On a stellar May 11 morning, students at Saint Catherine Laboure School, Harrisburg, celebrated the Month of Mary with several moving ceremonies.

They began with each grade taking turns praying a decade of the rosary around their recently placed statue of the Our Lady of Globe, which graces the courtyard between the school and church. After praying, the students processed into the church where Father Joseph Howard, parochial vicar, celebrated Holy Mass for the student body, faculty and many parish faithful in attendance.

After Mass, students participated in a May Crowning of Mary. Students in the 5th grade comprised the May Court, as students in second and eighth grades were given special pins and helped in the beautiful procession of candles and flowers that symbolized Mary’s radiance and splendor and were colorfully placed around the shrine in the center of the sanctuary. Miss Catie Bingaman, had the honor of crowning Mary and Mr. David McHugh was the crown bearer.

Reverent in every aspect, the ceremony also featured warming musical renditions by the school’s bell and vocal choirs.
Catholic Charities to Move Three Residential Programs to One Location

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Through its residential programs, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg seeks to provide a better day for those confronting serious challenges. For clients in three of those “Homes for Healing,” their future is becoming even brighter.

Catholic Charities is moving three of its programs into one spacious, renovated, residential facility in June.

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Dr. Mark Totaro, Executive Director and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, said the move is the result of a desire to bring the three Harrisburg “Homes for Healing” into one facility. The fourth residential program is Hope House, a home for persons with HIV/AIDS in Lancaster.

“We’re consolidating for practical purposes, and it’s resulting in stewardship and collaboration,” Dr. Totaro remarked.

Bringing the programs into one location will allow them to share volunteers, office supplies, equipment and transportation vehicles. The facility, formerly a 90-bed nursing home, offers a neighborhood setting with patios, a place for walking, and plans for a garden and a children’s playground. An on-site health center, a place for walking, and plans for patios, a place for walking, and plans for a garden and a children’s playground.

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Contributions will assist in offering help and hope to individuals who are facing family homelessness, substance abuse and unplanned pregnancy.

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Lourdeshouse Maternity Home provides specialized and comprehensive maternity care, housing up to 12 women at any given time. Clients are typically single parents who have no support from their families, who are homeless, or who have just come out of prison. The program monitors the residents’ medical care and nutrition, and offers women a supportive environment throughout the term of their pregnancy and up to six months after the birth of their babies. Mothers and infants can continue to receive support services until their infants reach 12 months of age. Services include housing, case management, childbirth education, parenting classes, pantry items, and access to other Catholic Charities services such as counseling and adoption services.

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Bishop Joseph P. McFadden will dedicate the facility on May 30 at 3 p.m.

A brighter future is on the horizon there.

“The mission of our agency is to serve those who are underserved,” said Mr. Biussie. “Catholic social teaching talks about the preferential option for the poor and how it is the responsibility of Catholics to help those in need. This is what we do as an agency, and if people want to help support our efforts to serve the underserved, this offers a good opportunity to do so. Financially supporting this project and these programs are ways for people to demonstrate their pro-life stance.”

How to Help

You can assist the center and the “Homes for Healing” in a variety of ways.

Naming opportunities are available for the three programs located in the joint facility, including common rooms, kitchens and bedrooms. Donations are welcome for the establishment of a playground for the children of the Interfaith Shelter, and to help defray operating expenses.

You can also assist the programs by donating items from their wish lists, which can be found at the “Homes for Healing” link at www.hbgdiocese.org/charities, or by attending the annual “Come and See” Dinner in the fall. Watch Catholic Charities’ Web site and The Catholic Witness in the coming months for details on this year’s fundraising dinner.

For additional information, to donate, or to express interest in sponsorship opportunities, contact Chas Meehan, Development Director for Catholic Charities, at 717-567-8004 or cmeehan@hbgdiocese.org.

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Each program will have its own separate area in the facility to maintain safety and client confidentiality. Catholic Charities has worked hand-in-hand with the Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services’ Diocesan Office of the home that did not work out. They found the facility is up to code and offers security and the comforts of home. After several months of renovation, the facility is set to welcome its first residents — those from the Interfaith Shelter — at the beginning of June.

“How the three programs are different in the eyes of clients, they are similar in that they both about improving lives and helping people look for opportunities to change and create independence,” said Pete Biasucci, Assistant Executive Director of Catholic Charities.

“We’re working to help change lives and get people back onto their feet. We want them to be good citizens and productive members of society,” Dr. Totaro said. “The staff works with clients on plans to turn their lives around. We don’t give them a hand-out, we give them a hand-up.”

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Adopting Foster Kids is a Family Affair

By Kelly Bolton
Special to The Witness

History was made on May 3, 2012 in the Dauphin County Court House as two families adopted two sets of sibling groups. The first family to adopt was Carole and Ron. They had previously fostered and adopted children many years ago. They decided to return to foster parenting with the goal of adopting special needs children through the state foster care system, and they came to the Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care Program to meet that end. They were matched with two sisters who desperately needed a forever family.

The girls, aged 7 and 8, had previously been in a protective home that did not work out. They found their permanent family when they went to live with Carole and Ron.

Ron and Carole’s daughter Marlena and her husband Chuck are also foster parents with Catholic Charities. They had taken placement of another sibling group and were fostering the children when the girls’ birth parents’ rights were terminated because of their inability to complete any of their goals, the 5-year-old-girl and her 8-year-old brother became free for adoption. Marlena and Chuck were delighted to be considered the permanent parents for the children they had been fostering for over two years.

Catholic Charities’ Specialized Foster Care Program was given the job of finalizing these adoptions in Dauphin County. The agency attorney, Terry Kerwin, upon hearing of the circumstances, asked a favor of Judge Todd Hoover to expedite the adoption. Hoover’s office was happy to oblige, since they had not seen this situation before, namely, parents and their daughter and son-in-law all eligible to adopt children from the foster care system.

The adoption hearings occurred back-to-back with all of the extended families and friends in attendance for both. The county agency representatives were also there, as was the Catholic Charities staff. The families ended the proceedings with pictures of all with Judge Hoover.

May is National Foster Family Month. Join Catholic Charities in recognizing the special people who are foster parents. Also consider if foster parenting could be right for your family.

Contact us at 717-564-7115, or CCAdoption-FosterCare@hbgdiocese.org.

(Kelly Bolton is the Program Director for Catholic Charities Adoption Services and Specialized Foster Care)
May 27: Listeners to Catholic Perspective this week will hear from Bishop Joseph P. McFadden as his Conversations of Faith series continues with a discussion of prudence and the search for wisdom in our daily lives.

We will feature an update on news and activities happening in the 15 counties of diocese. A real success story of adoption through the efforts of Catholic Charities is featured. Listeners will hear from a family that the Adoption Services Office helped to bring together with a child from the Marshall Islands. The family tells of all the assistance they received and why they selected Catholic Charities to help them with this complicated process. The family also shares how helpful the Adoption Education Program offered by Catholic Charities has been to them and their new child.

Finally, a deacon with a varied background tells how he received the calling to enter into religious life during our Vocation Story segment. He is Deacon James Rush, who serves the faithful in Marysville and Duncannon.

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Other programs of interest on WHYF AM 720 include:

Catholic Connection
Teresa Tomes, host of Catholic Connection, discusses social issues, media awareness, and interviews community leaders and newsmakers live. In this live program Teresa reports on news throughout the Catholic community and how we can make a difference. This program airs Monday through Friday at 9 a.m.

Women of Grace
Johnnette Benkovic and Father Edmund Sylvia host this live program of special interest to women. They will inform, instruct and inspire listeners with the truth of the Catholic faith. This live program airs Monday through Friday at 11 a.m.
Several days ago, I got a frantic phone call from one of the schools within the dia-
cocese. They were trying to complete dialing a video conference between themselves and a Catholic school in Great Britain despite the fact they completed an error free “test” dialing the week before. Now, with both school communities of children assembled in their respective gyms, the units would not connect.

Great Britain called the school in Pennsylvania and asked the technology coor-
dinator to repeat the number they should be dialing. 2-0-6 “dot” 1-5-4 “dot” 1-1-0 “dot” 7-0 “dot” 1-1-0 “dot” 7-0 “dot” 1-1-0 “pound” “pound” 7-0 “dot” 0-1-1. The text from Great Brit-
ain said, “Um...we don’t have a pound sign on our remote!” So both schools decided, despite the disappointment of the students, to cancel the video conference.

After several dozen emails and phone calls to Great Britain, I re-
alized what went wrong. You see, in the states, the “pound sign” is written as #. In Great Britain pound is written as a “£”. In Great Britain, a “£” is called a number sign or a hash mark. This experience left me laughing quietly for days and brought home the importance and the meaning of authentic communication; the second of the 5 C’s of Learning for the 21st Century.

The purpose of communication is threefold, according to a blog called Effective Communication Skills (http://www.effective-communication-skills.net/). Communication transfers information, conveys emotions and maintains relationships. In the story above the transfer of information – the IP address of the video-conference unit – was not successfully conveyed because of a lack of understanding of a specific word. I learned something in this exchange; even you might speak a common lan-
guage, understanding of that language can be obscured through culture, dialect and experience. How many people in the public forum have said something that seemed harmless at the moment only to offend others later? It happens over and over again.

The purpose of conveying emotions and connecting with individuals is also an integral part of communication. During a Ted Talk, Kate Hartman, an artist, a tech-
nologist and an educator, explains how she uses wearable electronics to explore how we communicate, with ourselves and with the environment. (http://www.ted.com/
talks/lang/en/kate_hartman_the_art_of_wearable_communication.html) For her, the way we communicate emotions is a direct expression of how we relate to ourselves, how we interact with our bodies and the world around us. She goes on to further explain that when the idea of listening as others convey their feelings, relationships are formed.

So, one can conclude that there is a hierarchy in communication. Relaying facts and conveying emotions to others while you listen actually builds relationships. Our bonds with other humans and our world, then, is the highest reason for communica-
tion.

Benedict XVI, in his message for 43rd World Communications Day, May 1, 2009, writes: “When we find ourselves drawn towards other people, when we want to know
more about them and make ourselves known to them, we are responding to God’s
call – a call that is imprinted in our nature as beings created in the image and likeness
of God, the God of communication and communion.” Consequently, communication then creates a connection with others and with
ourselves in a profound way. Thus, according to human relationship researcher, Brené Brown, (http://www.ted.com/talks/brene_brown_on_vulnerability.html?quote=871) it is the reason why humans are on the earth. The connections between us give us purpose
and meaning to our lives. Our connections allow us to be intrinsically by others, which in turn promote compassion and joy.

All the technology of the 21st century, the ability to connect with others has in-
creased. Pope Benedict explains, “In reality, when we open ourselves to others, we
reduce the need of the world. When we open ourselves in love, we are
fulfilling our deepest need and becoming more fully human. Loving is, in fact, what we are designed for by our Creator.”

Therefore, I call all educators of 21st century learners to blog, text, tweet, use wikis,
social media tools to connect and build relationships and explore what we know in all about!

(Christian Charity Sister Geralyn Schmidt is the School WAN Coordinator for the
diocece of Harrisburg.)

**“One Child” Policy is Threat to Human Rights**

By Father Paul CB Schenck

I am no expert on foreign policy, but I am concerned about civil and reli-
gious rights in this country and elsewhere. Which makes the matter of the
Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng so disturbing to me and to anyone con-
cerned for human rights.

Chen Guangcheng has almost single handedly led a dangerous public crusade
against the Chinese one-
cild policy which includes draconian punishments against second, third and
more children. Family mem-
bers lose their jobs, are fined, jailed, secretly detained, in-
timidated, beaten and even threatened with death. Ex-
pectant and post-partum mothers are treated the
worst: they are subjected to forced abortion and sterilization.

The record, well known to human rights groups like Amnesty International and made known in Congressional hearings, should make opposition to such a demonic policy universal and especially in the democracies, non-controversial. But this is shockingly not the case.

Recently, praising the HHS mandate forcing U.S. health insurers to pro-
vide birth control, the former Planned Parenthood Executive Vice President
in World Population Norman Fleishman wrote: “Unless we act (This (HHS
mandate) legislation, along with China’s ‘one child’ policy, is a start), the
world is doomed to strangle among coils of pitiless exponential growth.”

CNN founder and international philanthropist Ted Turner praised the Chi-
inese policy on NPR, and even the Associated Press heralded the policy as
a boon for women, claiming it has resulted in more women enrolled in col-
leges. The AP ignored the vast number of newborn girls routinely abandoned,
rampant sex selection abortions and abuse of women who find themselves
pregnant again.

Chen’s description of his being urged to leave the U.S. Embassy in Beijing
where he had escaped to from detention and beatings, just before the official
visit of Secretary of State Clinton, and being abandoned there with his wife
and daughter by U.S. officials is terribly disturbing. It is a matter of record
that allies of the Administration, including Planned Parenthood, the National
Organization of Women and other population control groups, have supported
the Chinese policy and find Chen and other dissidents a threat to measures to
like the HHS policy in this country.

While Chen Guangcheng has been granted a study visa in the US, his pres-
cence presents a growing problem for proponents of abortion who maintain
it is a “good” thing for society. If the only thing wrong is that the Chinese are
forced to do something good, that’s no different than traffic laws in this coun-
try. But abortion isn’t like speed limits. The United States cannot abandon
human rights advocates in China or anywhere else. That is a futile forfeiture
of our role as a defender of universal human rights, foremost among them,
the right to human life. The Obama Administration has been all too unclear
where it stands on that Chinese policy (Father Paul CB Schenck is Diocesan
Director of Respect Life Activities and chairman of the National Pro-Life Ac-
tion Center in Washington, D.C.)

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Anniversaries of Ordination to the Priesthood

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the priests celebrating special anniversaries this year.

Discover the Father’s Will for You…

Quo Vadis Days

For young men to discern their vocation and learn about the priesthood
June 24-28
Mount St. Mary’s University and Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland
Sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Vocations. Activities include Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, great talks, hiking, sports, games, bonfires and more. Bishop Joseph P. McFadden will celebrate Mass and address participants of Quo Vadis Days.

Fiat Days

For young women to discern their vocation and learn about consecrated life
July 8-10
Mount St. Mary’s University and Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland
Sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Vocations. Activities include Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, talks from religious sisters about vocation discernment and their communities, recreation, sports and discussions.

Cost for Quo Vadis Days and Fiat Days is free, due to the generosity of anonymous donors. Find more information and download registration forms at www.hbgdiocese.org/vocations. For questions, or to request a registration packet, call the Vocations Office at 717-657-4804, ext. 282, or e-mail dkerstetter@hbgdiocese.org.
Students Celebrate 11 Years of EITC Scholarships, Rally for School Choice

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Elementary and high school students from across the state united at the Capitol in Harrisburg May 9 and raised their voices in unison to celebrate Pennsylvania’s EITC Program and rally for school choice.

Joining by teachers, parents and legislators, the students flooded the back steps of the Capitol, which was decorated with signs and balloons, to mark the 11th anniversary of the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program, which provides scholarships to students to attend the school of their choice. Recognized as a national model, Pennsylvania’s EITC Program provides businesses with a tax credit for donations.


The EITC program has been very helpful to St. Joan of Arc School because every year we have at least 10 or 12 families that benefit from it. Without the tuition assistance that these families receive, they would not be able to attend our school,” Sister Eileen told The Catholic Witness.

Since its establishment 11 years ago, the EITC Program has annually allowed more than 40,000 students to attend the school of their choice. Since 2001, some 360,000 students have received EITC scholarships, thanks to more than $510 million contributed by businesses.

“It’s good that the EITC program is important to their school and to many other Catholic schools because it gives opportunities to children who want to get a Catholic education,” said student Rafael Sapala. “That’s helpful to all Catholic schools, including ours.”

His classmates Audrey Swanderski and Lindsay Mullady were invigorated by the large crowd of students assembled from across the state in support of the EITC program.

“I think it’s amazing that everyone comes out here together to celebrate the program because it really shows unity, especially in the Catholic schools and the Catholic Church,” Audrey remarked.

Lindsay added, “It’s nice to think that it’s good that Catholic schools from around the state came here today, because it shows that we all support the EITC program together. We’re here together for one cause.”

The rally served a dual role – to celebrate the EITC program and to thank the legislators who continue to support it.

“It’s great that our legislators support a program that helps families,” said student Eddie Mazzotta. “This program is great because it helps so many schools and students.”

(Businesses who wish to participate in the EITC Program can do so via the Diocese of Harrisburg’s Neumann Scholarship Foundation – for information, contact the Diocesan Development Office at 717-657-4804. To learn more about the EITC Program and school choice efforts, visit the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference at www.pacatholic.org or the REACH Foundation at www.pacatholic.org.)
programs that have been integrated into St. Mary’s. They can help them share those special ideas about much a part of everything they see and do… It helps them for what they’re learning. I’m able to always respect, not only for everything around them, citizens. Every time I see them, I say, “This is life lessons that are coming across. We can doing that than with hand-to-hand and heart- to-heart contact,” she said. On the values of a Catholic school education: “One of the things I like about teaching Catholic education is, they hand on the faith to students. For more information about the program and how to nominate an educator, visit the our work. One of the teachers who provided a quality academic and faith- based education for their outstanding dedication to Catholic schools and their students. Presented by the Department for Catholic Schools, the Golden Apple Awards were established by Jack and Carol Donahue in 2007 to provide for appreciation for the Catholic school teachers who are the heart and soul of our Catholic school system, and in particular, technology makes math very seeable. First we teach them, and then we can show them. They can literally see mathematics so much better. I think when you struggle so much with faith. I think when you can share some of your struggles, and let them know that there are adults still struggling. And through that struggle faith just gets stronger, that’s worth being in a place where you’re allowed to do that. It becomes a way of life. There are so many reasons I would today tell anyone to to receive from a Catholic school education: ‘Golden Apple’ Teachers Reflect the Best of Catholic Schools

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On the importance of ensuring that youth have a solid faith foundation: It is important, first of all, to have examples they can follow. To be able to incorporate faith unabashedly and comfortably in the middle of a conversation with a group of teenagers is a re-enforce- ment you can’t find in a textbook. It’s living the faith. Adult trials and tribulations can be shared in a prayerful way. Questions can be asked and answered. You watch teenagers struggle so much with faith. I think when you can share some of your struggles, and let them know that there are adults still struggling. And through that struggle faith just gets stronger, that’s worth being in a place where you’re allowed to do that. It becomes a way of life. There are so many reasons I would today tell anyone to to receive from a Catholic school education: ‘Golden Apple’ Teachers Reflect the Best of Catholic Schools

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On the importance of students seeing their teachers live the faith outside the classroom: “You’ll see them teaching on the altar as a Eucharistic Minister, or being up in the choir, and they’ll ask me questions about it. I also play for the school’s liturgical music group, so they see what we put into our work. One of the teachers who provided a quality academic and faith- based education for their outstanding dedication to Catholic schools and their students. Presented by the Department for Catholic Schools, the Golden Apple Awards were established by Jack and Carol Donahue in 2007 to provide for appreciation for the Catholic school teachers who are the heart and soul of our Catholic school system, and in particular, technology makes math very seeable. First we teach them, and then we can show them. They can literally see mathematics so much better. I think when you struggle so much with faith. I think when you can share some of your struggles, and let them know that there are adults still struggling. And through that struggle faith just gets stronger, that’s worth being in a place where you’re allowed to do that. It becomes a way of life. There are so many reasons I would today tell anyone to to receive from a Catholic school education: ‘Golden Apple’ Teachers Reflect the Best of Catholic Schools

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In a solemn liturgy at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg, Bishop Joseph P. McFadden ordained five seminarians to the diaconate May 19.

The new deacons and their home parishes are Deacon Kevin Kayda II of St. Patrick Parish in Carlisle; Deacon Stephen Kelley of St. Patrick Parish in York; Deacon Matthew Larlick of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Harrisburg; Deacon Daniel Richards of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Lebanon, and Deacon Mark Wilke of St. Joseph Parish in Dallastown.

Deacons are ordained ministers who can baptize, witness marriages, perform funeral and burial services outside of Mass, distribute Holy Communion, and preach the homily and assist the priest during Mass.

The five new deacons will be assigned to parishes, where they will serve in preparation of their anticipated ordination to the priesthood next year.

The faithful are encouraged to pray for the new deacons and for our diocesan seminarians. Information on the seminarians in the Diocese of Harrisburg is available at www.hbgdiocese.org/vocations.
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Papal Representative Blesses Franklin County 9/11 Memorial

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The Catholic Witness

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A close look at the piece reveals bowed rivets protruding from contorted and scratched steel girders that were recovered from the site of the World Trade Center.

From the horrific devastation that resulted from the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the steel piece now rests as a focal point of the veterans memorial next to the chapel on the grounds of the Letterkenny Army Depot in Chambersburg.

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HHS Mandate

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Catholic organizations have objected to the contraceptive mandate since it was announced last year, by Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to protect against human rights violations or allow a church-sponsored hospital to refuse to help patients seeking an abortion. The lawsuit will be heard by a district court judge.

In all, 12 lawsuits were filed simulta-

eously May 21 in various U.S. district courts around the country. The defendants in each case were: Sebelius; Labor Secretary Hilda Solis; and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geith-

ner, along with their departments.

In addition, the Archdiocese of New York and Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the dioceses involved are the archdioceses of Washington and St. Louis and the dioceses of Rockville Centre, N.Y.; Erie, Pa.; Pitts-

burg, Pa.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Jackson, Miss.; Billings, Mont.; Springfield, Ill.; and Jo-

lert, Ill. The Michigan Catholic Conference, which provides medical benefits to more than 1,100 Catholic institutions and approxi-

mately 10,000 employees in the state, is also a plaintiff.

“Although the Diocese of Harrisburg is not a party to the lawsuits announced today, I stand in support of those who have taken action to defend the free exercise of religion without government interference,” said Bishop Joseph P. McFadden. “HHS has adopted a narrow definition of a religious entity, a far more narrowly defined scope than almost no one would accept, and it is destructive to both institutions and divisive in the public square.”

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Two Pennsylvania Dioceses among those Suing over HHS Mandate

By Joelle Shea

Special to The Witness

On Monday, May 21, the Diocese of Erie and the Diocese of Pittsburgh filed separate federal lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the HHS mandate that would require nearly all religious organi-

zations to cover abortion causing drugs, sterilization and contraception in health care plans.

These lawsuits are two of 12 such suits representing 43 separate plaintiffs nationwide. The lawsuit in Erie includes the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh and the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Bishop John J. McVicker of the Diocese of Pitts-

burgh, wrote: “We did not pick this fight or this timing. This is the federal govern-

ment’s choice to impose this on us now. Our goal in filing this lawsuit is to take this issue out of the political arena and turn it over to the courts where we are confident the freedom for Faith and the rights of the Church will be protected.”

Bishop Trautman of the Diocese of Erie wrote, “Clearly this [mandate] would pre-

vent us from continuing the significant work we have accomplished in the almost 160 years during which we have served in the 13 counties of northwest Pennsylva-

nia. As a matter of religious commitment, we serve everyone—whether or not they are Catholic.”

Bishop Trautman continued, “We’ve been seeking relief from this over-reaching mandate since we first learned of the possibility in 2010,” he said. “The regu-

lation was proposed in August 2011 and finalized in February 2012. The White House has not budged on core issues and we’ve exhausted our other options includ-

ing appealing to the Congress – and we’ll keep at it – but there’s still no fix. Time is running out, and our valuable ministries and fund-

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Visit www.pacatholic.org to send a message to HHS and your elected offi-


cials in support of religious liberty.

(Shela is the Director of Outreach for the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, the public affairs arm of Pennsylvania’s Catholic bishops and the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania.)

Archbishop Lori Installed as 16th Head of Baltimore Archdiocese

By George P. Matysek Jr.

Catholic News Service

In a jubilant liturgy that highlighted the historic roots of the Baltimore Archdiocese while also looking to the future, Archbishop William E. Lori was installed as the 16th archbishop of Baltimore May 16 at the Cath-

edral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore.

A smiling Archbishop Lori wore the same pectoral cross that belonged to Archbishop John Carroll – the first archbishop of Balti-

more – as he was led to the bishop’s chair by Archbishop Vigano, representing Pope Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the U.S., and read an English translation of the apos-

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The Same Divine Calling Parish Opens Doors to Prayer Group for Those with Mental Illness

By Emily M. Albert

The Catholic Witness

“I’ll get by with a little help from my friends.” How true these lyrics are from the ever-famous Beatles. Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill has become a friend for many people with or caring for a person with mental illness. Delphine Albert and group leader Philip Keffer have begun a prayer group for persons with mental illness or those caring for a spouse, child or loved one. The group started almost two years ago in March 2010 and has continued to meet on a monthly basis since then. Nearly 20 people are signed up to participate, some from the parish and others who have heard about the prayer group who come from other parishes or religious denominations.

Carol Sokol, an active member of the prayer group and an advocate for persons with mental illness, spoke about how the prayer group differs from other support groups.

“Having a prayer support group in parishes gives us a chance to talk about spiritual things which can’t always be talked about at NAMI [National Alliance on Mental Illness] or other support groups. And then to have those problems or requests prayed about by facilitators is even more special,” she said.

She continued to talk about how members can share experiences and healing, and noted that with the support from the Church and the prayer group, members can lead an almost normal life.

According to NAMI, one in four adults and one in ten children are impacted by mental illness, which includes anxiety, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and bipolar disorder.

One member of the prayer group at Good Shepherd has said she found peace in the prayer group, but also participates because she wants to help other people with mental illness who may have been abandoned by the parish.

“I’m not ashamed. I want to break the stigma and help people relate to each other. It’s not that people mean to be ignorant about the disease; they just mainly aren’t educated about it, not necessarily many families go through it silently,” she said.

The goal of Good Shepherd’s prayer group is to educate the community and increase involvement among the laity of the parish. Mrs. Sokol has ideas of how education and parish support can help those with mental illness.

She and the rest of the prayer group would like to invite other groups like NAMI to meet at the parish to multiple parishes and educate people on what mental illness is and how it can affect the lives of those living with it as well as their families. Many times just having someone to talk to can be a huge difference.

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At the prayer group for the month of May – recognized as Mental Health Month – members recited the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and a prayer to Saint Dymphna, patron saint of those with mental illness. They used their time to share and support each other, and many of the members commented how over time they get stronger through prayer and can handle things better.

Mrs. Albert and Mr. Keffer both agree that this has been rewarding in a full circle. They enjoy seeing how the members help each other and how some of those who are parents of children with mental illness have been supported by the other members living with the illness. One parent said, “I really believe in the power of prayer, both for my family and for myself.”

Mrs. Albert believes people with disabilities of any kind should be treated no differently than others. Mr. Keffer commented that the person should be treated as a whole; the illness is just one aspect of their life. If people would open up and build trust, they would see what wonderful people they are.

Good Shepherd’s prayer group for those with mental illness is one way to welcome people with disabilities into a parish. This process continues through the Office of Ministry with Persons with Disabilities of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Some parishes have regular Masses in sign language, while others offer a support system for parents with children with autism. Parishes all over the diocese are reaching out to a community of people who need a little help from their friends, a community who just like any other may have a stigma attached to their disability. In the case of Good Shepherd the parish doors are open, encouraging members with mental illness to come and pray together and find peace in prayer for an hour or two away from their hectic and busy lives.

If you or your parish would like to learn more about Good Shepherd’s mental illness prayer group or any other parish programs for persons with disabilities, please contact Virginia Duncan, Director of the Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities, at 717-657-4804, or vduncan@hbgdiocese.org.

The Universal Church

I think I’ve finally come to fully understand the universality of the Church. I’ve been educated about it. I’ve read about it. I believe in it. But now I genuinely appreciate it.

It struck me earlier this month while I was waiting for Mass to begin in the chapel at Mercy Residence in York. The convenant is home to the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, who last August opened their hearts and home in a most charitable way.

There, they welcome Denise Ayebare, now 22-months old, and her mother Vastine, natives of Uganda receiving medical treatment for the toddler, who was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. This past December, I spent an afternoon at the convent, listening as Father Frederick Nkwashwe, AJ, chaplain at York Hospital and Denise’s uncle, told of the young girl’s incredible journey and uphill climb. She had just recently undergone surgery to relieve the fluid on her brain and was awaiting her first physical operation.

On that winter day, I watched as the sisters lovingly cared for the child and her mother. They prayed with them, sang with them, laughed with them, cried with them. I walked with the courage of both Denise and her mother, seeking and finding help in a foreign land.

Since that December visit, I’ve thought of them often. Several times I phoned the sisters to receive an update on Denise’s medical treatments and her progress.

In early May, I was again invited to Mercy Residence, this time for a Mass of Thanksgiving to praise God for the gift of Denise, and to offer prayers for Denise and Vastine, who will return to Uganda at the end of this month. Those whom Father Nkwashwe defined as “building blocks” in Denise’s life – clergy and religious, doctors and therapists, people who supported Denise and Vastine during their time in the United States – gathered together there around the Eucharistic table.

There in the chapel, I looked at those as- scended and I saw the universal Church: Denise and Vastine, the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries, the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, deacon priests, parishioners, medical staff. We joined together as one to give thanks to God.

On the Solemnity of Pentecost 2011, Pope Benedict XVI remarked that the Universal Church “embraces the whole world, sur- mounts all distinctions of race, class and nation; tears down all barriers and brings people together in the profession of the tri-une faith.”

My experiences at Mercy Residence in York have brought the Holy Father’s words to life for me.

Though I was acquainted with just a few of the more than 50 people gathered there for the Mass of Thanksgiving, we were all connected to one another through the Eucharist.

Following Mass, we further fashioned our connections through Ugandan-style food of fish, chicken, spare ribs, rice, potatoes and carrots. We shared this meal as one another, shar- ing our own personal connections to Denise and Vastine.

We rejoiced in Den- sie’s remarkable de- velopment, thanks be to God.

Following a number of surgeries, extensive ongoing therapy and innumerable prayers, Denise continues to progress.

Six months ago, she communicated with her gaze, by pointing, or with babble. To- day, she can speak upwards of 20 words and communicates with some sign language. Six months ago, she had limited muscle strength in her legs, and moved from one place to another by pulling herself along the floor. Today, with a special device, she is able to stand. And by the delight of many, she pedals a pink and purple tricycle.

When I met Denise in December, Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy Sister Judith Tarozzi said the sisters were praying for a miracle. “We want her to lead a normal, healthy,” she said.

She’s right.

Though Denise likely won’t remember her ninth month in York, her mother will surely tell her of the tremendous charity of the priests, sisters, medical staff and faith- ful supporters who worked and prayed so diligently for her. They impacted her life, and she theirs. For that, their connection will never be broken.

As May transitions into June, Denise and Vastine will be on their way back to Uganda. Undoubtedly, they will share tear- ful goodbyes as they depart their generous benefactors. But they will always be con- nected through a Church that embraces the whole world, sur- mounts all distinctions of race, class and nation; tears down all barriers and unites its people.

That’s the meaning of the universal Church.

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Bishop McDevitt Alumni Association Seeks Members, Plans June Picnic as First Official Event

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

With upwards of 16,000 alumni, Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg has positively impacted the lives of its graduates, their family members and their communities. Now, through the recently-established Bishop McDevitt Alumni Association, alumni and supporters can connect with one another and give back to their beloved high school.

The purpose of the Association “is to promote the interest and welfare of Bishop McDevitt High School and to establish mutually beneficial bonds between the members of the Bishop McDevitt Alumni Association and the school while continuing the Catholic faith and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ,” according to its mission statement.

Mike Perloski, a graduate of the Class of 1986, is President of the Alumni Association. “As graduates, we often lose touch with each other over the years, and it would be great to reconnect and share our stories.”

The Association, which grew from the high school’s Advancement Council, has adopted a specific set of bylaws and committee structure to help ensure its effectiveness and success. Its current committee members, in addition to Mr. Perloski, are: Joe Wrabel, Vice President; Gabe Olives, Second Vice President; Josephine Minnaga, Secretary; Jodi Marsico, Treasurer; Cheri Comasco, Director of Advancement; and Rita Fulton, Director of Alumni Relations and Special Events. Its previous Treasurer was Karen Sutsko.

The Bishop McDevitt Alumni Association has also established a Web site, www.mcdevittalumni.org, which offers information on membership, committee projects, by-laws and upcoming events.

Its first official event is a picnic planned for Sunday, June 3, at Cibort Park in Bressler from noon-6 p.m. The picnic, which is open to the public, revives the school picnics that were held through the early 80s, Mr. Perloski noted.

The picnic will feature musical entertainment by Bishop McDevitt alumni bands and DJs, raffles, games, tennis, basketball and volleyball. There will also be various sports clinics for kids. The cost is $10 for adults and $5 for children under 12, and includes a catered lunch. Tickets can be purchased at the high school Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. More information about the day can be found at www.mcdevittalumni.org.

Mr. Perloski noted that the Alumni Association would like to offer various other events in the future, including happy hours at local restaurants, breaks and luncheons, tailgating events before football and basketball games, and reception areas at school plays or concerts.

The goal is to foster connections between alumni and between alumni and the high school, he said.

Membership in the Bishop McDevitt Alumni Association is $10, and is open to graduates, parents, friends and any supporter of the high school. Those who need not be a graduate to join.

The Alumni Association is also seeking committee members to assist with future events and help the organization flourish.

“We have so many people who love our school, and we want them to get involved,” Mr. Perloski said.

“Wealth of the things that Bishop McDevitt has provided us, prepared us for, and blessed us with, this Association is an opportunity for us to give back to the school,” he said. “If we can be involved in the school, we can encourage current and future students to stay involved in the same way. This is one way that graduates can help pay back their school.”

(For information on the Bishop McDevitt Alumni Association, visit www.mcdevittalumni.org, send an e-mail to mcdevittalumni@gmail.com, or call the high school at 717-236-7973.)

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Obituaries

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

ANNVILLE – St. Paul the Apostle: James H. Smith.


CAMP HILL – Good Shepherd: Joseph J. Scherrer.

CHAMBERSBURG – Corpus Christi: Elizabeth Johnston, Robert “Bad” Schwarz.


COLUMBIA – St. Peter: William C. Allison.

CONEWAGO – Our Lady of Lourdes: Matthew Callen, III.

GETTYSBURG – St. Francis Xavier: Matthew Callen, III. Kreppein.

HANOVER – St. Vincent de Paul: Maureen Owens, May “Mazie” Riley.

HARRISBURG – Holy Family: Salvatore Pandolfi; Holy Name of Jesus; St. Catherine Labouré; Elizabeth Johnston, Sandy Olzewsiki.


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Retreats & Pilgrimages

Jody Callan will be scheduling trips to tamber of icon writing retreats in June. June 3-8 she will be at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton, Pa., where students will paint a 12"x12" icon of the Christ Child. For more information, see www.sftrainteachercathouse.org or call 610-258-3053 or e-mail stfranrh@rcn.com. She will also be conducting a workshop at St. Francis Retreat Center in Danville June 2-7. Registration is $375 by the registration deadline of June 7. To register, or for more information, call 570-257-3581 or visit www.saintfrances.com or e-mail stfranrh@rcn.com.

Aweeklonglpreached retreat, \"Thy Kingdom Come: Welcoming the Reign of God in Troubled Times,\" will be offered by the Pastoral Care Department of St. Cyril’s Retreat Center in Danville June 2-7. Costing is $375 by the registration deadline of June 7. To register, or for more information, call 570-257-3581 or visit www.saintfrances.com or e-mail stfranrh@rcn.com.

Tuscara Catholic Summer Camp will hold its 19th Annual week of faith-filled, fun-filled activities for Catholic Boys and Girls ages 8-14. Contact 717-297-8611 or www.TuscaraCamps.com. Registration deadline is June 1-30 Aug. 2. It is located off Route 11 between Greencastle and Columbia.


Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Abbottstown will hold their annual missionary trip to Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 28-Nov. 4. 2012. Come join us and The Missionaries of the Poor in serving God by caring for abandoned, infants, children and the very-poor-valued community. A mountain-top retreat with Father Holung is planned at the end of the week. There is also another group Oct. 14-28. The trips are open to all those interested, not just parish members. Contact Ray at 717-782-3408 or gerimenu1@comcast.net.

EDUCATION, ENRICHMENT & SUPPORT

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, the Diocesan Confirmation, and the Girl Scout Council will co-sponsor a Camp Fire, and the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry will be pleased to invite you to The Catholic Adult Retreat Banquet to be held June 4 at 6 p.m. at the Cardinal Keeter Center in Harrisburg. Join us to honor and recognize adults in Catholic Boy and Girl Scout programs who have contributed to spiritual development of Catholic Youth through scouting. RSVP by May 28. Rent $22/session to Diocese of Harrisburg. Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry 570-885-6055. Reservations are due on or before May 28. Cost is $25 per person/double. $300 deposit secures reservation. Call Pat or Mike for a brochure 570-784-2230.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, the Harrisburg Diocese, and the Boy Scouts of America are working to bring the Scouting program back to Harrisburg City. On June 4 at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 4 at St. Francis Assisi Parish, Harrisburg, in the Fellowship Hall below the parish, several Boy Scout leaders, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and everyone is welcome to attend to learn about the Cub Scout Program. Cub Scouts is a program for boys in first through fourth grade and is based on the Cub Scout Promise. It is a program that is a lot of fun (for both adults and youth), but also teaches important values. For more information, contact Father John Bednarik at 717-323-1003.

Continuing Adult Faith Education (CAFE) at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church in Ephahosts offers \"Conversion, Christ and Faithfulness,\" led by Dr. Robert S. Neil, June 10-16. It is a thought-provoking and friendly discussion of the essay by Dr. Elizabeth Anscombe, \"A Faithful Witness,\" and \"Finding the Believers in the Believers,\" the relevance of the Church’s teaching on birth control. Dr. Anscombe famously greeted Paul VI’s Humanae Vitae with a toast of champagne, which will be passed around to all adults attending. RSVP required to stelofa@knhistle.com.

Events & Fund-Raisers

St. Leo the Great School in Rohrerstown will host a community mixer, school tour and information night May 31 from 6-9 p.m. Contact info@hbglatinmass.com. Student ambassadors will provide tours and demonstrations, CPAS will be present to talk about how best to budget for your school and related expenses. Realtors, business owners, first responders and local officials are invited to learn about their constituency. RSVP to Alan Schwartz at 717-394-1742 or development@seton.org.

Bingo for Karly will be held at St. Joseph’s Church Social Hall in Hanover June 2. Karly is two years old and continues to receive medical treatments. Many babies continue to fight the fear of cancer. This benefit event will provide financial help with her medical and related expenses. Doors and kitchen open at 11:30 a.m. and bingo begins at 1 p.m. Call Lisa 717-637-7757 or 717-656-3529.

The first annual Bishop McDevitt Alumni and Friends Picnic will be held Aug. 3 from noon to 9 p.m. at Coblentz Park in Bresser. Activities include Bishop McDevitt students include face painting, football, cheerleading and lacrosse clinic, and chicken and lasagna dinners. The event will provide the musical entertainment Friday evening, and the seton alumni and friends in the Parish Hall, entertainment is from 7 PM-10:30 pm both nights. Raffle tickets available for $10 per chance to win 15 prizes, including a top-prize of $500. Proceeds benefit the Seton Heritage Foundation.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Lebanon will hold its festival June 8 and 9 at St. Celecia’s Parish Hall and Gardens, Lebanon. Games, great food, bingo, and music on the stage at the Lebanon Farmers Market are all 5-11 p.m. on Friday and 4-11 p.m. on Saturday. A Fish Dinner will be featured on Friday starting at 4 p.m. in the air conditioned Parish Hall, plus food stand, beverages and dressers. The Johnstown Gorillas will provide the musical entertainment Friday evening, and the Lebanon Area High School Band will provide the musical entertainment from 7 PM-10:30 PM both nights. Raffle tickets available for $10 per chance to win 15 prizes, including a top-prize of $50. Proceeds benefit the Seton Heritage Foundation.

St. Peter’s Parish of Woman will be holding an indoor summer concert. Contact 717-853-6769 for more information. Cost is $5 per person/double. $300 deposit secures reservation. Contact 717-853-6769 for more information.

St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland is hosting a Girl Scout Troop meeting at the St. Theresa Center of Padro Pio Spiritual Shrine Sept. 12, 2012. Pilgrimage includes a luxury coach, visitation to Our Lady of Grace Chapel at St. Theresa, Columbia, and Sunday Breakfast at Barreca’s Restaurant in Carlisle. Cost is $45 per person/double. $300 deposit secures reservation. Call 717-855-7432 for more information and registration.

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The Diocesan Institute, Summer Session 2012, is an opportunity for adult Catholics to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith. Courses are taught by lecturers from the Diocese of Harrisburg.

The courses offered during the Summer Session allow adults to fulfill requirements for certificates offered through the Diocesan Institute for Catechetical and Pastoral Formation. Attending the seven introductory courses offered during the summer session, along with submitting a signed recommendation from one’s pastor, will lead to the awarding of the Basic Catechetical Certificate.

Unless otherwise noted, all offerings, including advanced courses and specialized courses, are open to anyone who is interested and not just those who are seeking catechetical certification.

**Learn from Home:** Now you can participate in various Institute courses via webinar, either in real time or by viewing recordings of webinar courses at a time that is convenient for you. You must have Java 6.0 installed on your computer in order to participate via webinar. For more information, contact Ryan Bolster at 717-657-4804, ext. 225, or rbolster@hbgdiocese.org.

All courses will be held at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. Registrants will be notified at least three days in advance if a course is canceled due to low enrollment. No confirmation of registration will be sent. A complete course listing and registration form are available by clicking on the Diocesan Institute icon on the diocesan Web site, www.hbgdiocese.org. For more information, contact Kathy Burger at 717-657-4804, ext. 229, or Ryan Bolster, ext. 225.

**INTRODUCTORY COURSES**

**Introduction to Morality**
June 4-6
MTW, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Deacon Neil Crispo

**Introduction to Scripture**
June 7-9
ThF, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
S, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Deacon Michael Grella

**Introduction to the Sacraments**
June 11-13
MTW, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father Joshua Brommer

**Introduction to Prayer**
June 14-16
ThF, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
S, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Mr. James Gontis

**Introduction to the Church**
June 18-20
MTW, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Deacon Joseph Wrabel

**Overview of Catholic Doctrine: The Creed**
June 21-23
ThF, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
S, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Father David Hereshko

**Teaching Methodology – 1 & 2**
June 25-27
MTW, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Mrs. Stacey White

**ADVANCED COURSES**

**Christology**
June 4-8
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Mr. Ryan Bolster
*Also available via webinar*

**Advanced Scripture: The Book of Genesis**
June 7, 12, 14, 19, 21
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father James Lease

**Advanced Morality**
Prerequisite: Introduction to Morality
June 18-21
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father David L. Danneker
*Also available via webinar*

**COURSES OF SPECIALIZATION AND ELECTIVES**

**Liturgical Foundations**

**Introduction to the Sacred Liturgy**
June 11-14
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father Neil Sullivan

**The First Fifty Years: Liturgical Change, Consistency and Challenge**
June 18-20
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father Neil Sullivan

**Adult Methodology 1 & 2**
June 11-13
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Dr. Mary Ann Boyarski

**Old Wine in New Wineskins – Catholicism in America, 1492-2012**
June 5, 12, 19, 26
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Dr. Guy Carter

**Facilitating Groups**
June 25-27
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Mr. Ryan Bolster

**Apologetics: Defending the Faith with Love and Reason**
June 5, 6, 19, 20
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Father John Trigilio

**Evangelization and the New Media**
June 11 and 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Sister Gerayln Schmidt, SCC
OR June 26 and 28, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Webinar only

**EMILY M. ALBERT, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS**
By Chris Heisey

The Catholic Witness

The Trinity High Shamrocks continued their recent District 3 track and field domination by handily winning both the girls’ and boys’ Class AA team titles on May 18-19 in beautiful spring weather at Seth Grove Stadium on the campus of Shippensburg University.

Trinity’s trademark excellence usually comes in the relays where precise handoffs and no weak links make for winning gold medals. And that was the case this year, as the Shamrocks swept the three relay events (4 x 100, 4 x 400, 4 x 800) led by the teamwork of Monica Hunter, Aliyah Graves, Hannah Brown, Anna Kuntz, Shannon Quinn, Mary Gronkiewicz, Anne Mathey, Amanda Kusztos, Emily Dethlefs.

Anna Kuntz, bottom right, also won the 110-meter hurdles and finished second in the 100-meter dash and their final gold medal was in the pole vault, where Madison Depner cleared 11 feet. The girls won the team title with a score of 121.5, nearly 60 points better than second-place finisher Bishop McDevitt, who had gold medal performances from Kameko Webb, right, in the triple jump and Brianna Davis in the discus.

The Trinity boys won the team title behind the speed of Robert Sutliff and Chris Lenz, bottom left, who won the 100-meter sprint and the 110-meter, 300-meter hurdles respectively. They also gained gold medal performances from Danny Jackson who leaped to a 22-foot plus long jump and the 4 x 100 relay team of Chris Lenz, Robert Sutliff, Danny Jackson and Brandon Kuntz. That relay team broke a meet record which had stood since 1999.
By Emily M. Albert
The Catholic Witness

St. Anne’s school in Lancaster welcomed a special visitor for a school-wide celebration on May 11: Bishop Joseph P. McFadden, who celebrated Mass and was a guest speaker for the school’s Vocation Day.

While talking to the students about vocations, the bishop explained how each of their vocations will be different. For example, their parents, he said, chose the vocation of married life and shared their love of God with their children. Others live out their vocation as a member of the clergy or consecrated life, while still others live their vocation as a single person.

Bishop McFadden told the students his own vocation story, and how at a young age he felt the calling to serve God as a priest, but really enjoyed playing basketball and decided to attend college and play ball. But at the age of 28, God’s call was too strong to ignore and he enrolled at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

The students had many questions to follow up with the bishop’s own vocation story. Many wanted to know if he’d always wanted to be a bishop, and he explained how it is something chosen for you by the Vatican. Other students wanted to know his favorite activity as a bishop, and he replied that he enjoys visiting schools and parishes and meeting the students and people.

The students commented how fun it was to hear Bishop McFadden’s stories and to be able to ask him questions.

St. Anne’s School Principal Dr. Chris Kennedy said, “We were very excited to have the bishop here to talk about vocations and give the students his vocation story. It was a great morning that the students will remember for a long time.”