Father Steffen Made Personal Connections to Bring People to Christ

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Father Carl Steffen was the consummate teacher, seeking as many pathways as possible to connect with people and bring them to Christ.

Sometimes he made those connections in the Confessional; other times in the local pub.

His longtime friend, Father Joseph Carolin, recalls how the late priest would frequently distribute holy cards to people when they came to him for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or for counsel.

“He would give them the cards to offer prayer suggestions or examples of how to pray,” Father Carolin said.

“Sometimes, he would go to a local pub and meet with the people there. The men would get to know him and seek his counsel. He loved all people; every age and every background. He enjoyed getting to know them. It was all a part of his ministry, and because of that, he was a mentor to a lot of people over the years,” he said.

Father Steffen died July 15 at his home in Ontanna. He was 85, and had been a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg for 57 years; 27 of them served at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Buchanan Valley.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer on July 18 at St. Ignatius Church, with burial in Gethsemane Cemetery in Laureldale, Pa., on the Steffen Family plot.

Cardinal Urges Senators to Back Measure to Defund Planned Parenthood

Catholic News Service

The head of the U.S. bishops’ pro-life committee Aug. 3 urged U.S. senators to take the federal money that goes to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and instead fund women’s health care providers that do not promote abortion.

“It has long been troubling to many Americans that the nation’s largest abortion network, performing over a third of all abortions, receives over half a billion taxpayer dollars a year,” said Boston Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley.

“This concern has rightly grown in recent years,” he wrote in a letter to the senators.

“The most recent revelations about Planned Parenthood’s willingness to traffic in fetal tissue from abortions, and to alter abortion methods not for any reason related to women’s health but to obtain more ‘intact’ organs, is the latest demonstration of a callousness toward women and their unborn children that is shocking to many Americans,” he said.

The cardinal is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

He urged senators to support S. 1881, a measure that would defund Planned Parenthood and its affiliates. He letter followed the release in mid-July of videos of the organization’s officials filmed undercover by a nonprofit California-based organization called the Center for Medical Progress. (See page 6.)

Planned Parenthood receives more than $500 million of its $1.3 billion annual budget from federal and state programs. According to 2013 data, the latest available, Planned Parenthood says abortions represent 3 percent of the total services its facilities provide.

On Capitol Hill, a number of Republicans in the House and Senate have called for an end to federal funding of Planned Parenthood. Several states also have launched investigations into the organization.

In his letter, Cardinal O’Malley added: “The Catholic Church comes to this issue from a perspective rooted in experience. Catholic charitable agencies and pregnancy help centers have helped countless pregnant women find life-affirming alternatives to abortion.”

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Bishop Malesic Returns to Harrisburg for Mass of Thanksgiving

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

The Diocese of Harrisburg welcomed back its native son, Bishop Edward Malefic, less than three weeks after his ordination as Bishop of Greensburg with a Mass of Thanksgiving at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill on the evening of July 31. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer, gave diocesan faithful — including members of Holy Infant Parish in York Haven, of the Diocesan Center offices and of other parishes and organizations which then-Father Malefic had served — an opportunity to offer their prayers and best wishes to the new bishop.

Bishop Malefic told the congregation that he is still getting used to being a bishop, and that he will be attending this fall what is commonly known as “baby bishops’ school” — a seminar hosted every September by the Congregation for Bishops in Rome, which assists new bishops in better understanding the roles they have in the local Church.

He spoke modestly about his appointment, and recalled the July 13 Mass of Ordination and Installation with humility.

“The temptation is to say that it was all about me. I was front and center, there is no doubt of that — but I would still prefer to be in the back pew. In the end, it was all about Jesus. It is His Church that he is providing for,” he remarked. “All of us are called to provide for the Church — but in different ways according to our different God-given gifts.”

“That’s what I want all of us to remember today. Our lives are about Jesus. We live our lives with Jesus. We give our lives for Jesus,” he continued. “He calls all of us to be his Church. He calls every one of us to follow Him and to be as holy as we can be. Every one of us is called to be a Christian.”

“God has done great things for all of us,” he said. “This is not just a Mass of Thanksgiving for me. It is a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of us. Each of us is privileged to know Jesus and to be with him at this Mass.”

“Now blessed we are — and one thing that I hope to always remember is this: Being a bishop is only part of the call,” he concluded, “just like being married is only part of the call, or being a pastoral minister, or pastor. Being a Christian, a disciple, a follower of Jesus, that’s the ultimate call from Jesus who says to each of us, ‘Follow me.’”

The Diocese of Greensburg’s new shepherd and Harrisburg Diocesan native Bishop Edward Malefic blesses the congregation at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill at the conclusion of the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated for him there on July 31.

Father Carl to be one of the most important people in their lives.”

She spoke of his tacit, often displayed with a sense of humor.

“When he did not want to talk about a subject that was brought up for discussion, his comment would be always, ‘Sweet Jesus.’ That was the clue that the subject was closed,” Mrs. Cochran said. “He could tell the funniest jokes and stories that the entire room would be laughing until the tears were streaming down our faces. He definitely ran the show and was in charge, but his humor and wit made the situation a happy one.”

“Father Carl loved the Lord and his mother, Mary. He was faithful to the Lord in his ministries. His faith and the many ways it manifested itself served as an example to me. Father Carl’s clearest moments of speech during the last days of his life were when he was praying to Jesus and Mary. When everything else was fading away, the one clear vision that remained were Jesus and Mary,” she said.

“I had the privilege of kneeling beside Father Carl’s bedside when he took his last breath,” she said. “At that moment I knew that I was kneeling beside the bed of a very holy man.”

Contributions in Father Malefic’s name can be made to Catholic Relief Services, 228 Lexington Street, Baltimore, Md., 21201.
Father Edward Mazich, Danville Native, Named Rector of St. Vincent Seminary

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Father Edward Michael Mazich, O.S.B., a monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey, has been named the twelfth rector of Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pa.

The appointment was announced by Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Chancellor of the Seminary, and was effective July 13. Father Mazich will be succeeded by Timothy Whalen, who served as rector since January 2012, and who was appointed by Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh to be pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Glenshaw, Pa.

St. Vincent Seminary is one of the seminaries where archbishops are formed for the Diocese of Harrisburg are formed.

Father Mazich is a native of Danville and is the son of the late Alice (Connelly) and John Mazich. He attended St. Joseph School in Danville, and is a 1990 graduate of Danville Area High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Penn State University in 1994 and received a master of arts degree in theology from St. Vincent Seminary in Golf, Wis., in 1998. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and Phi Beta Kappa.

In his interview with The Catholic Witness, Father Mazich indicated that it was several years after college graduation when he first gave consideration to the priesthood, and, while he did conscientiously plan on the priesthood while growing up, “I must say that the Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius who taught at St. Joseph’s School in Danville, the Sisters of Charity at Holy Family Convent, and the priests who served at St. Joseph’s Parish were excellent examples of joyful and dedicated service in the vineyard of the Lord.”


The Benedictine Order to which he belongs is named after St. Benedict of Nursia, the seventh-century saint best remembered for the founding of Western Monasticism and the Rule he wrote for those seeking to follow in his footsteps.

Father Mazich said he was attracted to a Benedictine vocation because of the “community-focused way of life that Benedictine communities have been living for more than 15 centuries, as well as the apostolates in which St. Vincent’s 200-year heritage has long been engaged: education, and missionary and pastoral work.”

He pointed to the Benedictines’ community life and hospitality, their certain degree of self-sufficiency, and their common devotion to seeking God, saying, “These things in turn have given Benedictines a great re- spect for education and for human culture as it has developed through the years. Following these basic principles, Benedictine communities in various parts of the world adopt different ministries and activities to share the Gospel and to support themselves. It is a reli- gious order which has many adaptations and to many changing times, and I believe that the part of the Benedictines’ staying power throughout his- tory.”


Father Mazich began serving on the seminary faculty in 2007 as Director of Human Forma- tion. In 2008, he was named Director of Solemnly Professed Benedictine and Other Religious Seminarians, and is currently the As- sistant Director of Human Formation. He was appointed Novice Master of the monastery community in 2009, and served in that capacity through 2013.

He served as President of the Saint Bene- dict Education Foundation, which raises funds for the Pontifical Athenaeum of Saint Anselmo, the international Benedictine Uni- versity in Rome, from 2007 to 2010. He continues to serve the foundation as a con- sultant.

“Father Mazich is well suited for this leadership role,” said the President of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation, Father Edward Michael Mazich, O.S.B.
We are the Society of Jesus, a Roman Catholic order of priests and brothers founded half a millennium ago by the soldier-turned-mystic Ignatius Loyola. But most people call us “the Jesuits.”

In the vision of our founder, we seek to find “God in all things.” We dedicate ourselves to the “greater glory of God” and to the good of all humanity. And we do so gratefully in collaboration with others who share our values, including laypersons. They have become part of the “family” that makes up the Jesuit family.

With close to 17,000-plus priests and brothers worldwide, we are the largest male religious order in the Catholic Church. We are priests, teachers, leaders, and chaplains. We are also doctors, lawyers, and astronomers, among many other roles in Church and society. In our varied ministries, we care for the whole person: body, mind, and soul.

And especially in our education ministries, we seek to nourish “men and women for others.”

Jesuits draw on the rich tradition of Ignatian spirituality and reflection. In our retreat centers, parishes, campus ministries, and other settings, we offer these resources to all who want to discern God’s presence in their lives. At the same time, we know that meaning, value, and dignity flow from our personal relationships with others, and our commitment to “contemplatives in action,” people who bring this spirituality into the world wide. That includes our work on behalf of global justice, peace, and dialogue.

As members of a religious order, Jesuits take three vows — of poverty, chastity and obedience — with a fourth vow of obedience specifically in regard to worldwide mission. In other words, Jesuits must be ready to accept whatever mission the pope requires, a vow that is reflective of our broader dedication to the universal Church, and to the greater good of all people from all faiths and cultures.

Our collaboration with the laity flows from our personal relationships with Christ. We are priests as ourselves as companions of Jesus, and we invite others to join us, as friends in the Lord. Together we build up the body of Christ.

With our friends and partners, we also reach out to a broadly diverse world because that’s where God is. From experiences of pain, sickness, and death, we know that meaning, value, and divine purpose can be discovered “in all things.”

From Nov. 30, 2014, through Feb. 2, 2016, the worldwide Church is celebrating a year dedicated to Consecrated Life. The Vocation Office provides short weekly reflections by one of our Jesuits and we encourage you to use these to institute the unique gift of a Jesuit’s vocation. The focusing theme of all of these weekly reflections is “What makes me happy? What brings me joy in each moment?” Read them online at http://www.jesuitseast.org/consecrated.

Many of the communities throughout the east coast provinces will be gathering to do Vicenza Projects. These are days of Prayer, Service and Conversation. More specifically, a voca- tion to the Society of Jesus can share these three cornerstones of Jesuit life during a service and prayer experience where they are invited to “be a ‘Vicenza Day’”. Read the Vocation Office has strongly advocated for this type of event to Jesuit communities as an ideal model for vocation discernment and, so one another.

That reflects back to the candidates and hopefully reveals insight into his own desires and spiritual call. The partic- ipant refrains from the experience of serving the poor, enriched by the generosity of the Spirit. All involved are made keenly aware of the poverty in our own city and the continued possibilities for Jesuits to get involved. Vicenza Day takes its name from the small town in Italy where St. Ignatius waited with the first companions, serving transport to Jerusalem and to preach there. Due to the political strife, they were not permitted to minister in the Holy Land but, instead, their time together in Vicenza provided them the opportunity to serv- ing God. Each Vicenza Day ends with a simple lunch and Mass, followed by a community faith-sharing session where participants and Jesuits are asked to discern moments from the day where they sensed God’s presence. The event has proven to be meaningful for all of the participants.

(Information provided by the Vocation Office of the Maryland and Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus. Visit www.jesuits.org.)
As we celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, it is most appropriate to recognize that there are actually two forms of consecrated life in the Church – Religious Life and Secular Institutes.

In the historical life of the Church, Secular Institutes are relatively new. Attempts to establish associations of persons consecrated to God while living in the world, within their own families and environments, were made centuries ago. First of all was that of St. Angela Merici in the sixteenth century and the Congregation of St. Ursula, which had been founded. But at that time there were many obstacles, as women were not yet recognized as capable of living within the world with the same degree of religious consecration. After the saint’s death, the Company was guided toward a conventual form of life. However, it was not until 1889, the Company of St. Ursula was set out to accommodate its original mission as consecrated women living within the world, and today, is a recognized Secular Institute. Here is the remarkable history of how Secular Institutes became canonically recognized within the Church. 

When St. Agnes, a member of the Ecclesia Catholica, which Pope Leo XII confirmed on August 11, 1889, the first steps of a true and properly canonical association of laypeople consecrated to God were taken. This Decree gave norms for the approval of pious associations whose members remain in the world and do not wear any form of habit to identify their consecration. Though each member took vows privately and each association was under the guidance of a bishop, they were not yet recognized by the Church nor taken before a superior. In the early 1900s, however, the journey continued in many areas throughout Europe. Armida Barelli and a small group of Franciscan women in Italy made their request known to the Holy See to remain in the world, while being consecrated to God and the Church. In 1932, Armida Barelli went to Pope Pius XI himself to request Church approval of consecrated laity. After the Pope’s prayerful consideration of her request, on May 5, 1932, through Cardinal Schuscher, Archbishop of Milan, delegated by Pope Pius XI to protect & guide the Missionaries, the Pope approved the movement. As much as is within our power we should bless and approve by way of experiment these norms and recommend their observance. The missionaries must live in the world without being of the world. They should not look on as religious in lay clothes; they are lay women consecrated to God who have made the apostolate the reason of their existence.

In 1938, Pope Pius XI commissioned an historic meeting. Twenty-five lay associations met in Switzerland, representing Italy, Poland, Belgium, France, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Austria and Switzerland (England was not able to attend at the last moment). Under the leadership of Father Agostino Gemelli, they all had a single purpose: that is, laity consecrated to God for the apostolate in the world, with juridical recognition from the Church. After the effects of war, serious setbacks, and continual delays from Rome to officially accept consecrated laity, the first official Secular Institute – Missionaries of the King of the Church – was approved by the Holy See in 1945. After official recognition from the Holy See, it didn’t take long for Church documents to appear to be the word consecrated to God at the new state of consecrated life. Cum Sanctissimis: Instruction for the Sacred Congregation of Religious (1948) was instituted on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, canonically placed Secular Institutes unto, the author of the Sacred Congregation of Religious (today called the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life & Societies of Apostolic Life). Later canonical and papal documents include: Perfectae Caritatis (Perfect Love) 1985 (The Adaptation and Renewal Of Religious Life. 10/28 /1965, Decree by Pope Paul VI: “Secular institute members must be thoroughly trained in matters divine and human so that they are truly a heaven in the world for the strengthening and growth of the body of Christ. Superiors, therefore, should give serious attention especially to the spiritual training to be given members as well as encourage their further formation.” Perfectae Caritatis, 111

Secular Institutes: ‘Hidden Leaven’ in the World

By Karen Bruskewicz
Special to The Witness

Karen Bruskewicz, pictured during her profession as a member of the Secular Institute of Missionaries of the Kingdom of Christ, which follows the Franciscan spirituality of seeing the face of Christ in all people.

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The missionaries must live in the world without being of the world. They should not be looked on as religious in lay clothes; they are lay women consecrated to God who have made the apostolate the reason of their existence. (World Congress Of Secular Institutes, August, 1990, St. John Paul II) The Holy Father identified three conditions of fundamental importance to mission of secular institutes: Be disciples of Christ, Be competent in professional field, Change the world from within. St. John Paul II described seculars “a prophetic presence” in the world, “light and salt, the sign and stimulus that distinguish the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount.” Vita Consecrata, Consecrated Life, March 25, 1996, Apostolic Exhortation of St. John Paul II on secular institutes: “The Holy Spirit, has given rise in our time to new expressions of consecrated life, which appear as a providential response to the new needs encountered by the Church today as she carries out her mission in the world… One thinks in the first place of members of Secular Institutes seeking to live out their consecration to God in the world through the evangelization of temporal counsels in the midst of temporal realities; they wish in this way to be a leaven of wisdom and a witness of grace within cultural, economic and political life. They belong completely to God and are thus fully consecrated to His service. They unite in a distinctive synthesis the view of consecration and that of being in the world. As they live their consecration in the world and from the world, they live their mission according to the evangelical spirit for the strengthening and growth of the Body of Christ. For this purpose they share in the Church’s evangelizing mission through their personal witness of Christian living, their commitment to ordering temporal affairs according to God’s plan, and their cooperation in service of the ecclesial community, in accordance with the secular way of life which is proper to them. You have not only a consecrated spirituality, but also a public, but also great history still to recount, but also great history still to be accomplished! Look to the future, with the spirit of the Holy Spirit is leading you in order to do even greater things!’

2007 World Conference of Secular Institutes Pope Benedict XVI: “Every pain, every injustice, every search for the truth of beauty and goodness must challenge you, not because you have the solution to our problems and to our difficulties, but because you are living in that very circumstance in which the human being lives and dies is for us an opportunity to witness to the salvific work of God. Your passion is born of having discovered the beauty of Christ, His unique way of loving, His offering of life, the beauty of Christ, of making it joyful and of consoling it. And your lives should be a song of this beauty so that your existence in the world is a sign of your existence in Christ. Be seekers of truth, of the human revelation of God in life. Proclaim the beauty of God and His creation.”

According to Patricial Skards, Chair of the Vocation Committee of the U.S. Conference of Secular Institutes, there are more than 200 institutes throughout the world, with as many as 60,000 members. There are 23 institutes within the United States. Over 80 percent of the secular institutes in the United States and throughout the world are lay women; although there are lay men or for diocesan clerics who wish to profess vows of poverty, obedience, and chastity without entering a religious congregation or community. All three years of formation within the institute, members make their first profession to promises of poverty and obedience and vows of chastity; and after another five years of formation, they make their definitive profession. The life of these members is characterized by that of consecrated persons living rather inconspicuous and ordinary lives, holding down jobs or involved in professions. Many of them are called consecrated seculars “a prophetic presence” in the world, through a strong personal prayer life, attending daily Mass when possible, reciting the Liturgy of the Hours, and having a spiritual director. Community ideals are strengthened by monthly days of renewal, annual retreats, and a time of study with other missionaries as planned and directed by the institute. During this year of Consecrated Life, we see that just as God is calling individuals to consecrated life in Religious Life, so is He calling others to consecrated life in Secular Institutes. Though these members are not always well known to others, they are called to be “hidden leaven” for the Gospel within the secular world. If you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you into this form of consecrated life, or more information about this vocation in the Church, visit the U.S. Conference of Secular Institutes website at: http://www.secularinstitutes.org or the World Conference of Secular Institute website at: http://www.cms-int.org.

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Cardinal Says Planned Parenthood Videos Illustrate ‘Throwaway Culture’

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Boston Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley said that Planned Parenthood officials’ videotaped descriptions of how fetal tissue and organs are procured for research during abortions illustrates what Pope Francis calls today’s “throwaway culture.”

The officials also discuss what the organization charges for the body parts, which opponents of Planned Parenthood say violates federal law and the organization said are custom handling fees paid by research labs.

Cardinal O’Malley, in a July 29 statement, said Pope Francis calls abortion “the product of a ‘wide- spread mentality of profit, the throwaway culture, which has today enslaved the hearts and minds of so many.’”

He made the comments as chair of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a radio interview that he was “appalled” by the videos but even more “appalled at the reality of destroying life itself.”

The prelates were referring to videos filmed undercover earlier this year and released in mid-July by a nonprofit California-based organization called the Center for Medical Progress.

In two videos, top Planned Parenthood physicians describe how abortions are carried out to best salvage fetal tissue and organs for researchers and described a range of prices paid for different body parts.

A third video was an interview with a technician speaking for a company she works for harvesting and including graphic footage. As a fourth video was about to be released, until Los Angeles Superior Court July 28 issued an order blocking its release.

Cecile Richard, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, in a statement said that “allegations that Planned Parenthood profits in any way from tissue donation is not true.” She later apologized for “the tone” the physicians used in describing abortion procedures and also argued the videos had been heavily edited to distort the truth.

The Center for Medical Progress has posted the first three videos of its website, www.centerformedicalprogress.org.

“The recent news stories concerning Planned Parenthood direct our attention to two larger issues involving many institutions in our society,” said Cardinal O’Malley. “The first is abortion itself: a direct attack on human life at its most vulnerable condition. The second is the now standard practice of obtaining fetal organs and tissues through abortion.”

“Both actions fail to respect the humanity and dignity of human life,” he said. “This fact should be the center of attention in the present public contro-

He also urged any woman for whom the Planned Parenthood news coverage has caused them to “experience revived trauma from their own involvement in abortion” to seek help from the Catholic Church’s post-abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, www.projectrachel.com.

“Be assured that any and all persons will be welcomed with compassion and assistance” by the ministry, Cardinal O’Malley said.

Archbishop Kurtz discussed the videos in a call to the Catholic Channel’s “Seize the Day With Gus Lloyd” on SiriusXM July 23.

He said he “would be saddened” if the issue of abortion itself somehow lost its impact. That it became simply a debate over what’s legal and what’s illegal and I think the child in the womb then gets lost.”

“Our bishops’ conference has from the beginning opposed issues related to the funding, federal funding, of Planned Parenthood,” Archbishop Kurtz said, adding that just because “something may be legal doesn’t mean it’s right.”

The release of the videos, he added, is “an occasion for all of us to come together in our commitment to be pro-life and to promote a culture of life. ... Our culture is becoming increasingly utilitarian. It’s very easy when you get into that mindset to see people as objects.”

The USCCB “is going to continue to promote a cultureline of life” and looking at what can be done legislatively to further that goal, he said.

On Capitol Hill, a number of Republicans in the House and Senate have called for an end to federal funding of Planned Parenthood. Several states also have launched investigations into the organization. Planned Parenthood reports its Pennsylvania health centers don’t participate in fetal tissue donation. He did not say what steps he planned for undertaking a review.

The question stemmed from outrage sparked by two recently released videos of high-level Planned Parenthood directors who were shown graphically explaining how abortions can be conducted in a way that preserves the baby’s organs for medical research as well as the costs associated with selling these organs.

State legislative leaders, Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati (R-Cameron, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, Potter and Tioga) and Speaker of the House Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny) have also urged Attorney General Kathleen Kane to investigate Planned Parenthood practices in Pennsylvania.

Further, The U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee announced that it will investigate Planned Parenthood as a result of this video.

Planned Parenthood provides over half of the abortions in Pennsylvania. Advocates must strongly urge legislators in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C., to take these investigations seriously. Visit www.pacatholic.org to send a message to your elected representatives.

The Must Recommence Ourselves to End Death Penalty, Say USCCB Chairmen

Catholic News Service

It asks people to pray for victims of crime and their families and to reach out to support them. It also calls for educating people about the death penalty as “the ultimate and irreversible loss of life.”

In November 2005, the bishops approved the statement on the death penalty calling on society to “reject the tragic illusion that we can demonstrate respect for life by taking life.” It built on the 1980 statement by the bishops that called for the abolition of capital punishment.

We urged a prudent examination of the use of the death penalty, with the aim of helping to build a ‘culture of life’ in which our nation will no longer try to teach that killing is wrong by killing those who kill. This cycle of violence diminishes all of us,” Cardinal O’Malley and Archbishop Wenski said in their joint statement.

The two prelates cited “significant gains” made on the issue in the past decade.

Several states, including New York, New Jersey, New Mexico, Illinois, Connecticut, Maryland and most recently Nebraska, have ended the use of the death penalty, and other states have enacted a moratorium. Death sentences are at their lowest level since enactment of the death penalty in 1976. In Kansas this past February, a measure to abolish the death penalty there ultimately failed, but the state Catholic conference praised senators for their “impassioned and thoughtful” debate on the issue.

Even with such progress, “there is still a great deal of work to be done, and we must recommence ourselves to end this practice in our country,” said Cardinal O’Malley and Archbishop Wenski.

The bishops also noted that “it’s at least a simple, real option” to end use of the death penalty and said that in light of the upcoming Year of Mercy that he declared, is to begin Dec. 8: “[we] renew our efforts in calling for the end of the use of the death penalty.”

“Pope Francis, like his predecessors, provides a clear and prophetic voice for life and mercy in calling for all people of good will to work to end the use of the death penalty,” added Archbishop Wenski.

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As a people of life, we say it is time for the U.S. to abandon use of the death penalty.”
Feeding Your Faith

Bishop Gainer Connects
Gardening, Cooking to Sabbath

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The Catholic Witness

Trending today is farm-to-table, and how much closer to the table can you get than right from your own backyard? Golden squash, Japanese eggplant, tomatoes, parsley, thyme and basil are a few delectable ingredients that grow in the garden behind Bishop Ronald Gainer’s residence and assist him in cooking his meals.

His time spent in Rome is what encouraged him to start his first garden in 1987 when he returned to the United States and was assigned as pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Whitehall in the Diocese of Allentown. He recalled how wonderful the markets are in Rome with fresh produce and herbs to choose from daily. He wanted this same freshness at home and started his first humble garden, which has since grown in size and produce.

His love for cooking, though, began early on, with time spent with his mother, an excellent cook, in the kitchen.

“For me, cooking is a way of gathering people and offering hospitality, and is such an important part of the Judeo-Christian tradition of sharing food together around the table,” Bishop Gainer said. “And I always enjoy that when I have the time to prepare a meal and have friends, people together, it’s that social aspect.”

For those outside of the restaurant business, gardening and cooking are often two great hobbies that people use to relax. Getting your hands dirty pulling weeds and feeling a cool breeze in the heat of the sun are small reminders that God is present with us even as we relax. Preparing a dish for your loved ones that will nourish and fuel their bodies brings us closer to our giving Father.

“I think for me, our hobbies should remind us of the skills God has given us,” Bishop Gainer remarked. “Our gifts or interests that are ours come from God and God’s grace, and when we use our hands we become co-workers of God’s creation. That’s the original beautiful story of Adam and Eve before the fall. They were collaborators with God in the garden. I think gardening is especially a symbol of God’s love for us because he put our first parents in the garden and they were the caretakers. Our Lord’s Resurrection takes place in what’s called a garden tomb where he rises from the dead. The symbol of abundance and growth can also be taken as a symbol of our final joy with God in heaven.”

“Whatever one’s hobby is, I think our hobbies are a taste of the Sabbath too,” he continued. “The Sabbath is supposed to be a day of rest that we step out of our work life or whatever our normal routines are and enjoy something restful and refreshing, renewing. So our hobbies are kind of a Sabbath activity; even if I do it on a Wednesday or a Monday, I’m stepping out of the ordinary. I’m not doing something I have to, but I’m doing something that refreshes me, renewes me, breaks out of the routine and allows me to thank God for this gift.”

Even in our daily routine or the necessity of meals, Bishop Gainer reflected on the importance of family meal time. It is becoming far less of a regular time for couples or parents and children to stop and reflect, to enjoy a moment of stillness together outside activities or work.

“It expresses the unity, the communion of family life by sharing that meal together,” Bishop Gainer said. “It says we are one around this table because we are of one blood as a family unit, and that time together builds that unity where you can catch up with each other, find out what’s going on, what is important. Whenever families can, I think it is absolutely essential to express their unity together in sharing a meal and build that unity through conversation.”

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Bishop Ronald Gainer

**Preparation:**

- ¾ c. all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt, plus more to taste
- ¾ tsp. pepper, plus more to taste
- 6 veal shanks, about 3 pounds total, each about 1 inch thick

On a large plate, stir together the flour, 1 teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon pepper. Wrap the veal shanks around the perimeter with butcher twine to keep them together while cooking. Coat the veal shanks evenly with the flour mixture, shaking off the excess; reserve the remaining flour mixture.

**Cooking:**

In a large frying pan over medium-high heat, warm the olive oil. Add the veal shanks and cook, turning once, until browned on both sides, about 8 minutes per side. Transfer the shanks to a slow cooker and scatter the mushrooms on top. Return the frying pan to medium-high heat, add the shallots, and sauté until tender and beginning to brown, about 4 minutes. Sprinkle with the reserved flour mixture and cook for about 1 minute more. Pour in the broth and deglaze the pan, stirring to scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Pour mixture over the veal shanks and mushrooms. Tuck the thyme sprigs around the veal shanks. Cover and cook on high for 2 hours or on low for 4½ hours according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Scrape the pieces on top gently immerse them in the hot liquid with a large spoon and cook for 30 minutes more. Remove the thyme sprigs and discard.

**Seasoning and Serving:**

Transfer the veal shanks to 6 plates, remove the twine from each shank, taking care that they do not fall apart. Season the sauce with salt and pepper. Spoon the sauce, mushrooms and peas over the veal and serve immediately.

Send us Your Recipes and ‘Food for Thought’

The Catholic Witness is looking to support family meal time by sharing family recipes in upcoming editions, as well as scripture and “food for thought.” Bishop Gainer has offered us one of his favorite recipes, and we encourage our readers throughout the Diocese to submit their own recipe. This can be a family favorite, maybe a recipe used at different times of the liturgical year, or a recipe that has been passed through the family and shared upon many tables. Share your family meal memories with us too! You may mail a copy of the recipe to 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111 or email it to witness@hbgdiocese.org.
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as well as for the Diocesan Stateside event that will be held in Lancaster July 30-31. (See page 10 for information on how to participate in these pilgrimages.)

The kickoff event invited participants to join in pilgrimage from the Cardinal Keeler Center to Bishop McDevitt, where they spent the afternoon ignited by spirited music, listened to personal reflections on pilgrimage experiences, and concluded the day with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

“A pilgrimage is a journey with a holy purpose,” Bishop Gainer told youth. “Pilgrimage is very much a part of our Catholic experience, and it’s very much a part of Scripture,” he said, citing the journeys of Adam and Eve, Abraham, Moses and the Israelites, and the great pilgrimage of Christ from the right hand of the Father to his birth, life, death and Resurrection.

“Our external movement from one place to another is to be a sign of the internal journey, the conversion of bringing our hearts closer to God,” Bishop Gainer said in his homily.

Several priests concelebrated the Mass, which was set up without chairs so as to emulate Masses celebrated during international World Youth Day gatherings. Large photographs and memorabilia from previous World Youth Day pilgrimages flanked the congregation.

The Mass featured musical and vocal accompaniment from the praise and worship band, Clashing Cymbals.

At the start of the liturgy, the bishop blessed the pilgrim cross that was used in the procession of the Mass, as well as relics of St. John Paul II and St. Faustina, which the diocese procured to travel to parishes and schools leading up to World Youth Day 2016. The first-class relic of St. John Paul II is a piece of his bloody cassock from the attempt on his life on May 13, 1981.

Members of the Mikula family from St. Peter Parish in Elizabethtown were among those gathered for the Mass. Parents Daniel and Margaret, who will accompany daughter Emily, 15, and son Zygmunt, 13, to World Youth Day in Poland, considered the diocesan gathering as another way of spiritually preparing their children – including younger sons Casimir, Maximilian and Felix who are too young to attend this time – for the international pilgrimage.
Young people kneel in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as the Eucharist is exposed on a portable altar on the practice field at Bishop McDevitt High School. Father Peter DiTomasso, MSSCC, pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Bonneauville, presided, and Father Donald Bender, parochial vicar at St. Patrick Parish in Carlisle, offered a reflection on sharing Christ with the world.

“One of the things that we see especially from this gathering today is that there are many ways to praise, and not always in a traditional setting, which our children are used to seeing,” Mr. Mikula said. “Today, they see that you can worship in a more relaxed setting, sitting on the floor, singing contemporary music. God is present beyond the walls of the church.”

Catechesis and spiritual preparation for World Youth Day in Poland has already begun in the Mikula household, where the family is looking at photographs of the churches they’ll visit, reading about saints such as John Paul II, Faustina and Maximilian Kolbe, and contemplating the lives and faith of those who were killed at Auschwitz.

The pilgrimage holds additional significance for the Mikulas, whose families come from Poland and knew St. John Paul II.

“In preparing Emily and Zygmunt for this experience, we talk about what a pilgrimage is. They know this is not a vacation. We constantly remind them that it is a journey to experience their faith,” Mrs. Mikula said. “What I love about the pilgrimage to Poland is that the places we’re going are completely embedded in the faith. On the pilgrimage, we’ll be able to connect with our heritage and with our Catholic faith.”

Emily and Zygmunt are eager for all that awaits them at World Youth Day 2016 – the holy places in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, Stations of the Cross, Mass with the Holy Father, and camaraderie with fellow pilgrims.

“All of it excites me!” Emily exclaimed. Her brother concurred. “I’m just excited about the whole experience.”

Molly Lahr, a graduate of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg and a pilgrim during the 2013 World Youth Day experience in Brazil, is planning to journey to Poland too.

She joined several peers on an outdoor stage at the high school, giving personal witness to encountering Christ on pilgrimage.

“I am proud to say that I continue to live up to the 2013 World Youth Day theme, ‘Go and Make Disciples of All Nations,’ said Molly, a member of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Middletown, and a CCD teacher there.

“World Youth Day was a life-changing and uplifting event for me,” she said. I realized the connection between me and Pope Francis, for he is my spiritual brother who is fulfilling God’s duty by spreading his word amongst all nations.

“His words inspire me to draw my peers closer to Jesus Christ by being a role model towards others in the community, the Diocese of Harrisburg, and my home parish,” Molly said. “The positive emotions of World Youth Day in Brazil reflect the values I would like to uphold now and in the future.”

The bishop reminded the youth and young adults that a pilgrimage calls them to both physical and spiritual movement.

“Today, we gather to express our Catholic faith, to ask God’s blessings upon us during this time of preparation for World Youth Day, both stateside and in Poland,” he said. “We have to ask God to give us the courage not to buckle under peer pressure, not to do what others expect of us because they’re doing it; and to ask God to give us a strong conviction of the truth and to be willing to stand for that truth, and to be willing to move in God’s direction in that journey to come more and more by God’s grace into intimacy with our Savior.”
Celebrate World Youth Day 2016

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26 HOUR OVERNIGHT VIGIL

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Spaces Remain for World Youth Day 2016 Pilgrimage to Poland

Space is still available for youth and young adults who wish to join Bishop Ronald Gainer on the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland, in July of 2016.

The international World Youth Day celebration will be highlighted by spiritual offerings, cultural activities and Mass celebrated by Pope Francis.

The 2016 celebration will take place in the home see of St. John Paul II, who initiated World Youth Day in 1985. The theme for World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, selected by Pope Francis, is “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Mt 5:7).

World Youth Day festivities will begin July 26, and conclude with a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis on July 31. Prior to the international gathering, pilgrims from the Diocese of Harrisburg will participate in a retreat experience with Bishop Gainer and diocesan priests July 24-26 in Warsaw, Czestochowa, Auschwitz and Wadowice.

The Diocese of Harrisburg’s World Youth Day pilgrimage is open to youth who will be ages 16-18 at the time of the trip and their chaperones, and to single and married young adults ages 18-35. The diocesan pilgrimage is an undertaking of the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

For information on deposits and payment schedules, or to receive a complete itinerary, contact Virginia Pereira, Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at 717-657-4804, or vpireira@hbgdiocese.org.

Poland Schedule

A Retreat Experience July 24-26

• Czestochowa, home of the Pauline Monastery on top of Jasna Gorga Mountain and the image of Our Lady known as the Black Madonna
• Auschwitz, the Nazi Concentration Camp and the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe
• Auschwitz II, where Edith Stein was put to death for being born Jewish and joining the Catholic Church
• Lagiewniki, home of St. Faustina’s Shrine of Divine Mercy
• Wadowice, the birthplace of St. John Paul II
• Wieliczka, the site of the Underground Salt Cathedral

World Youth Day in Krakow July 26-31

• Daily Mass and catechesis sessions
• Tours of historical sites, cultural programs and exhibits
• Walking tours of Krakow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II
• Stations of the Cross and the Sacrament of Reconciliation
• Prayer services and addresses by the Holy Father
• World Youth Day Vigil Mass with Pope Francis, and an overnight camp out
• Sending Forth Mass with the Holy Father and clergy from around the world
St. Anne School Concludes Celebration of 90th Anniversary; Demonstrates Technological Advances as Part of Vision for the Future

St. Anne School is an institution rich in traditions with a strong history of preparing our students for the future,” said Suzanne Wood, principal. “Our commitment is to equip our students with the technological skills that they need to be successful, twenty-first century learners.”

“While St. Anne School in Lancaster has been celebrating its 90th year of providing Catholic education, the school has had many opportunities to reflect on the past: the numerous students and faculty who have walked the hallways, the changes in the building and church, while others have walked the hallways, the changes in the building and church, and in the world. It also has provided an opportunity to look at the future and how the school is preparing for it.”

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St. Anne is still located in its original building, which was built in 1931. While there were two additions to the original building – one in 1960 to add five new classrooms and one in 1962 to add an additional four classrooms – the majority of the school building is also celebrating 90 years.

During the summer of 2013, the school began a systematic update of its technological infrastructure. Phase 1 consisted of installing two new school servers and two new switches in the school. Phase 2 included cabling of all areas in the school to allow for uninterrupted, wireless access (Wi-Fi) and the installation of Apple TVs to the majority of classrooms.

“Our Wi-Fi capability has allowed us to use our iPads throughout the building,” said Mrs. Wood. “The Apple TVs allow the teachers to sync their iPads with a lesson plan to the TV. This gives the teacher the ability to walk around the classroom, check the work of the students, and allow the students to engage in what’s going on from their seats.”

The school’s designated computer lab includes 18 dual boot Apple Computers that the students use during formal computer class. When computer class is not in session, teachers have access to the lab to bring their students in for class instruction. The school is also equipped with a teacher computer, document camera and mounted projector in every classroom.

There are also two iPad racks consisting of 45 iPads that teachers may sign out and have travel to the classrooms for the students use. The goal of the computer lab and computer classes is to teach the students about new technology and what they can achieve by using it.

The St. Anne School second graders used an app called “Sock Puppets.” This app introduced the students to digital storytelling. The students were able to pick their own backgrounds and props, write their own short script with dialogue between two puppets, and record different voices.

The fifth graders used an app called “iBooks Author” to write their own books. Their assignment was to pick something that they experienced as a fifth grader and updated it to fit their own time. Each student’s book was computer printed and laminated and sent home with each student. A parent was then able to read their child’s recording by reading the QR code on their smartphone.

“While we are very excited about what we have been able to achieve over the last two years, we continue to keep our eyes focused on the new advances in technology,” said Mrs. Wood. “Our goal is to have our students well prepared for all aspects of the future.”

Retrouvaille:
A Program to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages

The St. Anne sixth graders took a new idea and updated it to fit with the times. Years ago, the junior high students wrote their own fairytales. They were created with pen and paper, written and illustrated by the student. They were then laminated in the school office and read to the younger students.

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Retrouvaille:
A French word for “Rediscovery,” helps couples rebuild their marriages. For information, or to register for the Harrisburg program weekend, please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the Web site at www.retrouve.org. In the Diocese of Harrisburg, Retrouvaille is under the auspices of the Family Ministries Office.
**Mass for Archdiocese, Visit to Prison Tope Pope's Philadelphia Itinerary**

By Matthew Gambino

**Catholic News Service**

The first stop for Pope Francis when he visits Philadelphia the morning of Sept. 26 will be the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul to celebrate a special Mass for the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The previously unannounced Mass is part of the pope's itinerary for his visit announced by the Vatican June 30.

The announcement also included news of the pope's planned visit with prison inmates of Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility in northeast Philadelphia.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput greeted news of the papal schedule "with great joy and I'm certain that countless individuals in our city, our commonwealth, and our country share that emotion with me."

"As the birthplace of religious freedom, Philadelphia is a city rich in history and diversity. This itinerary recognizes the importance of those qualities and the pope's desire to witness them firsthand," said Philadelphia's archbishop.

Another stop on the pope's visit to the city includes an afternoon address Sept. 26 at Independence Hall, birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. The pope is expected to speak about religious freedom and the importance of fostering it, among other possible topics.

The visit with incarcerated men and women at the sprawling 25-acre Curran-Fromhold facility, which houses 8,100 inmates in a complex of prisons, underscores Pope Francis' commitment to extend mercy to the marginalized, including the poor, the sick and, in some cases, the imprisoned.

The pope has declared 2015 a Year of Mercy in the Catholic Church, which begins Dec. 8. It will emphasize the Church's healing ministry to all people "as a field hospital after battle," as the pope has said.

The moral of the Catholic community in Philadelphia has itself been battered from the past few years of crises including the sexual abuse scandal, financial troubles for the archdiocese and the merger or closing of dozens of parishes and schools.

Archbishop Chaput, former secretary for clergy of the Philadelphia Archdiocese from 1992 to 1997, served for six years at the Curran-Fromhold facility while he appeals a 2012 conviction on a child endangerment charge for his handling of clergy sex abusers.

**Papal Mass Bus Tickets Available**

A limited number of seats are available on buses going to the Mass with Pope Francis in Philadelphia on September 27, leaving from the following locations: Berwick, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Ephrata, Elsberry, Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Waynesboro and York.

The number of available seats varies from location to location. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is $30 per person, and is non-refundable. Payment must be made within five days of making a reservation. For additional information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Kate Neri in the Family Life Office at 717-657-4804, ext. 317 or email at kneri@bghdiocese.org.

Please note that, according to the "Go Philadelphia!" app and organizers of the World Meeting of Families, there will not be formal seating for the Papal Mass. For security and safety reasons, metal and personal seating will not be permitted on the Parkway area. Additionally, it is advised that Mass attendees plan to walk. Walking paths will be created on city streets; updated maps will be included on the "Go Philadelphia!" app (see the news brief below) as they are available.

Information on bus departure times and other advisories regarding the event will be released as it becomes available.

**‘Go Philadelphia!’ App Launched**

The World Meeting of Families Philadelphia 2015 and IBM announced the launch of the "Go Philadelphia!" app to guide participants in the September congress. This free mobile app will provide Philadelphia visitors and residents with up-to-date information about the region’s cultural institutions and family-friendly events taking place between September 18-29 to accommodate visitors who will arrive early or stay after the Papal visit.

With more than 20 categories clustered for easy retrieval, the "Go Philadelphia!" app curates and displays events and attractions on an interactive online map. It integrates powerful public moments and, in this case, the papal departure ceremony there.

"Pope Francis’ plans for his visit to Philadelphia seamlessly integrate powerful public moments with more intimate gatherings that are deeply grace filled," Archbishop Chaput said. "It is an itinerary that says, ‘I walk with you and do so the Lord.’ It says, ‘Embrace your faith and embrace one another as children of God.’ It says, ‘God forgives.’ And it says, ‘Come together in celebration.’"

The archbishop called Pope Francis’ visit "a true gift for all regardless of faith tradition."

The World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, being held Sept. 22-25, in advance of the pope’s visit, is expected to draw some 15,000 participants from 150 countries. Pope Francis has called the congress "the central reason for his visit to the United States," Archbishop Chaput said.

The archbishop predicted "the many pilgrims present in September will experience a moment unique in the history of our city. The presence of the Holy Father will be electric and charismatic. It has the power to transform all of us in deeply positive ways. It will be our shared responsibility to take that gift and use all that we learn from it to build a better Church and a stronger society."

**Vatican Exhibit to Open during World Meeting of Families**

Works of art including paintings, sculptures and rare artifacts from the Vatican will be on display just in time for the World Meeting of Families and the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia this September. More than 200 works of art, 40 percent of which have never been shown publicly anywhere, are part of the "Vatican Splendors" exhibit opening Sept. 19 at Philadelphia’s venerable Franklin Institute and running through February 2016. Philadelphia is the only East Coast destination for the exhibit in a two-city tour of the United States.

The nearly 10,000-square-foot exhibit, organized into 11 different galleries, will consist of significant objects collected by Vatican Museums over the span of 2,000 years. The exhibit includes objects from the ancient St. Peter’s Basilica and tools used in the construction of the 16th century basilica and the Sistine Chapel; artwork by Michelangelo; historical maps, signed documents and a bas-relief sculpture; works by Baroque masters such as Bernini and Guercino; intricately embroidered silk liturgical vestments; uniforms of the papal Swiss Guard; artwork that dates to the first century; and bone fragments of St. Peter and Paul as well as relics discovered at their tombs. Learn more about the exhibit and purchase tickets at www.fi.edu.

**Stay Up To Date via Social Media**

For information regarding the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, and all the events associated with it:

- **WorldMeeting2015.org**
- **On Facebook at World Meeting of Families 2015**
- **On Twitter @WMF2015**
- **On Instagram at WMF2015**
Papal Trip began as World Meeting of Families, Grew to Three-City Tour

By Tom Tracy

Catholic News Service

The first traces of preparation for Pope Francis’ historic U.S. visit this summer could be said to have started in Milan, Italy, in 2012.

In closing the Vatican-sponsored World Meeting of Families held there that year, Pope Benedict XVI announced that the 2013 gatherings would feature a three-city tour in Philadelphia, New York and Rome.

Right away, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and World Meeting of Families organizers considered the possibility of a U.S. visit, which has often accompanied the family summit held every three years in a different host country.

Although at that time the event’s planners could not have known that Pope Francis would visit the archdiocese, they laid out contingency plans in hopes the World Meeting of Families would draw a papal visit.

“After the planning started right away in 2012 when we found out the archdiocese was being asked to host the meeting,” said Kenneth Gavin, the archdiocese’s director of communications.

Last November, the Vatican officially confirmed Pope Francis would attend the international family gathering, and the pope’s itinerary eventually expanded to include a first stop in Cuba, followed by Washington, New York City and finally Philadelphia.

Mr. Gavin noted that in Philadelphia alone, there are two papal trip planning bodies: one for the Sept. 22-25 World Meeting of Families under the direction of veteran communications professional Donna Colley-Fargul, and an archdiocesan effort for everything else concerning the Sept. 26-27 papal visit to Philadelphia, with a degree of overlap since the events are intertwined.

First, local Church officials studied how other large cities and other countries have managed the World Meeting of Families, and then started building planning teams, including civic partnerships with the city of Philadelphia, the state of Pennsylvania, national security and law enforcement agencies, the Philadelphia-based Franklin Institute — which will host a Vatican art exhibition through next year — along with other cultural and civic institutions, according to Mr. Gavin.

“Philadelphia has always been a place where the life of the archdiocese has to go on, so we reached out to others — we wanted the best people we can get and to staff groups of people, with security and transportation,” he said, noting that Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput has brought an “incredible” amount of energy to the project.

“Over time, things grew organically and they continue to grow today,” Mr. Gavin said in an interview with Catholic News Service.

By mid-July, the archdiocese had a database of some 6,000 general volunteers, 500 volunteer media, language and Church-related experts to staff a 115,000-square-foot media center planned for the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

A Host-A-Family program will augment some 11,500 Philadelphia-area hotel rooms, and financial pledges of $30 million will help offset costs associated with the papal visit there. Some 5,000 to 7,000 credentialed journalists are expected to cover Pope Francis’ visit.

The pope’s outdoor closing Mass at Philadelphia’s Benjamin Franklin Parkway could draw more than 1.5 million participants. Pope Francis also is expected to meet with Hispanics to discuss “how minorities participate in a U.S. community at a transitional moment in the ‘City of Brotherly Love’.”

In a news conference about the pope’s stop in the nation’s capital, Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington said he and the archdiocese of Philadelphia and New York City met with the Vatican papal advance team in each of the three cities in the U.S. and in Rome when Pope Francis visited last year.

“He was not only in Washington, D.C. He was there in New York and Philadelphia,” Mr. Gavin said.

They were instructed to come up with their own “wish list” of locations and activities for Pope Francis during his travels.

The World Meeting of Families serves as the centerpiece of the papal visit — something the advance team made clear should not be overshadowed by planning any larger papal events elsewhere beforehand.

“We put together a schedule and then it went back to Rome,” Cardinal Wuerl told reporters, noting that estimates were made of how long it will take the pope to speak and engage with people at each of his stops, along with the transportation time and logistics between stops.

“Eventually, the advance team came back and said, ‘Here is where we are and let’s walk it through again,’” Cardinal Wuerl said, noting that nothing was firm until the pope’s official itinerary was made public, June 30.

“Until the announcement, we were told: ‘You can plan, but remember this is all infor- mal and unofficial, and it can be changed,’” the cardinal added. “There is always that little caveat that there can still be some fine tuning.”

The Washington portion of the visit eventually grew to include a Catholic Charities-related encounter with homeless people. The pope will visit President Barack Obama at the White House and address a joint meeting of Congress; those events are managed independently by those entities, including press credentialing for events at each site and on media transportation buses, those who want to get a glimpse of Pope Francis’ motorcade and yet unannounced papal motorcade routes for those who want to get a glimpse of Pope Francis.

“Since it is unlikely every journalist applying for credentials will be accommodated at each site and on media transportation buses, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will attempt to parse out journalist access strategically and as fairly as possible, according to Helen Osman, the USCCB’s secretary for communications who is now national coordinator of communications for the papal visit.

The USCCB, Ms. Osman added, started signing contracts on event and media convention convention space last late year before the Vatican publicly confirmed Pope Francis’ visit. Much more so than during Pope Benedict XVI’s 2008 visit, social media will play a greater role in the church’s communications strategy. In August, the USCBB will formally announce a new app, “The Catholic Church,” to provide visuals, audio and text of the papal visit. The USCBB also contracted a website company to provide live streaming and round-the-clock replay coverage of Pope Francis’ visit and which will be accessible via the US- CBB’s website.

Pope Francis is expected to speak primarily in Spanish, so another planning priority has been to enlist a bilingual staff to assist reporters with simultaneous translations of remarks by the pope, who often deviates from prepared texts. “In the past, the Vatican provided us with translators in various languages for the journalists, so if he is speaking extrapontaneously in Spanish that will be a challenge,” Ms. Osman said.

Yet as the archdiocese enlisted additional planning and leadership skills of former American Express execu- tive Albert Kelley, who served as CEO of the 2014 Super Bowl event, Church officials are responsible for five papal events at four sites. The U.N. papal event is being managed by the United Nations.

Pope Francis will attend an interreligious prayer service at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center site, meet with small groups at St. Patrick’s Cathedral and a Catholic elementary school in East Harlem, and celebrate a Mass at Madison Square Garden.

“In all of our planning we are trying to maximize the time the Holy Father has to in- teract with people and we keep the furnishings at every site and at every event to the minimum,” said Joseph Zwillinger, the archdiocese’s director of communications.

“The Holy Father wants to have an encounter with people, he wants to learn about us and how our faith works here in New York and the United States, and we want to give him a real understanding of our inner city schools, immi- grant populations, of what we do for newcomers to our country, and how faith communities can coexist,” Mr. Zwillinger said.

The visit, he added, touches every aspect of the New York Archdiocese — from special fund raised for communications strategy, to the pope’s spiritual freedom, to Catholic praying for his visit and for Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, who “is eagerly awaiting the pope,” Mr. Zwillinger said.

Church as Mother: Even when Catholics Sin, She Remains Holy

By Christopher C. Roberts

Special to The Witness

From its opening paragraphs, this cat- echism has explained how we were created for communion with God and one another. The Church has institutional forms because this communion must be visible and tangible, and active in the world.

The Church’s earliest vessels are necessary for proclaiming a spiritual reality: the Church is the Bride of Christ, a “she,” not “it.” In the words of St. John XXIII, the Church is our mother and teacher, our com- forter and guide, our family of faith. All the baptized are the Church’s sons and daugh- ters, giving Christians our most funda- mental and authentic identity.

As members of the Church, we are mem- bers of the “one body” that is not defined by any human qualification, such as age, nation, profession or intelligence, or by human achievement, such as efficiency, organiza- tion, or moral virtue. Even when her people are sinners, we still need the Church’s wisdom, sacraments, support, and.proclamation of the truth. Just as our own sinfulness sometimes causes us to lose faith, when Catholics sin, that does not erase the Church’s holiness.

The Church’s essence depends on Jesus, a foundation which holds us accountable, but which is also deeper and more secure than that of any human and temporal foundation God never abandons us. Despite her many failures, the Church cannot shirk the respon- sibility to preach and live the Gospel. “Love is our mission,” and the Church is the family that teaches and embodies this love.

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families to be hosted in Philadelphia on September 21-27, 2015, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is presenting reflections on ten monthly themes at the center of the conference, reprinted with permission from CatholicPhilly.com. Those planning the World Meeting of Families have developed a preparatory catechesis that focuses on the themes presented in a catechism on family life titled “This is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.” Information and registration for the conference is available at www.worldmeeting2015.org.
Sister Rosemary Mulac
Adorers of the Blood of Christ Sister Rosemary Dulac died July 24 in Colum-
bia. She was 93.

A native of McKeensport, Pa., born to Croatian immigrant parents, she entered the Congregation of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in 1944. She earned a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in edu-
cation from Duquesne University in Pitts-
burgh.

During her years in elementary educa-
tion, Sister Rosemary taught from 1944-
1977 in schools in Chicago, Allentown, Pa.; Niles, Ohio; Kinston, N.C.; Johnstown, Pa., and in the Diocese of Harrisburg in Enhaalt, Middletown and Steehton.

Sister Rosemary has served her com-
unity as a provincial councilor and coor-
dinator of ministries from 1977-1983, of-
fering help and support to the community. When Vietnamese refugees settled in Indiantown Gap, Pa., she coordinated groups of sisters in teaching, and care for their needs. She organized ef-
forts to help flood victims in Johnsonstown, Pa., and was instrumental in starting St. Anne’s Village, a part of St. Anne’s Re-
tirement Community, a ministry that the Adorers sponsors in Columbia, Pa.

The funeral Mass was celebrated July 27 in the chapel at St. Anne’s Retirement Community. Burial was in the congrega-
tion’s cemetery in Columbia.

Sister Anna Marie Ziegler
Christian Charity Sister Anna Marie Ziegler died July 6 at Holy Family Con-
vent in Danville. She was 87.

Born in New York City, she entered the Congregation of the Christian Charity at Mendham, N.J., in 1941. In 1949, she entered St. Louis University for education in 1957 from Seton Hal Univer-
sity.

Sister Anna Marie also served as a teacher in elementary schools in Pennsyl-
vania, New York and New Jersey. Later assignments included service as school and parish secretary from 1994-2008 at Bishop Neumann High School and St. Ann Parish in Williamsport.

The funeral Mass was celebrated June 16 at Holy Family Convent Chapel. Buri-
al was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Danville.

Sister Genevieve McGuire
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Guire died at Holy Family Convent in Danville on April 1. She was 93.

Born in Philadelphia, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Chris-
tian Charity at Mendham, N.J., in 1938. From 1941-1951, she taught in the pri-
mary grades in Pennsylvania and New York, and then at Kingston Catholic High School. She earned a bachelor’s degree in education in 1957 from Seton Hal Univer-
sity.

In 1961, she was assigned to study as a medical records librarian in Brooklyn. She assumed this role at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill until 1972, when she was assigned to education ministry at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg and then at Reading Central High School and at Bishop Neumann High School in Wil-
liamsport, Pa.

From 1992-1996, Sister Genevieve was a member of the Assumption College for Sisters’ faculty at Mendham, N.J. Her final field of ministry was as hospital rece-
ceptionist at Divine Providence Hospital in Williamsport, until her transfer to Holy Family Convent in 2008.

The funeral Mass was celebrated April 7 in the chapel at Holy Family Convent. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dan-
ville.

Immaculate Conception Parish in New Oxford to Host Matthew Leonard for Series of Talks
Internationally known speaker, author, radio host and Executive Director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology Matthew Leonard will offer presentations at Im-

A convert to Catholicism and former missionary to Latin America, Mr. Leonard is a frequent guest on radio and television programs across the country, appearing in SiriusXM, ETWN, CBS and the Magnificat. He is the author of “Louder than Words: The Art of Living as a Catholic” and “Prayer Works.” He has hosted his own programs on Radio Maria, “The Art of Catholic,” and the “Journey through Scripture” video series.

The day will begin at 8 a.m. with Mass, and will include three talks and lunch. Con-
fessions will be heard at 3 p.m., followed by Mass at 4:30 p.m.

Cost is $10 per person, and includes lunch. Register with event coordinator Pete Socks at pete.socks@gmail.com or leave a message at 717-634-4961. When registering indicate your choice of American cold cut, turkey or Italian sub.
**Diocesan Notebook**

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**Spiritual Offerings**

Caelum at St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey will be held on Wednesday, September 2 at 7 PM. Father Paul Michael Tukura will preside. Come and experience the power of the Eucharist, prayer, and spiritual formation. A light refreshment will be held immediately following the Caelum. For more information, contact Mary Ann at 717-594-1709 or Lorela at 717-773-7551.

**Mass in the Polish language will be celebrated August 16 at 2 p.m. at St. Catherine Laborde Church in Hamburg. Con- ferences are held in English and Polish after every Mass. For more information, contact 717-382-7500.**

**Retreats, Pilgrimages & Trips**

Save the date, Sunday, September 27, live Mass will be available. Cost is $30 at the door. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 717-593-2500.

If you have been through the loss of a marriage or spouse, apply by September 30. Late applications may be accepted if space allows. Information, including many sponsorship opportunities, can be found at www.beginningexperience.com or visit www.georgesintl.com. Slavic food sale at St. Ann Parish Center, 5408 Lincoln Way East, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Slavic food sale at St. Ann Parish Center, 5408 Lincoln Way East, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

**Events & Fund-Raisers**

During 2015, Delone Catholic High School has planned several events to honor the 75th an- niversary of the school. On Saturday, Sept. 19, a full-day of celebration is scheduled, including a dinner celebration sponsored by Conewago Enterprises, Inc. The day’s events will take place as follows:

- 10 a.m.: Mass presided by Bishop Ronald Gainer in the Lawrence B. (Sonny) Sheppard Jr. Memorial Gymnasium with recognition of 2015 inductees into the school’s Hall of Fame and current faculty. 5 p.m.: cocktail hour. 6 p.m.: Dinner celebration sponsored by Conewago Enterprises, Inc. at the Hotel Hershey. 7 p.m.: Open House at Saint Theresa School and Saint Theresa Parish with open-to-the-public, no RSVP or ticket required. All are wel- come.

**Parish, School & Organization News**

A Woman’s Concern is looking to create a comprehensive life chain. They are seeking community members who represent A Woman’s Concern at their church. Their goal is to have approximately two or three ambassadors for each church. For a list of responsibilities and activities from which you can choose as an Ambassador, please contact Alison Adams at 717-398-1345, ext. 2, or alison@frontier.com. St. Anne’s Retirement Community in Columbus is seeking volunteers to help transport Catholic residents in their ambulances. The volunteers will help ensure that the volunteers will be able to assist with all transportation needs; the commitment will be for two hours once a month, from approximately 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. If interested, contact Ken Cicmil or the Office of Pastoral Care, 285-6111, or kcicmil@stannesrc.org.

St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey is looking for an enthusiastic school receptionist. The music teacher will teach private instrumental lessons to students during the school year to students in grades 4-8. The students will learn to play their music of choice under the guidance of a professional music teacher and will have the opportunity to perform in concerts and school assemblies. The hours are 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact Sister Eileen for details at 717-3303-2843 or sreiteneir@stjoanhsheyn.org.

The Knights of Columbus, The Pregnancy and Family Resource Center, and The York Revolu- tion will sponsor a “Safe at Home” night at the York Revolution on Friday, September 4. The Knights, Pregnancy and Family Resource Center, and the York Revolution are teaming up for a night that will include a fun-filled family-friendly casual atmosphere and include games, prizes, and refreshments. The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets; they sold out early last year. Donation is $20 for 21 raffle tickets. There will be an assortment of gifts, games, and fun for all ages. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 717-593-2500. **Slavic food sale at St. Ann Parish Center, 5408 Lincoln Way East, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Slavic food sale at St. Ann Parish Center, 5408 Lincoln Way East, Harrisburg, PA 17110.**

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Lancaster Catholic High School Seeks Presi- dent. A dynamic and progressive leader with a strong academic background who is committed to the growth of the school and the individual is sought to serve as our School President. This person will provide leadership and manage the school’s overall operations, including the enrollment and admissions process, marketing and public relations, planning, guiding development and establishment of a strong col- laborative relationship with the principal. The deadline for submis- sions is July 31, 2015. Visit www.lcatholic.org for more information.

St. Philip’s Millersville has several openings in our loving Christian preschool for September. At St. Philip’s, we are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment where the needs of our children in beautiful, secure classrooms located on a spacious campus with plenty of parking and easy access to major roads. We strive to provide a Christ-centered Christian community with excellent student to teacher ratios, fully certified teachers, a state accredited early childhood and Pre-K program and a bilingual director who is ready to help your child develop to his/her full potential through modern programs and state-of-the-art materials. We are accepting registrations for 3 and 4 year olds and for a Pre-K class. For more information, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 717-3303-2843 or sreiteneir@stjoanhsheyn.org.

There is still time to join The Little Flowers Girls’ Club! Call Michelle at 717-593-2500 for membership in the 3rd and 4th Tuesday of each month (Sept-Mar) or Katie at 717-576-0423 on the 1st and 4th Thursday of each week after school. Program registration ends August 30.
Diocesan Boy Scouts Explore Richness of Their Faith at Camp Tuckahoe

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

With heat indexes over 100 degrees July 19-25, Boy Scouts from across the eastern United States gathered at Camp Tuckahoe – a rustic mountain campsite at the foot of South Mountain in northwestern York County – where Scouts can enjoy the numerous mountain trails, placid lake, shooting ranges and a large swimming pool.

Some 50-plus Scouts from the Diocese of Harrisburg, including troops representing Holy Name of Jesus, Harrisburg, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Harrisburg, and Troop 39 from Lancaster County, spent the hot week honoring the patron saint of scouting, St. George, with a number of patch activities. The Scouts made paracord crosses and rosaries, and participated in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet each evening. Father Keith Carroll, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in York, and an avid Boy Scout who camped at Camp Tuckahoe (opened in 1948) in his childhood a couple of decades ago, celebrated Holy Mass on a torrid evening in the rustic chapel which is dedicated to the Four Chaplains of World War II fame. The Scouts competed in canoe/kayak races and traditional fellowship around the evening campfire.

The week marked the inaugural summer camp offered by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. For information about Catholic Scouting in the diocese, which is under the auspices of the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/youth-and-young-adults/catholic-scouting/.

Called for Duty

Engaging in leadership activities, spiritual talks, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Masses, Rosary processions, sports and games, more than 50 boys ages 10-14 participated in the weeklong “Call and Duty Camp: Building Modern Day Knights” in Mount Joy last month. Staffed by adults, high school officers and priests, the camp offered boys a summer adventure in a formative Catholic environment.

Members of St. Michael’s Guard – which serve as altar servers during Mass and as masters of ceremony for the diocesan bishop, and who assist priests and deacons in many liturgical needs – were present during the camp, which focused on authentic manhood and Knighthood.

On July 19, the final day of the camp, Bishop Ronald Gainer celebrated Mass for the participants and their families, encouraging them in his homily on their willingness to be apostles for Christ.