“...and I will give you shepherds” 
Jeremiah 3:15

Pentecost Collection
May 24, 2015
Bishop Gainer: Clerical Dress for Permanent Deacons

Bishop Gainer instructs Permanent Deacons that they may wear clerical garb; gray, Roman collar shirt with ‘Deacon Cross’ and dark suit beginning Pentecost Sunday

The Ministry of Permanent Deacons and Clerical Attire

Bishop Gainer has granted permission for the permanent deacons of the Diocese of Harrisburg to wear clerical attire to identify them in particular pastoral settings. The color gray rather than black is designated to distinguish the deacon from the priest. Just as with the priest, clerical dress is designed to designate the deacon as a servant and signal the sacramental presence of the ordained minister.

“The origin of the diaconate is the consecration and mission of Christ, in which the deacon is called to share. Through the imposition of hands and the prayer of consecration, he is constituted a sacred minister and a member of the hierarchy. This condition determines his theological and juridical status in the Church.”

The National Directory states the following regarding clerical dress and the Permanent Deacon:

“The Code of Canon Law does not obligate permanent deacons to wear an ecclesiastical garb. Further, because they are prominent and active in secular professions and society, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops specifies that permanent deacons should resemble the faithful in dress and matters of lifestyle. Each diocesan bishop should, however, determine and promulgate any exceptions to this law, as well as specify the appropriate clerical attire if it is to be worn.” (1989)

Diocesan Policy Regarding Clerical Attire for Permanent Deacons

Effective Sunday, May 24, Pentecost, Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, DD, grants permission for the permanent deacons of the Diocese of Harrisburg to wear the distinctive gray clerical shirt with a Roman collar and embroidered ‘deacon cross’ (coordinated with a black or dark colored suit), if they so choose, for particular pastoral settings. Clerical dress for the Permanent Deacon should be regarded as the exception and not the norm.

Clerical dress may be worn by the Permanent Deacon when exercising his ministry in the following approved pastoral and ecclesial settings:

1. Whenever accompanying the Bishop.
2. Serving as a parish administrator, manager or pastoral associate.
3. Visiting or serving as chaplain in prisons and jails.
4. Visiting or serving as chaplain in nursing homes, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, or hospice.
5. Officiating at funerals, wakes and burial services.
6. Officiating at weddings.
7. Attending at ecumenical or interfaith association meetings.
8. Attending and/or officiating invocations at secular functions as an ordained clergyman.
9. Representing the diocese, formally or informally at special regional meetings, e.g., papal visits, Eucharistic congresses, etc.
10. Other parish ministries.

Clerical attire is not to be worn outside these settings.

Perennial Deacons in clerical attire should be especially conscious of their role as a visible and public representative of the Church and should conduct themselves accordingly.
Trucks of Aid begin Reaching Remote Areas of Nepal

By Anto Akkara
Catholic News Service

Truckloads of relief material organized by Church charities began moving across Nepal a week after the Himalayan nation was rocked by a magnitude-7.8 earthquake April 25.

“I am glad that much-needed aid is finally beginning to reach remote areas,” Greg Auberry, Catholic Relief Services’ regional director for East and South Asia, told Catholic News Service May 4.

Auberry had just returned to Kathmandu from Gorkha – just 85 miles from the capital but five hours of rough mountain drive – where CRS and Caritas Nepal staff had distributed relief material like tarps, dry rations, hygiene items and water purification tablets.

“Given the mountainous terrain, getting relief supplies to even the most convenient locations for people to collect them is not easy. It took CRS several hours with small tractors – one getting stuck – to get the tarps and household supplies to the village of Bukran near Gorkha,” said Auberry, who oversaw relief distribution in the region May 3.

“People walked miles to come,” he added.

Nine days after the quake, the Nepal government revised the death toll to more than 7,200 killed and 14,300 injured, while thousands have gone missing.

Father Fius Perumana, Caritas Nepal director, told CNS that besides CRS contingent, officials of a dozen national Caritas affiliates like CATFOD, Cordaid and Caritas of nearly a dozen countries had reached Nepal to augment the church relief work.

“While relief material is being sent to different remote areas, our assessment teams also have gone to the worst-hit areas. We are meeting on a daily basis to coordinate the relief work,” Father Perumana said.

“Relief materials are being already procured from wherever we can,” said Albert Grasse Hokamp, coordinator of Caritas Germany for East Asia.

Hokamp, who has spent several years in Nepal with international charities, said food and other relief supplies have been ordered from India, tents from Pakistan and Dubai, and medicines from Europe.

“We are working as a team and need to coordinate and plan our relief work,” he added.

While top Church workers plan out the strategies, Church centers and parishes in Kathmandu are a hive of volunteer and charitable activity. Even Hindu volunteers have joined Catholic youth and others to prepare parcels of tea, sugar and lentils for distribution in the villages.

“My friend in Caritas [Nepal] invited me. I am happy to be here instead of idling the time at home with our college shut because of the earthquake,” Usha Thapa, a Hindu undergraduate student, told CNS May 1 while filling lentil packets for distribution at Assumption Catholic Church in Lalitpur.

Neeru Shreshta, another young Hindu woman, said she came to the church prompted by Thapa and enjoys the work.

“I have been coming here for two days and last night at 9 p.m.,” Thapa said proudly.

Three dozen Western tourists also were preparing relief packets at a frantic pace as if they were working in a factory.

“We came here as tourists. But we can’t do much in the present situation. When we were invited to come here, we joined gladly,” said Tave Teloye of the Canadian province of Ontario. He and his children, Alan and Juliet, formed a packing unit at the Assumption Church hall.

Doren Graham, a university student from New Zealand, was in his hotel room in Kathmandu when the quake hit, a day after he arrived in Kathmandu.

“I came for trekking. Though it is not possible now, I will extend my stay to be a relief after witnessing the devastation and the suffering,” Graham said.

Meanwhile, Catholic communities in Nepal were mobilizing all of their resources.

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“On Sunday, some of our sisters and others walked seven hours to reach relief material to the people in some of the villages,” she said.
The Capuchin Franciscan Order is one of the three groups or First Order of the family founded by St. Francis of Assisi in the 1200s. It is considered a reform group that was given approval by the pope in 1528. All three groups – Franciscans, Conventual Franciscans and Capuchin Franciscans – follow the same rule written by St. Francis. The Constitutions, or particular legislation of each group, is different. Usually, the differences have to do on focus and practices, especially regarding the vow of poverty.

At present time, there are approximately 10,500 Capuchin friars in the world, divided into some 100 jurisdictions worldwide. Here in the United States, there are six provinces and one custody with a combined number of about 700.

In the Diocese of Harrisburg, the Capuchins minister at three parishes and are hospital chaplains at three hospitals. They also minister at two prisons.

The ministry of the order is varied, and living in fraternity is an essential part of Capuchin life. There must be at least three friars living together for common prayer, meals, recreation and support. The order is comprised of both priests and religious brothers.

The formation process begins with a year of postulancy, where new candidates live together and are given formation in religious life, Catholic church and some ministry among the poor. If approved, the candidate goes on to the novitiate, where he will receive the habit of the order and spend a year of intense training in preparation to make vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for three years. Following the novitiate, the newly professed friar begins his post-novitiate formation, either as a religious brother or as a candidate for priesthood. After three years of temporary vows, he may petition for perpetual vows.

For additional information and resources about the Year of Consecrated Life, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/clergy/information highlighting various communities of consecrated life in our diocese.

By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

Recently, I was doing research on a talk that I was presenting on virtues and how to live a virtuous life. As I began searching within Google, I came across a wonderful website called Virtue Videos. One of the videos on that website is about a three-year-old girl named Emily. It seems that Emily realized that there was a chance in the world who are sick and, as a result of their illness, they lose their hair. Emily’s trusses were about waist level and she was determined to make these sick children happy again by donating her hair to them. The video focuses on the moment in which she cuts her hair as well as her dolly’s hair.

Her graciousness in giving her hair to someone whom she does not meet is one example of the virtue of generosity. Her actions and the explanation in which she gives witness brought tears to my eyes. How could someone so young understand what virtue and generosity are all about? How can someone so small in age have such wisdom? Her desire in wanting to make other children happy in their illness could be viewed as – shall I dare to say – prophetic. She declares, “Sometimes kids get sick. And, their hair falls out. That’s really, really sad. I don’t want any kids to be sad that they have no hair. What I want to do is give them my hair.”

According to Google, a prophet is a person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God. An individual can proclaim God not merely through words but more importantly through their actions.

Pope Francis, in the Apostolic Letter for the Year of Consecrated Life, describes a prophet in this manner: “Prophets receive from God the ability to scrutinize the times in which they live and to interpret events: they are like sentinels who keep watch in the night and sense the coming of the dawn (cf. Is 21:11-12). Prophets know God and they know the men and women who are their brothers and sisters. They are able to discern and denounce the evil of sin and injustice. Because they are free, they are beholden to no one but God, and they have no interest other than God. Prophets tend to be on the side of the poor and the powerless, for they know that God himself is on their side.” (Section 2, 2) In short, prophets look toward heaven as they plant their feet wherever they find themselves in life.

Prophets, I believe, proclaim a vision that sparks a creative response to the call of self-giving, of fraternity between and among all people that spurs change for the better. This change creates a newness of perspec- tive that is indeed contagious and filled with joy that overflows and is embedded within every act and word.

But it’s not just about them or the message they proclaim. It’s all about echoing Christ’s selfless gift of salvation within their lives TODAY! It’s all about living the Eucharist in the 21st century in south central Pennsylvania! There are prophets alive today, within our diocese, living and working next to us! Emily is one. What about you?

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A Glimpse of the Capuchin Franciscans

During the Year of Consecrated Life, which opened on November 30, Pope Francis calls upon all Catholics to thank God for the gifts that members of religious orders have given to the Church, and to join them in prayer and support them in their ministries.

“Let them know the affection and the warmth which the entire Christian people feels for them,” the pope said in a letter issued for the special year, which will conclude on Feb. 2, 2016, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

In observance of the Year of Consecrated Life, The Catholic Witness will offer here a special series by Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC, who will reflect on the beauty and ministry of consecrated life. This series will be accompanied by information highlighting various communities of consecrated life in our diocese.

For additional information and resources about the Year of Consecrated Life, visit the Web site of the National Religious Vocation Conference at www.nrvc.net. To learn about vocations in the diocese, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/clergy/vocations/.

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Thoughts from a Catholic Evangelist
Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Father McLoughlin Honored with NCEA Distinguished Pastor Award for Dedication to Our Mother of Perpetual Help School

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

At Our Mother of Perpetual Help School in Ephrata, Father John McLoughlin, CSSR, lives Jesus’ instruction to the disciples: “Let the children come to me.”

The Redemptorist priest, who is pastor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, is part of the students’ experience in academic, extracurricular and faith-based offerings at the Lancaster County school.

“There is a great sense of connectedness and joy here,” Father McLoughlin said as he waved to students bounding down the hallway to their classrooms on a recent spring afternoon.

“The enthusiasm, love and free spirit of the children are what I most enjoy at the school. They lift me up.”

It’s a reciprocal relationship between the priest and the students, perhaps nowhere more evident than during a school-wide ceremony last month honoring Father McLoughlin as a recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Pastor Award.

The prestigious honor, bestowed on 12 pastors across the nation by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), recognizes their dedication and commitment to excellence in Catholic schools.

On April 13, several days after Father McLoughlin received the award at the NCEA convention in Orlando, Fla., students, faculty and administrators from Our Mother of Perpetual Help School gathered in the school gym to celebrate and express their gratitude for his ministry there.

Seated in a special office chair that students created and decorated for him, Father McLoughlin graciously accepted songs, poems, letters and cards that the children presented.

Yet he told them during the assembly, “This award is all about you – the students, the faculty, the parents, the staff.”

In an interview with The Catholic Witness, he expounded: “We have to work together, because Catholic education is such a viable part of the world we live in.”

“There is a reason why people send their children to Catholic schools. They find Catholic education is such a viable part of the world we live in.”

In the classroom, he teaches a weekly morality class for second-graders preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and leads prayer services during Advent and the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

“The classroom is a weekly morality class for eighth-graders and special classes for second-graders preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time,” Father McLoughlin said.

He’s supportive of extracurricular activities, too, cheering students during basketball games and portraying characters – in costume – during Christmas plays, talent shows and fund-raising events.

“It’s part of the mission to help students grow in the faith, Father McLoughlin remarked.

“I can be very serious with the students in terms of talking about our Catholic values, but then they can also see me having fun with them. I think that balance puts things into perspective for the students, so that when I teach them about morality, they take it seriously and feel confident to share their thoughts and questions because we have a good connection,” he said.

“If we’re going to attract vocations, if we want people to be part of the Church, kids need to feel comfortable enough to joke around with priests, but also know that they can come talk about questions or concerns,” Father McLoughlin said. “We have to show that priests are ordinary people.

“We can be out on the basketball court shooting hoops, dressing up in a school play, or enjoying lunch with students. Then they will come to realize that God is working through clergy, religious and lay faculty. That’s the benefit of Catholic education – we can talk about God, and we don’t need to give witness to the faith by how we live our lives.”

Father McLoughlin grew up in an Irish-Catholic family in Brooklyn, and was raised in a parish served by Redemptorist priests – Our Lady of Perpetual Help – from which 395 young men have joined the religious order. The order was founded in 1732 by St. Alphonsus Liguori to preach the Gospel to the poor.

Father McLoughlin was ordained on May 9, 1992, at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Prior to his ministry in Ephrata, he served in Baltimore, on the Island of Dominica in the West Indies, and in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. He has served as pastor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help since 2011, following three years of ministry as parochial vicar there.

On the occasion of Father McLoughlin’s recognition by the NCEA as a Distinguished Pastor, Bishop Ronald Gainer remarked, “Catholic elementary schools have a rich tradition of dedicated pastors who inspire their communities with their leadership. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and gifted priest serving in our diocese. Father McLoughlin is a blessing to his parish and school. I congratulate him on this national honor.”

Margaret Gardner, principal of Our Mother of Perpetual Help School, remarked that Father McLoughlin “values Catholic education and the well-being of the parish school among the most important ministries of the parish. Recognizing that the future of our Church lies with the children, he is passionately dedicated to providing a quality, affordable, Catholic education to our children. He is ardent in assuring the strength of the Catholic identity of the school, and makes every effort to provide the materials and resources needed to offer our children an excellent education.”

In the hallways and classrooms of the school, Father McLoughlin greets the students by name, and they reciprocate with smiles and high-fives.

“Jesus is at the center of everything we do. He has to be,” Father McLoughlin said.

“Teaches us by example. When he says, ‘Let the children come to me,’ it says to me that the children are the future of our faith, and it’s important that they can feel comfortable to share their faith and pass it on to the next generation.”

Father John McLoughlin, CSSR, pastor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Ephrata, and recent recipient of the NCEA’s Distinguished Pastor Award, enjoys camaraderie at the parochial school, where he is present on a daily basis. With Father McLoughlin are, front row from left, Isabelle Erb, Kyra Francis, Christopher Baumer, Dominick Naimo and Rylee Kemaghan. In the back row from left are Principal Margaret Gardner, Matthew Flynn, Ryan Graczyk, Father McLoughlin, Daniel McTamney-Presta and Kyle Francis.

Recently, the Diocesan Department for Catholic Schools honored several high school students who have been awarded the Ray Tyo St. Ferdinand Scholarship. The scholarship was founded by Mr. Ray Tyo in gratitude for his Catholic education. It is made available to students who graduate from a Catholic high school in the diocese and who wish to attend a Catholic college or university. The Foundation presently provides a scholarship of $1,000 per semester for four years of undergraduate study. Applications are made available to the guidance offices of the Catholic high schools in the diocese in the fall, and the school nominates the students for the scholarship to the Foundation Board.

This year’s awardees are shown with Father Edward J. Quinlan, Diocesan Secretary for Education, at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. From left are Matthew Richardson of Bishop McDevitt, who will attend seminary; Katherine Hernandez of Delone Catholic, who will attend DeSales; Dakota Marion of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional, who will attend St. Francis; Chandler Bankos of York Catholic, who will attend Mount St. Mary’s; and Emily Harwell of Bishop McDevitt, who will attend DeSales.
Diocese Journeys Toward World Meeting of Families with Prayerful, Catechetical Events This Summer

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

In just four months, the eyes of the Church will turn to the city of Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families, a worldwide gathering that takes place every three years to examine ways of strengthening the sacred bond of marriage. Initiated by St. John Paul II in 1994, the gathering draws families, individuals and Church leaders from around the globe to share thoughts and dialogue on the Christian family’s crucial role in the Church and in society.

The meeting will commence on Sept. 22 with four days of keynote speakers and breakout sessions, daily Mass and youth activities at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, and will culminate with Pope Francis’ visit for a Festival of Families celebration on Sept. 26 and a Papal Mass on Sept. 27 on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

In anticipation of this historic event, the Diocese of Harrisburg is planning several gatherings of catechesis and prayer in June and July to help individuals and families prepare their hearts for the transformative gathering in Philadelphia.

In June, four diocesan parishes will host “Christ, True Hope for the Family: An Evening of Reflection and Adoration,” featuring Bishop Ronald Gainer, best-selling author and presenter Christopher West, and musician Jason Clark. The daylong conference will focus on God’s plan for man, marriage and family, will then talk about the “eucharistic understanding of the family” as a means of hope. The evenings will conclude with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

“Eucharist is where we receive the love that is the deepest foundation of marriage and family life. The very reason that marriage is made as male and female and called to the holy communion of marriage and family life is to reveal and lead us to the Holy Communion of Christ and the Church that is consummated in the Eucharist,” Mr. West remarked. “St. John Paul II described the Eucharist as ‘the sacrament of the Bridegroom and of the Bride.’ Spouses are the constant and indispensable means for a fruitful marriage and family spirituality; God’s plan for marriage; and ways of finding hope and healing for wounded marriages and families.”

The diocesan conference is $15 per person, includes lunch, and concludes with a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer.

“On a natural level, [the World Meeting of Families] is raising awareness of the importance of marriage and family life to the Church. On a supernatural level, there are always spiritual seeds planted deep in the soil of our hearts, our parishes, our dioceses with a papal visit,” Mr. West said. “I think we can expect WMF to bear fruit for years to come.”

“This is a great moment of grace for the Church in the U.S., and in a particular way for us here in the neighboring diocese to the papal visit,” he said. “But, as we know, the operation of grace in our lives is not automatic. We need to do all we can to dispose ourselves, to open ourselves to the operation of grace. Bishop Gainer has such a heart for families and he wanted to provide a way for his people here in the Diocese of Harrisburg to be prayerfully prepared for this grace-filled event. And, surely, there will be some who won’t be able to make it to Philadelphia when Pope Francis comes. This is a way for us to share in the spirit and grace of the event right here in our own diocese.”

(For information about the diocesan events in June and July, and to register for the July conference, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/journey or call 717-637-4804 ext. 322. For information about the World Meeting of Families events in Philadelphia, visit www.worldmeeting2015.org.)
Lois Knapp  
Religion Teacher  
Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg

I see Catholic education as the process of developing the whole person—body and soul, mind, heart and spirit. It calls all involved—teachers, students, parents, staff and administrators—to embrace their God-like uniqueness and become a vibrant part of the Body of Christ. This is what makes Catholic education authentic and grounded. The academic standards set, the discipline expected and the quality of performance strived for by everyone within the system identifies us. Along with the strong community spirit and the interaction of home and school, an atmosphere of high interest and concern permeates everything we do. All these are reasons why I wholeheartedly choose to teach in a Catholic school.

Teaching, however, goes beyond the imparting of knowledge. I have found that if you want students to learn, you must first hear, and so the necessity of a listening heart. This is the heart that hears the plea for recognition in students’ silence and also responds to the exuberant joy of their sweet sixteenth birthday. Also essential to the everyday of a teacher is the challenge of calling for the goodness within each student, whether we are celebrating placing first in the state FBLA competition or losing a state championship game by a few points—and so the necessity of a loving heart. As I reflect, I do not see my work as a teacher as a job, but as an act of love—one that gives life to others and, amazingly, also to me.

Golden Apples

Now in its tenth year in the Diocese of Harrisburg, the annual Golden Apple Awards are presented to Catholic school educators who demonstrate professional excellence, leadership, commitment to Catholic values and devotion to teaching. In May and June editions, The Catholic Witness is featuring this year’s seven recipients from the schools in which they teach. Their remarks are drawn from essays they wrote as part of their nomination packet. The Golden Apple recipients were honored at a dinner at the Cardinal Keeler in Harrisburg on May 12, where they received a $5,000 cash award, a Golden Apple, a certificate and a photo with Bishop Ronald Gainer. Awardees are nominated by parents, students or fellow teachers. The program is made possible by the generosity of the Donahue Family Foundation in Pittsburgh. Learn more about the program and nominations at http://www.hbgdiocese.org/catholic-schools/golden-apple/

Find out more about a Catholic school education at www.hbgdiocese.org/schools

Linda Gurka  
First Grade Teacher  
St. Joseph School, Mechanicsburg

I try to follow the lead of Jesus, who was the ultimate teacher. He loved all of his disciples just as I love all my students. I felt, and continue to feel, that it is important to share my love of Jesus with my students. I have always believed that my job as a teacher is much more than teaching reading and writing. It is also about encouraging my students to have a love of learning. The academics would come, but the love and desire to learn has to be developed. Students learn more from the example teachers present than from the words that teachers speak. I am very aware of this, and make a conscious effort to live and teach in accordance with the values of honesty, kindness toward others, and generosity of spirit.

...Teaching must be much more than a job. It must be a way of life. For it to be more than a job, it must be an act of love. That love must be unconditional. I love my students for whatever they bring to the classroom.

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. I am so appreciative that I am part of that village, and I was able to do that in a Catholic school environment. Every year, I thank my parents for allowing me to be part of that village and entrusting me with their most prized possession. I am very grateful for having the opportunity to teach in a Catholic school. God has blessed me.
Pentecost Sunday Collection
May 24, 2015

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Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, 2015 Pentecost Letter

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Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, 2015 Pentecost Letter
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*Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, 2015 Pentecost Letter*

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*Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, 2015 Pentecost Letter*
U.S. Priest Lives with ‘Suffering Christ’ at U.N. Base in South Sudan

By Paul Jeffrey
Catholic News Service

Behind the blue-helmeted U.N. soldiers ringing the periphery, their tanks and heavy weapons pointed outward, Maryknoll Father Mike Bassano’s parish is a tightly packed maze of tents and tarpaulins filled with people living from war.

Father Bassano is the only priest amid the 25,000 civilians who live inside the civilian protection area of the U.N. base in Malakal, South Sudan.

“This is where the Church should be,” the 66-year-old priest from Binghamton, New York, told Catholic News Service.

“I am a Catholic priest, and I meet with them late in the afternoon over tea. It is well-run by laypeople in the camp. He spends his days here, and then he goes to another camp,” he said.

Most of the people living inside the Malakal base came seeking refuge when fighting broke out in late 2013. A political feud in Juba between the country’s president and former vice president, who come from different tribes, quickly spread throughout the country, rupturing the army along ethnic lines.

Father Bassano had been in Malakal two months when the war broke out. He came to South Sudan from Tanzania to be part of Solidarity with South Sudan, an international community of Catholic groups supporting the training of teachers, health care workers and pastoral agents in the world’s newest country. Living in Solidarity’s Malakal teacher training college with other members of the group, he was learning Arabic, visiting hospitals and working with pastoral workers in a local parish.

And then the shooting started Dec. 24, 2013, and he was forced to crouch on the floor of a bathroom – it was the best protected room in the house – with three Catholic sisters.

“They had all seen war before, but this was my first time,” said Father Bassano. “All I could say was, ‘Lord, I don’t want to die now, but may your will be done.’ We prayed that Jesus, the prince of peace, would protect us and the people.”

After four days, the shooting let up and the group eventually made its way past burned vehicles and bullet-riddled bodies to the U.N. base. Father Bassano ended up being evacuated to Rumbek, where he helped at a girls’ school run by an Irish congregation.

But his heart was back in Malakal.

The fighting continued for months, however. Malakal changed hands six times. Most of the pastoral workers in the diocese remained in other areas of the country.

The U.S. priest eventually returned last September, yet he found most of the city’s 250,000 people were not there. Solidarity’s college had been looted, and the city was still unsafe, so Father Bassano moved into the U.N. camp to accompany the people living there.

He works with a Catholic community that he said is well-run by laypeople in the camp. He spends his mornings walking through the camp, stopping to listen to people, taking note of concrete needs that he passes on to catechists and the Legion of Mary when he meets with them late in the afternoon over tea.

The camp has not been exempt from the ethnic tensions that cause bloodshed outside. When youth gangs formed inside the camp, the parish organized a music and dance group, intentionally involving youth from different tribes.

In December, the congregation built a makeshift sanctuary out of wooden poles and tarp material. Because it’s located in a largely Nuer section of the camp, Father Bassano said, its dedication was an opportunity to discuss difficult issues.

“The Church isn’t a place; it’s a way of being together. So even though we’re in a Nuer area of the camp, we intentionally invited Shilluk and Dinka from other areas of the camp, especially the youth, to come here. It’s a place where diverse people come to become one people, worshipping God together. Every time we gather on Sunday for worship, we are a family of God, not divided by tribe, at peace with each other,” he said.

The priest said unity took on special significance during this year’s Good Friday liturgy, which came at the end of a Holy Week in which Malakal erupted in renewed fighting, not between the government and rebels, but between different ethnic factions within the army. Over a three-day period, more than 4,600 new civilians sought refuge in the camp.

On Good Friday afternoon, Father Bassano said, three people were reading the Passion narrative in Arabic from the Gospel of St. John when his cell phone rang. He said he usually turns it off for worship, but some intuitive sense made him leave it on that day.

“I’m sitting behind the altar and the phone starts ringing. People are noticing so I have to answer it. It takes me a moment to get it out from under my robe, and I answer in a low voice, sort of crouched down behind the altar so no one would see, even though that’s hard to do,” he said.

It was a relief official, telling the priest that she needed space to house 230 people. Could they use the church? Father Bassano asked when, and she said right away.

“When the Passion reading ended, I told the people that we were celebrating the historical death of Jesus. ‘But today it is happening again in the suffering of people who are right now on their way to be with us,’” I said. “Will we take them in?” The people said yes and applauded. My phone rang again and the woman told me they were on their way,” Father Bassano said.

“At the end of Communion, I looked out the door of the church and there they were, walking toward us, some with buckets and mats on their heads. So I said... let us go now in the peace of Christ to welcome our sisters and brothers. And we did. We took the chairs out of the church and the people came in, and soon the space was full.”

“We didn’t only pray the ritual of Good Friday. We lived it by welcoming the suffering Christ among us,” he said.

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Baltimore Prays for Peace, Progress in Addressing Systemic Injustices

By Erik Zygmont
Catholic News Service

Prayer provides the strength and patience needed to love neighbors and will help Baltimorans as they address the injustices that led to a night of rioting and looting, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore said.

“Given my occupation, I think it’s important to start every occasion this way,” Archbishop Lori said in response to a reporter’s question May 3, which was designated by Maryland Gov. Lawrence J. Hogan Jr. as a day of prayer and peace for Baltimore’s healing.

The calls for prayer followed hours of rioting and looting the night of April 27-28 that rocked West Baltimore. The violence came in response to the death of Freddie Gray, who died April 19, a week after he was seriously injured while in police custody.

Joined by Hogan, his wife, Yumi, parishioners and a dozen news crews, Archbishop Lori celebrated the day with a special Mass at St. Peter Claver Parish, located in Baltimore’s Sandown-Winchester neighborhood, where Gray lived, and which was the center of the violence.

Residents and parishioners were hopeful that change was in motion.

“This is a beginning process,” said parishioner Jamie Johnson. “We all want the same thing – peace. We want justice, peace and unity in the city.”

Darlene Allen is a resident of East Baltimore, but became a parishioner of St. Peter Claver because, “the moment I stepped inside the church, I knew I belonged because of the community,” she said.

“This was more than an unfortunate death. The youth feel that nobody’s listening to them. I pray that things are on the upswing,” Auxiliary Bishop Denis J. Madden celebrated Mass at St. Gregory the Great Parish, located near where Gray was initially arrested. At 5:15 p.m. Mass May 2 at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Severna Park south of the city, Father Marc Lanoue, associate pastor, connected the fear referenced in Acts 9:26-31, the first reading of the day, to the situation.

“We can’t always be in control, so we become fearful,” Father Lanoue said. The accountability for which the people of Baltimore are asking “is an accountability we must demand of ourselves,” he said.

At Our Lady of Hope Parish in suburban Dundalk, parishioners sang the “Prayer of St. Francis,” the words of which took on special meaning in the wake of Gray’s death and the subsequent riots.

In his homily, Father T. Austin Murphy Jr., pastor, said he noticed that some are asking the question “What is Jesus doing?” The question is flawed, he said, because Jesus is very much alive today. A better question, he said, is, “What is Jesus doing?”

As parishies prayed for peace and justice, Archbishop Lori noted in his homily that St. Peter Claver’s own pastor, Josephine Father Ray Bomberger, has been involved in that effort since the outset.

Traveling through West Baltimore April 28, the morning after the violence, Archbishop Lori said that Father Bomberger was not to be found on the parish grounds.

“We were told we could find him across the street,” the archbishop said, as parishioners erupted into a standing ovation, “and there he was, a lone figure, starting the cleaning-up process.”

Archbishop Lori remembered Gray as “not only a symbol but a real person who was beset by challenges that face countless young people in this city every day.”

The archbishop also said that Gray’s death – which has since resulted in charges filed against six Baltimore police officers – indicated the presence of “structural sin.”

“It is the sum of people’s injustice or indifference that ends up creating a situation where it is difficult, almost impossible, for so many people to flourish – to lead lives that are happy, productive and secure,” Archbishop Lori said.

He told parishioners that before they can make “life-giving connections” with others, “we have to personally encounter the saving love of Jesus.”

“We have to look into our own hearts to see what we’re saying or doing to prolong injustice and indifference, to keep the walls of mistrust intact, or what we’re failing to do, so as to tear down those same walls.”

At the conclusion of Mass, Raymond Kelly, a member of the St. Peter Claver pastoral council as well as president of the community group No Boundaries Coalition, noted the massive response of volunteers to the stricken area immediately following April 27.

“Help us find a way to bring faith-based education back to West Baltimore,” he appealed to the archbishop. “We have to make sure generations of the future have that seed of faith planted in them so they can respond with the same support. Others included Independence Blue Cross and Campbell Soup.

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The meeting runs Sept. 22-25 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

The papal events following the congress are expected to include a visit from Pope Francis to the Festival of Families Sept. 26 and the large outdoor Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway that he is expected to celebrate for up to 1.5 million people Sept. 27.

Some 10,000 volunteers will be needed at the congress and to welcome Pope Francis to the city, Farrell said. Tasks include giving directions to visitors, welcoming them to Philadelphia International Airport or 30th Street Station and even acting as “digital diplomats,” volunteers posting all manner of information on social media platforms.

“Whatever your talent, whatever your passion, there is a role for you,” Farrell said during a news conference April 27 announcing the call for volunteers.

She encouraged people to bring “all the pride and hospitality that we know exist here” to support September’s events that will be remembered for years to come, “just as we talk of the visit of Pope John Paul II – now saint 36 years ago in Philadelphia.”

Security is a major concern for event organizers, so ground check. After visitors register their personal information initially on the website, they will receive a confirmation email. Farrell emphasized the importance of waiting for a second email message, after 24 to 48 hours, for confirmation. Volunteers will be recognized for their volunteer duty.

Volunteers will also be invited to indicate specific preferences for service or talents that would be better served in one role over another. For instance, a person with the skills to translate a foreign language or a person with artistic abilities may be assigned to serve in those roles.

All of the volunteers for the effort will be recognized in unique and colorful uniforms to be supplied by Campbell Soup.

Interested in Helping at World Meeting of Families? Volunteer

By Matthew Gambino
Catholic News Service

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Pope Signs Decrees in Causes for Blessed Serra, Married Couple, Martyrs

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Although he already has said he will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra in Washington in September, Pope Francis formally approved a sentence by members of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes recommending the move.

The sentence was presented to the pope during a meeting May 5 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes, the Vatican announced the next day. During the same meeting, the pope signed decrees relating to the sainthood causes of another 12 men and women.

The decrees included recognition of the martyrdom of Oblate Father Mario Borzaga and Paul Thoj Xyooj, a lay catechist, killed by communist fighters in Laos in 1960. In addition, Pope Francis recognized the heroic virtues of Sergio and Domenica Bernardini, an Italian married couple who raised 10 children.

Eight of the children became nuns or priests, including the retired 86-year-old Archbishop Giuseppe Bernardini of Turin, Italy.

Born in central Italy near Modena in 1882, Sergio Bernardini lost his father, mother, brother, first wife and their three young children over a period of a few months in 1912.

Hoping to avoid painful memories, he immigrated to the United States and became a mine worker. However, he returned to Italy after just a year because, he said, he was afraid life in a mine was going to make him lose his faith in Christ.

He fell in love with Domenica and they married in 1914 and had 10 children. They were poor farmers, but generous to anyone who sought food or solace, especially during the difficulties of World War I.

Not only did six of their eight daughters become nuns and the two sons become Capuchin priests, but when Sergio retired, he and his wife "adopted" a Nigerian seminarian – paying for his priestly education in Rome out of their modest pension.

That seminarian today is 76-year-old retired Archbishop Felix Alaba Job of Ibadan, Nigeria, who was a co-consecrator at Archbishop Bernardini’s episcopal ordination in 1983.

Sergio died in 1966 and Domenica in 1971. In her spiritual testimony, she said everything led her to God – even by “kissing a rose, I kiss the beauty of God.”

She said her children were “my crown and my treasure” and wished she could find a way to express what a great gift it was to have so many children and vocations in the family. She prayed they would become saints and “be a force for good in the world.”

Pope Francis also recognized the miracle needed for the canonization of Italian Blessed Vincenzo Grossi, founder of the Daughters of the Oratory, and for Spanish Blessed Mary Isabel Salvat Romero, superior general of the Sisters of the Cross, who died in 1998.

The pope also recognized the miracle needed for the beatification of an 18th-century pastor in a small northern Italian town, Father Giacomo Abbondo.

New World just did not get off the ground. But with her apparition, things changed dramatically because there on the tilma [St. Juan Diego’s cloak] is her image as a native person.”

The apparition, he said, “brought a respect for native people and native culture,” and Blessed Serra’s missionary activity reflected that. He understood that “evangelization isn’t domination, it’s not substitution of one culture for another, but it is recognizing the dignity and value of every culture and calling it to the Gospel.”

As Catholics take seriously their own missionary obligation, it is important to set the record straight about Blessed Serra and to imitate him, Anderson said.

“Pope Francis understands this better than almost anyone else because coming from Latin America he understands this great tradition, he understands how history has treated it sometimes very unfairly and he’s trying to preserve the record because what is past is prologue in terms of our identity,” he said.

“Our Lady of Guadalupe comes to unify, she comes to promote respect for minorities, she comes to build a new world, bringing people together, not dominating anyone,” he said. “The Holy Father understands that if we are going to evangelize in a time of globalization we must have an inculturated evangelization that respects diversity, different people, different cultures.”

Speakers Say Canonizing Blessed Serra is Call to New Evangelization

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Defining Blessed Junipero Serra as a “working-class missionary,” Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez said the 18th-century Franciscan deserves to be made a saint and to have his record as a defender of native peoples made known.

Pope Francis’ announcement that he will canonize Blessed Serra in September “has opened old wounds and revived bitter memories about the treatment of Native Americans during the colonial and missionary period of America’s history,” the archbishop said.

Speaking May 2 at Rome’s Pontifical North American College, Archbishop Gomez said the legacy of Blessed Serra, who founded nine California missions, has been “distorted” by “anti-Spanish and anti-Catholic propaganda.”

“Sometimes it seems like scholars and activists have made Father Serra a symbol for everything they believe was wrong with the mission era,” he said, and it prevents people from appreciating “America’s religious beginning.”

“It is clear that Pope Francis – the first pope from the New World – understands the Christian roots of the Americas and the continent’s importance for the Church’s mission in the 21st century,” the archbishop said at the symposium organized by the U.S. seminary in Rome, the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Knights of Columbus.

Archbishop Gomez said Blessed Serra “will be the first American saint to be canonized on American soil. And of course, he is being canonized by the first Hispanic pope,” the first pope to “speak the Spanish language as his native tongue, and a pope who himself is an immigrant’s son.”

At a time when the people of United States are “caught up in a divisive political and cultural debate over immigration and the future of this historic identity as a multicultural nation of immigrants,” he said, the canonization is a “prophetic response to the sign of the times.”

“I believe Father Serra would have wanted to work building an America that promotes the encounter of cultures and seeks to protect the sanctity and dignity of the human person,” the archbishop said.

By canonizing Blessed Serra in Washington, the nation’s capital, Archbishop Gomez said, Pope Francis will be sending a message, “a call for America to return to its deep religious and intercultural roots – as a nation born in a diverse and rich culture, a nation where the Gospel was first announced to the first nations, cultures and peoples born in this land.”

The canonization should also serve as an encouragement for every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectfully share their faith. “Father Serra believed – with every Catholic to imitate Father Serra in boldly, but respectful...
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Advanced Morality
Rev. David Danneker
June 8–11 from 6:30–9:30 p.m.
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The Mass as the Center of Our Lives
Rev. Neil Sullivan
June 8 from 7–9 p.m.

Introduction to the Old Testament
Rev. James Lease
June 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 6:30–9:30 p.m.
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Theology of Marriage
Rev. Msgr. William King
June 9, 11, 16, 18 from 7–9 p.m.

Teaching Methodology – Part 2
Mr. Ryan Bolster
June 13 from 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Defending the Faith
Rev. Peter Hahn
June 15 from 7–9 p.m.

Overview of Catholic Doctrine: The Creed
Mr. James Gontis
June 15–18 from 6:30–9 p.m.
*Also available via webinar

Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive: Preparing for the World Meeting of Families
Mr. Ryan Bolster
June 17 from 6:30–9 p.m.

Canon Law on Marriage
Dr. Carol Houghton
June 22, 25, and 29 from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Just War Doctrine: Understanding the Church’s Teaching
Rev. Edward Quinlan
June 22 from 7–9 p.m.

Jesus, I Trust in You: Christ, Saint Faustina, and the Message of Mercy
Mr. James Gontis
June 22 from 7–9 p.m.
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Examination of Conscience for the New Evangelization
Mr. James Gontis
June 23 from 7–9 p.m.

Mr. James Gontis
June 25 from 7–9 p.m.
*Also available via webinar

Angels and Demons
Deacon Jeffrey Baylor
June 29 from 7–9 p.m.
*Also available via webinar

Evangelium Vitae: The Gospel of Life at Age 20
Mr. Ryan Bolster
June 30 from 7–9 p.m.
*Also available via webinar

Vatican Unveils Logo, Details of Holy Year of Mercy

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

The Holy Year of Mercy will be an opportunity to encourage Christians to meet people’s “real needs” with concrete assistance, to experience a “true pilgrimage” on foot, and to send “missionaries of mercy” throughout the world to forgive even the most serious of sins, said Archbishop Rino Fisichella.

The yearlong extraordinary jubilee also will include several individual jubilee days, such as for the Roman Curia, catechists, teenagers and prisoners, said the president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, the office organizing events for the Holy Year of Mercy.

During a news conference at the Vatican May 5, Archbishop Fisichella unveiled the official prayer, logo, calendar of events and other details of the special Holy Year, which will be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015, until Nov. 20, 2016.

The motto, “Merciful Like the Father,” he said, “serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure.”

Pope Francis announced in March his intention to proclaim a holy year as a way for the Church to “make even more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy.”

One way the pope wants to show “the Church’s maternal solicitude” is to send out “missionaries of mercy” — that is, selectively chosen priests who have been granted “the authority to pardon even those sins reserved to the Holy See,” the pope wrote in Misericordiae Vultus, (“The Face of Mercy”), the document officially proclaiming the Holy Year.

Archbishop Fisichella said the priests will be chosen on the basis of their ability to preach well, especially on the theme of mercy, and be “good confessors,” the archbishop said.

Bishops can recommend to the council priests from their own dioceses to serve as missionaries of mercy, he said, and priests themselves can submit their request to serve, he said.

When a priest volunteers, however, the council will confer with his bishop to make sure he would be “suitable for this ministry” and has the bishop’s approval to serve temporarily as a missionary of mercy, he said.

The archbishop emphasized the importance of living the Holy Year as “a true pilgrimage” with the proper elements of prayer and sacrifice.

“We will ask pilgrims to make a journey on foot, preparing themselves to pass through the Holy Door in a spirit of faith and devotion,” he said.

More than a dozen individual jubilee celebrations will be scheduled in 2016, such as a jubilee for consecrated men and women Feb. 2 to close the Year of Consecrated Life; a jubilee for the Roman Curia Feb. 22; a jubilee for those devoted to the spirituality of Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday April 3; and separate jubilees for teenagers; for deacons; priests; the sick and disabled; and catechists.

A jubilee for “workers and volunteers of mercy” will be celebrated on Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata’s feast day Sept. 5 and a jubilee for pilgrims will be celebrated Nov. 6.

Archbishop Fisichella said the pope wants the jubilee for inmates to be celebrated not only in prisons, but also with him in St. Peter’s Basilica. He said the council is discussing the possibility with government authorities and is not yet sure if it can be done.

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

**BERWICK** – St. Joseph: Lucille Whitmore.

**BLOOMSBURG** – St. Columba: Paul Conner, Donald Gaughan.

**BLUE RIDGE SUMMIT** – St. Rita: Lorraine Hayes.

**DANVILLE** – St. Joseph: Ronald Millar.

**ELIZABETHTOWN** – St. Peter: Anne McCabe.

**FAIRFIELD** – Immaculate Conception BVM: Jerome Barefoot, Anne McCabe.

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**HERSEY** – St. Joan of Arc: Rita Brightbill, Jeanette Heichel.

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**St. Margaret Mary**

Pozzuoli, Mary Agnes Stonesifer.

**Conception BVM**

Jerome Barefoot, Anne McCabe.

**Millar**

Paul Connor, Donald Gaughan.

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

**BLOOMSBURG** – St. Columba: Paul Conner, Donald Gaughan.

**BLUE RIDGE SUMMIT** – St. Rita: Lorraine Hayes.

**DANVILLE** – St. Joseph: Ronald Millar.

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Please bring a lawn chair for your comfort.

Cemetery in Elysburg will host its annual Memorial Day Mass, which will be conducted by Msgr. Joseph D. Sammons, SS.CC. on Wednesday, June 3 at 7 a.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, also known as Conewago Chapel, located at 30 Baslica Drive in Hanover, will be held at the yearly Mass. Catalogues, which are distributed throughout the parish, and Benediction in the Basilica. The Cemetery procession dates from the 1200s and has been practiced at the Basilica at least since the 1800s. All are invited to participate in this traditional mass.

Caesour at St. Joan of Arc Church in Hessey will be held on Wednesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. Father Plus Michael Tukura, O.F.M. Cap. of the Parish, will be the speaker for the evening. It is a nature-oriented event, which will feature the ship music and Eucharistic Adoration. A reception will be held following the Caesour. For more information, call 717-873-2633.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for children in The Lower Church at St. Joseph Parish, Lancaster, every Tuesday at 4 p.m. through June 2. All are invited to join. For more information, call 717-236-2868.

8 a.m.-August 14. All ages and abilities welcome to spend some time with the Lord. The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is the “neighborhood of the universe” Who is my neighbor? What is God’s plan for me? For information, please call 609-884-8708.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Abbottstown, with Father Timothy Marcoe as Spiritual Director, is planning a Eucharistic Adoration. The event will be held under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus and the Women of the Church. The event will be held in the Loyola Center. Saturday June 6 from 6 p.m. and will include smoked pork BBQ and BBQ Chicken, desserts, drinks and fellowship. The price is $15 for adults and $8 for children under 12. There will be hourly door prizes and a chance to win a Bigotea gift to give to a friend. A raffle ticket can be purchased for $1. Contact Karl at 717-352-2081 or Aggie at 717-352-9510 to assist in preparation of the appropriate number of meals. Tickets will be available at the door or at 3 online via Bigotea. For questions or more information, visit bit.ly/bigoteaandkidncanquin. Can’t attend but would like to make a donation? Visit www.bit.ly/peysheep-1camps572.

The Council of Catholic Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Gettysburg will sponsor a rummage sale May 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 322 North Water Street, Gettysburg. All sale items will be held from 1-3 p.m. for more information, call 717-339-3234.


St. Mary’s Church in Fairfield will be host to Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy, the one woman production performed by Maria Papadopoulos. Tickets for this event will be held from 8 p.m. We would like to invite you and your congregation to this moving and timely event, as it is the Polish and Lithuanian martyr Faustina, whose personal encounters with Jesus has inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ’s Divine Mercy. Admission is a free-will offering, and parking is in the lot. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the St. Mary’s parish office at 717-845-7702.

St. Benedict the Abbot Parish in Lebanon will host its spring gala on May 23. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing at the Prescott Banquet Hall 300 Prescott Road, Lebanon. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. There will be a cash bar and a silent auction as well as a live auction. Tickets are $75 per couple, $40 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the St. Mary’s parish office at 717-845-7702.

St. Benedict the Abbot Parish in Lebanon will host its fall gala on May 23. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing at the Prescott Banquet Hall 300 Prescott Road, Lebanon. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. There will be a cash bar and a silent auction as well as a live auction. Tickets are $75 per couple, $40 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the St. Mary’s parish office at 717-845-7702.

The Peyton Walker Foundation is sponsoring a special family fun day at Roundtop Mountain Resort in Lebanon, on May 23 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Special events will include live music, New Rides, Games, Raffles and Great New Food! Go to www.thsrocks.us/support-trinity/ for more information and to register.

The 7th Annual Lauren and Spencer Day Walk and Golf Tournament to be held on Friday, June 5 at the Maguire’s Ford - Lincoln in Campbelltown. If you would like to help sponsor a shotgun start scheduled for 1 p.m. The tournament also features a 1850s. All are invited to participate in this tradition. The Peyton Walker Foundation. In 2012, The Peyton Walker Foundation directly supported The Parish, School Office of the Diocese of Wilmington.


The 12th Frank J. Gawronski Golf Tournament will be held June 20, with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at Rich Valley Golf Course in Mechanicsburg. The walk begins at 7 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Parish, School Office of the Diocese of Wilmington. For more information, visit www.thsrocks.us/support-trinity/ or call 717-873-2633.

Misericordia Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Lancaster Catholic nursing center in York County, has created a new Director of Legislative Affairs, PA Pro-Life Federation: “Defend-
Echoes of chants in support of school choice swept along the grounds of the state capitol on May 6 as several hundred students, parents and teachers from across the state rallied in support of Pennsylvania’s Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs. The programs provide scholarships to more than 50,000 students every year, helping families choose the school that best fits their needs.

The rally marked the 14th annual gathering in support of school choice. The EITC and OSTC programs are funded by companies that contribute to scholarship organizations in exchange for a tax credit. The EITC program has given more than 450,000 scholarships to help students attend the school of their choice. The three-year-old OSTC program has given nearly 9,000 more special scholarships, particularly for income eligible students who live in communities with the lowest performing public schools.

The Diocese of Harrisburg’s Neumann Scholarship Foundation has been able to assist more than 2,000 students each year because of businesses’ support of the EITC and OSTC program.

At the rally, Catholic school and NFL alum Ricky Watters told the crowd that at a young age, he didn’t realize the impact his education would have on his life. Now, he said, “I want every child to have the educational opportunities I had.”

Legislative leaders also spoke in support of the EITC and OSTC programs, and of current legislation that would expand them. Speakers included Senator Lloyd Smucker (Lancaster County), Speaker of the House Mike Turzai (Allegheny County), Representative Stan Saylor (York County), Representative Jim Christiana (Beaver and Washington counties), Representative Mike Vereb (Montgomery County) and Representative Thomas Quigley (Montgomery County).

This legislation, House Bill 752, would make more tax credits available to businesses so that more scholarships are available to parents and students.

Information about the EITC and OSTC programs, as well as a link to send a message in support of House Bill 752, can be found via the Web site of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference at www.pacatholic.org.

Business owners who wish to learn more about presenting scholarship opportunities via the diocese’s Neumann Scholarship Foundation can contact Paula Lasecki, Diocesan Director of Development, at 717-657-4804 or plasecki@hbgdiocese.org.

Fiat Days
July 5-7

Catholic young women ages 15-25 are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg’s seventh annual Fiat Days vocation discernment retreat to spend time with other women your age as you listen to the Lord’s call in your life. Activities include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, sports, games, great food, talks and more.

Fiat Days will be held July 5-7 at Mount St. Mary’s University and Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. There is no cost to attend, due to generous donors. Register online at www.hbgdiocese.org or call the Office of Vocations at 717-657-4804, ext. 282.

Quo Vadis Days
June 21-25

Catholic young men ages 15-25 are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg’s tenth annual Quo Vadis Days vocation camp to spend time with other young men as you listen to the Lord’s call in your life. Activities include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, hiking, sports, games, great food, talks and more.

The camp is staffed by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Harrisburg. It will be held June 21-25 at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. There is no cost to attend, due to generous donors. Register online at www.hbgdiocese.org or call the Office of Vocations at 717-657-4804, ext. 282.