Bishop Gainer Asks for Prayers as Installation Draws Near

**Vespers Service March 18; Installation Mass March 19**

By Jen Reed

*The Catholic Witness*

Spending a few days in the Diocese of Harrisburg in anticipation of his installation as the Eleventh Bishop of Harrisburg, Bishop Ronald W. Gainer took the opportunity to celebrate Mass and greet members of the Church community earlier this month.

He celebrated noon Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg Feb. 11, seated in a wooden chair in front of the altar there; the cathedra, or bishop’s chair, remaining empty and void of an Episcopal Coat of Arms until his installation on March 19.

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With the empty cathedra, or bishop’s chair, in the background, Bishop Ronald W. Gainer celebrates Mass on Feb. 11 at St. Patrick Cathedral during a recent visit to Harrisburg in anticipation of his Installation Mass on March 19.

**Pope’s Lenten Message: Follow Jesus in Seeking the Poor**

By Carol Glatz

*Catholic News Service*

Courageously follow Jesus in seeking out the poor and sinners, and in making difficult sacrifices in order to help and heal others, Pope Francis said.

Christians are called to confront the material, spiritual and moral destitution of “our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it,” the pope said in his first message for Lent, which begins March 5 for Latin-rite Catholics.

Saving the world will not come about “with the right kind of human resource” and token alms, but only “through the poverty of Christ,” who emptied himself of the worldly and made the world rich with God’s love and mercy, he said.

Released by the Vatican Feb. 4, the text of the pope’s message focused on the theme of Christ’s poverty, with the title: “He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich,” which is from a verse from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Pope Francis said he chose the passage to explore what St. Paul’s references to poverty and charity mean for Christians today.

There are many forms of poverty, he said, like the material destitution that disfigures the face of humanity and the moral destitution of being a slave to vice and sin. But “there is only one real kind of poverty: not living as children of God and brothers and sisters of Christ,” he said.

People experiencing the spiritual destitution of believing they don’t need God and can make it on their own “are headed for a fall,” the pope wrote. “God alone can truly save and free us.”

“The Gospel is the real antidote to spiritual destitution,” he said, and the
The eve of the Installation Mass is a significant time for prayer. Solemn Vespers offers an opportunity for the faithful to pray with Bishop Gainer. The service will consist of the singing of hymns, Psalms, Scripture reading and prayer. A reception will follow. It is expected that Solemn Vespers will also be streamed live on the Diocesan Web site, www.hbgdiocese.org.

Bishop Gainer will be installed as the Eleventh Bishop of Harrisburg on March 19 at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. The Mass is by invitation only, and tickets are required to attend.

March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph, a saint to whom Bishop Gainer said he has a particular devotion.

“One of the things that has always fascinated me about the one who was chosen to be the spouse to Our Blessed Mother and foster father to Jesus is, he says not one word in Scripture. He is a man of action and faithful obedience, and perhaps for that reason he is the Patron of the Universal Church,” Bishop Gainer said. “I have had a particular devotion to Joseph, and I see in him one who heard what God wanted him to hear and then put it into action.”

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia will preside over the Installation. Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the Papal representative to the United States, and numerous bishops and clergy from across the country are expected to attend.

Plans are being developed for a live television, radio and web broadcast of the Installation Mass, to allow the public to view it live. Prayer resources for the Vespers Service and the Installation Mass are expected to be available online for download for those viewing at home. Visit www.hbgdiocese.org as the Installation approaches.
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greatest treasure of all is “boundless confidence in God” and the desire to always do his will. All Christians are called “to proclaim the liberating news that forgiveness for sins committed is possible, that God is greater than our sinfulness, that he freely is ever at our disposal and that we were made for communion and eternal life.” Spreading the joy of the Gospel, continued, broken hearts and offering real hope means “following Jesus, the one who sought out the poor and sinners,” and by opening up “new paths of evangelization and human promotion” with courage, he said.

Imitating Christ also includes confronting the abuses, discrimination and violations against human dignity, which often cause the material poverty suffered by those who lack the basic rights to food, water, work, development, “equal access to education and healthcare,” he said.

“Sometimes the unjust social conditions that rob people of their dignity lead to moral destitution – a kind of ‘impending suicide,’” he said.

Think of how much pain is caused by people, especially the young, when they turn to alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography or other vices because they “no longer see meaning in life or prospects for the future,” he said. “How many have lost hope!”

“By loving and serving the poor, we love and serve Christ,” he said, but such service also entails conversion.

“When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing,” he said.

“Vigil Lent is gone for ‘self-denial,’ don’t forget that real sacrifice and poverty have a “dimension of penance” and pain, he said.

“I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt,” he said.

“God did not let our salvation drop down from heaven, like someone who gives alms from their abundance out of a sense of altruism and piety,” he said.

God operates according to “the logic of love, the logic of incarnation and the cross” – to be with those who need him most, “to take upon himself the burden of our sins” and to comfort, save and free people from their misery.

“What gives true freedom, true salvation and true happiness is the compassion, tenderness and kindness of his love, Christ’s poverty, which enriches us,” he said.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, president of the Pontifical Council for the Cult, the office which handles the pope’s charitable giving, presented the Lenten message at a Vatican news conference.

The Lenten message reminds people that their “bourgeois consciences” cannot be purged merely by “denouncing the lack of resources for others” or denouncing the structural upperspendings of poverty. The only way to truly help people is to solve for all the structural, material and moral – the cardinal said, and not “pretend to solve a person’s problems just because one has solved the problems related to his physical and material wellbeing.”

“I think the Holy Father does well to insist on these three types of poverty and destitution,” the cardinal said. “There’s the destitution of material poverty that’s easier to solve because it takes a bit of money and one can find ways to resolve this problem. But it’s much more difficult to [address] moral and spiritual destitution,” which is why Cor Unum and the Church put emphasis on that area.

The Church urges people to choose the poverty of Christ in order to fight the misery and destitution in the world, which is not for ideological reasons, the cardinal said, “but for the love of Christ.”

(The text of the pope’s message is online at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/lent/documen
tes/papa-francesco_20131226_messaggio-quaeresima2014_en.html)
**Annulment Presentations Scheduled**

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will offer presentations concerning diocesan annulments from the Catholic perspective in the coming months. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, divorced people who wish to marry Catholics, parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and those who have a vested interest because of family or friends.

This will include a question-and-answer session and an opportunity for conversations with Tribunal staff and representatives. For more information, call 717-657-4804 or send an e-mail to tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.

**Schedule of Presentations:**
- March 12 at 7 p.m. - Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, Room 103
- March 15 at 7 p.m. - St. Joseph, York
- May 17 at 10 a.m. - St. Pius X, Selinsgrove
- June 4 at 7 p.m. - St. Patrick, Carlisle

**CORRECTION**


**Participation**

By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC

**Special to The Witness**

Four short years ago, the Diocese of Harrisburg received a $1.7 million telecommunication grant that created a fiber Wide Area Network that connected most of the schools within its boundaries. Part of the grant included membership into a professional development program called Powerful Learning Practices (also known as PLP). This course is a coach- and instructor-led yearlong program that gives instruction on web 2.0 tools and is geared for classroom teachers. I worked with teachers throughout the state of Pennsylvania via a social network website called a “ning,” which is an interface that combines a Twitter-like and a Facebook-like interface as well as chat rooms and a photo- and video-sharing portal.

As I learned with my fellow colleagues, we shared best practices and challenged each other to truly integrate technology within the curriculum. I learned so much about technology integration and educational leadership within the classroom and school.

During the course of the year, the “powers-to-be” within the PLP asked me to be a blogger, or writer, within Voices of the Learning Revolution. This is a virtual “news-paper” that is associated with PLP. As I began to write for this company, I discovered two things: I have a gift for story telling – not writing. 2. My vision of education has a “Catholic school” perspective. Since the audience for Voices is teachers from public and private schools, I found myself weighing my words so that I wouldn’t turn them off by too “religious” a message. This was, at times, truly difficult, since I could not deny who I am – a Sister of Christian Charity, Daughter of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Immaculate Conception in Harrisburg, PA. I realized that the work that I do is not only related to my job, but also about the使徒 of Christ. So, knowing that I am completely dedicated to Catholic education, I approached the Witness and inquired about being a “guest correspondent.” So I began blogging/writing for the Catholic newspaper and, as they say, “The rest is history.”

My writing for PLP taught me one of the essential aspects of social media: participa-tion. Participation is one of three essential aspects of involvement in communication, according to Blessed John Paul II addressed in his Apostolic Letter, January 2005, called “The Rapid Development.” (This letter can be found at: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/paul_ii/documents/hf_pii_apl_20050124_il-rapido-vi.html.)

For him, participation meant the ability for an individual to fully manage personal communications with others. For Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, in the 47th World Communi-cation Day Address (found at: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/ messages/communion_day/documents/hf-b-xvi_20130124_47th-world-communications-day-en.html), participation means being truly inclusive. “The digital environment is not a parallel or purely virtual world, but is part of the daily experience of many people, social networks are the result of human interac-tion, but for their part they also reshape the dynamics of communication which builds relationships: a considered understanding of this environment is therefore the prerequi-site for a significant presence there.”

So, social media is all about involving yourself in the conversation. It is the complete opposite of what cyberspace calls lurking. This behavior, according to Wikipedia, is “typically a member of an online community who observes, but does not actively par-ticipate.” When a new user approaches a new social media community, some lurking is expected and normal. The new user, in a sense, is testing out the water and the “rules” of communication within that community. There can be somewhat of a learning curve as the new user learns the dos and don’ts in communicating within the specific venue.

According to Danielle M. Villegas, a web publishing consultant and blogger, “the lurker loses out. Social media is not only about communicating information, but it’s also about the connections made through this kind of communications. Communication with each other is the key to why we have to have discussions or debates or forums. The person who writes those posts or tweets those tweets appreciates it when you retweet, or even make a brief comment of, “I agree!” or, “That was a great article.” It validates the position of the person, but it also shows you are a part of the subject matter too – that you understand the concept being presented. By respectfully responding with your own commentary, it allows others to see YOUR perspective as well. You automati-cally become part of the conversation and the process.” (http://www.daniellvillegasc.com/2013/07/11/whats-wrong-with-being-a-lurker/)

Pope Emeritus Benedict takes participation within these networks to a new level by stating, “In social networks, believers show by sharing the profound source of their hope and joy; faith in the merciful and loving God revealed in Christ Jesus. This sharing consists not only in the explicit expression of their faith, but also in their witness, in the way in which they communicate “choices, preferences and judg-ments that are fully consistent with the Gospel, even when it is not spoken of specifi-cally.”

In other words, our participation should not be merely just a sharing of ideas or commentary, but rather a “giving” of oneself to others by engaging their questions and doubts with the truth that can only be found in knowing Jesus and His Church. This knowledge does not only begin in the “head” but must move down into our heart, affecting our words, our actions; our entire life! This is a level of evangelization that encompasses the entire “body of Christ” in the world today. It affects our words, our actions; our entire life! This is a level of evangelization that encompasses the entire “body of Christ” in the world today.

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**Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage to Mexico**

October 20-25, 2014

This six-day pilgrimage to Mexico will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Mexican City in the Diocese of Harrisburg. The pilgrimage is not sponsored by the Metropolitan Cathedral and the National Palace. Cost is $1,699 per person, double occupancy. There is a $100 early bird discount for all deposits received before Feb. 15, and $50 for deposits received before May 15. Cost includes roundtrip airfare from Harrisburg, hotel stays, tour escort, deluxe motor coach, full board, admission to shrines, masses and local festivities. The pilgrimage includes Masses at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Los Remedios, and visits to such places as the Metropolitan Cathedral and the National Palace.

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1st Station – Jesus is condemned to death.
2nd Station – Jesus takes up his Cross.
3rd Station – Jesus falls the first time.
4th Station – Jesus meets his sorrowful mother.
5th Station – Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry his Cross.
6th Station – Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
7th Station – Jesus falls a second time.
8th Station – Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem.
9th Station – Jesus falls the third time.
10th Station – Jesus is stripped of his clothing.
11th Station – Jesus is nailed to the Cross.
12th Station – Jesus dies on the Cross.
13th Station – Jesus is taken down from the Cross.
14th Station – Jesus is laid in the sepulcher.

By James Gontis
Special to The Witness

The season of Lent is our forty days in the desert with the Lord, during which time we are called to increase in prayer, penance and fasting, as we prepare for the great Paschal Triduum and the triumphant Easter season which ends with the Easter Vigil.

As with so many words in our Catho-
lic vocabulary, the word Lent brings to mind various images. For many of us, Lent images would include ashes, ashes, or several of our favorite things, resolving to practice more regularly some virtue that we know we need to grow in, occasionally dropping some coins or even a dollar or two into an Operation Race Bowl box, and meekly Fridays, perhaps substituting fish or pierrigies.

For some, it might involve going to Mass occasionally during the season. As well as Sunday, others will perhaps steal a moment here or there to go to the closest Catholic church and visit our Eucharist and almsgiving as we prepare for the great Sacrifce of Mass and the triumph of Easter. And some of us, I think, will know Lent as a time to let the memory of our loved ones, our families, who are not with us anymore, come to mind, and to pray for their souls. I remember them vividly. The details of many of them come closer: cowardly Pilate washing his hands, the three falls of Our Lord, the aid rendered Our Lord by the inside of Veronica the lady, the willingly, the former, perhaps under some duress. I remember the harsh looks and the tender embraces of Christ's tormenters in those pictures, as well as the heavy mallet pounding the nails through Our Lord's hands and feet as the instruments which wrought our redemption. Even remembering the church from Station to Station, first a clear blue, gradually becoming cloudy and ominous, in this case, by the 11th and 12th Stations, we were frighteningly yet fascinatingly stormy, and then clearing again in the 13th and 14th Sta-
tions. The One Sacrifice of Calvary is re-presented sacramentally at every cele-
britization of Mass. The Eucharist is the sacri-
ficence of Christ, his real, substantial presence body, blood, soul, and divinity, and the deepest communion we can have with the Lord this side of Heaven.

In the 12th Station, Our Lord gives us the parable of what he had earlier preached regarding the forgiveness of enemies. He had already told us that we would be forgiven only to the extent that we forgive others. He did not promise us that this would always feel good, just that we must do it. In this, Jesus teaches that love is in the will, in what we do. He asks the Father to forgive his executors, even making excuses for them, “Father, forgive them. They know not what they do.” He taught us that “he did not come to con-
demn the world but to save it,” for as he revealed more than 1,000 years later to a young Polish nun named Faustina, he is “love and mercy itself.” He demonstrated this most profoundly from the Cross when he promised the repentant criminal that he would experience the splendors of Heav-

The Stations of the Cross

The 3rd Station. Jesus falls the first time, is depicted in the outdoor Stations of the Cross in Lourdes, France.

EMILY M. ALBERT, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Parishioner Recalls Encounter with Mother Katharine Drexel
By Tom Sweeney
Special to The Witness

More than 70 years ago, Kathleen (Murphy) McHugh was blessed to engage an encounter with Mother Katharine Drexel, who founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and established Catholic missions as well as schools for Native Americans and African Americans.

Today, Mother Katharine Drexel is St. Katharine Drexel, and Mrs. McHugh is a member of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Mechanicsburg, the first parish named for the American saint.

The meeting took place in 1943.

Mrs. McHugh was born and raised in Philadelphia and went to parochial schools for all of her education. She attended West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School. At the time, it was one of the largest Catholic schools in the country. Seven separate orders of religious sisters served at the school, with each order responsible for one academic department.

In 1943, during Kathleen’s junior year in high school, her homeroom teacher selected Kathleen and five of her classmates to respond to an invitation from the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to attend a luncheon at St. Elizabeth’s, the motherhouse of the congregation in Bensalem, Pa. The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament had been founded by Mother Katharine Drexel.

Young Kathleen knew well of the reputation of Mother Katharine and her mission to African Americans and Native Americans. The Drexel family’s reputation for philanthropy was extremely well known in the Philadelphia area. Mother Katharine had used the family wealth to underwrite her commitment to the disadvantaged in Philadelphia, the south, and the southwest.

The purpose of the luncheon was to describe the mission of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, obviously with the goal of sparking vocations among the young women of Philadelphia. After the luncheon, Mother Katharine was brought in to meet the group. She was seated in a large, wicker wheelchair. Mrs. McHugh described it as looking like the one that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had used.

Kathleen was wearing a “V for Victory” pin. Mother Katharine noticed it, and commented that the “V” was Winston Churchill’s symbol to promote morale during World War II. She also appeared to be very up to date on the course of the war, and was very much interested in world affairs. Mrs. McHugh recalled. She also remarked that Mother Katharine was “very friendly and sweet.” She was very human and showed great interest in the group that had been invited to the motherhouse, she said. Because the McHughs lived in the Philadelphia area until they moved to the Diocese of Harrisburg in 2000, Mrs. McHugh said she was aware of the movement toward canonization of Mother Katharine. She knew of the miracles attributed to her. In fact, early in their time at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Mechanicsburg, the McHughs attended the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by former pastor Father James O’Brien immediately after he and a group of parishioners had returned from the canonization ceremony that had been held on October 1, 2000. It also marked the change of the parish name from Blessed to St. Katharine Drexel.

When asked if she ever thought about the time she spent with Mother Katharine, Mrs. McHugh replied that she has reflected on it, but is very thankful for her vocation. She said she is quite proud and happy to be the mother of three wonderful children, delightful grandchildren, and wife of her beloved husband, Eugene.

Tom Sweeney is a member of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Mechanicsburg. He submitted this article in observance of the upcoming Feast Day of St. Katharine Drexel, which is March 3.)

A Thank You from the Karpency Family
Invitation to Attend Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage at Holy Name
By Diane Moltisori
Special to The Witness

The kindness of individuals supporting the fund has provided specialized wheelchair van transportation to the hospital, supplies for Jenny and help with running a “mini hospital” at home as Mary continues to care for her daughter.

Jenny continues to receive monthly hospital treatments for spasms, and next month will undergo surgery to replace a pump that releases medication for these spasms.

In 2012, by word of mouth, Mary found out about the North American Lourdes Volunteers. She shared her story with them, and they granted Mary a trip to Lourdes, France, through their organization. Mary had hoped to bring both her children on the pilgrimage, but that was not possible due to physical issues. I accompanied her on this amazing Special Needs Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

In 2012, Jenny traveled with physically-challenged pilgrims who had cerebral palsy, cancer, spinal bifida, etc., some of whom were in wheelchairs. We traveled with medical supportive care and stayed in the hospital/hotel right within the Sanctuary property of the Grotto.

This pilgrimage was life-changing, and now we bring our experience to you. The North American Lourdes Volunteers will conduct a Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Harrisburg March 10 at 7 p.m. During this guided and spiritual experience, which re-creates a pilgrimage day in Lourdes, participants can immerse themselves in the message of Lourdes with images of the Grotto, processions and holy sites. This 90-minute spiritual journey includes Eucharistic Adoration, the praying of the Rosary, touching the Grotto rock, experiencing Lourdes Water, a Eucharistic blessing, a Penitential Indulgence and a procession.

Mary Karpency and I invite you to share this prayerful time with us as we extend our sincere gratitude to those who have shown their compassion and support for Jenny and the family.

“If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,’ but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” (James 2:15-17)

I thank Holy Name of Jesus Parish for the outstanding education classes (like the James Epistle class in session now), which have taught me that faith without works is dead.

(Diane Moltisori is a member of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg and an advocate for the Karpency family.)
Pope Francis, with Retired Pope Benedict Present, Creates New Cardinals

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

O n a feast day commemorating the authority Jesus gave to St. Peter and his successors — the pope — Pope Francis created 19 new cardinals in the presence of retired Pope Benedict XVI.

To the great surprise of most people present, the retired pope entered St. Peter's Basilica about 15 minutes before the new cardinals and Pope Francis. Wearing a long white coat and using a cane, he took a seat in the front row next to Lebanese Cardinal Bechara Rai, patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church.

Pope Benedict's presence at the consistory Feb. 22, the feast of the Chair of Peter, marked the first time he had joined Pope Francis for a public prayer service in the basilica. Pope Benedict resigned Feb. 28, 2013, becoming the first pope in almost 600 years to do so.

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, said all the already-existing cardinals went over to greet Pope Benedict. "The ushers kept saying, 'Please, your eminences, take your seats, the Holy Father is coming,' and we thought, 'But, but ....'

Before beginning the service, Pope Francis walked over to Pope Benedict, who moved his zucchetto to greet Pope Francis.

The scene was repeated at the end of the consistory.

The new cardinals, including Cardinal Gerald Lacroix of Quebec and Vincent Nichols of Westminster, England, publicly recited the Creed and swore obedience to Pope Francis for a public prayer service in the Saint Peter's Basilica on Feb. 22. It was Pope Benedict's first public appearance at a liturgy since his retirement.

The 18 new cardinals were:

▪ Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, Italian, 59.
▪ Lorenzo Baldisseri, general secretary of the Synod of Bishops, Italian, 73.
▪ Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, German, 66.
▪ Benigno Stella, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, Italian, 72.
▪ Vincent Nichols, archbishop of Westminster, England, 68.
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After listening to a reading of Mark 10:32-45, Pope Francis also spoke about the very human, worldly temptation of "ri- valry, jealousy [and] factions" that Pope Francis, 2013, becoming the first pope in almost 600 years to do so.

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, said all the already-existing cardinals went over to greet Pope Benedict. "The ushers kept saying, 'Please, your eminences, take your seats, the Holy Father is coming,' and we thought, 'But, but ....'

Before beginning the service, Pope Francis walked over to Pope Benedict, who moved his zucchetto to greet Pope Francis.

The scene was repeated at the end of the consistory.

The new cardinals, including Cardinal Gerald Lacroix of Quebec and Vincent Nichols of Westminster, England, publicly recited the Creed and swore obedience to Pope Francis for a public prayer service in the Saint Peter's Basilica on Feb. 22. It was Pope Benedict's first public appearance at a liturgy since his retirement.

The 18 new cardinals were:

▪ Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, Italian, 59.
▪ Lorenzo Baldisseri, general secretary of the Synod of Bishops, Italian, 73.
▪ Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, German, 66.
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year, in Her Wisdom, the Church provides a period of purification and sacrifice in preparation of the celebration of the Church’s great High Feast, Easter. We call this period of preparation Lent. It is not only a time of sacrifice, of giving something up; but it is also a time of purification, of making right our relationship with God and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ.

The theme for this year’s Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal is The Light of Faith. It is also the title of the first encyclical of our Holy Father Pope Francis. What a time of great joy last March when our new pope was elected. He has certainly brought the Light of Faith to his pontificate and gives us an exemplary example to follow. In Lumen Fidei he says, “Those who have opened their hearts to God’s love, heard his voice and received his light, cannot keep this gift to themselves. Since faith is hearing and seeing, it is also handed on as word and light (#37)”.

The materials for this year’s Lenten Appeal illustrate that we have not kept this great gift to ourselves but shows, in words and images, some of the programs and ministries made possible by your generosity that shines the Light of Faith on our work here in the Diocese of Harrisburg and beyond.

In the name of all who will benefit from this year’s appeal, thank you for sharing your own Light of Faith made manifest in your prayerful and financial support for this year’s Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal.

May the graces of this Lenten season strengthen the light of faith in your life so that you can, in turn, share it with others. In the spirit of our Holy Father, may we not think so much about becoming richer, but about how we may become poorer so that others may have a share in the dignity God ordains for them. Thank you for your generosity and sacrifice.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Robert M. Gillelan, Jr.
Diocesan Administrator

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The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence. A light this powerful cannot come from ourselves but from a more primordial source: in a word, it must come from God. Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. (Lumen Fidei #4)

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2012-2013 Lenten Appeal Allocations
“Divine Redeemer Parish has always assisted the past and present bishops of our diocese in their ministerial outreach through our gifts to the Lenten Appeal. Although the economy is financially weak at this time, we see the importance not to give of our surplus but from our means as a testimony of our deep Catholic faith here in the coal regions of the Diocese of Harrisburg. We plan to use the surplus funds to enhance our outreach among the Catholic high school students’ programming entitled the “Mount Carmel Catholic Student Leadership Program” that meets every month for the combined parishes in Mount Carmel.”

— Father Martin O. Mean
Pastor of Divine Redeemer Parish
in Mount Carmel

“I’ve always been appreciative of the way the Lenten Appeal has helped us at Holy Infant Parish in York Haven. First, it helps to provide services to the parish that we couldn’t provide with our own resources. On our own, we couldn’t do what Catholic Charities does or have our own Education Office with staff to guide our Religious Education Program. But, more than that, because we have often been able to exceed the goal set by the diocese, we have been able to use the extra money closer to home. Any money collected over the goal is put to good use in our parish. In recent years, we have been able to use that extra money to help with improvements to our Religious Education Building, repave our parking lot, help with our Youth Ministry program, and put aside money for our Building Fund. The Lenten Appeal has helped us to meet our responsibilities to the Diocesan Church and to our own parish.”

— Father Edward C. Malesic, JCL
Pastor of Holy Infant Parish in York Haven

“Ways to Give

Make a Pledge
You may make a pledge and pay in monthly installments. A monthly coupon book will be sent for the duration of the pledge period.

One-Time Gift
A one-time, outright gift can be made at any point during the year of the appeal.

Payment Methods
The following payment methods are accepted: cash, check (payable to your parish), VISA, MasterCard, and/or stocks and securities.

Many companies will match charitable donations through an Employee Match Program. Contact your employer to determine if a matching program is available.

Visit the diocesan Web site at www.hbgdiocese.org/BLACC for additional information or to make a donation to the appeal.

“The faithful of our parish understand our intimate connection to the Diocesan Church of Harrisburg and to the poor and needy in our broader community of faith, so that our support of the Lenten Appeal should be the ‘first offering’ that we pledge each year. Each year, I am only more and more grateful for their generosity as now, over the past three years, we have averaged collections of about 125% of our goal.”

— Father Peter I. Hahn
Pastor of St. Leo the Great Parish in Robinsonston

“I always tell people of the great benefits of the Lenten Appeal - first - through the many support services that are provided to parishes by the Diocese. For example, liturgy, youth ministry, vocations, marriage mentor couple preparation, advocacy for the disabled... and SO many more.

One of the personal benefits that I like very much is HCAS (Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services, Inc). It is SUCH a blessing that our diocese has centralized accounting - and that HCAS provides this service to all our parishes and institutions. First, and most importantly, they do payroll and pay payroll taxes, withhold for insurance, 401k, all these things that, otherwise, we’d have to hire another person (or two) simply to be doing all this paperwork and government required tax payments, etc. Another great benefit of HCAS is that we can pay our bills - no matter where we are financially (not that we should be running in the red, but...). If, for some reason, the parish runs a deficit for a month or even just a short time, HCAS pays our bill - and the parish pays its bill - without having to run to the bank for a loan when the parish runs a negative cash balance for a short time. This is a great blessing! Now, at the end of the fiscal year, if the parish is still in the “red” - then we take out a loan from the diocese - but we don’t have to run to a bank every time we need money and the parish doesn’t have it.

As a parish, we regularly receive great benefit from the Lenten appeal when we receive the ‘refund.’ Our people are VERY generous - and annually we receive thousands of dollars BACK to use for special projects in the parish. This, too, is a great blessing the Lenten Appeal provides to the parish.”

— Father John B. Batenor
Pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Waynesboro
Archbishop Prays for Peace in Ukraine, God’s Protection of its People

Catholic News Service

Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop Stefan Soroka of Philadelphia called for “prayers that God would keep the people of Ukraine strong as they mourn the loss of life in the ongoing strife in that country and that Mary “would extend peace.”

“Throughout the world, people are watching in horror at the surreal scenes of violence and brutality on the streets of [Kiev] and other cities throughout Ukraine,” Archbishop So-roka said in a statement released late Feb. 20.

“The images of confrontation and killing, of widespread fires and chaos, of the stark emptiness of a darkened night sky, and the winter air punctuated by the staccato sounds of gunfire and explosive devices are seared in many of our minds, and hearts,” he said.

For such “turbid times” he urged Catholics to find inspiration in the words of Verse 11 of the 29th Psalm: “May the Lord give strength to his people; may the Lord bless his people with peace.”

Earlier on Feb. 20 at least 75 people were reported killed in clashes between police and protesters in Kiev, Ukraine’s capital.

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Pope Asks Cardinals to Send Message of Support to Suffering Ukrainians

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

A day after at least 75 people were reported killed in clashes between police and protest-

ers in Ukraine’s capital, Pope Francis asked the College of Cardinals to send a message of support to Ukrainians who are suffering because their people are.

“I want to send a greeting, not just in my name, but in the name of all, to the Ukrai-
nian cardinals – Cardinal [Marian] Jaworski, cardinal emeritus of Lviv, and Cardinal [Lubomyr] Husar, major archbishop emeritus of Kiev – who are suffering very much these days because of the many innocent people in their homeland,” the pope told the cardinals Feb. 21 at the beginning of a meeting to discuss the family.

Neither of the Ukrainian cardinals was in Rome for the meeting.

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By Carol Glatz  
**Catholic News Service**

Pope Francis said the worst thing about growing old is not becoming weaker or infirm, but the “abandonment, the exclusion, the deprivation of love” in today’s “throwaway culture.”

The pope’s remarks came in a written message sent to bioethicists, scientists, healthcare professionals, religious, theologians and other experts attending the Pontifical Academy for Life’s Feb. 20-21 workshop on “Aging and Disability.”

The pope thanked the academy for its invitation, as it had been in 1997 and 2013, for a return visit of one of the elder members of the Pontifical Academy for Life. He said this allowed those in the academy to see “that love for the elderly does not end, even and especially in the final stage of life.”

The pope noted that the elderly are particularly affected by this trend of exclusion, especially if they are ill, disabled or vulnerable in other ways, he wrote.

He said that human relationships “are always relationships of reciprocal dependence” in which the degree of dependence changes over the course of a person’s life, especially at its early and later stages and during periods of illness or suffering.

“The loss of health and having a disability are never a good reason for exclusion or, worse, eliminating a person,” he wrote in the message.

The best place to learn the real value of human life and the duty of solidarity is the family, he wrote.

“In the family you can learn that the loss of health is not a reason to discriminate against some human lives, the family teaches to succumb to individualism and to strike a balance between the ‘I’ and the ‘we.’”

“It is in the family that people learn that taking care of others is ‘a foundation of human existence,’ the pope wrote. “The families treat and care for their elders ‘becomes critical in order to reconfirm before all of society the importance of older people’ and the active role they should play in the community.”

Though older people may seem “to take without anything to give,” he wrote, their experience “warns us not to foolishly repeat our past mistakes.”

Pope Francis noted the academy was celebrating 20 years since Blessed John Paul II established it to promote the dignity of life and study current challenges to life in the fields of medicine and law.

The academy’s work is meant to “let people of goodwill know of the scientific and technological advancements, and when put at the service of the human person and his or her fundamental dignity, can become an integral wellbeing of the person,” Pope Francis said.

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By Mark Pattison  
**Catholic News Service**

The upcoming movie “Son of God” should be seen as “a love story,” according to two of its executive producers, the husband-and-wife team of Mark Burnett and Roma Downey.

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Downey did not dwell on the violent aspect of the movie, but in comparing the two films noted Mel Gibson’s film presupposes the viewer knows the story of Jesus, as it begins with Holy Thursday. “Son of God,” though, begins with Jesus’ birth, and through the signs and wonders he performs in the first hour of the movie, she said, “you get a chance to fall in love with him all over again.”

During a Feb. 4 interview with Catholic News Service while Downey and Burnett were in Washington to promote the movie, Downey said the endorsement of religious leaders is a big help. Two Catholic prelates have endorsed “Son of God”: Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington and Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles. High-profile Protestant leaders endorsing the film include Bishop T.D. Jakes and the Rev. Rick Warren. “Cardinal Wuerl has been so much of a help to us,” she added.

Burnett said the Anti-Defamation League had also given its own stamp of approval, based in large part on the depiction of events that led up to Jesus’ death: Pontius Pilate having been the fourth Roman governor of a politically restive Judea in the last 20 years; Jerusalem’s temple leaders, embodied by Caiaphas, being aware of Pilate’s threat to shut down the temple, even at Passover, if Jewish unrest is not tamped down; and the arrival into the holy city of a Nazarene miracle-worker whose reputation precedes him. Burnett added his hope that “Son of God” audiences “could actually see themselves as the disciples” in this stew of political intrigue.

One of Downey’s favorite moments in the movie is not from the dramatic side of the movie, but something that wasn’t even in the script. In a scene presaging Jesus’ feeding of the five thousand, Jesus and the Apostles are in a boat near the coastline. Children running along the shore wave to Jesus, and Jesus [Diogo Morgado] waves back and smiles.

“That wasn’t Jesus waving,” Downey said. “That was Diogo waving.” “We got so much feedback [after the mini-series] from people saying they like what Diogo Morgado brought to the role.”

Morgado is a native of Portugal who is a popular TV star there. He has starred in films produced in Brazil and Spain. He has leading roles in two U.S. independent films, which will be released shortly.

After a full day of interviews, Downey and Burnett went to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to show clips from the movie and to talk with students from the adjacent Catholic University of America. On Feb. 5, they hosted an invitation-only preview screening at the 1,200-seat Lincoln Theater in Washington.

A year ago, on a similar tour to promote the Bible,” Downey said she wished they had two hours to tell Bible stories instead of the 10 that was eventually settled on for the TV audience. Now, with two-plus more hours, they were able to go into a bit more depth with Jesus’ story. “It could have just as easily been three hours, 20 minutes,” Burnett said.

The success of “The Bible” also produced another spinoff: “A.D.,” a 12-hour miniseries to be shot soon in Spain, taking the story of the Apostles and the early Christians to the small screen.

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**Son of God** Movie ‘a Love Story,’ Say Husband-Wife Producers

CNS/FOX

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

ANNVILLE – St. Paul the Apostle: Carl Lupinetti, Joseph McShane.
BERWICK – St. Joseph: Cheryl Cerasoli, Angelo DiPasquale.
BLOOMSBURG – St. Columba: Martha T. McHugh, Thomas E. Onofrio, Sr.
BONNEAUVILLE – St. Joseph the Worker: James F. Elliott, Lauren “Pete” Weaver.
CAMP HILL – Good Shepherd: Margaret Roso, Stanley Seece, Sr.
CARLISLE – St. Patrick: Antoniette M. Dyson, Karen A. Slusser.
CHAMBERSBURG – Corps Christi: Patricia Wondling.
COAL TOWNSHIP – Our Lady of Hope: William Holland, Georgia Lynn Petrovich.
COLUMBIA – Holy Trinity: Jonathan Holt, Harry Sauder, Jr.
ENOLA – Our Lady of Lourdes: Elise Gattis, June Leonard Karge, Joseph P. Ondrejka.
HARRISBURG – St. Catherine La- boure: Richard Dolinger, Helen Donbach, Charles Depuy, J. Bernd Sulpizio; St. Francis of Assisi: Lori Ann Palmer; St. Margaret Mary: Andrew Frankovic.
NEW OXFORD – Val Schissler.
NEW FREEDOM – Erin Nowakowski, Mary Marlene Ryan.
SELINSGROVE – St. Pius X: Richard Coutkat.
STEELTON – Prince of Peace: Kenneth Ruppert.
YORK – Immaculate Conception BVM: Rose Eucalino, Virginia Nolin; St. Patrick: Benjaming Spence; St. Rose of Lima: James Bonner, Esther Lovett.

Sister Augusta Winter

Christian Charity Sister Augusta Winter died Feb. 7 at Holy Family Convent in Har- risburg. She was 90.


Sister Augusta is survived by a sister-in-law, a niece and a niece, Christian Char- ity Sister Shandy Donnelly of Holy Family Convent. Burial was in St. Joseph Ceme- tery, Danville.

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Harrisburg PA 17105
Mechanicsburg
Gale of Heaven Cemetery
1336 York Street
Mechanicsburg PA 17055
AMERICAN CANONIZATION CEMETERY
St. Mary Cemetery
2770 W. York St.
York PA 17404
St. Patrick Cemetery
117 South Oak Grove Road
Lancaster PA 17601
ROHRERSTOWN – St. Leo the Great:
John “Jack” Ahern.

Trinity High School Capital Campaign Receives $1.5 Million Donation

Trinity High School’s “Faith in our Future” capital campaign to provide resources for needed renovations and improvements recently received a $1.5 million donation from Brad Hollinger, founder and owner of Hollinger Excavating in Hanover and Lebanon.

“I think this donation shows that Brad, like all who have contributed so far, truly want to make a difference in the lives of our students,” said Trinity’s President, Conventual Franciscan Father Gerald Kedziora, 2002. “This donation allows Trinity to create a capital campaign to help ensure the future of the school, which has been part of the community for the past 40 years. The future of Trinity High School is very important and the capital campaign is addressing renovations and improvements that are needed for the school to continue to thrive,” said Hollinger. “Trinity provides many opportunities for students to grow and the school prepares graduates for life, not only academically, but socially and morally as well. They do an excellent job of building character and instilling the principle of respecting one another and the community benefits as a result.”

The goal of the “Faith in our Future” capital campaign is to raise a total of $13 million, with three separate phases. The campaign hopes to cover costs of upgrades to the high school including exterior renovations, window and insulation improvements, a new heating and air conditioning system, and a new electrical system.

Hollinger’s donation created excitement at Trinity and enables the school to begin mak- ing some of the necessary improvements, according to Trinity principal Dr. David Bouton. “The faculty and staff were impressed and pleased to have a donor like Brad step forward so spontaneously and generously,” said Bouton. “His gift will allow us to commence major projects this summer and I think it also provides motivation and enthusiasm among our other donors and potential donors.”

“I hope this donation encourages others to act,” agreed Hollinger. “Trinity is very family- oriented and the school makes a positive impact on our community and the surrounding region.”

With the capital campaign underway and given a boost by Hollinger’s donation, the in- vestor community and future students of the school should see the benefits of the capital campaign.

According to Bouton, there is a sense of anticipation among current and prospective par- ents and their children will benefit from a newly improved Trinity.

“The major projects, such as a new exterior to our building and eventual central tempera- ture control will significantly enhance the quality of life within our daily learning environ- ment,” said Bouton.

Fairfield Parish to Host Concert by Christian Artist Jaime Thieten

Christian recording artist Jaime Thieten will perform “Celebrating Christ...Celebrating Life” March 2 at 3 p.m. at Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Church in Fairfield. The event will be an afternoon of inspiring music as Jaime shares songs from her new CD of Catholic Hymns and Favorites, as well as songs from previous albums. A free-will offering will be accepted.

She has recorded five albums as well as a powerful DVD and CD packages, and has been featured on EWTN and Ave Maria Radio. For information about her visit, www.jtmusic.net.

Lancaster County’s 40 Days for Life Campaign to Kick Off March 5

On March 5, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Lancaster with 40 days of prayer and fasting that seeks God’s favor to turn hearts and minds to a culture of life and thus, bringing any future attempt to destroy human life to a permanent halt.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, highly-focused, pro-life initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and grassroots community outreach. The 40-time frame is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history.

Lancaster’s spring 2014 campaign will run from March 5-April 13 and feature a peace- ful 40-day prayer vigil in the public right-of-way outside the county’s 3 abortion facilities located at 31 South Lime Street in downtown Lancaster. All prayer vigil participants are asked to sign a statement of peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

Additional campaign events will include:

• Rosary – 9 a.m. March 1 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church at 11 South Prince Street.
• Informational Meeting – 9:30 a.m. on March 1 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. Learn about Lancaster 40 Days for Life and how you can participate in the prayer vigil and/or support the “Baby Diaper Drive” for our local preg- nancy centers.
• Kickoff Rally – 5 p.m. on March 8 at our vigil site in front of Lancaster’s Planned Parenthood facility. Come pray with us, hear speakers, and help welcome the “Life Runner” from Philadelphia. (Contact info: info@lancaster40daysforlife.com)
• Baby Diaper Drive – March 23 at participating Lancaster County churches and at our vigil site. Materials can be dropped at our vigil site from 2-4 p.m. Donated baby diapers and other new or lightly used baby items are subsequently given to crisis pregnancy centers in Lancaster County to support “Earn-While-You-Learn” programs and low-income moms who choose life.

To learn more about 40 Days for Life, visit www.40daysforlife.com. For information about the Lancaster County campaign, visit www.40daysforlife.com/Lancaster or contact Bob at Lancaster40daysforlifeazol@comcast.net or 717-796-0742.

Peaceful, Prayerful 40 Days for Life Builds in Hanover

“On March 5, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Hanover with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach,” said Chris Noel, who is coordinating the local campaign. “We pray that these efforts will help mark the beginning of the end of abortion in Hanover.”

Hanover, “40 Days for Life has made a difference in the community here. Our volunteers have made extraordinary sacrifices to expose the abortion industry and to protect children and their mothers from abortion.”

A list of the past achievements of previous Hanover campaigns include: 20 local churches and community organizations working together; more than 100 volunteers contributing 480 hours of service to community organizations and local projects, local services for mothers to be.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and grassroots community outreach. The 40-day time frame is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history.

The campaign will feature a peaceful 40-day prayer vigil on the Hanover square near Planned Parenthood Center Square. CEO and President, Dr. Edward Khoury, has made the donation to the campaign to help create a statement of peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

The campaign kicks off at 2 p.m. March 2 at God’s Missionary Church, 1285 Hoff Road, Hanover.

To sign up, or find out more about 40 Days for Life in Hanover, visit www.40daysforlife.com/Hanover. For assistance or for more information, contact Ann Shultis at 717-880-5282 or annshultis@gmail.com.
Divine Mercy Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction held every third Sunday of the month at 8 a.m. In good standing who supports all the teachings of the Church. For both positions, background clearances will be required. For application, please send a letter of interest and resume to John Feran, Director of Religious Education Department of the parish. Candidate must be a Catholic.
Lenten Dinners in the Diocese of Scranton

St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church in Har- risburg will serve Lenten dinners featuring broasted fish and Potroli on Wednesday evenings from 4-6:30 p.m. Homemmade side dishes are available for sale. Takeout orders are welcome and will also be sold for $5.50 per dozen each Wednesday and Saturday during Lent in the parish hall. Hot sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, pierogies, Italian bread, coffee and dessert are available. For more information, call 717-762-1415, or visit weatton.org. Lenten Dinners and Potroli sales begin Ash Wednesday. March 5. Proceeds will support the local church. Lendal Perosli sales benefit parish educational programs.

Lenten Dinner at St. Agnes Parish in Her- rison will serve Lenten dinners on Wednesdays March 5-16 from 4-7 p.m. in the parish hall. Takeout orders are available. Call 570-398-5981 to place your order.

Lenten Dinners at the Holy Family Parish in Benton will serve Lenten dinners on Wednesdays March 5-16 from 4-7 p.m. in the parish hall. Takeout orders are available. For more information, call 570-742-4481.

St. John the Baptist Parish in Elizabethtown will serve its Lenten Fish Fry on Fridays March 7-14 and 21 from 4-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. A free-will offering will be accepted. All-you-can-eat fish and shrimp, macaroni and cheese, pierogies, a variety of desserts, and beverages are available. Takeouts are available. Please join us for this Lenten tradition. March 28 served by the parish council, Italian bread, dessert and drink. March 14 served by the Boy Scouts, spaghetti, salted, beverage, bread, dessert.

St. Peter’s Parish in Elizabethville is hosting an “all-you-can-eat seafood buffet” from March 17-18 in the Parish Center. Doors open at 4 p.m., and dinner is served until 7 p.m. Cost is $12 for adults, $5 for children 12 and under; $30 for a family of four. Bring your own beverage. For more information, call 717-352-6498 or tricountytot@gmail.com or 717-817-4390.

St. Ignatius Parish, Buchanan Valley
Parish Council of Catholic Women will offer a women’s Lenten Retreat, March 8 beginning at 9 a.m. at Father Michael Rothan, March 10; Deacon Anthony Caporali, March 17; Father Louis Ogden, March 24; and Father David Hereshko, March 31. A free-will donation is due to Confirmation. Advance tickets on sale after Sunday Masses on Feb. 16, 23rd and March 2. Advance tickets are $8 and may be purchased in advance at the Activity Center. Donation of $8 includes soup and salad in the Book of Revelation will be held in the school cafeteria, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church.

St. Teresa Parish in New Cumberland will host a Homemade Soup and Bread Series beginning March 7-23. The soup series will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the church basement and include a meal of homemade soup, bread, utensils, dessert and beverage. For more information, call 717-387-1255 or visit www.stteresaparish.org.

St. John the Baptist Parish in Kulpmont will host the Lenten Renewal: “The Easter Story: Hope, Healing and New Life,” March 9-11 from 7:30-9 p.m. Presenter is Jonethete Benkovic, Catholic evangelist, and author of “The Holy Eucharist: Youth” and “The Seven Deadly Sins: Seven Lively Virtues,” offered in the Divine Mercy Room after Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. The four-week program runs March 14-April 4. No charge or registration. For more information, call 717-352-6498 or tricountytot@gmail.com.

St. John the Baptist Parish, New Freedom will host a Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 7 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. March 16, 23 and April 6 and 13 at 7 p.m. in the New Freedom Church. Call the parish at 717-387-1255 or visit www.stteresaparish.org.

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St. John the Baptist Parish, Kulpmont
Parish Mission, March 23-25. Dr. Carol Houghton, Chancellor of the Harrisburg Diocese, will share talks on Lent, trust and the Holy Eucharist. Services every evening at 7 p.m. in the New Church. Call the parish at 717-843-1071 or visit www.stteresaparish.org.

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TRINITY’S GREAT DIVER GOOD AS GOLD

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

Defending District 3 and PIAA state champion Bradley Buchter easily repeated as the Class AA district champion at the championships meet held at Big Spring High School on Feb. 19. The Trinity High School sophomore compiled a district record of 528.05 over a course of 11 dives on the 1-meter springboard. He outscored his opponents by nearly 50 points to smash the District 3 record. Trinity’s Elizabeth Vinarski also competed in the championships, in girls’ 1-meter diving. She placed sixth with a score of 234.10.

Next up will be the state championships held at Kinney Natatorium on the campus of Bucknell University in Lewisburg March 11 and 12, where he will be the favorite to win another gold medal.

TWO CRUSADERS SCORE DISTRICT GOLD ON THE MAT

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Lancaster Catholic’s Stephen Loiseau headed to Hershey Feb. 21 for the District 3 AA wrestling tournament undefeated at 182 lbs. When the two-day tournament was over, he left Chocolatetown with an unblemished season record of 39-0 and a gold medal around his neck.

Loiseau bested Colton Dull of Bermudian Springs, 3-0, in a tight match where the Crusader’s points came from a take-down in the waning seconds of the first period, and an escape in the second.

Loiseau is now a two-time district champion at 182. The Crusader senior has committed to wrestle for Drexel University, but will first set his sights on a bid for the podium at the PIAA state wrestling finals March 7 and 8.

John Pipa, a Crusader from Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, wrestled a solid match against Austin Clabaugh of Bermudian Springs on his way to a 12-1 win and a gold medal at 106 lbs. The win capped a dominating tournament performance for the freshman, who scored a pin and a technical fall on his way to the championship match.

Three other wrestlers from diocesan high schools made appearances in the district finals, and came away with silver medals: Chase Drawbaugh of Trinity High School in Camp Hill at 113, and Zane Black and Cole Nye of Bishop McDevitt at 170 and 220.

The top five place winners from the AA tournament will now go on to the South East AA Regional Tournament at Wilson High School Feb. 28 and March 1. These will also include Joe Lobeck at 106, Mark Goldbach at 113 and John Lobeck at 126 of Lancaster Catholic; Jalin Hankerson of Bishop McDevitt at 113; and Josh Sneeringer of Delone Catholic in McSherrystown at 160.

Wrestlers who place in the top five at the Regional tournament will move on to the state championships in Hershey March 7 and 8.

Bishop McDevitt’s John Pipa maneuvers his way through a defensive hold from Bermudian Springs’ Austin Clabaugh on his way to a 12-1 win in the 106-pound District 3 AA championship.
What do bath bombs and the freshness and recyclability of a packed lunch have in common? Science, technology, engineering, and math, or STEM.

Tiffany Stultz, fourth- through sixth-grade science teacher, and Elizabeth Cohill, seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in McSherrystown recently introduced their students to the first year of a STEM fair. Students worked in teams to invent a product to solve challenges in a specific area such as mechanics, engineering, food services, the medical field, or environmental conservation.

Seventh graders Peyton Golowski, Abby Myers and Olivia Speakman said that they really enjoyed their project and were thrilled they received bath bombs as their topic. Olivia said, “I was excited about this project because we really had to use chemistry.”

The students explained they found a recipe online for the bath bombs, which are small tablets to add to a bath for relaxation. They followed the scientific method and had to prove their hypothesis by experimenting with the correct measurements of the ingredients, then added extra baking soda and experimented with less baking soda. Abby, who is new to the school this year, said working on a team helped her to get to know her fellow students. Peyton commented that the project gave them experience for future science classes.

Eighth graders Josh Hall, Luke Stonesifer, and John Harman are headed to high school next year, and feel their work on freshness and recyclability of a packed lunch strengthened their skills in math while they worked heavily with decimals. They also feel like they learned a lot about group work and compromise.

Their project evaluated wax paper, tin foil, reusable plastic bags, sandwich bags and plastic containers as options for packing a lunch. To evaluate, they used blueberries and a freshness scale from 1-10. They learned wax paper is compostable, and that tin foil can be recycled at their local recycling bank. Tin foil was the cheapest and worked best at keeping lunch fresh.

Sixth grader David Crooks, representative of the T-ray 2 project, said working as a team was the best part of the assignment. Sixth grade groups had to pick a subject, such as medical or food service, and create their own invention. David’s team created a brain scan helmet, while fellow classmates invented the STEM table, a table that offers an interactive ordering experience for restaurant patrons. Ava Bunch, a representative from her team, created a tackle rod designed to improve a fishing rod and tackle box for easy access. It is specifically meant for people with physical disabilities.

Mrs. Stultz said she likes to use hands-on teaching to keep excitement in the classroom. Her classroom currently houses trout from the Adams County conservation, and they also discuss and study simple machines. Mrs. Stultz has seen improvement in their science classes and in the students’ level of thinking through each year. She believes it is important for students at this age to become familiar with STEM ideas and start thinking, “I could be...” so that, by high school, they might be able to pinpoint a career or college focus.