Michael Yannetti, Mikayla McCleaf, Shelby Briggs and Gabi Davidheiser, members of the Student Council at St. Francis Xavier School in Gettysburg, illustrated and articulated their support for school choice to Rep. Dan Moul during a recent forum at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown.
Former Notre Dame President Describes Catholic Charities’ Homes for Healing as Places of Christ’s Compassion

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

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The 16th President of the University of Notre Dame from 1987-2003 and full professor in the Department of Theology was the guest speaker for the dinner, held Nov. 7 at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg.

Some 220 people who attended the event received a first-hand look at the services the homes provide and the lives they touch.

Michelle Boynton, a former resident of the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, spoke of the support, structure and love she found through the program, which assists families in finding permanent housing while caring for their daily needs.

“I never thought I would end up there, but I did,” said Ms. Boynton, who arrived at the shelter as a single mom who had lost her job.

“The Interfaith Shelter really supported me. I really felt that I was in a place with family,” Ms. Boynton said. Through the program, she and her family moved into their own apartment in September 2010. “It was a true blessing to help me get back on my feet,” she said.

Catholic Charities also operates Lourdeshouse Maternity Home, which provides services to pregnant women and operates a community pantry; Evergreen House, which offers rehabilitative services to women recovering from drug and alcohol abuse; and Hope House, which provides services for people living with AIDS.

“One of the ways in which this community is assisting its members who need help of one kind or another is by first taking on that challenge to do so,” Father Malloy remarked during the dinner.

A leading advocate of volunteerism, his efforts have included service with the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, President George H.W. Bush’s Advisory Council on Drugs, and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Driving home the point that homelessness, addiction, illness and disaster can affect anyone, he called to mind the expression, “There, but for the grace of God, go I.”

“Suppose the Susquehanna had gone higher [during the September flood]. Suppose what happened in New Orleans happened here. Suppose there was an earthquake or a dramatic fire. Suppose any one of us was given a medical diagnosis that made us unable to work. Or suppose our family life fell apart and our normal support structure wasn’t there for us anymore,” he said.

“What I suggest is that none of us, in the end, is in total control of our life and our fortune,” Father Malloy remarked.

“When we discover that only God is in control, we can recognize, ‘There, but for the grace of God, go I,’” he said.

Father Malloy pointed out that Jesus’ love and hospitality extends to everyone, even those considered to be the least desirable.

“The table of fellowship was expanded way beyond the acceptable limits of the day. Jesus even ate with prostitutes and lepers and public sinners. He welcomed them into his company, and he healed them,” Father Malloy said.

“Wherever you look, there is a challenge, but there are also good examples of how the Church and its representatives have become ‘other Christs’ or have seen ‘other Christs’ in those they serve.”

“What higher call could any of us have?”

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Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Harrisburg operates four residential homes for pregnant women, each serving a distinct need and offering a unique experience.

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• Personal Care Items
• Craft Supplies
• Small Photo Albums
• Digital Camera

For pregnant women

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• Digital Camera
• Small Photo Albums
• Craft Supplies
• Personal Care Items
• Baby Items (Birth to 12 Months)
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For homeless families

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• Powdered Formula
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• Shampoo, Combs and Brushes
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• Toilet Paper
• Underwear and Socks
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List” by contacting Catholic Charities at 717-657-4804, ext. 284.

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Be Prepared for the New Roman Missal
A LISTING OF MASS PRAYERS AND RESPONSES

On the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, the English-speaking members of the Latin Rite Catholic Church will begin the use of a revised translation of the Roman Missal, which brings about certain word changes to many common prayers used at Mass. Parishes have been setting aside time for catechesis and reflection on the upcoming changes. Additionally, a wealth of information is available at www.hbgdiocese.org/missional.

For your personal preparation, The Catholic Witness lists here many of the Mass prayers and responses. Text in bold represents wording that has changed in the Roman Missal.

GREEETING
Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT, FORM A (Confiteor)
I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PENITENTIAL ACT, FORM B
Priest: For we have sinned against you.
People: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
Priest: Grant us your salvation.

GLORIA
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father and the Son.

NUNCIUS CREED
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SUSCIPAT DOMINUS (Invitation to Prayer)
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the life, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ECCE AGNUS DEI (Invitation to Communion)
Here many of the Mass prayers and responses. Text in bold exhibits professionalism on consistent basis as an ability to maintain good public relations is essential.

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Follow Diocesan Youth Online at the National Catholic Youth Conference
Nearly 100 youth from the Diocese of Harrisburg are attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis Nov. 17-19, and you can follow their experiences online via Facebook and a blog.

Emily Albert, photojournalist with The Catholic Witness, is traveling with the youth. Photos and updates about the conference will be shared on the diocese’s Facebook page (search “Diocese of Harrisburg”) and via a blog posted on the Youth and Young Adults link at www.hbgdiocese.org. The youth’s experiences at the conference will also be featured in the Dec. 2 issue of The Catholic Witness.

The National Catholic Youth Conference is three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes general sessions and workshops addressing a wide variety of topics as well as opportunities for reconciliation, daily liturgy, and special activities. The theme of this year’s event is “Called to Glory.”
At Delone Catholic Forum, Parents and Educators Tell State Representative They Want School Choice

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

“As parents, we should have real choices in education.”

“We have children in my school district, where I pay taxes, who are being hurt because they don’t have options for their education.”

“If other states are making school choice work, why can’t Pennsylvania?”

“We’re not asking you to fund our schools, we’re asking you to fund our parents.”

Support for school choice – an increase to the state’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and the creation of a voucher program – rang loud and clear at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown Nov. 9.

Parents, educators and students filled the school library to voice their support of school choice legislation in an open forum with State Representative Dan Moul (Adams County). In nearby Hanover, other school choice proponents met with State Representative Will Tallman (York County) in his office.

Delone Catholic High School planned the meetings on the heels of the state Senate’s Oct. 26 passage of Senate Bill 1, the Opportunity Scholarship Act, which will next be considered by the House of Representatives.

The school choice proposal would provide vouchers to its first year to the neediest students in the worst performing public schools. In the second year, every qualified student who lives within the geographic boundary of the failing schools can receive a voucher, even if they are already attending a nonpublic school.

SB 1 lists 144 schools that will qualify for vouchers. The list includes 14 public schools within the boundary of the Diocese of Harrisburg that have persistently scored in the lowest 5 percent of statewide tests. A total of 7,418 public school students in the Diocese of Harrisburg would be eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship Program in year one.

The school choice proposal also includes a significant increase to the EITC program that provides scholarships to students no matter where they live.

Who gathered at Delone Catholic Nov. 9 called on Rep. Moul to vote “yes” for the bill.

“You simply have to allow parents to have a choice in their children’s education,” one constituent remarked.

One mother pointed out that her school district sent her a letter regarding students’ low academic achievement and low graduation rate. She had the letter and informed her that she could send her child to another building within that district, however the district has only one building.

“There is no choice. I have no option,” she emphasized. “But it’s my tax money, so I should have a choice.”

Among those in the crowd were students from Delone, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in McSherrystown, and St. Francis Xavier School in Gettysburg. Student Council members from St. Francis Xavier told The Catholic Witness they have a particular interest in supporting school choice efforts because it would positively impact their peers.

“I think it’s important for us to come here in support of the school choice bill because it’s not fair for children to have to settle for a poor education because of their parents’ financial problems,” said Mikayla McCleaf.

Michael Yannetti said he’s in favor of school choice legislation because “if a student isn’t doing well in one school and could do better somewhere else, they should be able to have help to go to another school.”

Delone Catholic Principal Dr. Maurer Thiec said the idea for the meetings with local Representatives came from the school’s Dean of Students, Alan Felix.

“It’s important to us to keep the school choice momentum going because we have seen the gridlock of trying to get it moved under Governor [Tom] Ridge and Governor [Robert] Casey,” she said. “This time, we want to make it happen.”

“We have to get to the point where parents have the choice of an education for their children,” she said.

St. Francis Xavier students Shelby Briggs and Gabi Davidheiser echoed those sentiments. After all, passage of school choice legislation would directly assist their generation, they said.

“I really do think that students and parents should have a choice,” said Shelby. “They should be able to choose what school they go to and get assistance in order to get a better education.”

“We have advantages, but we see other kids with disadvantages and it’s not fair for them,” said Gabi. “It’s time to pass the bill. People should be able to look at schools and know that they have a choice.”

Contact Your Representative!

It’s a critical time for school choice advocacy. School choice legislation – the Opportunity Scholarship Act – has passed in the Senate. For school choice to become a reality, it must also pass in the House of Representatives.

Call or visit the office of your local State House of Representative to tell them you support school choice, and that you want them to vote for it. Visit the Web site of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference at www.pacatholic.org/schoolchoice for a wealth of information on the topic, and visit the Pennsylvania Catholic Advocacy Network link there to find contact information for your legislators.

Students, parents and educators meet with State Representative Dan Moul at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown to lobby for school choice and to ask him to vote “yes” on school choice legislation. The Senate passed Senate Bill 1 – the Opportunity Scholarship Act – on Oct. 26, and the measure will now be considered by the House of Representatives.

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– Dr. Maureen Thiec, Principal of Delone Catholic High School
School Choice Drain Resources from Public Schools?

By A.B. Hill

Special to The Witness

Thousands of Catholic students attend public schools all over Pennsylvania. Supporting families in educating their children no matter where they go to school is part of our obligation to promote the common good and ensure that our children receive the education that is right for them is vital to Pennsylvania’s future.

Parents who place their children in nonpublic schools willingly make an enormous financial sacrifice to pay tuition in addition to paying their state and local taxes. In doing so, they save the state and local district the cost of educating their children in the public schools. In Pennsylvania, Catholic schools save taxpayers $4 billion annually in education costs.

Not everyone is the parent of a school-aged child but most of us are taxpayers. In Senate Bill 1, which expands the existing program for school choice (an already failed concept) and extends it to all low-income students, it is essential that we consider how paying for nonpublic schools will be paid for.

Despite many shortcomings, the nonpublic school voucher program has been tried, tested and upheld. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal. The Wisconsin Supreme Court again. Should vouchers become law, it will likely be challenged in court to determine an answer. What will that answer be?

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Something that promotes the common good, such as educating children, is a great benefit to the public so it can, and should, be supported.

Similarly, school voucher programs in other states have survived constitutional challenges. The Wisconsin Supreme Court found that including religious schools did not violate the First Amendment because the program “has a secular purpose” and “will not have the primary effect of advancing religion.” The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal. The Wisconsin Supreme Court also rejected a “uniformity” challenge to the school choice program. It held that while the legislature is required to provide public schooling to all, it can also offer additional, non-powerful educational opportunities outside the traditional public school system.

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When the debate centers on the constitutionality argument, the most important component of school choice is often overlooked. School choice is not about supporting sectarian schools, but about supporting parents by redirecting their tax dollars to back them and allowing them the opportunity to choose what school they want their children to attend. Vouchers and EITC allow parents to dictate where their dollars will be spent, not the state redirecting taxes to nonpublic schools.

As the legislation allowing the use of educational opportunity grants or vouchers makes its way through the state legislative process the question of constitutionality will indeed be raised again. Should vouchers become law, it will likely be challenged in court to determine an answer. What will that answer be?

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By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

I recently had a privilege of attending a professional development in-service with educators from all around the state of Pennsylvania. I was amazed how much “electrical” excitement went through the room as we all collaborated and discussed the challenges of integrating technology as we teach learners in the 21st century. I experienced amazing energy as we discussed common experiences and best practices that we had witnessed in our teaching. It was, for me, a joy to be in a room in which educators were enlivened with the thrill of working with the youth.

That being said, as the day progressed, I became keenly aware of the HUGE difference that our schools possessed; FAITH in God. One of the Catholic educators that accompanied me to this conference used the “f word” above. That’s right … she used the word faith to describe, at a very high level, what was the unique aspect of her school. The reaction across the room was like a match touching a gallon of gasoline. Those who didn’t share this vision were visibly upset by the mere mention of that word. Teachers suddenly became indignant and downright argumentative when this teacher suggested that faith in God should be the key ingredient of any educational institution.

That teacher who had the courage to mention faith was SO right! According to The Holy See Teaching A New F Word on Catholic Schools by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CBB, (Solidarity Association, 2006), one of the five essential marks of a Catholic school is inspiration by a supernatural vision. Bishop Joseph McFadden has over and over again stressed that the purpose of Catholic schools is to help form students into saints. This concept he elaborated in his address via video conference to welcome the students back to a new school year. You can access that address on the Catholic School page on the diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org. This year’s Education Conference, held on September 29 at Trinity High School, stressed that the very mission of Catholic schools was to form saints. This is an echo of Pope Paul VI’s Declaration on Christian Education, Gravissimum Educationis which states:

“The specific purpose of Catholic education is the formation of boys and girls who will be good citizens of this world, loving God and neighbor and enriching society with the leaven of the gospel, and who will also be citizens of the world to come, thus fulfilling their destiny to become saints.”

There is no doubt that our Catholic schools excel academically. Studies have over and over confirmed this fact. But, this should not be the ingredient that sets us apart from our counterparts. What DOES set us apart is our relationship with God, and this is woven into the very core of our curriculum. An astute fifth grader once told me, “If Jesus walked the face of the earth today, He would announce that the Kingdom of God is like an apartment building. Each of us is a brick in the building and what holds us together is the cement of our prayer, our relationship with God and with one another.”

Our world is hungry for individuals who understand this idea, live it by their actions, and are willing to share it. Seth Godin, the author of Tribes: We Need You to Lead Us, (Portfolio: 2008) proclaims that in the business world: (I think this is true for us as well) “….for the first time ever, everyone in an organization is expected to lead … Individuals have ability to change things … its engaging, thrilling, profitable and fun … others are waiting for you to connect to them and lead them.” (13)

Our world is waiting for us to stand up and proclaim our faith with as much courage and spark as the saints of old. This is the fact that Pope Paul IV speaks about in Gravissimum Educationis. The passion that our young people exhibit about their faith enlivens not only their peers but also us who are a bit more “seasoned” and in turn, the entire Church. What I am describing is a great hope in the future that our young people give us! That future begins now!

(Christian Charity Sister Geralyn Schmidt is the School WAN Coordinator for the Diocese of Harrisburg.)
My Dear Friends in the Lord,

In his recent Apostolic Exhortation on the Word of God, Verbum Domini, our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI reminds the Church that we are to see more clearly the bond between a love-filled hearing of God’s word and selfless service of our brothers and sisters. All believers should see the need to translate the word that we have heard into deeds of love, because this is the only way to make the Gospel proclamation credible, despite the human weaknesses that mark individuals.

Without a doubt, the Gospel is made alive and takes on flesh whenever we “live the truth in charity” through our outreach in the work done by the staff, volunteers, and board members of Catholic Charities. This work is a cause for humble gratitude as we acknowledge their dedication and loving service.

As you receive this annual report, I hope that you see within them many “gestures of love” that continue to make Christ present among the members of our society who are in need. Though many hands, ready to lift up the fallen and give relief to the weary, Jesus Christ continues to work tirelessly through the Church “proclaiming liberty to captives, giving sight to the blind, and setting the oppressed free.” The Word of God is truly incarnate among us!

Humbled by such a mystery, let us continue to pray for the grace to “hear the Word of God and act upon it” in works of charity done with great love. May the Blessed Mother of the Incarnate Word continue to watch over us and intercede as we imitate her example of carrying Christ into the world.

Sincerely yours in the Lord Jesus,

+ Joseph P. McFadden, D.D.
Bishop of Harrisburg

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

We just completed our 72nd consecutive year of providing human services to the people of the Diocese of Harrisburg and South Central PA. We made great strides in several areas and had a very good turnaround from our year end 2009 – 2010.

On many fronts, 2010/2011 was a very challenging year. There were several factors which affected us, many beyond our control such as the actualities of the economy, unemployment, homelessness, a recession, poverty, natural disasters and “kinship care.”

Most of these factors had an effect on our ability to secure funds and deliver services. Money was extremely tight at the state and county level and very competitive with Foundations, Corporations and Organizations. We faced with the elimination of funding, reductions in funding and flat funding. This coupled with the fact that our expenses such as salaries, benefits, energy, rent, utilities, etc. increased, had a profound effect on us.

Consequently, with the economy in general, increased operating expenses, funding issues and lack of referrals for our programs due to “kinship care,” the Agency was affected negatively on many fronts.

As an Agency, we met the challenge head on. This was not without pain. We needed to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses and assess how we delivered services to our clients. We needed to identify if there were more efficient and effective ways to obtain our objectives and be true to our Mission.

We stayed true to our Mission and continued to be a quality provider of Human Services in South Central Pennsylvania.

As our motto states, we “provide Help and Create Hope” and we proudly serve one client at a time treating them with dignity and respect.

2011/2012 will present us with a unique set of challenges and opportunities. We are positioned ourselves to be creative and think about what it is we do and how we deliver services. We may need to push the envelope, change the model and do things differently.

As always, we have done for the past 12 years, we will “provide Help and Create Hope” for the most vulnerable in our society.

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

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

May God continue to bless us and give us the strength to forge ahead and carry out His Mission to help those who cannot help themselves. May He give us the resolve and commitment to help those in need.

Sincerely,

Mark Totaro, Ph.D.
Executive Director/CEO

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**IN ANY GIVEN YEAR**  Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg provides help and creates hope for those in need. Last year, our programs provided help to:

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**YOUTH SERVICES**

**ADOPTION SERVICES**

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

In addition, Child Preparation Counseling is offered to children preparing for adoption. During this series of sessions, children participate in activities and exercises designed to help them adjust to the adoption process by reviewing their past, identifying and discussing feelings and concerns, and strengthening their bonds with his/her new family.

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**PARADISE SCHOOL**

Located in rural York County, Paradise School is a residential treatment program and is also the longest continuously operating Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Program for children and adolescents in Central Pennsylvania. Originally chartered in 1911 as an orphanage for boys, the school has grown into a multifunctional facility diagnosing and treating the emotional and mental health needs of young men and women. On-site educational programming, ongoing family therapy, therapeutic support, and academic support are offered in a highly structured secure environment. In addition, small group instruction in specialized fields such as woodworking, welding, small engine repair, masonry, horticulture, and machine shop is offered.

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**INTENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES**

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

Another component of the Intensive Family Services Program is the Heart of Mary Pregnancy Resource Center. The center provides pregnancy testing, counseling, childbirth and parenting classes, and information regarding adoption options. New mother and mothers-to-be also visit the program’s open pantry for clothing, formula, diapers, and other infant needs.

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**INTENSIVE DAY TREATMENT**

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

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

Rae had a 30 to 35 year-long heroin addiction. She was homeless for 7 years while living in New York. During this time she was homeless she panhandled to survive. During her time in New York she spent 10 years in a violent relationship. Rae was in and out of detox and rehab programs over the years. Rae made the decision to take back control of her life. She first started detox in New York, from there she completed rehab in Pennsylvania. Since participating in services at Evergreen House she has been clean for 9 months. She has started classes for peer recovery and has recently received funding to go back to college where she will study to become a drug and alcohol counselor. With help from Evergreen House she has started job hunting and has several interviews set-up. She has also established a relationship with her children and grandchildren with whom she recently visited. Rae has used the tools provided by Evergreen House to better her life and those of her children.

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES SERVICES
Based in Harrisburg, the Immigration and Refugee Services Program assists a diverse population of legal entrants to the United States to achieve economic and social self-sufficiency. The English-as-a-Second-Language Program (ESL) has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare for its success in serving the large number of persons with limited English proficiency. In addition, the number of refugees who have found jobs through the Employment Services Program continues to exceed grantor requirements. Services provided by any Immigration and Refugee Services Program are limited to those who have resided in the United States for five years or less.

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

Kaya is a 22 year old woman who is pregnant for the first time. She was in an abusive relationship and had to leave her apartment and her belongings. Kaya really wanted to do best for herself and her baby, because she was in prison and grew up in the project. Not long after being at Lourdeshouse, she became employed and saved money to buy herself a car. Kaya had some costs and fines she had to pay off for probation, and then applied for housing through a transitional housing program and was accepted. After completing our program, Kaya became assistant manager at the restaurant where she is employed. She has moved out of the transitional housing program, and has her own apartment, and enrolled at the Community College in the Criminal Justice Program.

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

LANCASTER OUTPATIENT OFFICE
I had the opportunity to work with a very special client, “Sally”, who was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). She had been in an abusive marriage for seven years. The abuse culminated one morning when her husband came home drunk, beat and raped her before passing out. She made the decision that day that she’d had enough, and left to stay with her (adult) daughter and “start over.” “Sally” pressed charges, divorced him, and her now ex-husband remains incarcerated, awaiting trial. She has done some hard work in therapy, learning how to value herself and has become an independent, self-reliant and confident woman. It has been a pleasure and honor to watch her succeed!
HEART OF MARY

Jill was 23 and pregnant for the second time. She was living in her mother’s apartment with her 4 year old daughter. Her mother had helped her through her first pregnancy and with the care of her daughter, but was furious with Jill about this pregnancy. She was refusing to provide any emotional or financial support. The baby’s father was recently incarcerated and would be there indefinitely. Jill felt desperate, alone, and overwhelmed. With no supplies and no means of getting them, she heard about Heart of Mary and came to her first appointment desperate and tearful. Fast forwards nine months later. After numerous parenting classes, Jill had held her new son to her chest, her counselor saw that she was confident and self-sufficient. She plans to go back to school and become a nurse. Jill confided to her counselor that if her boyfriend had given her the money, she would have aborted her baby. This had never been disclosed before and it touched her counselor deeply. Heart of Mary staff and volunteers never truly know the impact that their kind words and guidance offer to our families, but we are all blessed to be a small part in helping families welcome their babies into the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Harrisburg, PA 17111
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ESL Services
Refugee Resettlement
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CAPITAL REGION OFFICE
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Building 2, Suite 203
Chambersburg, PA 17201
(717) 263-3765 • FAX (717) 263-3226

LANCASTER OFFICE
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Lancaster, PA 17602
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Lebanon, PA 17042
(717) 271-8514 • FAX (717) 273-5942

NORTHERN OFFICE
312 Market Street
Sunbury, PA 17801
(570) 988-2860 • FAX (570) 988-2861

YORK OFFICE
253 East Market Street
York, PA 17403
(717) 845-2686 • FAX (717) 843-3941

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Harrisburg, PA 17111
(717) 564-9450 • FAX (717) 564-9456

LANCASTER IN HOME PROGRAM
417 Poplar Street
Lancaster, PA 17603
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Obituaries

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

**ANSONVILLE** – St. Paul the Apostle: James F. Paugh, Elizabeth “Belle” A. Wells.

**BERWICK** – St. Joseph: Carol raye Bottorff, Walter Garrett, Albena Phileys.

**CHAMBERSBURG** – Corpus Christi: Carl Joseph McCauley, Judith Reausen.

**COAL TOWNSHIP** – Our Lady of Hope: Sarah T. Witt.

**COLUMBIA** – St. Peter: Gwenn Strousebenberg.

**ELIZABETHTOWN** – St. Peter: John F. Antowski.

**KNOLA** – Our Lady of Lourdes: Dorothy A. Collins.

**GETTYSBURG** – St. Francis Xavier: Leslie Sanders, Edward Stull.

**HANOVER** – St. Joseph: Carol raye Bottorff, Walter Garrett, Albena Phileys.

**HARRISBURG** – Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick: Malie McLoughlin, Holy Family: Mary Ann Post; St. Catherine Laboré: Margaret Hoffman, Benedict Jirik, Catherine Kunz, James McKenna.


**KULPMONT** – Holy Angels: Mary Jarvis, John Politza.

**LANCESTER** – St. Anne: Marilou Kraynick.

**LEWISTOWN** – Our Lady of Good Counsel: Mark Dwyer.

**MCHESSYBURN – Annunciation BVM:** Rita L. Harman, Peter Hufnagel, Lloyd Klunk, Cyril and Methodius Sister Josita.

**ST. JOSEPH** – Carol raye Bottorff, Walter Garrett, Albena Phileys.

**ST. ANNE** – Marilou Kraynick.

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS** – Arthur Antkowiak.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel:** Dorothy A. Battistone, Theresa Walter.

**St. Margaret Mary** – Regina Zogby, a retired art teacher from St. Margaret Mary.

**St. Peter** – Gwenn McCusker.

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**Sacred Heart of Jesus** – Arthur Antkowiak.

**Our Lady of Lourdes:** Dorothy A. Battistone, Theresa Walter.

**Immaculate Conception BVM:** Zachary Allen Day, II, Roy Schak.

**Holy Infant:** Mary Achaj.

**Holy Spirit:** Brandon M. Lavage, Louis Bancelli, Jr.

**Sister M. DeLourdes**

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Sister M. DeLourdes died at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville Oct. 30. She was 88. Born Mary Pchola in Shamokin, she attended St. Mary’s School and Shamokin High School. She received a degree in education from Argyle University in Scranton, Pa., and a master’s in education from the Catholic University of America in Washington. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Danville in 1948. Sister DeLourdes taught at schools in Connecticut, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. She also taught business education at Argyle University in Scranton, Pa., and at St. Cyril and Methodius Academy in Danville. From 1962 she spent time in a variety of ministries at Maria Hall and Maria Joseph Manor in Danville. She was preceded in death by her parents and by a sister, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Sister Jozita. The funeral Mass was celebrated at Maria Hall in Danville on Nov. 2. Burial was in the Sisters’ cemetery there.

**Central Pennsylvania Food Bank Starts Annual Turkey Drive**

Each year, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank receives thousands of requests for frozen turkeys during the holiday season. To meet this demand, the food bank kicked off its annual “Turkey Drive Nov. 1, with an goal of working to distribute turkeys to be distributed to families in need. The food bank is asking the public to help meet some of that demand by donating frozen turkeys, along with canned fruit/vegetables, instant stuffing, canned dry goods, and canned pie filling.

The food bank distributes frozen turkeys (as well as all of the side dishes that make a holiday meal complete) to hungry families during the holiday season, through a network of agencies in 27 Pennsylvania counties. Non-profit partners such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and senior citizen programs will either directly distribute the turkeys or prepare turkeys onsite to serve their clients. The public can donate frozen turkeys, as well as the ingredients for side dishes, at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank office at 3908 Corey Road, Harrisburg during the following hours:

- Weekdays, November 18 – December 3 – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday, November 19 – 8 a.m. – noon
- Saturday, December 3 – 8 a.m. – noon
- Saturday, December 10 – 8 a.m. – noon

Area GIANT Food Stores shoppers may also request that their BonusCard Turkey Ex reward certificates be donated to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank at their local GIANT.

**Senior Adult Ministry Plans Annual Christmas Gathering**

The Diocese of Harrisburg’s Senior Adult Ministry will present its annual Christmas Gathering entitled, “A Taste of Christmas” at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg Dec. 19 from 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A festive and informative program has been planned, including a presentation by Father Edward R. Lavelle, STL on the pertinent subject of “Loss and the Holidays.” Regina Zogby, a retired art teacher from St. Margaret Mary School in Harrisburg, will speak on “Gifts from the Heart.” The group will then be treated to a holiday meal complete enough to satisfy even the most discerning palate.

**Malvern Retreat Renews Deacons in Their Ministry**

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Vox Clara Member Tells Catechists New Translation to Missal Will Bring Faithful into Deeper Relationship with God

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

The first and most important reason behind the new English translation of the Roman Missal – which will be implemented in the United States on the first Sunday of Advent this year – is to help us enter into a deeper union with God, a theologian and member of Vox Clara told several hundred diocesan catechists during their annual conference.

Changes to the Missal “help us to enter the mysteries of the redemption that God invites us into,” said Father Dennis McManus, who served as the keynote speaker for the diocese’s annual Catechetical Conference at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg Nov. 12.

Father McManus, a priest of the Archdiocese of Mobile, Ala., is a member of Vox Clara, the committee that assists the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments regarding the English translation of liturgical texts.

In his address, he spoke of ways in which the new English translation will assist Catholics in renewing their participation in the Mass, and pinpointed four reasons why Blessed John Paul II called for the new translation.

The first reason – to help us pray more deeply – “is the first and most important” reason for the Church to make changes to the liturgy, he pointed out.

Pope John Paul II theorized that the Gospel isn’t prayed well if it is not fully brought into every culture, he said.

“The full Gospel, or no Gospel,” Father McManus remarked. “We bring the Gospel back inside the Church to those who many have forgotten it. It’s the new evangelization.”

The second reason Pope John Paul II called for a change in the translation centered on the poetry of the language, Father McManus said.

“When our vernacular translations are too simple, too plain and don’t strive to lift us up, then the quality of our prayer is kind of flat,” he said. “The biggest, deepest challenge in this new translation is to allow ancient forms to be fresh in a modern way.

“We’re going to be asked to pray inside a tradition that’s bigger than we are, and we’re going to have to surrender a little bit,” he continued. “Rather than Americanize the Missal, the Missal is going to Catholicize us.”

The third reason for the new translation is to bring more Biblical language to the prayers we speak during Mass, Father McManus said.

Although the Mass and our prayers are full of Biblical quotes, he said, they can be missed if they aren’t highlighted.

“Get inside the Bible,” Father McManus said. “Let it mean that the Bible is in my heart, it’s in my mind, it’s on my lips, I feel it, I pray it, I live it.”

The final reason for the new English translation of the Roman Missal is to bring Catholic belief and expression more fully into the liturgy.

“John Paul wanted all that is in the Roman Missal to be fully expressed in every prayer, even if at the beginning it puzzles us when we hear something out of that tradition,” Father McManus said.

He acknowledged that the new translation will require a period of adjustment, but said it will bring us together in how we deliver our prayers and responses, and how we allow them to live in us.

“The new translation is all about praying better, it’s all about more poetry, it’s all about more Bible, and it’s all about a fuller expression of what it means to be Catholic,” Father McManus concluded.
An Advent Morning of Reflection, “We Wait in Joyful Hope,” will be presented by Sister Mary Beth, S.S.C.M., at St. Cyril Spirit Church, Dec. 7 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the St. Cyril School Cafeteria. For more information, contact the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at oyam@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804 x420.

A Women’s Night of Reflection, “There was no room for us...” will be offered by Father Michael Rothan, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Hershey, Dec. 7 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in St. Joan’s School Cafeteria. Please register at sistermara@stjosephlancaster.org or 717-287-4309 or 717-287-4356.

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is being hosted by Karen M. Hyler, DDS, from March 17-27, 2012. The scriptures will come alive as we walk the lands where Jesus walked. Tour includes: 7 Daily Masses at holy sites, guide, accommodation in First Class hotels (five nights in Jerusalem, three nights in Bethlehem, on the shores of the Dead Sea, and one night at Caesarea), transport by deluxe motorcoach, rundfahrter from Philadelphia on nonstop flight, and more, for $2,975 per person/double occupancy. For further information, contact Christine Miller at 717-872-2266 or cmiller@georgesintl.com.

Christmas Bazaar Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. We host a Christmas bazaar with vendors who are sponsored by St. Joseph Parish and our schools. Children participate by creating homemade tree ornaments. New this year: our own Green Team (sustainability club) will be selling gifts made from recycled materials collected this year. We also have children’s make and take crafts, food in our candy cane cafe, delicious homemade cookies and nut cookies will be available. Homemade candied and caramel, noodles and popcorn, gifts, baskets, jewelry and handmade boutique, choice bees, and flea market items. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Sacred Heart School in Lancaster will host its Christmas Craft Show and Bazaar in the school gym Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We host a Christmas Bazaar with vendors who are sponsored by the Saint Anne’s Retirement Community Auxiliary. Dinner included: homemade ham; macaroni and cheese; cranberry sauce; vegetables; dessert; and coffee. Bring a new, unwrapped gift per ticket. Prizes are: 1st prize – 27” Samsung LCS TV; 2nd prize – iPod Nano 4th generation; 3rd prize – $100 VISA gift card; 4th prize – $50 VISA gift card; 5th prize – 500,000 Facebook “likes.” For more information, contact Sister Mary Beth, SS.C.M., at 717-755-3757 or visit www.sscm.org and click on the “Picnic” tab. For information, call 717-509-7825.

Education, Enrichment & Support

Advent Fridays, “The Birth of Christ: Divinity, Doxology, Suffering,” will be held every Friday in December in the school cafeteria. The evening will include live entertainment, basket raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Dinner includes a tossed salad, Italian bread, spaghetti and meatballs, dessert and choice of beverage. Tickets are $8 for adults, $4 for kids 3-14, and free for kids under 3. Takeout will be available as well.

The Heritage Club at St. Patrick Parish will present its Annual Farm and Christmas Craft Show Dec. 9 and 10, at St. Patrick Parish, 111 West George Street, Lebanon. For more information, contact Jeanne Rittle at 717-246-3847 or 717-246-3857.

Christmas Craft Show Dec. 9 and 10, at St. Catherine Laboure Church in Harrisburg. For more information, contact Jeanne Rittle at 717-246-3857.

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St. Joseph Parish in York is looking for a Coordinator of Religious Education for Elementary School-aged students. The position involves planning, implementing and evaluating religious education programs as agreed upon by the pastor. The program is for about 300 students. Basic duties: Coordinates the Faith Formation Activities of K-4; supervises and assists the Religious Education Director; coordinates and supervises volunteers and student workers. Works in conjunction with the School Principals and other Pastoral Staff. A Full Job Description will be provided upon application. The Coordinator is responsible for and committed to excellent individual communication skills (oral and written) organizational, administrative, managerial and interpersonal skills. Experience in grade level teaching as well as knowledge, especially Outreach Office. Must be able to work with other members of the Pastoral Staff. This individual must be a Catholic in good standing with the Diocesan Church, Catholic, familiar with the liturgical services, music, doctrine and the Holy Scriptures. Must also have completed the program that this individual has a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in Theology in Religious Education or related fields. Individuals should also have a valid driver’s license. Other details provided. Contact: Father Louis Petruia O.F.M.Cap. Pastor, at 717-795-7003 x202 or Petruia@ogj.org.

Family and friends of the late William H. and A. Rosella Springer are invited to join the parishioners of St. Joan Church in Lancaster for the dedication of a new Parish Library in the Memory of William and A. Rosella Springer, who generously donated funds in the new library on the corner of Duke and Liberty Streets in Lancaster. House in the parish meeting room, the renovations were funded by the Esquire family and the Springer family. Parishioners donations in honor made by numerous parishioners, of whom many also provided the manpower to make the transition a real success.

Harrington Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council has enacted a benefit package for its members that will provide tuition assistance to its members’ families who have children attending diocesan elementary and high schools. The assistance is equal to $500 per student, per academic year. provided the members meet the following criteria: attendance at 10 Council Meetings per year; scholarship participation; the purchase of Council, the Annual Chicken Bar Q, Free Throw Contest, Essay Contest, or a regular helper at the Silence of Mary project. Parents, other adults or two members or prospective members should contact the Council at 145 Peach St., Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Md., is seeking a Chaplain to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Chaplain’s principal responsibility includes coordinating the spiritual and sacramental life of the Grotto. The Chaplain plays a secondary role in assisting the University’s Pastoral Staff in their ministry to students. In addition, he will work with the Rector of the Seminary in developing seminarian formation. The Grotto Chaplain should be an ordained Transitional Deacon or Priest with a degree in a field related to pastoral care, including a minor in spirituality, theology or philosophy. The position includes a $25,000 annual salary, and a 401(k) plan. Send a cover letter and resume to Msgr. Robert Swank, Rector, St. Mary’s University, 47016 Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. The position is open immediately.

Charitable Chairties of Bethesda is seeking a Director of Development. The Director of Development manages a staff of four professionals and is responsible for raising $4 million annually through a comprehensive, 360 degree fundraising program. She/he will possess strong leadership skills. Strong analytical and quantitative skills are necessary. Experience in a development role, preferably in a hospital or not-for-profit setting, is required. For complete application instructions, visit www.deweykaye.com/dsjobs.
Bishops Discuss Religious Liberty, Marriage, Finances at Annual Meeting

Catholic News Service

At the start of their annual three-day fall assembly in Baltimore, the U.S. bishops were urged to restore the luster, credibility and beauty of the Catholic Church in the hearts of its members.

Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York called on his fellow bishops Nov. 14 to communicate to the world that the sinfulness of the Church’s past was not the sinfulness of its God or of Christ and that the Church could not make excuses to dismiss the Church or her eternal truths, but to embrace her all the more.

In his first presidential address since election as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops last November, he opened and closed with the words: “Love for Jesus must be the passion of our lives.”

He noted that the Church still has plenty to say to the modern world.

“Sheds the world … to foster and protect the inviolable dignity of the human person and human life; … to protect marriage and family; to embrace those suffering and struggling; to prefer service to selfishness and never, ever to stifle the liberty to quench the deep-down thirst for the divine; including abortion and contraception, to trafficking victims. 

Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield, Ill., attends the opening session of the fall meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore Nov. 14.

Bishop Lori also cited the Department of Justice’s shift from defending the Defense of Marriage Act to opposing it in court “as an act of ‘bias and prejudice’ akin to racism, thereby implying that churches which teach that marriage is between a man and a woman are guilty of bigotry.”

He said the bishops see a pattern in culture and law to treat religion “as merely a private matter between an individual and one’s God. Some decisions and some administrative regulations treat religion not as a contributor to our nation’s common morality but rather as a divisive and corrosive force better kept out of public life.”

The U.S. Bishops’ campaign to strengthen marriage has reached a large audience and also has garnered awards from professional advertising organizations, chairman of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth reported to the bishops Nov. 14.

In a presentation on the work of the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., said the public service announcements with messages that marriage had been measured as having 1.3 billion “audience impressions” since they began several years ago. He said the campaign won a national public relations award in 2009 and has been the most successful effort of its kind ever sponsored by the USCCB.

Public service announcements with the theme of “a good marriage goes a long way” were released in September to 1,000 television stations and 7,000 radio stations, he said.

During a news conference after the morning session, Archbishop Dolan spoke about Pennsylvania University’s sex abuse scandal, which he said both shows the scope of the abuse problem and the value of safe environment training that the university is providing.

He said the indictment of several Penn State officials and the firing of the university’s president and longtime football coach “has reopened a wound in the church as well.”

“It shows that the scope of sexual abuse is not limited to any one faith and certainly not limited to priests,” he said. “It’s in organizations, in universities, all over the place, in families and, yes, in priests.”

Archbishop Dolan said the Church’s own sex abuse scandal “makes us a little timid about wanting to give advice” but he said the Church has the experience with providing safe environment training to help children and their parents, as well as clergy and Church volunteers, become more aware of the warning signs of child sex abuse which has “phenomenally advantageous” over the past decade.

During the first day’s session, the bishops also met Archbishop Carlos Maria Viganò, the new apostolic nuncio to the United States, who was welcomed by the bishops for the first time. He told the bishops the pope puts great hope in this country for the future of the universal Church.

In votes during the day, the bishops approved a $217.4 million operating budget, a 3 percent increase in diocesan inspections for 2013. They gave preliminary consideration to a resolution that would extend a call to bishops to adhere to sound financial report within their dioceses; a vote was scheduled for the next day.

The new primate for the world’s 8 million Ukrainian-Catholic faithful lauded the work of the U.S. bishops’ annual national collection to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk said the collection has provided financial support for the development of basic church structures which had been destroyed by the communist regime.

“Today the Church is undergoing a period of rebirth and resurrection,” Archbishop Shevchuk said.

“Brotherly love and charity is in accordance with our Faith,” Bishop David M. Talley of Philadelphia, Archbishops Dolan later pointed out that he was encouraged by a Nov. 8 private meeting he had with President Barack Obama at the White House.

He said he found the president to be “very open to the sensitivities” of the U.S. Catholic Church on issues related to religious freedom that the two discussed. He said issues related to religious liberty and government might be an area where there is room for compromise.

Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., and chairman of a new Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty, outlined some of the issues at stake in a report to the bishops.

He said his committee was “surprised” when church and government and policies are related to the Department of Health and Human Services. They include draft HHS regulations that would require all private health insurance plans to provide free contraceptives.

HHS also recently denied a one-year grant to the U.S. Catholic bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services to aid foreign-born humanitarian refugees.

The attention has focused on requirements in the guidelines for the new grants that called for agencies to offer the “full range of reproductive service,” including abortion and contraception, to trafficking victims.

By A.B. Hill

Pennsylvania’s Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is facing a constitutional challenge in Federal Court in Philadelphia. Attorneys for a lesbian woman who was “married” to her partner in Canada have petitioned the court to declare Pennsylvania’s marriage law to be unconstitutional. (COCENZ Ó Ó Connor, 2004-10-29)

A similar case led the high court in Iowa to legalize same-sex marriage there in 2009.

A Marriage Protection Amendment to the Pennsylvania State Constitution may pass the state legislature in two consecutive sessions of the state legislature before it can go to voters in 2014 for passage.

This “court case is a real and present danger to marriage in Pennsylvania,” said Michael Geer, president of Pennsylvania Family Council. “It’s time our legislation act on a constitutional amendment to allow the people a voice on this important issue.”

After millennia of human experience and ethical reflection, history has shown the family to be the foundation of society. The institution of marriage plays an essential role in the continuation of the human race, the full and proper development of each person and the establishment of a society rooted in personal dignity, social stability and mutual respect. Marriage is the foundation of the family.

In turn the family is the basic unit of society. Thus while marriage is a personal relationship it also has public significance.

Before the Church’s vision of human sexual identity in marriage is a gift truly entrusted to us by God as reflected in the way he created us. Jesus Christ also revealed to us what God’s plan is for our sexuality and for marriage. We not only cherish our faith but we must manifest it in our love and care for others.

“Take action” Contact your state legislators to encourage them to support Marriage Protection Amendment. Visit www.pacatholic.org to find contact information and to learn more.

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Coach John Wooden

Sports Commentary

‘Failure to Act is often the Biggest Failure of All’

~ Coach John Wooden

By Chris Helsey
The Catholic Witness

More than 140 diocesan athletic coaches attended an evening workshop hosted at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, on Nov. 8. At the program, sponsored by the Secretariat for Education, Bishop Joseph P. McFadden spoke to the coaches about having a Catholic identity in the sport arena today.

All Americans were seemingly reminded this past couple of weeks how important coaching is and how deeply athletic pursuit is woven into our society. Given that Pennsylvania has been at the center of a media storm, even those who could care less about sports would find it altogether fitting to take a moment to pause and reflect these heady November days of 2011.

Writing on the topic of coaching is something that I have done more of in my 15 years here at the diocese than any other topic. Yet, I loathe doing it. Rotten coaching has taught me more than outstanding coaching. I have had a number of other points. Some might appear obvious, but in the heat of a game many coaches lose their way. Ripping an official causes you to lose sight of what mistakes your athletes are making. The more you yell at a player the less he/she hears, is how Bishop McFadden sees it.

Bishop McFadden touched on a few points in his half-hour talk to coaches that are very much worth sharing. As a former basketball coach and principal, he’s had the opportunity to be in the arena, talk to greats of the profession and watch other coaches apply their craft.

A number of years ago, Bishop McFadden met legendary basketball Coach John Wooden of UCLA fame, who passed away at age 99 last year. Of course, he won a slew of national championships and went undefeated for more than two seasons, but what made Coach Wooden so special was his tireless devotion to doing things in a godly way. There is a great Web site, coachwooden.com, which the bishop recommends. There are a number of gold nuggets to mine.

I especially like the coach’s Pyramid of Success that includes 15 explained principles that Wooden coached by. Intentionness is my favorite missal, and a close second would be industriousness. What a great resource the Web site is, and any coach with either 700 wins or 30 years left in the game does a player justice is a misconception that has lived on for decades. Why not give your star a blow in the first quarter? Does the game hinge on a play early on? Yet that player who sits on the bench game in and game out most likely practices with more effort than regulars do. I, too, sat on the end of the bench. I will tell you that there is nothing more demeaning than being thrown into the game with seconds to go. You feel like a scrub.

In closing, Bishop McFadden touched on the “Messiah Method” and what might be Central Pennsylvania’s best kept secret – Messiah College located in the quaint hamlet of Grantham some 10 miles south of Harrisburg. Winner of 11 national Division III NCAA championships in the last 10 years, it’s a hidden mecca of excellence. And they have lost 7 national finals in the past 15 years as well. Double wow. When you cross over the 150-year-old Bowmansdale covered bridge to the athletic complex, you are not struck with anything great. Humble fields, a decent stadium, but nothing that says, "Here loves competitive greatness."

For the past decade or so, my son and I have made this college our home. When he was a toddler, we’d play in the mud, skip rocks on the creek, and race sleds down the cemetery’s killer hill. As we matured, we started attending sporting events and paying attention. Now, we attend no sporting events, but practice lacrosse there every day we can, no matter the weather. That’s the joy of the place – the access is open, the community is welcomed, and the atmosphere is wholesome. What we also do these days is watch all the soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse practices that we can.

It is there that he is learning what it is to be an able teammate and positive coach. He has watched sharp, snappy practices where coaches teach, encourage and demand performance in earnest fashion. In turn, the players urge players on, pat each other on the back, and root for each other. The chatter and togetherness is warming and is genuinely Christ affirming.

This kind of spirit never seems to get noticed today as we live in a world where media rocks to tawdry scandal. But in Pennsylvania, Coach Wooden’s maxims are still alive. It’s just not where you thought so.
Annunciation Students Salute Vets

By Emily M. Albert
The Catholic Witness

Veterans Day, observed on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, originated from the final peace treaty during WWI, the infamous Treaty of Versailles, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of November, 1918. The treaty was signed in 1919 between the Allies and Germany, at the end of a war that was said to end all wars, if only.

Now the United States honors and remembers all fallen soldiers and those serving currently. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in McSherrystown held a special tribute this Veterans Day. The assembly was organized by sixth-grade teacher Kristie Lucas, daughter of Richard French, a Marine during the 60s and currently a volunteer at Bethesda Walter Reed Medical Hospital, where many of our injured soldiers are taken. Mrs. Lucas commented that she organized the assembly because “the kids need to know they live in the best country and that doesn’t come without sacrifice. Freedom does not come free.”

During the assembly, students involved in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts presented the colors, the school showed a slideshow presentation honoring soldiers, students shared essays about the importance of voting, and there was a tribute to the most decorated soldier, Audie Murphy.

Most touching, though, was a surprise tribute to Steve Weaver, a Marine injured in the act of duty during Vietnam. His grandchildren, who attend Annunciation, honored him with special words and gifts. His granddaughter, Brianna Troyer, a freshman at Penn State, was Skyped in to share in the special occasion.

Other guests included friends, family and parishioners who had also served or are currently serving. Robert Zeigler, a Marine from 1964-1967 who served in Vietnam, said he remembers his friends he served with and those in the military now.

Annunciation sold flags that were lined outside the school, and more than $300 went to the Wounded Warriors organization. Mrs. Lucas said they chose this organization because they see many families in the area affected by having a loved ones overseas, and the Wounded Warrior organization offers a variety of programs and services, helping soldiers physically and emotionally after their return.

To learn more about Wounded Warriors and how you can help honor and remember our soldiers not only on Veterans Day, visit www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Top: Chloe Kindig-Miller hugs her uncle, US Staff Sgt. Steven Miller, during a Veterans Day ceremony at Annunciation School.

Above, left: American flags line the property of Annunciation School in observance of Veterans Day.

Above, right: Leanne Sneeringer looks at photos of veterans as students learn about the service of our military men and women.

Left: United States history comes to life at Annunciation School as veterans share their stories with students.