Young men spend time in the chapel at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., during the Diocese of Harrisburg’s annual Quo Vadis Days, which offers participants a time to explore God’s call in their lives as they take part in Masses, spiritual offerings, discussions and recreation with priests and seminarians. Now in its ninth year, Quo Vadis Days annually attracts 100 young men. See pages 8 and 9.

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By Maria Wiering
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Keynote Speaker for Upcoming Communication Conference Stresses Authentic Formation in Use of Media

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

“IT is, therefore, an inherent right of the Church to have at its disposal and to employ any of these media insofar as they are necessary or useful for the instruction of Christians and all its efforts for the welfare of souls. It is the duty of Pastors to instruct and guide the faithful so that they, with the help of these same media, may further the salvation and perfection of themselves and of the entire human family. In addition, the laity especially must strive to instill a human and Christian spirit into these media, so that they may fully measure up to the great expectations of mankind and to God’s design.” (Inter Mirifica, Decree on the Media of Social Communications, Pope Paul VI, December, 1963)

Fifty years after the pope’s proclamation on social communications, Inter Mirifica continues to ring true, even as the Church and her people have forayed into chat rooms, tweets and Facebook posts.

The Church recognizes that media can be of great service to mankind, but also expresses concern about the moral aspects of media and its use. A panel discussion will conclude the day, which will end at 3 p.m.

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That presence in the media and in the online world calls us to be formed to use it in a way that is powerful and authentic, he said.

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“The day will begin with the celebration of Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a keynote address by Dr. Eugene Gan, Professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville and author of "Infinite Bandwidth: Encountering Christ in the Media." There will also be breakout sessions on the Ten Commandments of using media; parental skills for teaching youth about the proper use of media; and moral aspects of media and its use. A panel discussion will conclude the day, which will end at 3 p.m.

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Dr. Gan, who is Professor of Interactive Media, Communications, and Fine Art at Franciscan University, points out that the Church gives us a wealth of teachings and documents concerning the use of media.

In his book, Infinite Bandwidth, he presents seven keys that the Church encourages us to examine when we consider media: balance, attitude, personalism, truth-filled, inspirational, skillfully developed, and motivated by and relevant to experience.

“THERE is a clear framework, a clear guideline for each of us, as individuals and as community,” he told The Catholic Witness.

The media is where we spread the Gospel message, where we can introduce others to Church teaching, witness to the dignity of human life, and share the beauty of the faith through art.

The media goes hand in hand with our entire faith, with telling the Good News. When our Lord commanded us, ‘Go forth and tell the Good News throughout the world,’ he didn’t say to do it just in person. Today, that means the virtual world,” Dr. Gan said.

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**Dioecesan Communication Conference**

“Virtually Human: The Impact of Media & Technology on Human Relationships”
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg
9:00 am – 3:00 pm – September 14, 2013

- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
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- Breakout sessions to engage parents, catechists, youth ministers, college students and young adults on the moral aspects of media and its use
- Panel discussion with presenters about today’s challenges of media use

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Misa Diocesana de la Herencia Hispana
Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass

Cuándo/When:
Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

Celebrante/Celebrant:
To Be Announced

Dónde/Where:
Saint Patrick Cathedral
212 State Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

The entire community is invited to celebrate the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. The Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick and it will be followed by a gathering at the Capitol. Come join us!

La comunidad está invitada a celebrar el inicio del Mes de la Herencia Hispana. La Santa Misa será celebrada en la Catedral de San Patricio seguido por la oportunidad de confraternizar en el Capitolio. ¡Ven y celebra con nosotros!

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Mass to Mark the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg

• Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Celebrant and Homilist
• Saturday, July 6 at 7 p.m.
• Xavier Center, 455 Table Rock Rd., Gettysburg

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be the celebrant and homilist for an outdoor Mass to mark the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. The Mass will be celebrated on the grounds of Xavier Center, the new parish center of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Gettysburg, on July 6 at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

St. Francis Xavier Church on High Street served as a hospital during the Battle of Gettysburg, as religious sisters cared for wounded soldiers there.

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The Catholic Witness its taking its summer publication hiatus and will re-sume bi-weekly publication with the August 2 edition.

Our next edition will feature images and stories from World Youth Day in Brazil, as photojournalist Emily Albert travels with diocesan pilgrims to join in this gathering with Pope Francis. Photos and articles by Emily and our two correspondents – Elizabeth Bare and Alexandra Parisi – will also be posted online at http://youtheventsyoungadult.ning.com. See page 5 for more information about World Youth Day and how you can connect to blogs featuring our pilgrims.


If you’re planning a little travel this summer, you can find Mass times world-wide at www.masstimes.org.

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Enjoy a safe and blessed summer, and look for our next edition on August 2!

Correction

The article on the Irish Brigade that appeared in the June 21, 2013, edition mistakenly referred to the University of Notre Dame as Notre Dame University.

For nearly 25 years, Ed Scholly has walked the sacred grounds of Holy Cross, Mount Calvary and Resurrection cemeteries in Harrisburg.

As manager of those cemeteries, his work has focused on overseeing the caretaking of graves, offering service to people purchasing plots, and lending a sympathetic ear to those mourning the loss of a loved one.

His work has also involved in-depth recordkeeping regarding 27,000 burials, scheduling burials, and working to maintain and repair equipment like lawn mowers and backhoes.

After 35 years of service with Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Mr. Scholly retired on June 30, bidding farewell to a job that he has considered a ministry.

“Certainly what I will miss most are the people I’ve worked with, and those I’ve gotten to know over the years,” he said. In particular, he pointed to Diocesan Center staff with whom he has worked, and the cemetery workers on whom he has come to rely.

He also spoke fondly of his fellow managers: Mike Rugalla, who retired from All Saints Cemetery in Elsberry last year after 46 years with Diocesan Cemeteries, and Kevin Shervinskie, who succeeded him there; Patrick Eichelberger, who manages Holy Cross Cemetery in Lebanon and St. Anthony, St. Mary and St. Joseph cemeteries in Lancaster; and Tom Bralansky, who has managed Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Mechanicsburg and St. Mary, St. Patrick and Holy Saviour cemeteries in York.

Mr. Bralansky is taking the reins from Mr. Scholly as manager of Holy Cross, Mount Calvary and Resurrection cemeteries. And Mr. Bralansky’s son, Joe, is stepping into the manager role that his father has ably filled at the Mechanicsburg and York locations.

Mr. Scholly said he expects the transitions to be smooth, given the dedicated service and expertise of his fellow managers.

“Every manager has his own method of operation, his own fingerprint that he has left on the cemeteries he has overseen,” he remarked, “and that’s a gift.”

The fingerprints Mr. Scholly leaves behind are plenty. Developments during his tenure with Diocesan Cemeteries – including as Director of Cemeteries from 1978-1990 – have included a focus on more in-depth recordkeeping, the sale of vaults, and the establishment and care of special sections where infants are buried.

He has also endeavored to better serve cemetery visitors by creating directories that map and color code Holy Cross, Mount Calvary and Resurrection cemeteries. The laminated directories are kept outside for constant availability, and allow people to easily locate the gravesites of those buried there.

Mr. Scholly also had a hand in the development of Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Mechanicsburg in the mid 80s, when he was working as Director of Cemeteries. He assisted in working through the zoning process and the planning stages as the cemetery was laid out.

“I consider myself very fortunate to have seen that cemetery evolve from the beginning,” said Mr. Scholly.

It’s where he buried his wife of 43 years, Cecilia, three years ago.

“Ever since her death, I’ve felt that I could better place myself in the shoes of the people who we serve,” Mr. Scholly remarked.

“You’re dealing with people every day who are either having to bury a loved one, or who are thinking of purchasing a plot or a marker for themselves. You’re dealing with people during difficult times in their lives,” he said. “You wish you could solve everybody’s problems, and most of the time you can help just by listening.”

A focal point of his service with Diocesan Cemeteries has been to make himself available as possible to those who visited or called his office. A staple of his dedication, for example, was that he consistently checked phone messages on evenings and weekends so that he could assist people even after hours.

He carried that dedication all the way through to his last day on the job, to ensure a smooth transition not only for Mr. Bralansky, but for the people being served.

“Your work to care for the land, to keep family records in order, to schedule burials. But most of the time, your role is just that of being present, being a listener,” said Mr. Scholly.

“For information on the services provided by Diocesan Cemeteries, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/cemeteries.”
Evangelizing with Stories

By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

As I sit in front of my computer and watch the blinking cursor, hoping that it will magically write this article, the realization that I AM “a story teller” rather than “a writer” is brought home to me.

Good stories about the life-changing power of Christ and the opportunity to make the soul smile. They can teach and re-teach important lessons that are timeless. They are the family legends that made the sacrifices of the immi-
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Preparing for World Youth Day can be a challenge. It is hard to pack light, to prepare physically for the amount of walking you’ll be doing, and of course to prepare your heart for the spiritual journey. And though it is a spiritual pilgrimage, you are still in a foreign country and learning about a new culture and way of life.

This is why every time I travel, whether for pilgrimages or vacations, I love to read about the place I’m journeying to. I prefer the ever-so-popular travel writings of Frommer’s or Fodor’s guide books.

I’ve started purchasing these little travel guides since my first overseas trip in 2004. When I dust off my bookshelf (for my mother’s sake, let’s say I do this weekly) I enjoy seeing the bright font of the country or city on the spine of the book. My collection isn’t extensive or impressive by any means, but I love adding to it! I especially enjoy looking back into these guides and finding tickets from a sub-sea tour in Bermuda or a horse and buggy ride in Williamsburg.

Before the trip, these guide books can prepare you for the majority of these inhabitants are squeezed into the Tijuca Forest. The majority of these inhabitants are squeezed into the Tijuca Forest. When young Catholics start their pilgrimage, they will be under the gaze of the city’s famous statue.

World Youth Day is nearly two weeks away. Our pilgrims from the Diocese of Harrisburg are preparing spiritually for their trip, with catechesis, prayer and open hearts. We will be praying for our diocese and its people while we are on this amazing spiritual journey.

To learn more about our journey and about Brazil, please follow us at www.youthandyoungadult.ning.com. We will be posting photos, videos and blogs as often as our journey allows. And most importantly, please pray for us during our pilgrimage.
Commentary: Are Catholic Schools Really Divisive?

By Father Edward J. Quinlan
Special to The Witness

For many minority families in inner cities across our country, the Catholic school is a life-line for their children, adrift in distressed public schools. Catholic families for decades have looked to Catholic schools to assist them in passing on a living faith to their children as well as providing an excellent academic and social foundation for life. The Church sees the Catholic school as an essential element of the mission of the Church, looking back with pride to the foundations of Catholic education at the earliest stages of our country’s history. Yet, astonishingly our president recently equated them with segregation and division.

At the June G-8 meeting of the major world leaders held in Northern Ireland, President Obama took the opportunity to speak to a gathering of youth in a local town hall meeting (June 17, 2013). During his presentation to the young people, he addressed the history of Northern Ireland and the long-standing divisions within their society. He specifically stated that the presence of Catholic schools along with Protestant schools “encourages division.” Let us misunderstand the context, he continued in his talk to speak of the U.S. history of segregation with its separate drinking fountains and lunch counters for persons of different races. The link with segregation and division is unmistakable. Is the president really disregarding the critical role that Catholic schools play in the formation of young people in the faith? Does he really believe that they are sources of division in society?

We would have to go back in the history of the United States almost a century to find such blatantly discriminatory thinking. In the mid 1800s, the Know Nothing party placed itself against immigrants and particularly Catholics. The Know Nothings viewed Catholics with suspicion because they held to a spiritual communion with a “foreign potentate,” their name, among many others, for the Holy Father. With their encouragement, many states, including Pennsylvania, passed so-called “Blaine Amendments,” which denied the ability of the state to provide any direct support to religious schools. When this party gained ascendency in the legislature in the state of Oregon, it enacted a law requiring parents to send their children to public schools, so they could be properly indoctrinated into the culture as they understood it. The Church challenged the law, a challenge that ultimately took the case to the Supreme Court. The Court decided the case in favor of Catholic education. Titled as Pierce vs. the Society of Sisters (1925), the court recognized the right of parents to raise and educate their children according to their faith, noting that “the child is not a creature of the state.” We might be inclined to think that this is an established case law for our country since it is based on the long standing tradition of religious freedom for our citizens, a freedom that should not be abridged or questioned by future governments.

For over two centuries, Catholic schools have served the mission the Church envisions for them. They pass along a living faith to the young people of our parishes. They welcome children of other faiths, who share our vision of a complete education for their child, in mind, body and spirit. They have prepared young people to become leaders of the Church and civic community. Countless individuals in all walks of life trace their success back to their foundational education and spiritual formation received from a Catholic school. In our diocese, Catholic schools serve a broad section of the community. Over 25% of the students attending schools in the diocese receive some level of scholarship support, in efforts to keep them reasonably affordable to as many as possible. I respectfully submit that Catholic schools are in many ways the very glue that helps to hold our American community together by helping to prepare well educated and morally literate citizens.

In light of the current attempts of the Department of Health and Human Services to demand that all health plans, including those of religious organizations, contain three elements that are inherently immoral according Catholic teaching, this just seems to be one more occasion when the Catholic Church is regrettable considered by the current administration to be a problem. While the Church does stand up for human life and other basic ideals placing her at odds with some political groups, I am surprised that some of our well recognized contributions to American society, such as Catholic schools along with Catholic hospitals and other institutions, are also under fire. As I write, we are observing a Fortnight for Religious Freedom. Who knew that when we began this time for reflection on one of our most basic freedoms that it would become more important than ever to speak up for religious liberty. In this case, we also need as a country to reaffirm the right of parents to educate their children according to their faith, and the right of the Church to support them in that duty with Catholic schools.

(Father Edward J. Quinlan is the Diocesan Secretary for Education, and pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg.)

On the Battle Lines for Conscience Protection

By A.B. Hill
Special to The Witness

For 50 years, the Pennsylvania Catholic Health Association (PCHA) has defended conscience rights for individuals and Catholic health care institutions. Among PCHA’s achievements is its contribution to the passage of the Pennsylvania Religious Freedom Protection Act and prevention of legislation that would have required all hospitals to administer potentially abortion-causing emergency contraception to sexual assault victims.

In 2002, PCHA and the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) prevailed upon the legislature to pass a law to restore the “compelling state interest” standard to actions by the Pennsylvania government that place a burden on religious liberty. For example, employees and patients have the right to a safe and clean medical environment. Health and safety regulations may have a compelling state interest. Although the state is telling the Catholic health care facility what to do, so to speak, the “intrusion” is allowed for the good of all. On the other hand, there is not a compelling state interest to force Catholics to perform abortions. Some might disagree, but in the views of the Church, abortion is not a critical health care service. In addition, under current law a woman can easily obtain an abortion somewhere other than the Catholic hospital.

Pennsylvania is one of the few states to so clearly define the standard of compelling state interest into law.

In 2007, PCHA and PCC prevented passage of a bill that would have mandated hospitals to provide emergency contraception (EC) to sexual assault victims. EC inhibits or prevents ovulation, fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg. Catholic teaching holds that life begins at conception, so preventing a fertilized egg from implanting in the womb is considered abortion.

Sexual assault is an act of unjust aggression. Catholic hospitals can and do administer EC when tests confirm that conception has not likely occurred. With no conscience exception in this bill however, Catholic hospitals would have been required to provide treatment in all cases. PCHA and PCC were successful in defending the right of Catholic hospitals to determine for themselves if emergency contraception would be licit.

These victories are worth celebrating, but the fight to defend religious liberty rages on. The battle lines of freedom remain the same – defending the boundary where the government cannot interfere with religious conscience.

PCHA continues the defense of religious liberty with its advocacy against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate that employers (with few exceptions) provide coverage in their employee health care plans for sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that induce abortion. Advocates can send a message to their elected officials about the HHS mandate by visiting www.pacatholic.org.

In Harrisburg, PCHA is supporting House Bill 383 and Senate Bill 276, the Freedom of Conscience Act, which would assure health care providers, including pharmacists, that they could exercise religious, moral or ethical principles and refuse to participate in certain health care services.

The Church recently marked the 1,700th anniversary of the Edict of Milan when the Roman Empire proclaimed tolerance for Christianity. Pope Francis called the occasion, “a symbol of the first affirmation of the principle of religious freedom.” He went on to say, however, that today “religious freedom is more often declared than achieved.”

PCHA’s much shorter history reveals the unfortunate truth of the pope’s statement. The battle lines of religious liberty are still active. PCHA, PCC and all of us must remain vigilant in our defense of religious freedom.

Deacons and Catechumens: The Past Revisited

By Father Joshua Brommer, STL

Special to The Witness

While some look to Vatican II as a Council that brought about innovations in the Church’s life, in reality it is certainly not the case. The question is: what is the history of the Church’s Sacraments of Initiation? Theology is the study of the faith. So how do we understand the history of our Sacraments? The answer is in what we call the development of the Sacraments.

The Second Vatican Council also called for the restoration of the permanent diaconate. Deacon Gorman was among the first class of permanent deacons ordained for the Diocese of Harrisburg in June 1978.

**Deacon Francis Gorman of Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill visits a patient at Holy Spirit Hospital where he serves in pastoral care. The Second Vatican Council called forth the investigation of the restorative nature of the Sacrament of Baptism. Gorman was among the first class of permanent deacons ordained for the Diocese of Harrisburg in June 1978.**

The church has always been a servant to the people, to assist and to bless. This is why you will find the deaconary being hosted at the Sacred Scripture to the faith. The deacon is an exhorter to the people, to relate the life to the Christian faith. The deacon is a worker of the Church.
Quo Vadis Days Fosters Culture of Vocations

It’s late June at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. Seminarians have long departed the hallowed grounds. Fully flourished trees tower on the hillside above the seminary, where folks make reverent visits to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Here, early summer typically brings forth hot and humid days. But it also ushers in another climate – one of vocations.

Since 2005, young men from the Diocese of Harrisburg have come in strong numbers to the seminary for the annual Quo Vadis Days experience. It is a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and discussions – all in the company of seminarians and priests – to help young men explore the Lord’s call in their lives.

Father Raymond LaVoie, Director of the Diocesan Office of Vocations, joins Quo Vadis Days participants in applauding the Knights of Columbus, who faithfully provide food, T-shirts and financial assistance for the annual gathering.

Kyle Sahd, a seminarian of the diocese, enjoys a game of badminton during recreation at Quo Vadis Days.

Diocesan seminarian Tyler Mentzer prays the Rosary as Quo Vadis Days participants gather for prayer. Quo Vadis Days is offered by the Diocese of Harrisburg to encourage young men to discern God’s call in their lives.

A Quo Vadis Days participant bows his head in prayer during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. In the background is a statue of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests.

Diocesan seminarian Greg Kramp competes in a flag football game on the grounds of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., where 100 young men gathered in late June for the annual Quo Vadis Days.

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

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in their lives.

An endeavor of the diocese’s Office of Vocations, under the leadership of Father Raymond LaVoe, its director, Quo Vadis Days is now in its ninth year, and annually attracts 100 young men, ages 15-25.

Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, games, volleyball, flag football, talks and discussions fill the week.

There is tremendous support of Quo Vadis Days – as well as its attendees, seminarians and priests – from Knights of Columbus councils in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Each year, they foster camaraderie during a cookout that they host, and they’ve also generously offered financial donations for T-shirts and for participants to attend the retreat, which is offered free of charge.

“Quo Vadis” means “Where are you going?” Legend tells us that Peter asked Jesus this question on the outskirts of Rome. And it’s a question posed to the young men who gather for the weeklong experience as they examine the vocations of religious life, married life and single life.

Quo Vadis Days “creates this environment where the idea of a call to the priesthood isn’t something abnormal. Everybody is open to the possibility,” said Father Daniel Richards, who has participated in the retreat since its beginning. He was ordained a priest of the diocese on June 1 of this year.

“In my early years of seminary, it was helpful for me to be reminded that discernment is something that, for a Catholic man, should be normal. I should be taking the time to discern a vocation. Later on, as I got closer to ordination and became more firm in my own call to the priesthood, it’s been good for me to share that with the younger guys who are beginning to discern where God is calling them,” said Father Richards, who is serving as parochial vicar at St. Leo the Great Parish in Rohrersville.

Father Mark Wilke, another of the diocese’s four newest priests ordained June 1, also participated in Quo Vadis Days as a seminarian, and received a great deal of inspiration from those in attendance.

“As they’re telling you about the priests that they’ve met, and the ways that they’ve prayed and their experiences in Adoration or even the sacraments of Reconciliation or Confirmation, it reminds us of the importance of the priesthood,” said Father Wilke, parochial vicar at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Gettysburg.

Attending Quo Vadis Days while he was a seminarian revealed to him “the newness, that first encounter with the Eucharist,” and reminded him of moments in which the Eucharist overwhelmed him, he said.

“There are times – Advent, Lent, Easter, something in your life – that remind you of the real meaning of our faith. Quo Vadis Days helps us to see that,” Father Wilke said.

(For more information about Quo Vadis Days and vocation discernment, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/vocations or contact the Office of Vocations at 717-657-4894.)
Teen Preparing to Travel Country to Share Faith through NET Ministries

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Catherine Imholte is getting ready to spend the better part of a year living completely outside of her comfort zone.

The 18-year-old is jovial, outgoing, and more than happy to talk about her faith. She enjoys working in youth ministry. As a member of St. Patrick Parish in Carlisle, she has assisted with the Confirmation Prep program for the past few years. “Cat,” as she prefers to be called, also likes to plan. She’s the kind of person who wakes up every morning with a schedule, who thrives with an agenda.

So it’s no exaggeration to say that Cat is taking a leap of faith as she joins up with NET Ministries to travel the country for the better part of a year, inspiring young Catholics in the faith. “You can’t live for Christ without serving,” Cat told The Catholic Witness. “I’ve always loved serving people, but it has always been on my time, never on God’s time. Joining NET gives me an opportunity to be dedicated to my pas - sion I’ve always had and do it on God’s time, on God’s level.”

NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and to embrace the life of the Church. Each August, the program sends teams of young adult Catholics across the country to share the Gospel with young people and their families through retreats. Since 1981, NET teams have led more than 26,000 retreats and ministered to more than 1.6 mil- lion youth.

In the United States, NET Ministries has served in 150 dioceses, including the Diocese of Harrisburg. Internationally, the program has reached into several countries, including Canada, Mexico, Australia, Germany, Ireland and the United Kingdom. Inspired by the Scripture passages “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men” and “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch,” NET Min - istries aims to invite youth to live for Christ and to form them in Christian character. The ministry is under the ecclesial supervision of the Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt, Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Cat first learned of the program two years ago, when a friend of hers joined the ministry. “I was excited for him, but I thought it sounded hard core, so for myself, I wasn’t interested at all,” she re - called.

While she was attending the Life Teen Leadership Conference in Kansas last summer, Cat came across NET Ministries recruiters who were there to promote the program. "I told them I thought it was a really nice program, but not for me," she said. "They asked me to take a flyer they were handing out, and I did, but it was just to be nice."

When Cat returned home from the conference, she logged on to NET Ministries’ Web site (www.netusa.org) to check it out. Before she knew it, she had spent three hours on the site.

“I said, ‘OK God, what are you doing? What do you want from me?’”

Soon, Cat applied to be a “NETter.” It was a tremendous step for her, even though she didn’t think she would be accepted.

“I wasn’t planning on getting in,” she said. “I was 17, I’ve been homeschooled, I have no college experience, I hardly have much life experience. I thought they would tell me to wait a few years and re-apply, but they invited me to join.”

After prayer and discernment, Cat decided that yes, she would give a year to NET Ministries and the youth it serves.

“I know now that this is where I’m supposed to be. There is no way that any of this would have fallen into place if God didn’t want me here,” she said.

In early August, Cat will depart for St. Paul, Minn., for several weeks of training led by NET Ministries. Because of her penchant for singing, she has been accepted into their music ministry program, where she will be trained in facilitating praise and worship sessions.

NET members are trained in the content of the Gospel message, leadership and team-building skills, and retreat ministry in an environment that includes daily Mass, Reconciliation, reflection on the saints, individual and communal prayer, and small-group discussion.

“NET Ministries wants to make sure you have a firm, rooted faith. They don’t want you to say, ‘I fully believe in the Catholic Church and all of its teachings,’ They want you to say, ‘I fully believe in the Catholic Church and all of its teachings, and I can back them up’,” Cat not- ed. “They want to make sure your faith is where it needs to be, because you can’t give what you don’t have.”

Small group discussion is an important component of NET Ministries retreats for young people.

“It’s where you engage and inspire them,” Cat poin - ted out. “That can be difficult to do, especially with the teens who are forced to be on the retreat. Those aren’t the teens who are going to be singing or participating. Those are the teens who are going to be in the corner with their arms crossed. But those are the teens we have to reach out to the most.”

Cat sees youth ministry as being vital to the life of the Church.

“If you are on fire with the faith as a teen or young adult, you’re more likely to keep that faith and that rela - tionship with God,” she said.

“When you see a passionate high school or middle school student involved in the faith and in love with God, that’s inspiring,” she added. “You see kids who are passionate about art, or sports, or school. When you see someone who is passionate about God, it makes you stop and think about your own faith.”

Throughout the nine months that Cat and the 11 other NETiers in her group will be facilitating retreats, they will be traveling in a van, and enjoying the hospitality of host families along the way. Cat will be able to return home for two weeks at Christmas, but otherwise will mainly keep in touch with family and friends through letters and an occasional phone call.

It’s a quite a transition, she admits, from the planning and scheduling that she prefers. “I’m leaving it all in God’s hands,” she said. “I think it will help me free myself from being stuck in my own schedule. This experience needs to be about God. It will be a good way for me to get into the habit of saying to God, ‘Here is what’s happening today. Tell me how I can offer this to you. Help me make this about you.’”

Cat is outgoing, easily approachable, and candid about her faith. Those qualities will undoubtedly serve her and the youth to whom she ministers – very well.

“If you ask me about my faith, I’m happy to share it with you,” she said. “After all, you talk the most about what you love the most.”

(For more information about NET Ministries, visit their Web site, www.netusa.org. To offer financial sup - port for Cat’s participation, donate at www.netusa.org/ donate, and put her name in the comments section. Or, contact Paul Ives at 651-450-6833 or pives@netusa.org.)

Pilgrimage for World Peace through Conversion

Thursday, August 1
National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, Md.

For the 26th year, the annual Pilgrim- age for World Peace through Conver- sion of Heart will be held at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. The pilgrimage is a day of prayer, reflection and spiritual growth.

The day will begin with orientation in the Chapel on the Hill at 10 a.m., fol - lowed by the Sacrament of Reconcilia- tion from 10:15-11:30 a.m., Rosary at the Grotto at 11:30 a.m. (weather permit- ting), Mass at the Grotto at noon (weath- er permitting) with principal celebrant and homilist, Father Daniel Richards. Lunch is on your own, followed by the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Prayer of Consecration at the Grotto from 2-2:30, and a Holy Hour with the Chapels of Divine Mercy in the Chapel from 2:30-3:30 (homilist, Deacon Mi- chael Grella). The day concludes at 4 p.m.

No transportation is provided. Parish- ioners are encouraged to carpool, and parishions are encouraged to rent a bus if feasible.

For further information, contact Dea - con Tom Lang at DeaconTomLang@ve- rizon.net or 717-599-1973.
By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service
One young man’s dream of becoming a Swiss Guard began with a postage stamp. Michael Odermatt said that when he was a small child, his father gave him a stamp depict- ing the ornately dressed papal soldier “and I was fascinated by that image and wanted to know everything about the Swiss Guard.”

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The Swiss Guards arrive for the swearing-in ceremony at the Vatican this past May 6.

For more information and updates, please visit www.hbgdiocese.org, www.faithandsafety.org, and faithandsafety.org.

The Swiss Guard is the elite private police force of the Holy See, which was established in 1527 to protect the pope and the residence of St. Peter’s Basilica. Over the years, its mission has evolved to include ceremonial duties and ensuring the safety of the pope and his entourage.

The Swiss Guards are trained in combat, physical fitness, weapons handling, and public relations. They are also responsible for maintaining order in the Vatican City State and protecting the pope from harm.

The annual swearing-in ceremony is held on May 6, the anniversary of the Sack of Rome, to commemorate the 147 Swiss Guards who were killed in the attack on the papal palace. The ceremony includes the presentation of new recruits, the introduction of new commanders, and the renewal of oaths by the previous year’s recruits.

The Swiss Guard is made up of 100 knights and 250 pages, who are all Swiss citizens and have completed rigorous training programs. They are sworn in for a two-year term and then have the option to reapply for another two-year term.

The Swiss Guard is funded by voluntary contributions from the faithful and is an autonomous entity of the Holy See, not part of any government.

For more information about the Swiss Guard, please visit the official website at www.hbgdiocese.org/ SwissGuard.
The church’s daily life.”

“Faith and worship, but by the way we conduct our ministries of service,” he added. “Faith and worship, but by the way we conduct our ministries of service, to shape the character of our country, not only by our words and worship, but by the way we conduct our ministries of service,” he added. “Faith and worship inspire and sustain the service the Church offers, yet the government is insinuating a contrary gospel in the church’s daily life.”

In addition to the HHS mandate, Archbishop Lori also condemned efforts to marginalize the Church’s definition of marriage through anti-discrimination laws, and to criminalize church-provided services to people who are living in the country illegally.

“In a May 31 letter sent to Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Archbishop Lori pointed to local campaigns to curtail freedom of speech and religion, including a Johns Hopkins University pro-life student organization that was initially denied club status, a Baltimore City ordinance compelling signage about abortion to be posted at pro-life crisis pregnancy centers, and a lawsuit seeking to end prayer at Carroll County Board of Commissioners meetings.


“We continue to live in an age of martyrs ... when believers are tortured and killed because they are believers in places like Iran, Iraq, China and Nigeria,” Archbishop Lori said in his June 21 homily. “Let us keep the flame of faith and the flame of freedom burning brightly not only for our children and for our children’s children, but also for the sake of these persecuted believers who see in our form of government and in our great land a beacon of hope.”

Maria Trejo, 33, a parishioner of St. Joseph in Cockeysville, said she shares Archbishop Lori’s concern about the HHS mandate and changing definition of marriage.

“We wanted to get more involved and see what we can do to help,” she told The Catholic Review, Baltimore’s archdiocesan newspaper. “We know that prayer has power, and we should never give up. We should fight for what we believe in, despite the politics against us.”

Robert Miller, 47, attended the fortnight Mass with his wife and two children. A parishioner of Holy Apostles in Gambrills, Miller said he feels “very strongly” about the need to protect religious freedom, and thinks Catholic business owners should also be exempt from the HHS mandate.

“Prayer is something that is very powerful, and the more you pray, the more you expect,” he said. “What you hope is that other people will come to pray, and it will become a huge movement. That way it will hopefully move the politicians and get us the traction that we need.”

On June 22 in Washington, the Knights of Columbus sponsored a 7 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph’s Church on Capitol Hill, followed by a candlelight vigil on the U.S. Capitol grounds.

The national event culminated with a July 4 noon Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

In the weekly radio show “Conversation with Cardinal Dolan” that aired June 18, New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan said he is hoping “wise voices will prevail” before the new rules for the Department of Health and Human Services’ contraceptive mandate take effect.

On June 28, the HHS issued a five-month extension on implementing the proposal, moving the date to Jan. 1, 2014, for some nonprofit entities.

The cardinal, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, was speaking with his co-host, Paulist Father Dave Dwyer, on the Catholic Channel SiriusXM.

The mandate, part of the Affordable Care Act, will require most employers, including religious employers, to provide a range of contraceptives, sterilization and some abortion-inducing drugs free of charge, even if the employer is morally opposed to such services.

When it was first issued, the HHS mandate included a narrow exemption applying only to those religious institutions that seek to inculcate their religious values and primarily employ and serve people of their own faith. On Feb. 1, the federal government issued new proposed rules that exempt organizations that are considered nonprofits under specific sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

Cardinal Dolan said the HHS accommodations were “a step in the right direction,” but he noted that they didn’t answer all the questions of the U.S. bishops. He said the proposals, along with more than 300,000 others, submitted recommendations to the HHS during a 60-day public comment period, which ended April 8.

He said he hopes government officials will consider the bishops’ response that the HHS mandate is a violation of conscience for Catholic and other religious entities morally opposed to what it requires.

“We’re kind of waiting now for this [final rules] to be announced so we’ll see what’s going to happen, he said, adding that he hopes “the government will make the next step in the right direction.”

The cardinal noted that the bishops were clear on the need to protect religious freedom “prevails” in the final decision on the rules to implement the mandate. He said he hopes the government will “prevail” in the final decision on the rules to implement the HHS contraceptive mandate.

“The government’s proposed definition of religious employer still reduces religious freedom to freedom of worship by limiting the exemption almost exclusively to houses of worship,” the USCCB said.

Cardinal Dolan said he remains optimistic the government will pay attention to the issues the bishops and cardinals have raised particularly about protecting religious conscience.

In his visit with President Barack Obama on the issue nearly three years ago, he said Obama told him that he wanted to protect religious freedom and he had the highest regard for the Catholic Church’s work in health, teaching and charity. He also told the cardinal that he didn’t want “anything this administration does to impede your good work.”

The cardinal said he hopes that such reasoning “prevails” in the final rules to implement the HHS contraceptive mandate.

Even if the Church could “morally justify some type of remote cooperation with these guidelines,” he added, “it is time to draw the line.” If the Church tries to comply, he added, “it is a slippery slope. Where will it stop?”
The Court got it wrong, they continued. “The federal government cannot refuse to uphold the truth that marriage is the union of one man and one woman, even where the State does so. Absent the Constitution’s guarantees of liberty and justice required to allow all rights to all people of faith.”

The bishops also said it was unfortunate that the court did not use this opportunity to uphold the Catholic Church’s teaching on marriage as expressed in the Church’s constitution of 1980 and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

They urged people to stand together in protecting the true meaning of marriage: “one man, one woman, for life.” They also asked for prayers “as the court’s decisions are reviewed and their implications further clarified.”

Archbishop William Lori said the court’s decisions were the “latest in a troubling trend of decisions that undermine the truth of marriage.” Now is the time to redouble our efforts in witness to this truth.

As reported by Catholic News Service, the federal Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, defining marriage as between one man and one woman is unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause, the Supreme Court ruled June 26.

In a separate case, the court sent back to lower courts a challenge to California’s Proposition 8, the voter-approved initiative barring same-sex marriage. In this case, the court upheld the 5-4 ruling by the State Supreme Court that the court remanded the case back to the lower federal courts, saying the individuals who defended the law in court lacked standing to do so.

Neither decision will have the effect of requiring states to honor same-sex marriages from other jurisdictions, but the DOMA ruling is likely to affect how the federal government must treat same-sex marriages for purposes ranging from Social Security benefits to taxation.

The case to uphold DOMA was taken up by a group of organizations opposed to same-sex marriage who had urged the court to issue rulings that upheld the traditional definition of marriage.

In 32 states, constitutional amendments ban same-sex marriage, while 12 states and the District of Columbia have legislated civil unions or domestic partnerships, with some having overlapping bans on same-sex marriage.

Pennsylvania’s law defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman and does not recognize “marriages” from other jurisdictions that do not meet that definition. The Philadelphia Archdiocese “will not challenge this law or does not protect it necessarily.”

The bishops urge respect for different viewpoints and seek to foster a culture of love and respect for all people, regardless of differences. They say that while the court’s decisions are “deeply troubling,” they are not a mandate for new behavior.

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Knights’ Local Arc Campaign Raises Funds for People with Disabilities

Members of Knights of Columbus Council 12532, based at St. John Neumann Church in Lancaster, extend sincere gratitude to those who contributed to their annual Arc campaign. Donations in support of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities totaled more than $1,400 for the second year in a row.

Seventy-five percent of the funds raised will go to The Arc of Lancaster County, and 25 percent to The Arc of Pennsylvania. These organizations provide advocacy, community education, information and referral on available services, and monitoring of services provided to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“Eight state budgets in recent years have deprived this organization of funds needed to provide valuable services and support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families,” said Joe Hainthaler, chairman of the Arc Campaign for the council. “We are all God’s children, and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are therefore deserving of the acceptance and support of our community.”

This year marks the 35th year of the Knights of Columbus of Pennsylvania’s “Measure Up” campaign, during which members collect contributions and hand out rulers to raise public awareness about The Arc and its mission. More than $5 million has been raised over the past 35 years of the campaign for The Arc of Pennsylvania and its chapters across the commonwealth.
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See page 11 for a listing of festivals and picnics.

**Spiritual Offerings**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Children** is held in the perpetual adoration chapel at St. Joseph Parish in Mount Pocono, Pa. For information, call Jo Ann M. Capitani at 717-657-4961.

**The Daily Eucharistic Prayer** will be presented by Father Francis Karwacki, Diocesan Liaison for Spiritual Offerings. The daily Eucharistic Prayer will take place at 5 a.m., 8 a.m., followed by coffee and donuts, a talk on the role of the family in the evangelization of the Roman Empire from 9:30-10:30 a.m., and a talk on the liturgical year from 11:45 a.m., lunch, and a talk on martyrdom and Eucharist from 1-2 p.m. Cost is $30 in advance or $35 at the door. Registration deadline is Aug. 31. For additional information, visit www.hbgdiocese.org or call 717-657-4964.

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**Trinity School High School Boys’ Lacrosse** will host its summer youth boys’ and girls’ lacrosse camp at the school in Camp Hill. July 15-16 at 9:30 a.m. each day, under the direction of the boys' varsity head coach, David Heisey. The camp is open to current 2nd through 8th grade boys at $70 each. Information at Trinity High School's website or by calling Scott Lindsey at 717-767-3873.

**Catholic Harvest Food Pantry** presents its 1st Annual Golf Tournament July 16 at Honey Run Golf Course. Shotgun start begins at noon with registration and refreshments starting at 9:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit the pantry and the ARC of Pennsylvania, which supports mentally and physically challenged people in the Harrisburg Diocese. Deadline to register is July 5. More information, contact Bill Schuck at 717-877-1193.

**The fifth annual John DeStefano Memorial Golf Outing** will be held, Aug. 13 at Grandview Golf Club in York. Sign-ups begin July 1. For information, contact Chuck Mayo at 717-569-2394 or the parish office 717-569-8531. Cost is $35 and includes coffee, breakfast, lunch, tee, cart, and prizes. Proceeds benefit pro-life and other council charities.

**The Knights of Columbus of St. John Neumann Council 12532 will host their 13th Annual Pig & Corn Roast on the fairgrounds at Lebanon Catholic School in Lebanon, Aug. 18. The event is open to anyone in the Harrisburg Diocese. Deadline to register is July 5. More information, contact Bill Schuck at 717-877-1193 or find a registration form at www.lebanoncatholic.org.

**Events & Fund-Raisers**

**Trinity School High School cheerleaders** will host a summer youth girls’ cheerleading camp July 22-26 from 9 a.m. to noon at Trinity High School’s gymnasium. Proceeds benefit the team and the ARC of Pennsylvania. Cost is $60 per camper, and information can be found at www.hbgdiocese.org or by calling Scott Lindsey at 717-767-3873.

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**The Holy Name of Jesus Council #14081 of the Knights of Columbus will host the Peter Czajka Memorial Golf Outing – Aug. 24 at Deer Valley Golf Course in Lebanon. The four-person scramble tournament starts at 1-2 p.m. Cost is $50 per player and includes golf, cart, lunch, and dinner. No golfer? Consider being a cart, hole or beverage sponsor. For information or to sign up for the event, contact Chuck Mayo at 717-569-2394 or the parish office 717-569-8531. Proceeds benefit pro-life and other council charities.

**Lebanon Catholic School’s Athletic Association presents its 1st Annual John DeStefano Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held Aug. 18. The tournament benefits Lebanon Catholic Athletic Association activities, which includes scholarships, and all proceeds are 100% for students. Cost to enter or to sponsor is Aug. 18.

**The 2013 Special Olympics golf tournament** hosted by the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council #10502 in Palmyra, will be held Sept. 14 at Royal Oak Golf Club in Lebanon. The four-person team scramble tournament starts at 11 a.m. Spor- ticipants are available. The $75 fee includes cart, lunch and beverages. For more information or to sign up for the event, contact Chuck Mayo at 717-569-2394 or the parish office 717-569-8531. Proceeds benefit pro-life and other council charities.

**Bible School** is being held this summer as a better serve the community, so they found a new and brighter location that is more easily accessible for their students. The Bible School is open to children from 3rd through 8th grade. For more information, contact Scott Lindsey at 717-632-7384, Toll-Free: 888-632-9510.

**Vocations**

**Keg Stand** on the roof of the rectory will be open for business. For more information, contact the rectory office at 717-767-3873.

**Heritage** of our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Mount Carmel will be the celebrant. This monthly Mass is sponsored by the Pilgrims of Praise and Life Spirit group. The Mass will be held in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8 a.m., followed by coffee and donuts, a talk on spiritual growth from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost is $30 in advance or $35 at the door. Registration deadline is Aug. 31. For additional information, visit www.hbgdiocese.org or call 717-657-4964.

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Diocesan Natives Celebrate First Masses

Father John Paul Mary, MFVA, formerly Joshua Zeller, celebrated Masses of Thanksgiving at his home parish of St. John the Baptist in New Freedom on June 30. He was ordained to the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word on June 22 at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham, Ala.

The Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word were founded in 1987 by Mother Angelica. Their primary residence is in Irondale, Ala., next door to the Eternal Word Television Network. Their apostolate is to communicate the Catholic faith by word and example, and involves using the media – television, radio and the Internet – as well as publishing and conducting retreats.

A native of New Freedom, Father John Paul Mary earned an associate’s degree in engineering from DeVry Institute of Technology in 2000. He became a seminarian for the Diocese of Harrisburg shortly after graduation. Following a visit to the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word, he entered the community in October 2004. He completed his theological studies at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary on May 4, 2012, earning a Masters in Divinity.

He has overseen the EWTN Pilgrimage Department, helping with various community administrative duties, and assisting with the community website. He will continue to minister at EWTN as a priest. "I still cannot believe I’m standing here. This is the best thing that has ever happened in my life," Father John Paul Mary told the congregation gathered for the first of two Masses he celebrated at his home parish. "No one deserves or earns this title of priest," he said. "It is a gift and a privilege."

Father Brian Zumbrum, OSFS, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish, Holy Name of Jesus Church in Harrisburg, June 30, three days after being ordained to the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales.

A native of Harrisburg, Father Zumbrum attended Holy Name of Jesus School and Bishop McDevitt High School before entering DeSales University in the fall of 2003. There, he graduated with a degree in history, secondary education certification, and a minor in philosophy, and entered the seminary. He earned a Master of Divinity Degree from the Washington Theological Union in May of this year.

Father Zumbrum was ordained on June 27 at St. Thomas More Church in Allentown, Pa. He has been assigned to work as a full-time teacher and chaplain at Nativity Prep in Wilmington, Del. The mission of the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales is to grow as a religious community in loving union with God and with each other, to share their Charism with the People of God, and affirm them in “living Jesus” as the needs of the Church dictate. Following the example of their founder, Father Louis Brisson, and in accordance with the spirit of St. Francis de Sales, the Oblates place themselves under the guidance of the Holy See in the pursuit of this mission.

“It’s a wonderful day, a great celebration of the Church,” Father Zumbrum said of celebrating his first Mass at his home parish. He expressed gratitude for the many family members, friends, parishioners, and the members of his school communities who gathered for the Mass. “They say behind every good priest is a good foundation, and I have one of the best,” Father Zumbrum said.