Pope Francis Shows a New Way to Be Pro-Life

By Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

On the morning of Jan. 25, 2013, participants in the Washington, D.C., March for Life received an unexpected boost in the form of a Twitter message from Pope Benedict XVI.

“I join all those marching for life from afar, and pray that political leaders will protect the unborn and promote a culture of life,” the pope wrote on his account, @Pontifex.

This Jan. 22, when marchers on the Mall again protest the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1973 decision legalizing abortion, Pope Francis might very well follow Pope Benedict’s lead by tweeting his support. If he does, those words will be among the relatively few Pope Francis has devoted to the subject.

Pope Francis’ decision to talk less than his predecessors about abortion has puzzled and distressed some supporters of the pro-life movement. Yet the pope has made clear his commitment to the defense of unborn life and, thanks to his colossal popularity and gift for communicating across cultural divides, his pontificate could prove a boon to the pro-life cause in enormous and unprecedented ways.

The pope’s comparative reticence on abortion became evident to many observers a few months into his pontificate. At a June Vatican Mass dedicated to pro-life causes, an event that had been planned under Pope Benedict, Pope Francis surprised many when delivered a homily without any reference to abortion, euthanasia or any other specific threat to life.

During his weeklong visit to Brazil the following month, the pope said nothing about the country’s moves to liberalize abortion (or its legalization of same-sex marriage), explaining afterward to reporters that the “Church has already expressed itself perfectly on that.”

Among people used to regarding the pope as the world’s foremost advocate for the unborn, his silence was disquieting.

“Some people think that the Holy Father should talk more about abortion,” Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley of Boston said in a speech to the Knights of Columbus in August. But the cardinal added: “I think he speaks of love and mercy to give people the context for the Church’s teaching on abortion.”

In a widely quoted interview published the following month, Pope Francis acknowledged that he had “not spoken much” about “issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptives.”

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Deacon Moschella Remembered for His Commitment to Ministry

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

For more than 30 years, Deacon Sabino “Sam” Moschella stepped up to volunteer, attended parish functions, and served on the diocesan Deacons’ Council. He was faithful to his family, to the Church, and to his diaconal ministry—among other things, involved visiting the sick, marrying couples, baptizing infants and serving at Masses at St. Patrick Parish in York for more than 60 years.

The priest, who had served the Diocese of Harrisburg for more than 66 years, suffered a debilitating stroke less than two hours after hearing Confessions during an Advent Penance Service at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Abbottstown. He died on Dec. 25 at Misericordia Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in York. He was 90 years old.

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Clergy Recall Msgr. Gribbin as Good and Humble Shepherd

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

During an interview on his 65 years of priestly ministry in the summer of 2012, Msgr. Robert Gribbin told The Catholic Witness, “If you’re going to write about me, just say that I tried always to be a good parish priest. That’s the message.”

Those same humble sentiments—a good parish priest—rang loud and clear in the days after Msgr. Robert Gribbin’s death on Christmas Day.

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The settings couldn’t be more different. One, Mukura, a slum in the Kenyan capital city of Nairobi, home to some 10,000 living in wood and corrugated metal shacks, crowded together, with no run- ning water, electricity or sewage systems. The other, Mutungu, a place in the country, 60 miles north of Nairobi, an agricultural community of 2,000 families, spread out and surrounded by the beauty of nature, with oranges, pineapples and tea growing in abundance.

And yet, in the similarities between the two, it is easy to see the same sort of struggle, the same joys and sorrows. The human- ity behind the faces reads on in the need. And building of houses for those in crisis intervention, and repair of community outreach programs provide perpetual care of the MOP – sent from the streets. The MOP is a place of prayer, of the brothers, for those who are brought in seeking degradation of God’s people. The plane ride home tugs at compassion, and understanding, and love. And that is something that the volunteer provides to those living under MOP’s care. The plane ride home tugs at the conscience of the volunteer to ponder: “There, for but for the grace of God, go I.”

And then, at the end of the mass, the words of dismissal: “Go to love and serve the Lord” come to life immediately as Maryknoll Father John Lange navigates narrow dirt paths filled with trash and trash to visit the sick and others in need. Lay people in the community have identified those in need, and Father Lange enters their humble dwellings to offer prayers and help – and, above all, to be a presence of the Lord, who never abandons us.

“Keep God in your hearts,” Father Moses Kago tells the parishioners of St. Joseph’s Church in Mutungu, the rural community that nurtured his own vocation to the priesthood during one particular Sunday service. “The Spirit can help you do extraordinary things when you let it.”

Joy, too, characterizes the celebration of Mass at St. Joseph’s. And Father Kago, who serves also as Pontifical Mission Societies director for the Archdiocese of Nairobi, also emphasizes the missionary dimension of our faith: “We do not only receive, we also give,” he explained.

The call to Catholics in Kenya to be missionary is one that is stressed often in parishes, wherever they happen to be.

“We encourage our dear Christians to live up to what we have received because of our dear missionaries,” explains Cardinal John Njue of Nairobi. Missionaries arrived in various places in Kenya just a little more than 200 years ago.

“A seed has been planted, and we need to make sure that it is watered so it grows properly,” Father Kago yiedd.

“We understand the importance of the missionary vocation of all.”

All peoples – in Kenya, here at home and throughout the world – celebrating and sharing their faith. That’s indeed a very “good news”!

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The setting is a rural church in Mutungu. The Church in Kenya calls all Catholics to be missionaries, wherever they happen to be.
By Father Robert F. Sharman

Special to The Witness

The year 2014 marks the 90th anniversary of the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Missions, which includes the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It began in 1924, when Bishop Philip R. McDevitt authorized the creation of the Diocesan Missions Office to carry out the mandate of the Pope to have a missions office in each diocese of the world. Honoring the Pope’s request, Bishop McDevitt authorized the creation of the Missions Office and appointed Reverend Joseph A. Schmidt as its first director in June 1924. The original office was located at 1459 Market Street in Harrisburg.

Father (later Monsignor) Schmidt was an avid and zealous missionary at heart. He traveled from parish to parish, preaching at weekend Masses on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He established “Our Mission Work,” a diocesan magazine with articles of mission news for families and Catholic school children. He also did active evangelization as he went door-to-door in places like Perry County, seeking fallen-away Catholics as he established diocesan missions such as Saint Bernard’s in New Bloomfield for Catholic families who had to travel outside the county to attend Mass and celebrate the sacraments.

The missionary zeal of Msgr. Schmidt gave him the strength to direct the Missions Office for 30 years. He was succeeded in 1955 by Msgr. Leo A. Beierschmitt, who had a great love for mission work, and he directed the Missions Office for 14 years. In 1969, Msgr. George V. Lentocha, third diocesan director of the Missions Office, was appointed. Msgr. Lentocha brought the office into modern times by instituting correspondence and solicitation programs for the support of world missions. Msgr. Lentocha’s term of office came to an end with his death in 1997.

In 1997, Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo appointed Reverend Robert F. Sharman as Diocesan Director, and he serves to this day.

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Why March for Life?

By Father Paul CB Schenck  
Special To The Witness

The March for Life in Washington, D.C., is now the longest sustained public demonstration in American history. It has drawn between 10,000 and 1,000,000 people a year since 1974. The annual procession from the Ellipse to the United States Supreme Court building has become a Washington fixture. Many government officials strategically schedule themselves and their staff to be out of town; even the president has left Washington the day before the March and returned the day after. In its early days, the March drew national media attention, but not so much any more. Some major news agencies ignore it altogether. The National Parks Service does not publish its numbers, and no one mentions it on its day book. Many see in this a deliberate attempt to make the March insignificant and curtail its influence. Others say it’s just because it’s been around so long.

The obvious question is, “Why march?” If we consider the public attention it once did, if it has not persuaded the High Court, Congress or the president to change the law, wouldn’t it be better to try something else?

It is still important, perhaps now more than ever before, to march for life. The March, and, more specifically, the marchers, have come to serve as a symbol, an expression, a “Sign of Contradiction,” if you will, calling to mind the national sin against innocent lives and restating, over and again, the unalienable and inviolable right to life which belongs to every human being, especially the innocent unborn. It is also a sign of the collective conscience. Each of us knows the unfortunate human condition expressed by St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans, “For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want.” (Rom 7:19) When we as individuals commit sin, our consciences are affected; the marchers put flesh and blood on an otherwise abstract debate about morality and policy. Every marcher, after all, was an embryo, a fetus. Many marchers are members of the “Silent No More Awareness Campaign,” women who were victimized by abortion expressing their regret and calling on others not to make the same mistake.

The March for Life remains a very important and meaningful effort to exercise our national conscience and urges everyone concerned to do all they can to protect and save as many innocent human lives as possible and save the moral and social fabric that is foundational to a just and enduring society.

Once again this year, hundreds will be travelling together by bus and others carpooling to participate in the March. See the attached list of busses and schedules to see if one is available for you. Tickets for the Youth Rally and Masses have already been distributed, and reserved bus parking is no longer available. No tickets are required for the ecumenical National Memorial for the Preborn at 8:15 a.m. at Constitution Hall, near the March route. Buses may park nearby. For the location and time of National March for Life, see http://www.marchforlife.org/march-with-us-details.

Here’s to Marching with you on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. in Washington, D.C.!

(Father Paul CB Schenck is Diocesan Director of Respect Life Activities and Chairman of the National Pro-Life Action Center in Washington, D.C.)

Buses to the 41st Annual March for Life

Wednesday, January 22

The following is a list of seats that are still available on buses from the Diocese of Harrisburg to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 22. The list was provided by the Diocesan Office for Respect Life Activities. Contact the individuals associated with each bus for information on cost and departure.

- St. John the Baptist, New Freedom
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- St. Joseph, York
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mechanicsburg
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- St. Theresa, New Cumberland
- St. Patrick, Carlisle
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Enola
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Marriage Mentors Lead by Example

At St. Theresa Parish

Bill and Agnes Marie Woodward are long-time volunteers at St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland, where they serve as mentors for engaged couples and as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, among other ministries.

By Mary Klaus

Special to The Witness

When Bill and Agnes Marie Woodward discuss marriage with engaged couples in their parish, the betrothed pairs listen.

No wonder. The Woodwards, long-time members of St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland, have been married for 40 years and counseled engaged couples for 15 of those years.

“You don’t have to be joined at the hip to have a happy marriage,” Mr. Woodward said. “We’ve found that while we need time together, we also need time alone. That’s been a good formula for us.”

The Woodwards, whose marriage includes holiness, humor and heartfelt love, prove that every day.

Raised in Schuylkill County in large Catholic families, both said they had “faith-filled childhoods.”

They fell in love, married and “made God the number one person in our marriage,” said Mrs. Woodward. She retired after 39 years as a bookkeeper in the state Department of Transportation, said couples also need to “respect and embrace each other’s families, no matter how you feel about them.”

Asked about their philosophies of helping others, the Woodwards smiled.

“We are faith driven,” Mrs. Woodward said. “God has blessed us 1,000 times over. God wants us to share. Everything we give, we get back. Everyone could do this because needs are all around us.”

Together, the Woodwards are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at their parish and help at the Silence of Mary Home in Harrisburg, an interfaith home for those in need. They help coordinate the giving trees at their church to benefit Silence of Mary, Morning Star and St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Harrisburg.

“We talk about many marriage issues,” Mrs. Woodward said. “The majority of our couples have stayed together after they married. We’ve gone to many of their weddings and later the baptisms of their children.”

The Woodwards’ service goes far beyond marriage mentoring.

He helps with the “Feed My Sheep” food bank in Dauphin, picking up supplies at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, delivering it to Dauphin and distributing it.

Mr. Woodward also coordinates an annual men’s work retreat to St. Jude Catholic Church in Louisa, Ky., the sister parish of St. Theresa’s.

A dozen or so men bring tools, building supplies and their handyman skills to Louisa each year to build decks, install new roofs and windows and do repairs and improvements to homes. He helps collect about 800 wrapped Christmas gifts donated by parishioners for St. Jude members.

He also serves as a lector for his parish and helps coordinate the giving tree at his church to build decks, install new roofs and windows and do repairs and improvements to homes.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Woodward serves on the Elizabeth Ministry, “a helping group” which provides meals and other assistance to pregnant women and young mothers with no support system. That ministry also assists senior citizens.

She also bakes for the parish bingo and for funeral luncheons. When the rectory housekeeper is on vacation, she enjoys cooking for the staff and rectory residents.

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Diocese Thanked for Contribution

Father Robert M. Gillelan, Jr., Diocesan Administrator, has received a letter of appreciation from Archbishop Carlo Vigano, Apostolic Nuncio, for the $152,311.74 that the people of the diocese contributed to the 2013 Peter’s Pence Collection. The collection provides the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease.

In his letter, Archbishop Vigano quoted the homily that Pope Francis delivered on March 19, 2013, during the Mass for the Imposition of the Pallium and Bestowal of the Fisherman’s Ring for the start of his Ministry of the Bishop of Rome:

“The Pope…must open his arms to protect all of God’s people and embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important, those whom Matthew lists in the final judgment on love: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison.”

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No general in the American Civil War had more attention paid to him after the war than James Longstreet — a Confederate lieutenant general who led General Robert E. Lee's vaunted and storied corps of soldiers. Robert E. Lee gave the First Corps its moniker for a reason. From Manassas to Appomattox, this legion of soldiers fought in the cauldron of some of the bloodiest fights waged in history.

General Longstreet was the type of leader southerners would follow. He led the Longstreet front, never swaying away from flying bullets and exploding cannon rounds. Nicknamed “Old Pete” by his buddies at West Point, Longstreet gained his venerated reputation in the Mexican War in the 1840s when he led several spirited attacks against Mexican fortifications outside Mexico City. By the time the Civil War had reached its frenzied fury in mid-1862, Lee had named him as commander of the entire First Corps of Northern Virginia’s First Corps, with Stonewall Jackson heading Lee’s Second Corps.

In the days of the war, Lee would store his warhorse, “my old warhorse” as he told his staff as General Longstreet rode up Cemetery Hill in Sharpsburg, covered with the black of gunpowder and the soot of smoke. The fighting had raged so desperate by the Sunken Road that Union officers feared was a mortal wounding, a musket ball to the neck that the doctor feared was a mortal wounding. Longstreet would have gone on to the belief that no fifteen thousand men were ever arranged for a battle can take that position, Longstreet told Lee before the fateful order was given to launch Pickett’s Charge.

It may be the moment of the war that is most worth remembering. It was the supreme moment of truth, as the respected subordinate told his boss that he was wrong — that he was sacrificing his men needlessly — risking too much, gaining little. The respected boss, universally admired, listened and gave weight to his underling before saying, “No, the enemy is there, and I am going to strike him.”

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Writer’s Note:

James Longstreet has had several great historians tackle his tangled motives during and after the war. The best, balanced biography by far is by Pennsylvanian Jeffery Wert, who wrote a marvelous account in 1993 entitled: General James Longstreet: The Confederate’s Most Controversial Soldier. So much that is written about the Civil War can and does have a partisan slant to it, meaning that the bias falls on the side of Lee. If Lee would have lived long after the war, he would never have let his trusted subordinate take the heat for any loss. Reading Longstreet’s memoirs, From Manassas to Appomattox, is not for the faint of heart at 690 pages. He settles scores and picks at fellow generals, but there are many moving and stunningly frank assessments that any true student of the war cannot ignore. Longstreet was right at Gettysburg and more, and he lets you know so. This writer’s favorite book on the matter of Lee and Longstreet is one of the first books I seriously read about Gettysburg some 30 years ago – Lee and Longstreet at Gettysburg, written in 1968 by Glenn Tucker, is a real gem. It’s not an easy book to find, but if you do find it, read it. Lee’s Tarnished General by William Garrett Piston is sympathetic to Longstreet and satisfies those of us who think he has gotten a bum rap. God and General Longstreet by Thomas Connelly, written in 1982, is a small volume that gets at the heart of the Lee Cult that ultimately pinned defeat on Longstreet, rather than where it belonged. James Longstreet: The Man, the Soldier, the Controversy is a series of essays that explores numerous aspects of his Civil War service that only serious students might care for. It is ably edited and assembled by R.L. DiNardo and Albert Noft – two Longstreet admirers who have worked to restore his name in recent years. The battlefield at Gettysburg, preserved in fine fashion, remains a great place to study as you walk the once bloody fields in search of answers that still abide on this hallowed ground in our diocese.
**Msgr. Gribbin**

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Father Kenneth Smith, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, who knew him all those years, said of the past 15 years, recalls him as the constant priest, always serving.

"There was no such thing as retirement in his life," Father Smith said. "He was always the priest, always the pastor." Father Smith said, even though Msgr. Gribbin formally retired from active ministry in 1998 after 37 years of service at St. Joseph Parish in Hanover.

"He was always active, right up until his last hour," said Father Smith, who saw Msgr. Gribbin as he was preparing to return to the rectory after an evening service. "He had a glow in his eye. He loved people. He loved to celebrate the sacraments for them."

Msgr. Gribbin was born in Shamokin on May 23, 1923, to Leo and Catherine Gribbin. He was raised at St. Edward's Parish, and attended the Shamokin Catholic High School. He studied for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's University, St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., and was ordained by Bishop George Lecce on May 31, 1947, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg.

Upon his ordination, he spent a year as an assistant priest at St. Joseph Parish in Carlisle. In 1948, Msgr. Gribbin moved on to St. Joseph Parish in Hanover — again as an assistant priest for two and a half years before serving for 14 years as principal of three diocesan high schools: St. John Neumann Catholic High School and Bishop McDevitt in Harrisburg.

In 1964, Msgr. Gribbin was reassigned to St. Joseph's in Hanover as administrator. He was appointed pastor there in 1968 and remained there until his retirement from active ministry in 1998.

It was at St. Joseph's that he also served as a mentor for the assistant pastors — now known as parochial vicars — assigned to his care.

After serving with Msgr. Gribbin more than 25 years ago, Father Louis Ogden learned this valuable lesson: "You knew that his relationship with God was strong — certainly stronger than mine. God was strong — certainly stronger than mine."

Father Houser said. Father Houser said.

"It is because he treated us as men who were assigned to the parish to help people grow in faith," he continued. "He was not a boss over us. He was a priest, a good shepherd, encouraging us to grow in our relation to God through the Lord, and a leader with whom we worked, not for whom we worked."

At St. Joseph's, Msgr. Gribbin led the congregation in retiring the parish debt and raising funds for a new church and school buildings. Under his leadership, the parish and its ministries grew.

"Msgr. Gribbin was loved by the people of St. Joseph Parish and by his brother priests," said Msgr. James Lyons, current pastor there.

He pointed out that when the former church building in downtown Hanover was condemned, Msgr. Gribbin set out to get the parishioners involved in building the current church south of town.

"Once the people loved and trusted him as their pastor, this was not a problem. The people responded in kind: Good things would happen, he would give them all the credit," Msgr. Lyons said. "He was simply a great priest."

Msgr. Gribbin was appointed Honorary Prelate to His Holiness Pope John Paul II and given the title Monsignor in April 1979. The Monsignor Gribbin Parish Center at St. Joseph Catholic Church was dedicated in 2002. When the parish celebrated its 150th anniversary this past November, Msgr. Gribbin took part in the occasion as one of the concelebrants of the anniversity Mass.

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Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Church, 5055 Grandview Rd., Hanover, PA, 17331, or Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 6084 Canal Rd., Abingtontown, PA, 17301.

**Deacon Moschella**

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Mobility diminished over the past few years, his determination to serve did not.

He carefully negotiated the steps so he could deliver homilies. He made use of a walker as he served during Mass. Eventually, Father Houser arranged a table so Deacon Moschella could sit as he proclaimed the Gospel or preached.

"The things that he could do, he did, and the things that he was willing to accept those accommodations," said Father Houser, who is currently in residence at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Hanover. "People would mention that they appreciated seeing him at the altar. That was the thing he loved and he talked about his belief in him, even without him saying a word."

The two of them served together on the parish council, and Deacon Moschella presided at the wedding of Mr. Hoffnagle’s daughter. Their friendship continued a close one.

"You knew that his relationship with God was strong — certainly stronger than what I’ve witnessed in other people," he said. "You could see by his actions how he responded to God’s call, even without him saying a word."

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To the Faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg,

As Diocesan Administrator I present this year’s annual report for Catholic Charities in the name of Bishop McFadden. Our late Bishop was a staunch supporter of Catholic Charities and the good works you are able to accomplish.

During this time of sede vacante, I am most grateful to the leadership, staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities who continue to accomplish great things, often amidst challenges and hardships. Many times the work is very difficult, but the service to individuals and families in need is invaluable and even life-saving. Sometimes Catholic Charities is the only agency willing and able to provide the support and assistance that is required.

Charities was at the heart of the mission of Jesus and Catholic Charities continues that mission close to the heart of Christ.

The current economic condition in our country increases the need for the programs and services offered by Catholic Charities while at the same time, making it difficult for Catholic Charities to provide those services. Nevertheless, they are needed now more than ever. People are struggling to meet life’s basic needs and look to Catholic Charities for help and reassurance.

May the seeds you plant today continue to bear much fruit. May God continue to bless the charitable work of your hands and hearts. As this year of Faith draws to a close, may we say in hope, Wonderful indeed is the mystery of our faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Robert M. Gillelan Jr.,
Diocesan Administrator, sede vacante

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

We just completed our 74th consecutive year of providing human services to the people of the Diocese of Harrisburg and South Central PA. This was an extremely challenging year on many fronts. The economy, governmental funding cuts, the political arena and natural disasters all played a part in our ability to deliver services and achieve a balanced budget. The biggest loss that we suffered though was the untimely death of our Bishop and supporter, Joseph P. McFadden.

As the year proceeded, we continually updated and met with our Board of Directors as we were faced with some difficult programmatic decisions and choices. The end result was that we had to eliminate some programs where we could not secure funding; therefore they were no longer viable. This was harsh reality and exceptionally hard and painful for us.

With the programmatic and personnel changes that were initiated, we are positioned to address the current needs of the Agency and we have our eyes on the future.

We are very optimistic about the future and feel that there will be many more human services needs and programs that will be required in light of current legislation. We are confident that we can provide some of these required services.

One of our major milestones this year was the establishment of an endowment fund. We hope to grow this fund considerably to be able to help support programming in the future. Also, we were able to secure a significant grant from the PA Gaming Commission to assist our residential programs. Additionally, we were awarded funds to help rehab two new locations to support independent living for women who successfully completed our drug and alcohol rehab program.

As a testimony to our seasoned and dedicated staff and volunteers, we were able and privileged to serve nearly 6,000 individuals and provide over 170,000 client services which included items such as meals, bed-nights, counseling, training, pantry items, material assistance, etc. As our motto states, we “Provide Help and Create Hope” and we proudly serve one client at a time treating them with dignity and respect.

As always, and as we have done for the past 74 years, we will “Provide Help and Create Hope” for the most vulnerable in our society.

I thank Bishop McFadden, Fr. Gillelan and the Board of Directors for their support and guidance. I also wish to acknowledge the Administrative Staff and the Program Directors who as a result of their hard work and dedication to our Mission, contribute immensely to the success of the Agency. Furthermore, I offer my heartfelt thanks to all employees and volunteers of the Agency for their commitment and perseverance. They are focused on the sole goal of providing help and creating hope to each of the clients that we are privileged to serve.

Finally, I would like to thank all our donors and benefactors for their continued support enabling us to fulfill our Mission of helping those in need.

May God continue to Bless us and give us the strength to forge ahead and carryout His Mission to help those who cannot help themselves. May he give us the resolve and commitment to help those in need.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Totaro, Ph.D.
Executive Director/CEO

Catholic Charities
Diocese of Harrisburg

74 YEARS OF PROVIDING HELP AND CREATING HOPE
2013 Annual Report

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PROGRAM MANAGERS

DEBORAH CLARK, MARK TOTARO

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg provides help and creates hope for those in need.

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REVENUES

- Government Funding: 53%
- Program service fees: 40%
- Miscellaneous income: 1%
- Rental income: 3%
- Investment income: 0%
- Other contributions and bequests: 1%
- United Way allocation: 4%

MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. exists to respond to the human service needs of people throughout the 15 counties of the Diocese of Harrisburg and Central Pennsylvania. Catholic Charities fosters the ideals of Christ through a caring, living faith by: promoting and advocating respect for the sanctity of human life, underscoring the central role of marriage and the family in society, and providing a continuum of high quality services to individuals, children, youth, married couples, families, and the elderly.

EXPENSES

- Staff salaries and benefits: 34%
- Management and general: 13%
- In-kind consumer services: 11%
- Specialized youth services: 10%
- Specialized services: 9%
- Other program expenses: 0%

ADOPTION SERVICES

Based in Harrisburg, Adoption Services offers information for adoptive parents who are interested in welcoming a child to their family. In some cases, the family chooses to adopt a newborn infant while other agency clients are matched with an older child or group of siblings engaged with the Pennsylvania Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN).

In addition, Adoption Services provides services including counseling, childbirth and parenting classes, and information regarding adoption options.

SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE

Based in Harrisburg, Specialized Foster Care places children who have been separated from their families by the court system into loving homes.

If a child cannot be returned home, an alternative placement plan is developed. Adoption is often times an appropriate course, and the Pennsylvania Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN) works with many foster parents to adopt their children and provide a permanent caring home.

INTENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES

Based in York, the Intensive Family Services Program provides services in the homes of families who have open cases with York County Children and Youth Services. Through a partnership contract, Children and Youth Services refers families to the Intensive Family Services Program. These families are in need of parenting skills, connection to community resources, and family therapy. Emphasis is placed upon strengthening the family so that children can remain in their homes or return as quickly as possible from foster care. Team members work intensely, with multiple weekly sessions, in order to make an immediate impact of families facing multiple issues.

Another component of the Intensive Family Services Program is the Heart of Mary Pregnancy Resource Center. The center provides pregnancy testing, counseling, childbirth and parenting classes, and information regarding adoption options.

New mother and mothers-to-be also visit the program’s open pantry for clothing, formula, diapers, and other infant needs.

ADOPTION & SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE

Based in Harrisburg, Adoption Services

SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE

Based in Lancaster, Specialized Foster Care serves at-risk youth from age nine to fifteen who possess significant emotional and behavioral needs. An alternative to residential treatment services, the program runs Monday through Friday and aims to increase anger management skills, to improve social skills, and to enhance educational achievement. The program utilizes a therapeutic environment, one in which personal growth and change takes place through positive relationships between the youth and the program staff through individual, group, and family therapy programming.

The program’s education component is operated by the Lancaster Intermediate Unit 13 and is funded by contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, Lancaster County, and other managed care organizations.
RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

EVERGREEN HOUSE
Located at the Saint Samuel Center in Harrisburg, Evergreen House provides a nurturing and therapeutic environment for women recovering from the disease of addiction. The length of the program for each client is based upon the person's individual needs and treatment plans. Licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, all care is confidential and provided in both one-on-one and group settings by the caring qualified staff. Residents are also encouraged to develop the tools they need to maintain long-term recovery by securing safe and stable housing, participating in job training programs, and pursuing employment and/or education.

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES SERVICES
Based in Harrisburg, the Immigration and Refugee Services Program assists a diverse population of legal entrants to the United States to achieve economic and social self-sufficiency. The English-as-a-Second-Language Program (ESL) has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare for its success in serving the large number of persons with limited English proficiency. In addition, the number of refugees who have found jobs through the Employment Services Program continues to exceed grantor requirements. Services provided by any Immigration and Refugee Services Program are limited to those who have resided in the United States for five years or less. The program also coordinates the Greater Access to Independence for Newcomers (GAIN) project which enhances employment opportunities for refugee women, unskilled youth, and other refugees who have resided in the area five years or longer and are in need of employment services and other support.

HOPE HOUSE
Located in Lancaster, Hope House provides long-term housing and care services to persons residing in the region living with HIV/AIDS. Licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Personal Care Boarding Home, the program is designed so that persons are able to live independently and avoid long-term hospitalization and/or nursing home placement.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
Catholic Charities offers a variety of behavioral health counseling for issues including grief and other major life challenges. Counseling offices are located in Harrisburg, Lancaster, Sunbury, and York. Services are offered to individuals, married couples, and families. For those who are in need of additional assistance with housing, vocational rehabilitation, drug/alcohol addiction, or other serious issues, referrals are made to partner agencies and built into a customized care plan.

INTERFAITH SHELTER FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES
Located at the Saint Samuel Center in Harrisburg, the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families is the only homeless shelter in the Harrisburg region specifically serving families. During their brief stay of four to six weeks, families work with the shelter staff on issues that may have caused their homelessness: employment, education, childcare, healthcare, transportation, and the like. Upon completion of the program, as many as 98% of the families achieve a stable level of housing and a better quality of life.

FAMILY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
Family-Based Mental Health Services is a comprehensive program that delivers services to children and their families in both home and community settings. Families entering the program are at risk of having their emotionally disturbed children placed into foster care. The goal of the program is to strengthen family relationships and stabilize the family through therapeutic interventions. Licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, the program provides a team-centered approach proven to be successful in keeping families together or reunifying children with their families. Three Family-Based Mental Health Services Offices provide services for families in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Perry, and York Counties.

LOURDES HOUSE
Located at the Saint Samuel Center in Harrisburg, the Lourdes House Maternity Home provides quality services to pregnant women who have nowhere else to turn. The program symbolizes the commitment of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg to uphold the dignity and sanctity of all human life. All of the residents at Lourdes House are provided with childbirth and parenting classes, case management, and transportation. In addition, case managers assist residents in obtaining employment, housing, education, and counseling. Residents may come to Lourdes House at any time during their pregnancy and may remain there up to six months after their baby is born. Pantry items such as food, diapers, clothing, furniture, and toiletries are also available to both residents and other women in the community who have a child twelve months of age or younger. Services are funded in part through the Real Alternatives Project Women in Need Program.
FAMILY-BASED

Jennie was sexually abused by her stepfather for several years when she was younger. Jennie was having trouble living with her mother who was also struggling to make sense of what had happened to her daughter. Jennie’s mother felt tremendous guilt for having put her daughter in that situation. Jennie had been in and out of several psychiatric hospitals with self-harm behaviors and emotional withdrawal symptoms. Jennie also was struggling at school. Her mother also needed her own mental health treatment.

When Family Based Services started providing services, we were unsure if either Jennie or her mother had the ability to live together successfully. Over time, though, the Family Based team helped the family learn how to talk and be there for each other again in a different way. The family learned to be reliant on the other for emotional support and how to be more tolerant of the distress that they each had. Man slowly learned to tolerate her daughter’s distress (keeping her at home rather than having her go to mental health facilities). Little by little each became more confident—man in her ability to handle her daughter’s needs and behaviors, and Jennie in the confidence she had in mom to keep her home and safe. Now Jennie is back at her home school and being successful there, and is even starting to participate in community activities as a volunteer.

COUNSELING

When Susan came to Catholic Charities Counseling office she was feeling depressed and agitated. These feelings were compounded by her troubled relationship with both of her parents, seeing them as neither protective nor supportive. Susan was a young adult who was feeling stuck in her life and her job work part time with a temporary employment agency.

With the help of empathetic and supportive therapy, Susan became comfortable talking about how her father was an active alcoholic and her mother had physically and emotionally abused her during childhood. She soon revealed to her therapist that she had been raped as a teenager by a family friend and struggled with feelings of self-worth, abandonment and confusion about “who to love.”

The therapist’s compassion and expertise helped Susan identify her underlying history of abuse and neglect contributed to a pattern of changing jobs and interpersonal relationships. Susan tended to severe tiers when feeling overwhelmed. She was often fearful and worried. She felt lonely, hopeless and angry at herself for being needy as she did not trust easily. In addition, Susan struggled controlling her use of alcohol. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated and finishing probation when she was in therapy.

As with many clients like Susan, her therapy began with processing the events of trauma and accepting the reasons for her negative and methods for dealing with flashbacks. She focused on understanding her childhood experiences and helping her to develop stress response to daily stressors and to identify her feelings of shame and fear. Susan learned skills in moderating her feelings, mindfulness and how to create a nurturing lifestyle for herself, which included acknowledging and nurturing her physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

It was not an easy journey but with patience, Susan’s therapy led her to develop a strong network of support and to eventually begin to feel more comfortable with her life. Ultimately, Susan achieved her dream, expressed her first therapy goal and moved to Florida and getting accepted into nursing school.

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INTERFAITH SHELTER FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES
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ESL Services
Refugee Resettlement
Legal Services

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CAPITAL REGION OFFICE
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Lancaster, PA 17602
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(717) 392-2113 (español)

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York, PA 17403
(717) 845-2696 • FAX (717) 843-3941

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Lancaster, PA 17603
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(717) 259-9537 • FAX (717) 259-9262

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Harrisburg, PA 17111
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Lancaster, PA 17603
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FAX (717) 295-9525

INTENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES
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York, PA 17403
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GREATER ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE FOR NEWCOMERS

Based in Harrisburg, Catholic Charities Greater Access to Independence for Newcomers (GAIN) directly works with the specific and individual needs of clients and employers in creating a plan to overcome barriers.

South Central Pennsylvania has seen a substantial growth in its refugee and other foreign born populations over the last 10 years. To facilitate the integration of newcomers into our communities, the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement awarded a special employment service grant to the state to provide assistance to refugees.

The program draws upon key employment strategies which engage area employers and training facilities to match refugees with available job vacancies. They also focus on helping people understand their own culture, understand others, develop positive inter-group relations, and build strong communities.

LOURDESHOUSE

Benito is a single, 18 year old female that came to Lourdeshouse because she did not have anywhere else to go. She was asked to leave her mother’s house because she was pregnant. Benito moved in with her boyfriend and his sister. She was asked to leave before the baby was born.

Benito moved into Lourdeshouse with plans to enroll into school to obtain her GED, to find employment, and to find housing for her and her baby. During her stay at Lourdeshouse, she enrolled in a GED Program, attended all prenatal appointments, and attended parenting and childbirth classes. Benito delivered a healthy baby girl. At the end of her stay, she decided to leave the area to live with family.

This is a letter received from Benito: “Thank you for everything. I really enjoyed being at Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. I’ve come so far and I’m still making it day by day. I work and go to school throughout the week, and on the weekends I’m spending time with my daughter. I take her to the playground, read books to her and from time to time I take off for vacations. You know just little things make me happy. I’m being the woman I’ve always supposed to be “Independent.”

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GREATER ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE FOR NEWCOMERS

The most of this ready, able workforce. Yet cultural, linguistic, and lack of credentials recognized by U.S. Newcomers as enthusiastic workers. They Employers have experienced the benefits of strategies which engage area employers and training facilities to match refugees with available job vacancies. They also focus on helping people understand their own culture, understand others, develop positive inter-group relations, and build strong communities.
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**War on Poverty’ Anniversary Sparks Renewed Commitment to the Effort**

By Mark Patterson

Catholic News Service

When President Lyndon Johnson declared “war on poverty” in his 1964 State of the Union address, few then expected just what it would take to wage this war.

Fifty years later, acknowledging the task in front of them, Catholic and political leaders alike have stated their intent to lessen poverty in the United States.

On Jan. 8, the 50th anniversary date of Johnson’s address, Catholic Charities USA brought together a host of other organizations, including Feeding America, Save the Children, the Salvation Army, the National Alliance to End Homelessness, Lutheran Services in America, United Way and the Alliance for Children and Families, to work together in 2014 to educate, innovate and act to reduce poverty in communities across the country.

Catholic Charities outlined the principles that lie throughout its work in the effort: educate the public about the everyday challenges facing the more than 46 million people living in poverty in America today; highlight innovative solutions to poverty by connecting local practitioners with national leaders; and act to reduce poverty in communities across the country using newfound knowledge and techniques.

The participating organizations also will host a poverty round-table in February.

“The partnership announced today will explore tangible opportunities to work together throughout 2014 to support each other’s poverty-reduction initiatives,” said a Jan. 8 statement from Father Larry Snyder, Catholic Charities’ president.

“We signed on. We’re for it. It’s great,” he said. “Reagan, Bush, Clinton, president of Bread for the World, the Christian citizens anti-hunger lobby, told Catholic News Service Jan. 9.

Rev. Beckmann said the U.S. poverty rate was cut in half between 1964 and 1973. “The country was concerned about poverty. And the economy was strong,” he said, but “we haven’t had a president since Lyndon Johnson who considered poverty one of his top five priorities.”

He added progress at cutting poverty was “very modest” between 1974 and 2008, “and then with the financial cri-sis in 2008, there was a big increase in hunger and poverty.”

“It would have been bigger,” he said, without the programs put in place between 1964 and 1973. “In the last five years, the social programs had been the lifeline for families.”

Problem Rev. Beckmann sees in cutting poverty further is that “wages haven’t kept up with inflation for work-people. ... We haven’t continued se- rious progress against poverty because we as a nation haven’t tried. We’ve been preoccupied with other issues. That’s why I’m just thrilled the anni-versary of the war on poverty just in the last few days prompts a debate on the war on poverty, and it’s a serious debate.

Rev. Beckmann is glad he’s got a new ally. “I’m Lutheran, but I think Pope Francis is saying all the right things,” he said. In fact, he recently gave cop- ies of the pope’s exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium (“The Joy of the Gospel”), to a dozen Bread for the World donors.

“In it, he says it’s right that markets are important, but if free marketsresult in homeless people dying on the street, we’ve got to intervene somehow. He’s right!” Rev. Beckmann said. “The bot-tom line is, we’ve got to get systems in place to keep people from dying in the cold.”

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami also focused on “The Joy of the Gospel” in a Jan. 6 op-ed essay he wrote for the South Florida Sun-Senti-nel daily newspaper.

The “throwaway culture” Pope Francis condemns “should provoke reflection – and lead to action – especially in the face of the challenges faced by low-wage work- ers in our economy today,” Archbishop Wenski said. “This year, the minimum wage in Florida will rise to a paltry $7.93 an hour. This is hardly enough to keep a worker to support oneself, much less a family.”

Archbishop Wenski added, “Low wages do that make low workers need to earn enough to pay rent at the end of the month and to put enough food on the table for their kids leads to what the pope has also called an “economic of exclusion,” stunting the lives of the poor for lack of opportunity.”

With half of all new jobs projected to be in low-wage occupations, “the growing gap in wages between the most affluent of our citizens and mid-lower-income workers needs to be addressed,” the archbishop said. “As Pope Francis has repeatedly said, we cannot tolerate a ‘globalization of indifference’ in a world that is dying for a work- ing poor of hope.”

On Jan. 8, Archbishop Wenski, who is chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Commi-ttee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, made the same points in his letter to President Obama. Snyder calling on the U.S. Senate to advance policies that promote decent wages and just wages.

“The president is talking about raising the federal minimum wage, which at its current level does not ‘provide suffi-cient resources for individuals to form and support a family.’

A full-time job at the minimum wage salary of $7.25 an hour provides about $5000 come. Women wonder if they have proposed raising the minimum wage to $10.10 per hour. The minimum wage for tipped workers hasn’t been raised in more than 20 years and re- mains at $2.13 an hour.

President Barack Obama said he planned on making income inequality a priority for the rest of his presidency.

Contrarian voices, though, have said that prior government approaches to eradicating poverty did not solve the problem.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., in a Jan. 8 speech, said the United States needs a “new agenda to help the poorest Amer-icans find work and help their families climb out of poverty.”

Federal money to cut poverty should be shifted to poor workers, an incentive to stay in the workforce and not collect unemployment insurance, Rubio said, adding that raising the minimum wage to $10 an hour may be popular with his fellow Americans but that it won’t help people emerge from poverty.

**State Abortion Rates Decline**

By A.B. Hill

Special to The Witness

Pennsylvania abortion rates are declin-ing. In 2012, there were 34,536 abortions – nearly five percent fewer than the year before.

Most abortions in Pennsylvania are per-formed on unmarried women (89 percent). The decline is unequivocally attributed to them. Yet, according to the Centers for Dis-ease control and Prevention, the national keep of vital statistics, it is also true that fewer young, unmarried women are having babies. The birth rate for unmarried women fell for the fourth consecutive year in 2012. (The overall birthrate in America is also declining and the number of births to un-married women compared to those who are married increased slightly.)

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The president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Cecile Richards, used the decline in Pennsylvania to drive home the impact of these restrictions on women. She does not describe what harm she ex-pects will come, and tax-payer supported insurance policies for the previously uninsured will not cover elective abortion.

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Archdiocese Bestows Educator Award on the Late Bishop McFadden

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, during its annual Religious Education Mass, honored the late Bishop Joseph P. McFadden with the Paul VI Award. The award is the highest award presented by the archdiocese’s Office for Catechetical Formation. It is given to “an outstanding leader who has made significant contributions to catechesis on an archdiocesan or international level.”

In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Bishop McFadden was the first President of Cardinal O’Hara High School and led the Secretariat for Catholic Education in the Archdiocesan Curia. He was installed as the tenth Bishop of Harrisburg on Aug. 18, 2010, and served as chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Education. Bishop McFadden died unexpectedly of a heart attack on May 2, 2013, at the age of 66.

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tive methods,” and that he had been “reprimanded for that.”

“But when we speak about these is-

sues, we have to talk about them in a context,” he pope said. “The teaching of the Church, for that matter, is clear and I am a son of the Church, but it is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time.”

The day after that interview was pub-

lished, Pope Francis spoke out strongly on abortion for the first time since his election, denouncing it as a product of a “widespread mentality of profit, the ‘throwaway culture,’ which has today enslaved the hearts and minds of so many,” and quoting Blessed John Paul II’s statement that “every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cri-

es out in vengeance to God.”

A key element in the pope’s words on abortion is the link he makes between protection of the unborn and the wider cause of social justice.

“Defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right,” Pope Francis wrote in the apostolic exhortation. “It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems. Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be.”

It is nothing new for a pope to draw such connections, as Pope Francis knows, since he made a similar point in September by quoting Pope Bene-
dict: “If personal and social sensitivity in welcoming a new life is lost, other forms of welcome useful to social life will dry up.”

Yet such arguments are especially effectivce coming from Pope Fran-
cis, because his vehement criticisms of global capitalism, along with his conciliatory attitudes toward some of the more contentious issues between the Church and contemporary secular culture, have earned him a reputation as less of a conservative than either Blessed John Paul or Pope Benedict.

“It is not ‘progressive’ to try to re-

solve problems by eliminating a hu-

man life,” Pope Francis has written. Nevertheless, many now see support for legalized abortion as a progressive position. The idea of a pope who is at once progressive and pro-life is thus bound to strike them as paradoxical.

And there is nothing better than a good paradox for getting someone to question his assumptions, even on a topic as polarizing and long-debated as abortion. If any public figure today is capable of persuading large numbers of people outside the pro-life ranks to change, or at least open, their minds on the question, it is Pope Francis.

There is another way, at least as im-

portant, in which Pope Francis acts a witness for life: the countless images of him embracing, kissing and caress-

ing people with crippling or disfigur-

ing injuries or diseases. No verbal ar-

gument could more powerfully refute the egotistic mentality behind the cul-

ture of abortion than the sight of a pope passionately celebrating human lives that many would insist are not worth keeping.
Bill Would Require Feds to Respect State Laws on Traditional Marriage

Catholic News Service

The U.S. House should pass a bipartisan bill that would require the federal government to respect state marriage laws defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman, a U.S. archbishop said Jan. 10.

Titled the State Marriage Defense Act, the bill “is a necessary piece of legislation that will prevent the federal government from unjustly disregarding, in certain instances, state marriage laws concerning the definition of marriage,” said San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone.


Archbishop Cordileone said various federal agencies now use a “place of celebration” rule to determine whether persons are validly married for purposes of federal law.

“The Supreme Court’s decision last year in U.S. v. Windsor, however, requires the federal government to defer to state marriage law, not disregard it,” he said.

Regarding Windsor, the high court ruled June 26 in a 5-4 opinion that the federal Defense of Marriage Act, defining marriage as between one man and one woman, was unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause.

On Aug. 29, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Department of the Treasury issued guidelines regarding the impact of the Windsor decision for federal tax purposes. According to the memo, “spouse” is defined broadly in the ruling to include all same-sex marriages that were performed in a domestic or foreign jurisdiction having the legal authority to sanction marriages — the “place of celebration” principle “without regard to the state law where the spouse is domiciled.”

Archbishop Cordileone said Weber’s bill, which has bipartisan support, is necessary because it would require the federal government, “consistent with Windsor, to defer to the marriage law of the state in which people actually reside when determining whether they are married for purposes of federal law.”

In other court action on same-sex marriage, the U.S. Supreme Court put a halt to same-sex marriages in Utah while an appeal was pending on a lower court’s decision declaring the state’s ban on such marriages unconstitutional.

Meanwhile, the Obama administration said it will recognize the marriages of same-sex couples who wed after a federal court lifted the ban Dec. 20 and before the U.S. Supreme Court halted such weddings Jan. 6.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert J. Shelby, in striking down Utah’s voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, argued it violated the U.S. Constitution’s guarantees of equal protection and due process.

Bishop John C. Wester, who heads the statewide Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City, said when Shelby issued his ruling that some see it “as a joyful moment” in the debate on “the definition of marriage in our Church and other supporters of traditional marriage “see it as an affront to an institution that is at once sacred and natural.”

Response to ‘On Eagle’s Wings’ Humbling for Composer

By Darlene J.M. Dela Cruz

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**Obituaries**

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

**ANNVILLE** – St. Paul the Apostle: Mary Kefee, Antonio Moscheto.

**BERWICK** – St. Joseph: Ernestine Cicini, Donald Donato Ruggero.


**BUCHANAN VALLEY** – St. Ignatius Loyola.

**CAMP HILL** – Good Shepherd: Frank Morris.


**CHAMBERSBURG** – Corpus Christi: Michael Cook, Walter Mulевич, Jr.

**COLUMBIA** – Holy Trinity; St. Peter: Helen Yakubowski.

**CONENVAG** – Sacred Heart of Jesus: Francis C. Noel, Sr.

**DANVILLE** – St. Joseph: Josephine DePaolo, Margaret Stroh.

**ENOLA** – Our Lady of Lourdes: Claire Rose Bavaria, Dorothy May TenEyck.

**GETTYSBURG** – St. Francis Xavier: John Steinour.

**HARRISBURG** – Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament: Marcella “Tillie” Garber; St. Catherine Labouré: Walter Horoschak, Julia Polito, Judy Wilkerson; St. Francis of Assisi: Mary Rose Collins Jones, Daniel J. Monroig; St. Margaret Mary: Ida Boyle.

**Hershey** – Family Convent in August 2009.

**Hershey** – St. Joan of Arc: Mary Ivan Carmody, Clementina Rizzotto.


**LANCASTER** – Assumption BVM: Veronica Elliott, Elise Kandel, Philip O’Connell, III.

**MCNRRYSTOWN** – Annunciation BVM: Merle C. Little, Jean M. Staub.

**MILLERSBURG** – Queen of Peace: Patricia Michael.

**MON MAMEL** – Our Lady: Neal Nark, John Shimock.

**NEW CUMBERLAND** – St. Theresa: Phyllis McGoldrick, Patsy Moan, Mary Starsinic.


**PALMAYRA** – Holy Spirit: Anna Barry, Ian Szewczak, Vivian Tragarz.

**SELINGGROVE** – St. Pius X: John Fatchaline, Phil Fetzko, Shirley Lehnhart.


**SUNBURY** – St. Monica: Justine “Teenda” Fenid.

**TREVORTON** – St. Patrick: Eleanor M. Kuhns.

**WENBESRO** – St. Andrew: Michael Hill, Joseph Lustick.

**WILLIAMSTOWN** – Sacred Heart of Jesus: Josephine Collins.

**YORK** – Immaculate Conception BVM: Jose R. “Joey” DeJesus; St. Patrick: Regina Stoltz, Anthony Wolfe; St. Rose of Lima: Thomas A. Garretty, Charles M. Grab, Ray D. Wagner.

Sister M. Joellen

Holy Cross Sister M. Joellen died at St. Mary’s Convent, Notre Dame, Ind., on Jan. 3. She was 88.

Born Anne Marie Sabin, Sister Joellen taught at St. Anthony of Padua in Lancaster for four years. She also taught in elementary schools in Texas, New York, Baltimore and the Washington, D.C., area.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Ministry with the Poor, St. Mary’s, Notre Dame, Ind., or www.csccisters.org.

**Sister Celina Dincher**

Christian Charity Sister Celina Dincher died at Holy Family Convent in Danville on Nov. 28. She was 81.

Born Bernaarde Dincher in Williamsport, Pa., she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity in 1951. Her entire religious life was dedicated to teaching in elementary schools in Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. Sister Celia was also superior and principal on several occasions. She retired to Holy Family Convent in August 2009.

**Holy Spirit to Offer HeartCaring® Symposium in February**

The Ortenzo Heart Center at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill will present its first annual HeartCaring® Symposium Feb. 1 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Holy Spirit Hospital Auditorium.

“Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the U.S.,” said Jane Searfoss, BSN, RN, Administrative Director, The Ortenzo Heart Center. “February is American Heart Month, and it is the perfect time to focus on heart health. We want to be able to help people learn more about this devastating disease and how they can reduce their risk.”

Physicians and staff will present topics on different aspects of heart disease. Attendees are welcome to go to all sessions or only those that interest them.

- 9 a.m., “Understanding Atrial Fibrillation” – Satwaj A. Gassis, MD, Capital Cardiovacular Associates
- 10 a.m., “Understanding Coronary Artery Disease and Your Risk” – Christopher L. Spizierzi, DO, Capital Cardiovacular Associates
- 11 a.m., Meet & Greet – one-on-one with Holy Spirit’s clinical staff and vendors
- Noon, “Your Lipid Profile & Heart Disease Risk” – Sondra DePalma, PA-C, Capital Cardiovacular Associates
- 1 p.m., “Diabetes and Heart Disease” – Sue Nesmith, NP-C, MSN, MEd, CDE, Holy Spirit Endocrinology Center

Attendees must register in advance for the HeartCaring Symposium by calling 717-763-2100 or registering at www.TimeToSignUp.com/SpiritOfWomen. Space is limited and no walk-in attendees will be accepted.

Free health screenings will be available for registered attendees only. The screenings include cardiovascular risk assessment, blood pressure, waist measurement, body mass index (BMI), non-fasting cholesterol and non-fasting glucose.

**‘Day of Dance’ for Women to be Held Next Month**

Holy Spirit System is hosting its seventh annual Women of Spirit dance event in February. “Day of Dance” will be held Feb. 22 from 1-4 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill. The day will include dancing demonstrations and instruction, learning how to keep your heart healthy and more. Women and their families are invited to attend.

To register, call 717-763-2100 or go to www.hsh.org/women-of-spirit.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading killer of women over age 25. It kills nearly twice as many women in the U.S. as all types of cancer, including breast cancer. At “Day of Dance, we will be uniting to combat heart disease and celebrate American Heart Month,” said Megan Atticks, Spirit of Women Coordinator.

“Day of Dance lets us use the power of dance as inspiration for making healthy lifestyle changes, such as adding regular exercise into your weekly routine. Regular exercise can help prevent heart disease because it helps to maintain a healthy weight and can lower blood pressure and cholesterol.”

Free health screenings will be offered by appointment only to registered attendees 18 years of age and older. Screenings include blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), cardiovascular risk assessment, non-fasting cholesterol and glucose, peripheral artery disease (PAD), and sleep assessment. A limited number of screenings are available. To register for the screenings, call 717-763-2100 or visit www.hsh.org/spirit-of-women.

Holy Spirit staff and vendors will have heart health information available as well.

Valerie Pritchett from ABC27 and Pat Gadsden, founder of WOMEN-Connect Magazine, will be the event emcees. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the event, and any attendee pre-registered by Feb. 19 will receive a free gift when they check in at the event.

Holy Spirit System is affiliated with The Spirit of Women Network, a national coalition of hospitals and healthcare facilities joined together to advance the cause and business of women’s health. Day of Dance events will take place in more than 80 cities across the nation, presented by affiliate hospitals of the Spirit of Women Network Hospital Network.

Salvatorian Father Charles Robert Nugent died Jan. 1 in the health Center at Alexian Village in Milwaukee. He was 70.

Born July 31, 1937, in Norristown, Pa., he enrolled at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia, where he graduated college in 1961, and from its theology school in 1965. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1965. He was one of the priors of the La Salle Catechetical Center at the University of Villanova, where he earned a master’s degree in literary language in 1977.

Father Nugent was a candidate for the Salvatorians in 1975, and made his profession of vows in 1977. He ministered in chaplain at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore, and worked on the staff of the Quixote Center, a peace and justice organization, in Mt. Rainier, where his work brought him into ministry with gay and lesbian Catholics.

In 2000, he began to assist at St. John the Baptist Parish in New Freedom, until his retirement last summer. He lived for a short time with Salvatorians in Florida, but after being diagnosed with advancing lung cancer, moved to a Salvation Army Village in Milwaukuee.

He earned a master’s degree in Sacred Theology from Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Conn., and spent time at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium, sabbatical in England, and at the Tantrum Ecumenical Center in Israel. He has also written numerous books and articles over the years.

Father Nugent was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by a sister, Sister Joellen, and a number of brothers and sisters.

In 2008, he began to assist at St. John the Baptist Church in New Freedom. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the “Adopt an Apostle Fund” to support future Salvatorian priests and brothers, visit www.salvatorians.com.
Mass in the Polish language will be celebrated Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. at St. Catherine Laboure Church in Har- risonburg. Father Walter Semjon, Confraternity Confessors are heard in English and Polish after Mass.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Enola will host a Parish Mission Feb. 9-11 at 7 p.m. each evening.

Lenten prayer is Rev. Brian Giason, Pastoral Associate, St. Paul’s in Enola. There is no cost to attend. On the last night, a donation basket will be passed, all proceeds will support Little Lourdes (owns Our Lady of Lourdes). Light refreshments will be served the last evening for the farewell. For information, contact Bill Benning at 717-732-4919 or 717-571-8808.

**Education, Enrichment & Support**

Dioscian Catholic Committee for Scout- ing should know that St. Leo the Great Parish will be hosting the first meeting of DCCS for 2014, on Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisonburg. We will discuss the benefits of a retreat and begin planning regarding a Catholic week at summer camp. We will also explore ways to continue to promote the religious medals program. For more information, contact the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at oyyam@hbgcatholic.org or 717-657-4804 x 327.

**Retreats & Pilgrimages**

St. Cyril's Spiritual Center in Danville will sponsor a free retreat for the unemployed. “Holding Hope – Moving Forward with God” will be offered Jan. 31 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. The retreat is specifically for those who are unemployed because of downsizing, budget cuts, layoffs and other causes. The afternoon retreat will have the theme of a “Hope-filled Journey” side-by-side with God in the midst of worries, job searches and it will include spiritual senti- enments by St. Cyril’s staff, and practical presentations by the staff of Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc. There will be time for silent prayer, reflection, supportive sharing and one-to-one consultation. Register by calling St. Cyril’s at 570-275-0910 by the deadline of Jan. 20.

Catholic Missions Week: Pancake Breakfast for Prospective Families, Jan. 26 from 8:45-11 a.m., and 7-8:15 p.m. School Mass Jan. 31 at 9 a.m.

Lancaster Catholic High School Fine and Performing Arts Department will host a concert, “The Beethoven Sonata Cycle,” Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Department at the school in Lancaster.

St. Leo in Lancaster is offering the initial sessions during Catholic Schools Week. Pancake Breakfast for Prospective Families, Jan. 18 from 7-8 a.m. ($8 per person for full dinner and dancing, or $35 per person with beverages, food and entertainment). Tickets are $75 per person and can be purchased at the parish office or by calling 717-236-8149.

**Events & Fund-Raisers**

Lancaster Catholic High School Post Prom Committee, in an effort to decrease the amount of money that each student has to pay to attend post-prom, is holding its first “Pot of Gold” fundraiser. Each of these events will be held on the following dates:

- Jan. 30: Pancake Breakfast for Prospective Families
- Jan. 31: Break the Ice (100% of proceeds will be used to sponsor music and entertainment. Tickets are $75 per person and can be purchased at the parish office or by calling 717-236-8149.

Lancaster Catholic High School in Rohrerstown will present “Our Lady of Lourdes.” The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by a brief Q&A Session. For informa- tion, e-mail tricountyottogirl@gmail.com.

**Holy Spirit Health System** is offering free CPR classes Feb. 8. American Heart Association-trained instructors will be offering these three classes in Holy Spirit Hospital’s auditoriums. These courses will teach partici- pants the skills needed to successfully resuscitate the victim of cardiopulmonary arrest and to relieve a foreign body airway obstruction. Participants will learn to recognize signs of a stroke, heart attack, cardiopulmonary arrest, and air- way obstruction, and how to correctly use an automated external defibrillator. The course is designed for healthcare providers. The “Heartsaver AED” class will be offered to commu- nity members. To register to teach or to register as a participant, contact St. Cyril’s at 570-765-1010. For five consecutive Wednesday even- ings, in Holy Spirit Hospital’s Auditorium C&D. Seating is limited.

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“Building a Basilica,” a 60-minute program that tells the story of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica in Lackawanna, N.Y., will air on ABC Channel 27 (WHTM TV) as part of ABC’s “Vision and Values Series.” The program is produced by Daybreak TV Productions of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, and features archived materials, drawings and hundreds of letters. It will be shown on WHTM 27 on Sunday, Jan. 19, at noon.

The history of this national shrine and basilica dates back to 1921, when Msgr. Nelson Baker contacted architect Emile Ulrich to build a church dedicated to the Blessed Mother, in Lackawanna, N.Y.

Within five years, the priest and the architect built a church that was a true architectural wonder. Building costs came to $3.2 million, which was paid for before church doors opened in 1926.

Iron from steel giant Bethlehem Steel and marble from Georgian Marble company would house hundreds of paintings, sculptures, mosaics and stained glass from world renowned artists.

Today, Our Lady of Victory Basilica carries the title of National Shrine and Minor Basilica. It is considered to be Emile Ulrich’s pinnacle work.

And the priest who started it all, Msgr. Nelson Baker, has been named Servant of God, the first step toward sainthood.

To view a trailer of the program, visit http://youtube/bu13hj03Lk0.

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**Diocesan Institute Courses ~ Winter/Spring 2014**

The Diocesan Institute for Catechetical and Pastoral Formation exists to provide a program of academic and pastoral formation for Catholic laity interested in service to the Church and personal enrichment. The Institute will assist laity in their life-long journey of formation, growth and service by deepening their understanding of scripture, theology and authentic spirituality. This process of formation seeks to develop their skills and abilities in order to become more efficacious signs of Christ’s presence among all of God’s people.

**INTRODUCTORY COURSES**

**Introduction to Scripture**
6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3
St. Joseph the Worker, Bonneauville
Father Peter DiTornasso
7-9 p.m. March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
Holy Spirit, Palmyra
Mr. Ryan Bolster

**Introduction to Morality**
6:30-9 p.m. March 31, April 7, 14, 21
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Mr. Ryan Bolster
*Also available via webinar

**Teaching Methodology, Part I**
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Feb. 1
St. James, Lititz
Mrs. Rose Poet

**Teaching Methodology, Part II**
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Feb. 1
St. Columbus, Bloomsburg
Mr. Ryan Bolster
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Feb. 22
St. James, Lititz
Mrs. Rose Poet

**Introduction to Prayer**
6:30-9 p.m. Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25
St. Columbus, Bloomsburg
Mr. Joseph Mullen
6:30-9 p.m. March 20, 27, April 3, 10
St. Aloysius, Littlestown
Mr. James Gontis

**ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION COURSES/COURSES OF SPECIALIZATION**

**Christology**
6:30-9 p.m. Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, March 3, 10
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Mr. Ryan Bolster
*Also available via webinar

**Catechetical Documents of the Church**
7-9 p.m. April 1, 2, 7, 8, 9
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Mr. James Gontis

**Advanced Scripture:**

**The Gospel of Matthew**
6:30-9 p.m. Feb. 6, 13, 27,
March 6, 13, 27
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Father James Lease
*Also available via webinar

**Christian Martyrs of the Twentieth Century**
7-9 p.m. March 12, 19, 26,
April 9, 23, 30
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Dr. Guy Carter

**ELECTIVES**

**Mary, Model of Life**
Lived in the Trinity
6:30-8:30 p.m. March 31, April 7, 14
St. Vincent de Paul, Hanover
Ms. Carolyn Blaszczyk

**An Introduction to the Theology of the Body:**
Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life
7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 6, 13, 20,
March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Mrs. Bonnie Finnerney

**Virtual Integrity**
6:30-9 p.m. April 7, 14, 22, 28
Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
*Only available via webinar and recording

**The Dignity and Vocation of Women**
6:30-9 p.m. May 5
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC

**Pope Francis, Catholic Social Teaching, and the Sanctity of Life**
9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 29, April 5
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Father Paul CB Schenk

**“Gather Up the Fragments”: The History of Catholicism in Pennsylvania**
7-9 p.m. March 26
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
Mr. John Cominsky

**Top 10 List to Be an Outstanding Catechist**
7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 12
St. Margaret Mary, Harrisburg
Mr. James Gontis

**The Pastoral Mystery**
6-7:30 p.m. March 2
St. John the Baptist, New Freedom
Mr. James Gontis

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Take advantage of Diocesan Institute offerings without having to leave the comfort of your home. You can participate in courses and workshops offered at the Cardinal Keeler Center via webinar. You can either join these webinars as they happen (real time), or view recordings of the webinars at a time that is more convenient for you. Offerings that are available via webinar are clearly marked on the schedule of courses. For more information, contact Ryan Bolster at 717-657-4804, ext. 225, or rbolster@hbgdiocese.org.

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**Catholic Perspective Radio**

Why so many parents continue to choose Catholic schools for their children will be the topic on WHP AM 580 on Saturday, Jan. 25. Two principals of Catholic schools in Harrisburg will share with host Michael Parks about the many benefits of a Catholic school education.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Mary Anne Bednar, Principal of Bishop McDevitt High School, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Mary Anne Sweeney, Principal of St. Catherine Labouré School, will be featured in the 7 a.m. program. A link to a recording of the program will be available at www.hbgdiocese.org/schools.

“Ever Ancient, Ever New” is a new program on Holy Family Radio, AM 720. Geared for the 18-32 year-old audience, this 30-minute program, hosted by Mike Creavey, tackles subjects such as relationships, social media and other challenges facing today’s youth as they relate to our faith. “Ever Ancient, Ever New” can be heard on your Catholic radio station, WHYF, every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Tune in online at www.720whyf.com.

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**Catholic Communication Campaign**

On the Jan. 19 program, Michael Cicocioppo, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, talks with correspondent Rose Atkinson about the March for Life being held in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 22. The March is held on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy.

On Jan. 26, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a conversation with Matthew Shore, Principal of St. Theresa School in New Cumberland. He discusses the value of a Catholic school education with correspondent Rose Atkinson.

**Catholic Perspective** is produced in cooperation with the Office of Communications of the Diocese and WHFY AM 720. It can be heard Mondays at noon and Sundays at 3 p.m. on WHFY AM 720 and on Sunday mornings on WLAN-AM 1390, Lancaster at 7:30 a.m.; WHYL-AM 960, Carlisle, at 8 a.m.; WHVR-AM 1280, Hanover, at 8 a.m.; WKOK-AM 1070, Sunbury, at 6:30 a.m.; WIEZ-AM 670, Lewistown, at 8 a.m.; WSSM-AM 1510, Lebanon, on 7 a.m.; and WVEC-FM 88.3, Elizabethtownt at 9:30 a.m. It is also available online at www.OldiesRadio1620.com at 6:30 a.m. and at www.WISL1480.com on Sunday at 11 a.m. It can also be heard online at www.hbgdiocese.org.
If a picture’s worth a thousand words, then the preschool at St. John the Baptist School in New Freedom has left a legacy of great worth.

On Sunday, Jan. 12, the preschool marked 40 years of introducing school to pre-kindergarten children in the very southern-most part of the diocese. To celebrate the occasion, former teachers, students and spouses gathered together with current students and educators to mark the milestone.

The school has a remarkable visual record of pictures that capture the children in a myriad of activities. The pictures don’t lie; they show happy kids interacting with teachers who are equally joyful teaching very young minds.

There are dozens of albums filled with hundreds of photos that speak to how the school has made a lasting difference since 1974.

“We see them come in the doors with their happy, smiling faces and we get to send them home the same way,” said Susan Mareck, the school’s principal for the past five years. St. John the Baptist School has turned the pre-school into a growing elementary school, which, in a couple of years, will have a full complement of grades pre-school through sixth grade. She also spoke to the joy that the school community has with their new pastor, Father Joshua Brommer, who took the helm last summer. “It’s neat, because he plays soccer with them and is out on the playground, and that builds a real bond. He’s continuing the legacy that has been left him, and that’s wonderful.”

One of the original students who now assists in teaching religious education for the parish spoke of how the school helped her and continues to help students 40 years later. “This school builds a foundation of sociability and interaction that is so important for young kids. It teaches you how to get along,” Rose Keller said. “I remember just loving the field trips, and it just really connected us.” She went on to stress that it’s an exciting time to be teaching the faith, because so many young people today have questions, and that is a “very good thing.”

Kathy Rohr, who was perusing through the photo albums with a big smile, was the pre-school director for 20 years before retiring. “This place is all about the children,” she said. “The little things they say, they tell it like it is, and they are pretty sharp so you must be on your toes!”

Each of the former and current teachers who were at the 40th anniversary social mentioned how much the school was and is about the children. What is most gratifying is imagining what they might become in life, and then seeing them grow up and be a part of the community.

The school’s founding director, Alice Piermatteo, passed away years ago, but her husband Phil was at the social, proving that the school’s legacy is not just about the past, it’s about staying connected for the present and future. “She just loved this school – thoroughly loved the children – and she would be so proud of what this school has become and is becoming. It’s fantastic to see her legacy growing.”
Walk into a high school with a spirited wrestling program, and you’re likely to hear sounds that are all-too-familiar to the sport:

- Coaches bellowing directions for a wrestler’s next move.
- Fans pounding the bleachers in encouragement of a near-fall.
- Referees slamming their hand to the mat to award a pin.

These are welcome sounds that emanate now from the gymnasium at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, which has been rebuilding its wrestling program for the past five years, following a near 30-year hiatus.

The process has been one of dedication for head coach Scott Lindsey, whose passion for the program is palpable.

Following a 38-36 victory over Mid-Penn Capital Division rival Camp Hill on Jan. 9, Coach Lindsey reveled in the fortitude of his Crusaders, who had trailed the Lions 30-3 after the first six bouts.

The tide began to turn for the Crusaders with a major decision by Jake Phillips at the 220-pound bout. Bonus point wins by Bishop McDevitt’s Cole Nye at 285, John Pipa at 106 and Jayden Johnson at 126 – combined with a Camp Hill forfeit and a solid win by David Pipa at 120 – gave the Crusaders the tallies they needed to come away with the two-point victory.

“This win is really exciting for us. We haven’t beaten Camp Hill in three years,” an exuberant Coach Lindsey told The Catholic Witness.

The Crusaders are now 3-0 in the division – (East Penn Result) the early steps toward their goal of winning the division title this season. As of press time Jan. 17, the Crusaders still had tussles with Trinity, Milton Hershey and Susquenita before the end of the month. Last month, they topped the 2012-2013 division champion, Northern York, 44-27.

The resurgent Crusaders now have a sufficient number of wrestlers to fill all 14 weight classes, a far cry from even two seasons ago. Additionally, there are enough team members to fill spaces in the event of injuries, Coach Lindsey said.

Though numbers contribute to a successful program, so do seasoned wrestlers, and the Crusaders have their share. John Pipa (106), Jalin Hankerson (113), David Pipa (120), Terrence White (126) and Zane Black (182) currently find themselves among the top AA wrestlers in their weight classes. David Pipa and Terrence White are District 3-AA medalists, and Zane Black and Cole Nye were Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling state champions last year.

The process of building the team has extended beyond the high school. Crusader Wrestling encompasses 10 junior high participants and 45 youth in its elementary program with feeder schools. And they’re looking to add to those numbers.

“We are a family. We have kids who play sports, kids who play music, those who want to wrestle year-round, and those who just want to wrestle for fun,” Coach Lindsey said.

“Wrestling is growing here, and it’s getting exciting,” he said. “We’re starting to turn the corner.”