor Blessed John Paul II and support religious liberty, the institution of marriage, the armed forces and Catholic education.

The Knights also reaffirmed their commitment to building a culture of life by fighting abortion and helping pregnant women in need; promoting policies that favor the family; calling for laws that protect the conscience of all medical personnel; and upholding the church’s opposition to the death penalty.

Knights Will Buy Cultural Center, Establish Shrine to Late Pope

Catholic News Service

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced Aug. 2 that the Knights of Columbus will purchase the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington.

The announcement came during the business session of the Knights’ 129th annual convention Aug. 2-4.

Anderson, delivering his annual report, said that over the next year, the fraternal organization will build a shrine to Blessed John Paul II and put up related exhibits on the property.

“True to Pope John Paul II’s vision, and using the story of his life as inspiration, the shrine will be an opportunity to evangelize and spread the good news of the Gospel through a new evangelization,” he said.

The center, which went up for sale about 18 months ago, sits on 12 acres just steps from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and The Catholic University of America.

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“Evident devotion to him prompted the decision to designate the facility being acquired by the Knights of Columbus as an archdiocesan shrine. This shrine will provide a focal point for increased devo- tion to Blessed John Paul II and an ongo- ing recognition of his legacy,” he added.

Exhibits planned for the center will in- clude displays on the life and legacy of Blessed John Paul II and on the Catholic heritage of North America.

The center experienced financial diffi- culties throughout its history as it never attracted the number of visitors it expect- ed. In 2006, because of low attendance rates, it discontinued museum activities and focused on being a place of research on the pontiff. It has been open only by appointment.

Archbishop Vigneron in his letter thanked the Knights for “stepping for- ward to make this transaction a reality.” He applauded the fraternal organization’s intention to “strengthen the vision of the center and continue the intended purpose for the building and land.”

The Knights of Columbus has announced that it will open a shrine dedicated to Blessed John Paul II at the current location of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Cen- ter in Washington. In its Aug. 2 announcement, the Knights said it is purchasing the struggling center, which opened in 2001 with financial backing from the Arch- diocese of Detroit. Seen here in an April photo, the center is located in northeast Detroit.

The Knights bought the property for $22.7 million, according to a letter from Detroit Archdiocese Allen H. Vigneron to priests and laypeople of the archdiocese. The letter, which was posted on the archdiocesan Web site, also said the sale should be finalized in 60 days.

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Archbishop Chaput said he had not yet read the Philadelphia grand jury reports detailing the situation, but he intended to do so.

"It would be unfair and foolish to comment on things I do not yet know about," he said.

He said he has already had discussions with Cardinal Rigali and the bishops but needs to meet the priests and the people.

"No bishop can solve any issues on his own," he said. "I intend to listen to everybody in the church on the issue of sexual abuse by the clergy.

I need to talk to the victims and their families. Everybody should have a voice. Give me time, and I’ll be able to answer questions."

On the question of statutes of limitation on child abuse cases as it was addressed by the church in Denver, Archbishop Chaput said, "The bishops of Colorado supported elimination of the statute of limitations, so long as it is fair and everyone is treated the same way."

It should not be limited to the church, he said, because the law should "treat everyone the same, without exception."

Asked about more lay involvement in the church, he pointed to the Archdiocese of Denver where he established a diocesan pastoral council composed mostly of laity.

"I look for a wonderful relationship with the laity because I was baptized before I was ordained," he said.

In answer to a lighter question, Archbishop Chaput, who is Native American, said he has two Native American names, one from the Patawatami meaning "he who makes the leaves rustle like the wind," and the other from Lakota, meaning "Good Eagle."

The latter was apt, because earlier in the news conference Catholic high school students presented him with a Philadelphia Eagles shirt and a Philadelphia Phillies baseball cap. They also gave him a basket of Philly munchees with a promise of a cheesesteak when he is installed.

He also volunteered the correct pronunciation of his name is "Chap-you" but he prefers to just be called "Archbishop Charles." Cardinal Rigali called the appointment of his successor "a new moment in the life of this local church and so a time of great grace."

Archbishop Chaput’s ministry is "marked by an evident joy in his priesthood, a fearless proclamation of the Gospel and a clear commitment to Jesus Christ and his church," he said.

Of his own ministry, Cardinal Rigali said, "It is a formidable task to be a bishop. I have tried through my ministry to be faithful to the ideal of episcopal ministry. If I offended anyone in any way, I am deeply sorry. I apologize for any weakness on my part in representing Christ and his church worthily and effectively."

Cardinal Rigali also said the pope has appointed him to be administrator of the archdiocese until Archbishop Chaput’s installation and then he will begin his retirement in the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn.

He was invited to live there by Bishop Richard F. Stika, who was ordained a priest of the St. Louis Archdiocese. When then-Archbishop Rigali was archbishop of St. Louis, then-Father Stika was his secretary and archdiocesan chancellor.

Cardinal Rigali will continue to travel twice a month to Rome, where he serves on the Vatican Congregation for Bishops.
Paradise School in Abbottstown, a residential program for boys under the auspices of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The celebration will be highlighted by a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph P. McFadden on Aug. 28 at 11:30 a.m. at Paradise School.

The long-term, multi-dimensional programming offered at Paradise School includes residential treatment for boys ages 12-17 that provides case management, structured activities, recreation and academic and vocational instruction. It also offers a partial hospitalization program that includes individual counseling and family therapy, and provides for the mental health needs of its residents and for male and female youth in the community.

Coverage of the anniversary Mass and a feature on Paradise School will be highlighted in The Catholic Witness in the Sept. 9 edition.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15

“The woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, surrounded by twelve stars: This is also a multidimensional image. Without any doubt, a first meaning is that it is Our Lady, Mary, clothed with the sun, that is, with God, totally; Mary who lives totally in God, surrounded and penetrated by God’s light. Surrounded by the twelve stars, that is, by the twelve tribes of Israel, by the whole People of God, by the whole Communion of Saints; and at her feet, the moon, the image of death and mortality. Mary has left death behind her; she is totally clothed in life, she is taken up body and soul into God’s glory and thus, placed in glory after overcoming death, she says to us: Take heart, it is love that wins in the end! The message of my life was: I am the handmaid of God, my life has been a gift of myself to God and my neighbor. And this life of service now arrives in real life. May you too have trust and have the courage to live like this, countering all the threats of the dragon.”

— Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on the Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15, 2007