Deacon Joshua Weaver, a seminarian of the Diocese, serves patrons of the Fishers of Men Dinner on Oct. 5. The annual event raises funds to support the seminarians’ studies.

By Rachel Bryson, M.S.
The Catholic Witness

In a room filled almost to capacity, the faithful from across the Diocese gathered to celebrate 26 young men studying to be priests. One of the largest fundraisers for Vocations, proceeds from the annual Fishers of Men dinner were used to support the studies of these men during their time in the seminary.

unspeakable Thanks
“We have unspeakable gratitude,” said Joseph Creavey, who is attending St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

Creavey told the more than 300 attendees that he was a typical kid growing up. Although raised Catholic, he never took the time to really think about his faith until he joined the Army.

“I found myself living in places I had read about or heard in bedtime stories,” Creavey said. “All of these experiences made me want to go back and read these stories again. As I found myself reading scripture, they became more real.”

After his discharge from the Army, Creavey said he continued the habits he had started. “In my prayer life, God started to terrify me by having me daydream about reading a confession or elevating the Eucharist. As soon as that came up in prayer, I would stop the prayer. I avoided it for years and finally, God gave me this peace (about seminary), so I applied and was accepted.”

Thomas Meinert, also studying at St. Charles Borromeo, first felt called in sixth grade. But Meinert said his “yes” to the seminary started as a “no.”

“I quickly remembered if I became a priest, I couldn’t get married, I wouldn’t have a family and I wouldn’t become rich and famous like society tells us. I kind of told God ‘No, I’m not going to do what you want, I’m going to do what I want.’ The only problem is that God is very persistent. Every time I prayed, the thought kept coming back to mind. I couldn’t avoid the calling, so I decided to stop praying.”

Meinert said he started to fall away from the faith until he attended a retreat in high school. During the retreat, he felt a great sense of peace, which led him to begin praying more and attending daily Mass.

“I was praying before the Blessed Sacrament and I was telling God my plans,” Meinert said. “I wanted to go to Penn State, I wanted to major in this, I wanted to make that amount of money, I wanted to get married by this age. I was planning out my whole life. Then I stopped myself and realized that everything I’m saying is ‘I want, I want, I want.’” Meinert said his “noes” to the Lord’s call, in part, were only possible through the generosity and prayers of those attending the dinner and those praying for vocations from the Office of Vocations.

Seminarians Serve Benefactors at Annual Dinner

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Q&A: On Seminarian Evaluation and Formation

Dear Father,

What is the evaluation and formation process like for a seminarian these days?

An Inquiring Parishioner

Dear Inquiring,

I entered the seminary in 2004, following my freshman year of college. The second weekend I spent at seminary was devoted to our annual VIRTUS training, a safe-environment training program. Seared into my memory from that day was a video we watched in which, over the course of an hour, a convicted pedophile described his psychological and manipulative behavior in detail. It was repulsive and scarring.

We, as a Church, were two years removed from the first scandals that broke in Boston and the implementation of the Dallas Charter, and we went straight to shock treatment. Fourteen years later, I am now the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Harrisburg. Both our application and our safe-environment training for our seminarians look very different than during my entrance, and even more so from decades past, for the better.

“What is the application process and formation for a seminarian like these days?” I have received this question several times over the past month.

When a man feels God may be calling him to the priesthood after his prayerful discernment and perhaps spending some time talking to a priest he knows and trusts, he asks me for an application. If I have not met the man yet, we first get together, and if he appears ready to undergo the application and formation process, he receives an application.

The application itself will take several months to complete, as a man will share his discernment history, write an autobiography of his life, review his work, school, and financial history and understanding of the various pillars of the Catholic Faith; complete state police and FBI background checks and state-certified safe-environment training; and submit four to six letters of recommendation from priests, family, employers, and teachers who know him the best. He will likewise complete an in-depth physical examination. And very importantly, he will undergo a full psychological evaluation, spending a full day at the psychologist’s office and another part day for the results. This psychological evaluation explores a man’s family background, intellectual strengths/weaknesses, mental illness, psychosexual history and social abilities, and provides a strong case of whether he is fit and/or capable of undergoing seminary formation.

After the application is completed, it is reviewed by the Bishop along with the “review board” he has constituted. The applicant then spends 30-45 minutes meeting with the Bishop and the board. Having now gotten to know the man as best as possible through the application and the meeting, and with the recommendation of his board, the Bishop will either accept a man for seminary formation for his diocese or decline his application.

Today, a man’s seminary formation is six to nine years. I cannot go into depth here of all that he does during these years, so permit me only to touch on what happens to help ensure we are ordaining healthy men to be priests. Each man has a formation advisor he meets with regularly to ensure he meets the various goals required of him, including in his healthy masculine maturing. Each man undergoes a full psychological evaluation a second time, half way through his time in formation, to help explore where he has grown and where he still needs help.

Some men receive additional psychological support throughout their years in formation to overcome family of origin wounds, anxiety and mild depression, or other issues and wounds that arise.

Additionally, seminarians participate in 6-10 summer/yearly pastoral experiences. With each experience, we require five or six of the faithful of the parish to complete an evaluation, sharing with us the positives and any possible concerns they have for the men. Many of these help us to personalize the seminarian’s formation program for that coming year. At the end of every single year, the seminary’s formation team gets together to examine each candidate carefully to determine whether to vote him through to the next year or ordination.

Each seminarian knows that the Diocese can dismiss him for various reasons, but most especially in breaching the code of conduct expected of him. The bar is not set at “do not sin,” but at “be beyond reproach.” Bishop Gainer has dismissed a few candidates during my time in the office. It is my least favorite part of the job, but I respect its necessity.

Permit me to share a few words about our current seminarians, these faith-filled men. They understand now more than ever that Jesus is calling them to holiness and that they cannot settle for anything less. They love the People of God in the Diocese of Harrisburg, and it is for these people that they, like me, are willing to undergo arguably the most intense application process and seminary formation that the Church, in 2000 years, has ever offered. They quite often inspire me to be more dedicated every day to Jesus, Our Savior and Lord.

God bless you,

Father Brian Wayne,

Vocation Director for the Diocese of Harrisburg

Seminarians Drew Tanguay, Andrew Heidelbaugh, Richard Groff and Alexander Quach — middle four — interact with Quo Vadis Days participants on the grounds of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., this past summer.

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A New Focus for Communications

Several weeks ago, we published information pledging to be more transparent with our operations. This all starts with communication. The Catholic Witness is undergoing a transformation, as are many of the Diocese’s communication methods, to make good on this pledge. We have renewed our focus to being the newspaper for the Diocese; not just the events and activities at the Diocesan level, but reporting the news from our parishes. We look forward to sharing stories from all parts of the Diocese with you.

Some changes you may have already noticed include the paper size and quality. While these changes can easily be spotted, we are most excited about the changes with our content. We’ve already rolled out a new column, The Called, which will feature our clergy members over the coming months. Also in the works are features answering your questions and highlighting the faithful work of many of the Diocese’s parishioners. I encourage you to read these new features and let us know what you think.

With these changes come the opportunity for new partnerships, and I’m asking each of you to consider partnering with us. No, this is not a plea for financial support; rather, I’m asking for your eyes and ears. If you know of any upcoming events, a fellow parishioner celebrating an achievement, a local student being recognized for their outstanding work, or any other story which you think should be celebrated, let us know. Send us an email or give us a call with your news tip. Our contact information is in the publication box on page 2.

While The Catholic Witness is one of the main ways the Diocese communicates with you, it is not the only method we are working to enhance. Soon you will see changes to our social media pages, our radio and cable TV programs, and our website.

It is our hope that you will feel more involved and engaged with us through these many updated communication methods. Please don’t hesitate to contact me or a member of my team if you ever have a question, suggestion or general comment about our communication efforts.

My God bless you and your families.

In Christ,

Rachel Bryson, M.S.
Executive Director of Public Relations
Diocese of Harrisburg

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‘Beginning Experience’ Weekend for Those Suffering the Loss of a Spouse

Nov. 9-11, Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA

The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese has booked Camp Hebron in Halifax, Pa., for a Beginning Experience Weekend, Nov. 9-11, 2018. The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends. The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization.

Visit the diocesan website, www.hbgdiocece.org, and go to “marriage and family,” or check www.beginningexperience.org. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team, Julie, at 717-379-0800 or Eva, at 717-495-9586.

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And remember, previous editions of the newspaper – dating back to early 2011 – are also available online. You can find them at www.hbgdiocece.org. Just follow the News/Events tab to The Catholic Witness page.
Final Preparations for Pilgrimage Include Scavenger Hunt, Presentations on Diocese, Church and African Saints

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

The planning committee is putting the final touches on the schedule for the Diocese’s pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Added to the activities for the day is a scavenger hunt and a sing-a-long for all children, developed by the Diocese’s Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire.

Children who wish to participate in the scavenger hunt can go to the Ave Maria Chapel on the lower level to receive a passport. The passport will feature eight locations to visit throughout the upper church and the crypt level. Participants will place a sticker on the passport next to each site they visit. Completed passport booklets can be presented to the Ave Maria Chapel, where participants will receive a patch for their efforts.

“The purpose of the scavenger hunt is to introduce children to the Basilica in a fun way, to see, read and learn about just a few of the beautiful statues and chapels with the hopes that they will want to come back to the shrine and see more,” said volunteer Carolyn Pfeifer, long-time member of the Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire.

The committee will also host a sing-a-long for all youth in the Ave Maria Chapel at 2 p.m.

The basilica is the nation’s preeminent Marian shrine, dedicated to the patroness of the United States. It features grand mosaics, more than 80 chapels and oratories, a papal exhibit, the Diocese’s 150th anniversary. The day begins at 9 a.m., and features a prelude concert by the Diocesan Schola, Confessions, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.

Sessions of “Conversations in Faith” in the afternoon include:

• “Where is Catholicism?” for high school students and young adults, by Father Paul C.B. Schenck, Director of the Diocesan Permanent Diaconate Formation Program
• “African Saints, African Stories” by Dr. Camille Brown, Associate Superintendent for School Leadership and Community Programs for the Archdiocese of Baltimore
• “Highway of Missionaries: History of the Diocese of Harrisburg” by Dr. Linda Itzoe, Associate Professor Emerita of English for Penn State University and former Vice-Chancellor and Archivist for the Diocese of Harrisburg
• “The Church Today” by Bishop Ronald Gainer, with a Q&A session

The day includes time for private prayer, self-guided tours and the Rosary in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

The pilgrimage concludes with a celebration of Divine Mercy and Entrustment to Our Lady of Mercy at 3 p.m., with departure at 4 p.m.

Seminarists, Scouts and members of the Diocesan Youth Council, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and Serra Club of Harrisburg will be on hand to assist with arrivals, directions, prayer intentions and the line for Confession.

For additional information about the pilgrimage, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/150 and follow the “Events” link.
Red Mass Message Appeals for Civility in Public Discourse

By Jen Reed  
The Catholic Witness

As the U.S. Supreme Court began its new session on Oct. 1, judges, attorneys, legislators and others involved in public service gathered at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg for the annual Red Mass.

The Red Mass — named for the color of the vestments worn to symbolize the Holy Spirit — calls God’s blessing and guidance upon the legal community and those who work for justice.

Bishop Alfred Schlert of the Diocese of Allentown served as this year’s principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass. It is customary for visiting bishops to serve as homilist for the Red Mass.

Bishop Schlert called upon those in attendance to be a solution to the incivility that often plagues public discourse.

“It’s easy to point our finger at the incivility of the other, but the truth is, all of us are to blame,” Bishop Schlert said.

He said truth-seeking questions can be a means of restoring civil discourse.

“The question is a search. The question is a pursuit. The question is a hunger for the truth,” he said.

“Truth is not an ideology or an agenda. Rather, it is a Person. The truth is an encounter with Jesus Christ,” he said.

“This is where we confront the key to restoring civil discourse in our society,” Bishop Schlert remarked.

“The question leads to truth, and the truth leads to a person, Jesus Christ. When we encounter that truth, it allows us to see Jesus Christ in each and every one of our brothers and sisters. It leads us to a greater respect for the human person.”

The Red Mass is an annual activity of the St. Thomas More Society of Pennsylvania. The society is an organization of lawyers, judges, lawmakers, students of law and others in the legal profession. The society offers educational and social opportunities for members.

St. Thomas More, an English statesman, was beheaded by order of King Henry VIII in 1535 for refusing to recognize the king’s supremacy over the pope.

“The society has been a wonderful opportunity to be in the company of judges and lawyers that take their faith seriously,” said Linda Carroll, its president.

“St. Thomas More is the best example one can have for being fully Catholic and fully professional at the same time, serving the King (Jesus) and God first,” Carroll said.

Linda Carroll, a member of Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill, is a litigator for the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities, where she enforces laws against overcharging and unlicensed providers of financial services.

“Still, Bishop Schlert’s message at the Red Mass “is one that cannot be given too often in today’s environment. I think we can share that message every day by being civil ourselves and encouraging others to be so.”

Carroll said.


Day of Dialogue: A Christian Response to Violence

November 5 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg

The annual Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic Day of Dialogue is one of several activities resulting from the 1993 Covenant among the local leaders of these churches. This year’s event will feature three speakers who will discuss different aspects of the Christian response to violence.

“Christian Response to Gun Violence”
Bryan Miller, Executive Director, Heeding God’s Call to End Gun Violence, Philadelphia

“Christian Response to the Violence of Racism”
Rev. Dr. Gayle Fisher-Stewart, Assistant Pastor at Calvary Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C., Founder of the Center for the Study of Faith in Justice

“Christian Response to Violence – Peace and Non-Violence”
Michael Long, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Peace and Conflict Studies, Elizabethtown College

Day of Dialogue includes joint prayer according to the three religious traditions.
Cost of $30 includes lunch. Discounts for registrations from the same parish.
Register online at www.hbgdiocese.org/larc
Two Diocesan Priests Invested into Order that Supports Christians in Holy Land

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Father Robert Berger and Father Luis Rodriguez were invested last month into a prestigious order dedicated to supporting Christians and the Catholic faith in the Holy Land.

Known as the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, the lay institution works to preserve and spread the faith by supporting the area’s parishes, schools, orphanages and other efforts.

Membership in the order is one of the highest papal awards given to those who have performed commendable work for the Church.

Father Berger, who is retired from active ministry, was invested during a special ceremony Sept. 28 in the chapel at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Father Berger was unable to travel to New York City, where the investiture takes place every year.

“I am humbled by the honor,” he said in remarks during the ceremony.

He was invested by Cardinal Edwin O’Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order. The cardinal and Father Berger are Vietnam veterans and served as paratrooper chaplains in the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

Father John Bateman, a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg, serves as Secretary to Cardinal O’Brien. He was also present for Father Berger’s ceremony.

Father Rodriguez, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg, was invested Sept. 29 at St. Patrick Cathedral in New York City.

Father Rodriguez said he was stirred to become a member of the order after a recent pilgrimage to Jerusalem, where he celebrated Mass on the altar above the tomb of Jesus.

“It is an honor bestowed with responsibility,” he said of the investiture. “It is not about regalia or garb, but serving as chaplain for the knights and ladies who are members, reminding them of the holiness we are called to.”

The order originated in 1099 A.D., when knights were called to guard Christ’s tomb during the Crusades. The principal symbol of the order is the Jerusalem cross, a five-fold cross representing the five wounds of Christ.

“The work today is for holiness, faith and peace,” Father Rodriguez said. “Knights and Ladies do this by financially supporting orphanages, schools and hospitals in the Holy Land, and being missionary disciples. The hope is that through these centers of peace, children learn the face of Jesus. This is how we are teaching that peace is possible.”

Information about the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem can be found at http://www.holysepulchre.net/.
Parishioners Go All-In at Fall Fundraisers

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Food, games and fun for all ages are drawing people to fundraisers this time of year, and parish and school events have been no exception.

An Oktoberfest event hosted by St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus Council #6693 in Hershey and a Monte Carlo Night benefiting St. Margaret Mary School in Harrisburg attracted several hundred on Oct. 6.

The Oktoberfest celebration featured games, music and a host of fall fare, like apple strudel, brats and soft pretzels.

St. Margaret Mary’s Monte Carlo night transformed host Bishop McDevitt High School into a mini-casino, with blackjack, craps and roulette tables. Attendees also enjoyed a piano bar, bingo and raffles at this second-annual event.

“The idea was born out of a desire to offer an event that would bring together members of our school community and our parish community, providing all with a fundraiser where they can do something fun and interesting in a relaxed environment,” said Annamarie Fazzolari. She and her husband, Mike, co-organized the event.

She said the Monte Carlo Night was a community-driven event that included efforts of school parents, parishioners, members of the school board and prize donors.

“Before and at the event, high school-aged graduates of St. Margaret Mary School play key roles such as organizing supplies, greeting guests and distributing raffle prizes,” she noted.

“We appreciate the participation of special guests, including the priests of St. Margaret Mary and the other supporting parishes of our school, as well as members of our school’s faculty and staff,” Fazzolari said.

“All will be welcome when we do it all over again next year.”
Catholic Harvest Food Pantry Works to Fight Hunger

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

(This is the first in a series of three articles on organizations supported by the Diocese’s Matthew 25 Collection to provide food, clothing and shelter to people in our communities. The collection will take place in parishes the weekend of Nov. 18. Learn more at www.hbgdiocese.org/m25.)

In the aisles of the Catholic Harvest Food Pantry in York, Carmen Rivera finds what she needs.

There are canned goods, boxed items and fresh produce from which to choose. She makes her selections, and fills her cart.

“Catholic Harvest is important to me because of trying to keep up with the bills and coming up with money for medicine,” she said.

“I take only what I need. I don’t take stuff that I don’t use,” said Carmen, a grandmother on a fixed income.

That’s a common shopping approach at the food pantry, where volunteers accompany clients and allow them to choose the items they want as they progress through the aisles.

The pantry serves an average of 800 families – 2,300 individuals – each month.

Shelves are stocked with non-perishable items like cereal, pasta, peanut butter and granola bars. There are fresh foods, too: apples, melons, potatoes, salad, bread, baked goods and chicken patties.

“We are able to give people fresh foods, and good, healthy items,” said Kris Pollick, Executive Director.

The food pantry was established in 1985 as an outreach of St. Joseph Parish in York that offered bags of food to those in need. Today, it is supported by St. Patrick, St. Rose and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary parishes in York, more than 250 volunteers and dozens of organizations and businesses.

The food pantry is also a recipient of grant money distributed from the Diocese’s annual Matthew 25 Collection.

The collection, which will take place in parishes the weekend of Nov. 18, supports efforts to provide food, clothing and shelter to those in need in our communities.

Seventy-five percent of the money contributed to the Matthew 25 Collection is distributed through grants to parish-supported ministries, like the Catholic Harvest Food Pantry. Twenty-five percent of the collection is given back to the parishes for their support of people in need.

The Catholic Harvest Food Pantry has received $7,500 in grants from the past three collections, and has used the funds to purchase chicken patties, egg patties and hot dogs for the people it serves.

“The Matthew 25 Collection provides an opportunity for us to buy what our clients look for the most: protein items,” Pollick said. “Through the Matthew 25 grant, we have been able to purchase up to 1,000 boxes of the patties and hot dogs.”

The pantry fills a critical need for the 800 families it serves every month.

“A lot of people just don’t have the money for food,” said volunteer Tom McFadden of St. Joseph Parish. “They might have a job, but they don’t have enough money for the rent and their necessities, plus food. Sometimes they don’t have enough money to get the food they need.”

McFadden has been a volunteer since 2003. He picks up donated food from local stores and helps stock the shelves.

“The food that comes in just goes right out. It doesn’t stay here long,” he said.

Clients of the food pantry receive its services once a month. Most families come three times a year,Pollick said. Others, especially those who are elderly or disabled, visit the food pantry almost monthly.

“It helps me an awful lot,” said Loretta, a senior citizen. “I’m on a fixed income. I don’t have to decide whether to buy medicine or something else. I don’t have to make those choices because the food that I get from them helps me. It’s money saved that I can put on something else.”

“I thank God every day for the Catholic Harvest Food Pantry, that’s how much it helps me,” she said.
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home.

“Without your generosity, I wouldn’t have the freedom to leave everything behind and pursue Christ. Because of you, I don’t have to worry about paying the electric bill or the water or where I’m going to sleep. I can just worry about what God wants from me and what he wants me to be for all of you. So thank you,” said Creavey.

“Your prayers and support are one of the many things that gives me the strength to keep following God’s will for me life,” said Meinert. “I want to thank you for everything you have done for me.”

Here to Serve

The 25 seminarians attending the dinner each expressed their gratitude to those in attendance. After serving and speaking with guests during the happy hour, the seminarians served dinner and dessert, while taking time to thank their dinner guests for their support.

“Tonight, we celebrate 26 seminarians studying for the Diocese of Harrisburg,” said Father William C. Forrey, Diocesan Secretary of Clergy and Consecrated Life. “I can tell you that you can feel very, very good about the future of the Church when you look at the number of seminarians we have. These young men are enthusiastic and zealous. We’re blessed with healthy vocations because of you.”

Father Forrey added that even with the challenges facing the Church, the seminarians stand firm in their resolve to serve God.

“Our seminarians love their faith,” Father Forrey said. “The Church is going through a very difficult time. But we will get through it. We know that we are guided by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is hard at work. The men that you see lined up in the back of this room, are saying yes to this challenge, yes to this call. Un-daunted and unafraid and filled with courage, they have a new opportunity to evangelize. We need their talent, we need their goodness…we need their enthusiasm.”

Father Forrey added additional thanks to the parents of each seminarian for encouraging their sons to pursue God’s call. He also thanked everyone in attendance for their continued financial support of the Diocese’s seminarians.

“Imaging having 26 sons in college, at the same time,” Father Forrey said, adding each seminarian’s classes are approximately $37,000 per year.

Mark Seidel, a member of Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill, said this was his first time attending the Fishers of Men Dinner.

“We need more seminarians. We always have,” said Seidel. “I do pray (for vocations), but spending a little money is also a good idea. I think the event tonight is wonderful.”

Jim Dezagottis from St. Joan of Arc Parish in Hershey had similar words. “Our Knights of Columbus chapter (6693) always donates money for the seminarians. One of the driving forces we want to support are vocations.”

“These are a great group of guys,” said Janet Schaffhouser. “I like to see them get ordained and get their start. It’s nice to see the new generation come and start their careers.”

More information on the Fishers of Men Dinner and the Office of Vocations can be found at www.harrisburgpriest.com.

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Fishers of Men Dinner.

Seminarian Damon Tritle pours wine for attendees of the Fishers of Men Dinner.

Father Brian Wayne, Diocesan Director of Vocations, shares his gratitude for the attendees and their support of seminarians and vocations.

Drew Tanguay and Andrew Kappenhagen serve meals to patrons of the Fishers of Men Dinner.

Seminar Greg Kramp speaks to Barb Tritle, center, mother of seminarian Damon Tritle, and Suzanne Creavey, right, mother of seminarian Joe Creavey.
TRINITY GOLF FINDS AUTUMN GOLD IN YORK

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

Every autumn, the District 3 golf championships are held at Briarwood East Golf Club west of York. Every year, it seems the weather plays an integral role in both the team championships and the individual competition. Despite a summer of record-drenching rains, the course was relatively dry, and it was there for the taking as the weather was a non-factor.

The team championships were Oct. 2 under sunny skies and gentle southwest winds, which gave the golfers downwind breezes on the course’s toughest par-four holes. It’s the easiest wind to challenge Briarwood from the back tees. Both Trinity and York Catholic competed in the team Class AA championships, finishing third and fourth, respectively. James Ulsh of Trinity fired a 76 to lead Trinity, and the Fighting Irish’s Russ McPaul bested him by a stroke. At one point on the course, he was at three-under par before cooling off from that torrid scoring pace.

A few days later on Oct. 6 and 7 in calm conditions, Ulsh won the individual championship. He opened with a great score of 73, which featured three birdies and four bogeys (two on the course’s easier holes). On day two, Ulsh shot 78, making four birdies, though he double bogeyed holes 3 and 13. His 36-hole, 151, eight-over par score earned him a one-shot victory and the tournament’s gold medal.

St. Anne School Elects Student Service Council

Sierra Coleman, a student at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School in Coal Township, was awarded second place at the national level of the Catholic Daughters of the America’s Education contest sponsored by Court Our Lady of Victory #588 from Mount Carmel. The theme of the contest was “The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.” Shown from left are Mary Catherine Wydra, Education Chairperson and Court Treasurer, Mary Snyder, Sierra Coleman, Michelle Coleman, Barbara Persing, Recording Secretary, Kathleen Peeler, Regent, and Nora Avellino, Financial Secretary.

St. Anne School in Lancaster elected members to its Student Service Council to serve for the 2018-2019 school year. The Student Service Council is intended to promote the ideals and values of a Catholic education through its activities.

The council is composed of ten class representatives – two students from each class in grades four through eight – and four officers in eighth grade. The Student Council represents the students of St. Anne School and provides its members with an educational opportunity to learn about democracy, problem solving and service.

St. Anne School Student Service Council Officers are, from left, Katie Kelly, Public Relations; Rebekah Citsay, President; Catherine Rebek, Vice President; and Molly Wolownik, Secretary; shown with Lincoln Kennedy, Faculty Advisor.
Delegates from Diocese Participate in National Encounter for Hispanic/Latino Ministry

By Father Luis Rodriguez

Special to The Witness

Eight delegates from the Diocese of Harrisburg recently traveled to Grapevine, a suburb of Dallas, Texas, for V Encuentro last month. Encuentro, which means “Encounter,” is a historic gathering of 3,000 Hispanic/Latino Ministry leaders, who are working to develop a pastoral plan for Hispanic/Latino Catholic ministry by 2020.

At the enormous Gaylord Hotel and Convention Center, we met with 3,200 lay faithful, and more than 400 priests and 200 bishops, from all over the nation to discuss the next steps of the Church’s ministry to Catholics of Hispanic/Latino descent. The atmosphere was joyful, hopeful and attentive to the Holy Spirit. It was referred to by the bishops as an “oasis” in the midst of a crisis.

The delegates celebrated liturgy, prayed, sang and danced, and enjoyed all meals together. We sat in general assembly and break-out sessions, listening and discussing for many hours alongside our fellow Catholics from the very young and jubilant western and southern regions of the country. We shared common sorrows and struggles, successes and joyful expectations in looking for the advent of a future full of hope. Networking and building bridges to share best practices was one of the desires of this massive meeting, a true “Encuentro.”

Above all, we wanted to experience Christ, to have an encounter with Him alive in his people, the Church. There was the sincere desire that together, laity and hierarchy, we look for the renewal of ministry from within.

When we think of “Hispanics” or “Latinos,” many have only a marginal experience of the people that make up nearly 900 million souls on our planet. Ministry becomes urgent, as 51-60% of all Catholics in the Church in the United States are of Hispanic/Latino descent, according to a Boston College National Study for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ working docu-

ment. It drives a fresh aim of ministry when, in the United States, 73% of all Catholics 18 years and younger are of Hispanic/Latino descent. We should look at our present and future through their eyes. Listen to the young. What are they saying to the Church?

In the Diocese of Harrisburg, Hispanics/Latinos represent a culture that is implicitly Catholic. Pro-life, with a deep love of children within larger families, they are promoters of a deep respect for parents and seniors, and love the Church and her shepherds. Yet, the needs of this portion of the Church today include a hunger for leadership formation; a hope that the “established” Church will humbly open the doors to sharing positions of leadership; a need to be respected in its giftedness and unique desire to preserve culture and language.

It wishes to see women emulate the influence in leadership as the patroness, Mary of Guadalupe; it rejects an assimilation, but promotes a unified harmony akin to that experienced on the day of Pentecost.

As Catholics, we are called to be friend and evangelize as missionary disciples and to interact with people of all backgrounds, or even styles of life, who are on the margins and bring them to Christ. “Missionary Disciples: Witnesses of God’s Love” was the theme of the V National Encuentro. It is a direct response to Pope Francis’ call to be the Church that goes out to meet those on the margins.

How do we do this? It begins with the Christian acknowledgement, “I see you.” A gesture, a smile, a question. “How are you?” “What do you need?”

The want and desire of the established Church is to make disciples of all nations, i.e. to live the Gospel. This should be very easy for us, since all nations are found in our wonderful Catholic Church. May we expand our notion of Catholic to include all those who are already here. “Viva Cristo Rey! Long Live Christ the King!”

(Father Luis Rodriguez is pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg and a diocesan delegate to V Encuentro.)

Next Encuentro Phase is Action by Parishes, Dioceses

By Norma Montenegro Flynn

Catholic News Service

Nearly 3,000 Hispanic ministry leaders have gone back to their parishes and dioceses to share the ideas and fruits of the conversations that took place at the Fifth National Encuentro in Grapevine, Texas.

And as that phase of the multiyear process reached completion, the next phase is aimed at putting into practice the lessons learned and bear fruits.

In the next few months, the leadership team of the Fifth National Encuentro, or V Encuentro, will distribute a concluding document listing the main priorities and problems identified across 28 ministry areas; the document will assist dioceses, parishes and national structures in drafting their own pastoral plans according to their own realities and priorities.

The Encuentro’s team of accompaniment, or ENAVE, plans to continue providing support and tracking progress.

“We have achieved things that in some ways we never would have imagined would be possible,” Ken Johnson-Mondragon, V Encuentro’s director of research, told Catholic News Service. “Walls have come down, people have experienced really the joy that Pope Francis talks about.”

The V Encuentro process that began about four years ago has helped thousands of Hispanic ministry leaders engage in faith-filled dialogues among themselves and reach out to those on peripheries. Encuentro has also promoted collaborations within and across dioceses, which is known as “pastoral en conjunto,” and has helped remove the “fear to speak up,” bringing the participants closer to their pastors and bishops, added Johnson-Mondragon.

The V Encuentro also identified and prepared at least 25,000 new Hispanic ministry leaders across the country, and about a third of the leaders engaged were youth and young adults. An estimated 100,000 individuals participated in the process and about 150,000 others were reached on the peripheries.

The top three recommendations that rose up in the Encuentro process are: the need to develop pastoral plans for Hispanic ministry tailored according to the needs of each parish and diocese; the need of the parish community to help strengthen families; and to hire more Hispanic young adults in paid positions of leadership.

The 28 ministry areas addressed by the V Encuentro include those that reach out to youth, young adult, college campuses, immigrants, families, people with disabilities, and the incarcerated, as well as ministries in vocations, pro-life, faith formation and catechesis, justice and peace, and even care for the environment among others.
So, I started thinking about education, trying to figure out what to do with this. I was pretty sure God was calling me to vocation, but I wasn’t sure what. I loved it. But then I started thinking about seminary, and I found it to be peaceful, and I knew that would make us happy. I thought, “Could my life be that simple?” So I started thinking about seminary, a wave of excitement that flows through the entire body. I was fascinated by the idea of the possible. It made it even better.

Tell me a little bit about your childhood—parents, siblings, etc.

I’m the oldest of the five Caven-der boys. I love being part of my family and we are all very close. We all went through Catholic school and are a very outgoing family. We do have my two cousins with us, plus my grandparents. The best way to describe feeding a table of 11, most of which are boys, is that it disappears quickly. I think my mother is a saint for raising five boys.

Were you always interested in becoming a priest?

My parents were always open to whatever vocation God called us to. They knew that would make us happy. I wasn’t seriously thinking about it until 2015 when I attended the first Quo Vadis Days. There were some real serious boys. I love being part of my family and we are all very close. We all went through Catholic school and are a very outgoing family. We do have my two cousins with us, plus my grandparents. The best way to describe feeding a table of 11, most of which are boys, is that it disappears quickly. I think my mother is a saint for raising five boys.

Tell me something fun about you, or a little known fact?

I’ve always liked working with my hands. I was looking for something productive to do where I could use my hands. I stumbled across, on YouTube, a Bob Ross painting video, and I just got fascinated. I decided to pick up a couple paints and get into the Bob Ross painting style. He’s so quirky, there is an innocence that flows through the entire series.

Do you have any hobbies?

I spend a lot of time hunting, fishing, and I just went crabbing with my dad. I love being outside doing those outdoor adventures. I’ve done some fly fishing.

Do you have a favorite book or movie? Why?

If you’re talking theological, I like “With God in Russia” and “He Leaded Me.” On a more fun level, I love the television series Monk. Because he’s so quirky, there is an innocence that flows through the entire series.

Anything else you would like to add?

I have an amazing parish family. It’s not just a parish but really a family. Being able to be with my family every single day, it makes life amazing. Having God at the center of all that, makes it even better.

Tell me about your day-to-day life.

I went through all the range of emotions; anger, wanting to get out and change things. The Lord brought up in prayer that my vocation is not from any priest in the Diocese. It’s from Jesus Christ. My faith must be in Jesus Christ alone and how he has poured graces into his Church. Our faith isn’t in other people. If I don’t depend on him, this whole thing won’t turn out well. Exodus 14:14 has been a powerful passage for me. It says, “Be still and I will fight for you.” It’s only through that stillness of soul, in the presence of God, that he can make amazing things happen. He can do the heavy lifting. We have to trust in him. Everything is still in God’s hands.

Are there any messages you’d like to share with parishioners regarding the report?

There is certainly real and justified anger. But we can’t let our anger destroy our relationship with Christ. Christ has always remained faithful and has always fulfilled every single one of his promises. All of the changes that need to take place, first and foremost have to start with trust in Christ, and allowing him to speak to the depths of our soul. Then he will give us the peace to move forward.

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Jubilee: 
The Holy Ground
Cheri Maletestinic
By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

When I was in high school, I learned something truly special about perspective. While on retreat as a junior, I had contact with a teacher I never had in class. He was our Dean of Discipline.

We began discussing the meaning of leadership, faith and peer pressure. In the depth of my heart, I knew that I was called to religious life, but it wasn’t “cool” to admit that, especially to other 17 year olds. Our discussion switched from what we thought about leadership and our faith to the perspective of the teacher. He told me, “Geralyn, you are a born leader even if you don’t know it yet. Your love of God is very strong and your classmates know that even if you never speak to them about God. There will be a moment in your life that, if you respond to it, will change your view of the world and deal with other people. When ‘it’ comes, lean into it and surrender to it.’” I had no idea what he meant at the time, but his words brought tears to my eyes.

I could not help thinking about this story as I continue the series celebrating the Diocese’s 150th anniversary by talking about another “living saint” among us: Cheri Maletestinic, a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Steelton.

During the Year of Faith back in 2013, Cheri’s pastor spoke about her this way: “Cheri is faithful in attending Mass and (her husband) is an altar server. Her younger son [Nicholas] has special needs and is on the Autistic Spectrum. She and her husband [Charlie] take care of Nick with love and in a way that is hard to explain. Cheri has most of the care, with her husband working. I admire Cheri. You need to be a special person to have child from God who needs 24/7 care, and it is done with love and respect.”

When I called up Cheri, I read her pastor’s words. Her response was, “I never knew anyone saw this! I never knew!”

I asked Cheri what it is like to be a mother of two boys; one just graduating college, the other having special needs.

She told me that God gave her wonderful instincts. In the depth of her heart, she knew that Nick was going to need her in a special way, even before he was diagnosed with Autism. After the diagnosis and early intervention began, she knew that her job was to make Anthony’s life as normal as possible as she gave Nick what he needed.

Her husband is just as present to the needs of his two sons. They worked together and figured out how to negotiate their life challenges together. One such moment came when Anthony was ten. He came to Cheri and maturely stated, “Mom, everything is going to be OK! I will always take care of Nick. Don’t worry about it!”

Nick taught her what it means to be a family; a group of individuals that pour out love for one another in the midst of good times and bad. That outpouring of love brings you closer to God, who is love. “Just knowing that I was chosen to be His mother... I was entrusted in Nick’s care and protection. This has made me a different person, one that can give herself to her son. He has made me better because I can appreciate the little steps [of success]. Nick has taught me how important the little things truly are! I am truly blessed,” she said.

I asked Cheri what wisdom she can share with parents who have a child newly-diagnosed with special needs. She responded, “Have faith and pray. Pray! Pray! Pray to be showed the way. Have faith in a God that loves you dearly, that it’s going to be OK somehow, in some way. Let God help you through the words and actions of people around you. Everything is a sign of God’s presence and love. You just have to be open to it.”

It seems that the words of Cheri’s pastor ring true, even five years later. This truly is holiness. Don’t you think so?

(Sister Geralyn Schmidt is the Wide Area Network Coordinator at the Diocese of Harrisburg and the Director of Formation for Wives in the Diocesan Program. An educator for 30 years, she is responsible for Professional Development Programs for every age learner. Through her presentations, she challenges her audiences to be the individual God has called them to be.)

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Election 2018: Where Do the Candidates Stand?

By A. B. Hill
Special to The Witness

Much is at stake in the world and right here in Pennsylvania. Election Day is approaching. On November 6, 2018, voters will choose who will lead our Commonwealth for the next few years. We must prayerfully consider whom we cast our ballots.

A few candidates answered a questionnaire that the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference sent to every statewide candidate before the Primary Election this year. U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D) and his opponent Representative Lou Barletta (R) responded (read their questionnaire responses at www.pacatholic.org); the candidates for Pennsylvania governor did not respond. However, all of the candidates have made public statements and published campaign materials that reflect where they stand.

Life & Dignity of the Human Person

PCC asked the U.S. Senate candidates to choose which statement reflects their position most accurately: a.) I support legalized abortion; b.) I oppose legalized abortion; c.) I oppose legal -

School Choice

The U.S. Senate candidates were asked to give their position on providing a federal tax credit to businesses that donate to scholarship organizations that provide scholarships for middle and low-income students at private and religious schools in grades kindergarten through 12. Casey responded, “I do not support such a tax credit. Businesses can already deduct charitable contributions.” Barletta said he supports the idea. (www.pacatholic.org)

Education is a prominent issue in the campaign for governor. Wolf has taken a strong stand against legislative proposals that would create state-funded education savings accounts, or vouchers, for individual students. In a statement Wolf urged the Senate to vote against one such proposal, Senate Bill 2, saying he believed it “would siphon scarce resources from public schools.” (Press Release, May 22, 2018)

Wagner responded to a question about the same legislation during a telephone town hall meeting saying, “I support all school choice.” (WHYY, May 17, 2018)

Further Information

As Catholic citizens, we have a moral obligation to participate in the political process. Mark your calendar for Election Day on November 6, 2018. Visit www.votespa.com to find out where your polling place is. Visit the PA Department of State’s website at www.dos.state.pa.us to see who else is on the ballot.

Then exercise your faithful citizenship and VOTE!
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Compiled by Jen Reed

Spiritual Offerings

Holy Hour of Reparation hosted by St. Peter Parish, Columbia, at St. Mary’s Chapel, Wrightsville, the first Friday of the month at 7 p.m. Spend an hour in prayer in the presence of the Lord. For information, contact David at StPetersBible@gnxm.com.

Public square Rosary rallies on the square in Manheim Oct. 26 and in Shanksville Oct. 27. In Littlestown the third Saturday of the month, and in Hanover the fourth Saturday of the month. For information, call Grace at 717-624-2180.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the St. Pauline Center at 1150 Chestnut Street in Kulpmont on Fridays from noon-10 p.m., and Saturdays from 5 a.m.-7 p.m. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed in the chapel on Fridays at 3 p.m. Mass with prayers for healing at St. Peter Church, Elizabethtown, Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. Father Stephen Fauser, pastor, will be the celebrant.

Friday evening prayers for healing in the Church, St. Joseph Church, Mechanicsburg. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 p.m. with Evening Prayer, followed by prayers for victims of abuse and prayers for healing for the Church. Concludes with Night Prayer and Benediction at 8:30 p.m.

Mass with prayers for healing, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at St. Theresa Church, New Cumberland. Father Samuel Dubois, celebrant. Sponsored by the Pilgrims of Praise and Life in the Spirit prayer groups. Call Mary Ann at 717-564-7709 or Loretta at 717-737-7551.

Pilgrimages & Retreats

Join Father Dwight Schlaline on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Jan. 7-17, 2019. Daily Mass at holy sites, guided visits,all-inclusive accommodations in first class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, land transportation and roundtrip airfare for $3,289 per person/double occupancy. Contact Karen Hurley at k.m.hurley1@gmail.com or George’s International Tours at (800) 566-7499, sales@georgesintnl.com or www.georgesintnl.com.


Join Father Neil Sullivan on a pilgrimage to France celebrating St. Catherine Labouré Parish’s 70th anniversary, March 26-April 4, 2019. Daily Mass, professional tour manager and local guides, accommodations in Lourdes, Orleans, Lyon, Lourdes and Paris. Breakfast and dinner daily, roundtrip transportation for $3,599 per person/double occupancy. Contact Karen Hurley at k.m.hurley1@gmail.com or George’s International Tours at 1-800-566-7499, sales@georgesintnl.com or www.georgesintnl.com.

Holy Land Pilgrimage, Feb. 14-24, 2019. Four nights along the Sea of Galilee, five nights in Jerusalem. Personal tour guide and coach bus. Father John Gordon of the Diocese of Newark will join pilgrims. Cost is $1,749, land-only package. Pilgrims must arrange own flights. For a flyer and more information, contact Julie and Andy Rasp at rasp1133@comcast.net or 717-394-7715.

Education & Enrichment

“All One Family,” LGBT ministry group from St. Joseph Parish, Danville, continues discussion of the book “Building a Bridge” by Rev. James Martin, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the parish library. The ministry is dedicated to spiritual needs of St. Joseph’s LGBT, their families and friends by encouraging opportunities to share faith, fellowship, prayer and service. For information, call Diane or Dave McKinley at 570-275-7528.

“Death on Demand – Euthanasia and Physici-

an Assisted Suicide” on the Church’s teach-

ings on assisted suicide and the groups pushing for it, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Eden Resort in Lancaster. Featuring Father Tad Pacholczk from the National Catholic Bioethics Center and Wesley Smith of the Patients’ Rights Council. Hosted by the Order of Malta. Event is free. Registration and more information available at https://maltaevents.ticketleap.com/pb/.

Six-week bereavement program at Anne’s Retirement Community in Columbia. Tuesday afternoons, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, from 2-3:30 p.m. Call the Pastoral Care Department at 717-285-6121 for more information.

The 20th Anniversary Fan the Fire Youth Rally, St. Joseph Church, York, Nov. 17 from 9:30-4:30 p.m. Speaker Roy Petit-

ifs, Sean Patrick Mallory Worship Band, work-

shops, Mass with Bishop Gainer at 6:40 p.m. Information, promotional video and registration online at www.fanthefirerally.com.

Theology on Tap gatherings for young adults. In Lancaster, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at Annie Bailey’s Irish Pub, second floor, with Sister Geralyn Schmidt on the 50th anniversary of “Humanae Vitae.” In Harrisburg, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Restaurant, third floor, with Eric Failing on voting with a Catholic conscience. In York, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at The First Post, second floor, with Father Adam Konecny on restoring a culture of life. Visit www.hbdiocese.org/tot for information on this young adult ministry of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

“Breaking Bread” young adult gathering. Attend Mass Oct. 21 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne’s Church in Lancaster, followed by brunch at a local restaurant. Meet in the narthex before Mass.

Fundraisers & Events

Shining Light Thrift Shop in Harrisburg needs winter clothing, shoes/sneakers/hats, unisex tee shirts, artwork, flat screen TVs, electronics, domestics, jewelry, furniture (no beds), household appliances, and credit card gift cards with remaining small balances for use as a donation. Located at 1310 N. 3rd St. Hours: Wed.-Sat. from 10-4:30 p.m. Drop off behind the shop. Call Mario at 717-227-2437.

Day of Prayer and Care for Caregivers, Oct. 27 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Trinity High School in Camp Hill. Continental breakfast, keynote speaker, prayer service, catered lunch and activities. Participants may attend for the entire day, or just part. No cost to attend. RSVP by Oct. 17 at www.caregiversdayofprayercare.org or 717-258-1104.

Holy Name of Jesus Knight of Columbus Council #14081 “all-you-can-eat” pancake breakfast, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m.-noon. Tickets are $5 at the door. Menu includes choice of sausage and a refreshment. All proceeds will assist projects sponsored by the K of C.

Knights of Columbus Council #3625 “Building a Bridge” by Rev. James Martin, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the parish library. The ministry is dedicated to spiritual needs of St. Joseph’s LGBT, their families and friends by encouraging opportunities to share faith, fellowship, prayer and service. For information, call Diane or Dave McKinley at 570-275-7528.

Bingo Bash to benefit Good Shepherd School, Camp Hill, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Admission is $9. door prizes for 20 games. Cost is $25 in advance, $30 at the door if seat is available. Concessions and raffle tickets available. Adult-only event. Reserve seats at www.gsschpa.org/bingo or the parish office. Call 717-761-1167 for information.

York Catholic High School’s open house, Oct. 21 from noon-2 p.m. Tour the school; talk with faculty, staff, and students; and learn about York Catholic’s academic programs for students in grades 7-12. Contact Heather Hoffman at 717-846-8871, ext. 220.

St. Cecilia Parish in Lebanon, “Big Bingo” on Oct. 14 at the parish center. Doors and kitchen open at 11 a.m., bingo starts at 1 p.m. Features 24 cash games, 50/50 and jackpot. Tickets are $5 each.

Knights of Columbus Council #2068 golf tournament, Oct. 19 at the Waynesboro Country Club. Sandwich buffet at 11 a.m., shotgun start at noon, BBQ dinner at 6 p.m. Refreshments, raffles, skill competitions. Cost is $80. Proceeds benefit the Waynesboro Community and Human Services. To register, contact John Ingold at 717-360-5192 or Terry Shockey at 717-655-0999 or visit www.standrewwbo.org/kofc2068.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Quaryville, annual spaghetti dinner in the social hall, Oct. 20 from 5-6:30 p.m. Also serving sausage and peppers, fresh salad, garlic bread and a variety of desserts.

St. Teresa of Calcutta School’s open house, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at both campuses. Grades K-3 are at the Cornewago campus in Hanover; grades 4-8 in McCsherrystown. Tour the schools, meet administration and faculty and learn about the school’s excellence with STEM education and full-day kindergarten. RSVP at www.sttkschool.org or call 717-637-3135.

Resurrection Catholic School in Lancaster, open house and Zoo America assembly, Oct. 18. “Paws, Claws, Tails and Tales” assembly at 1 p.m., display of “Fun with Our Animal Friends” K-3 student projects from 6-7 p.m. Public is invited. Call 717-392-3083 to reserve seats for the Zoo America assembly.

A showing of the movie “Power in My Hands,” Oct. 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in York. The movie features stories of hope and inspiration from an NFL quarterback, a country music singer and a former atheist who is now a priest. Rosary will be prayed after 5:30 p.m. Mass. Visit www.sitaptrickyork.org.

Michael Janamis and friends, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Lancaster Catholic’s Old Main Auditorium. Free Admission. Donations Accepted. Call 717-509-0313.

First Communion at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Cornwell, Oct. 17 and 24 from 4-7 p.m. Baked or fried fish, coleslaw or applesauce, mashed or fried potatoes and desserts for $9. Shop All Things Sacred sale and ladies thrift shop during the dinners; 10% of proceeds benefit AGAPE family shelter in Lebanon.

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Birthright of Sunbury’s 35th anniversary dinner celebration, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Masonic Building in Northumberland. Social, dinner, program, silent auction. Tickets are $30 per person, $210 for a table of eight. For information or tickets, call 570-286-8560.

Spaghetti dinner at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg, Oct. 27 from 4-7 p.m. in the social hall. Homemade meatballs, pasta, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage for $9. Eat-in or take-out. Evening includes a Chinese auction. Call Dawn at 717-647-9124 or JoAnn at 717-647-2287.

The Little Flower Club, Christmas trip to the Pines Dinner Theater in Allentown, Dec. 5. Cost $105 includes bus, lunch buffet, unlimited drinks of coffee, soda and iced tea, all gratuities and taxes. RSVP by Nov. 14. Call Rose Carter at 717-774-6783 or Helen Shirk at 717-774-5671.

The Drama Club of Corpus Christi School in Chambersburg presents “Kilroy was Here,” musical salute to the G.I. Joes and Jills of the 1940s, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at The Capitol Theatre. Tickets are $5 at the door. Free admission for Veterans.

Corpus Christi School in Chambersburg’s alumni open house, Oct. 21 from 2-4 p.m., featuring former teachers, staff and parents. Tours and light refreshments. Dress is casual, or wear your version of a CCCS uniform. RSVP on the school’s Facebook event page, or via e-mail at alumni@ccschambersburg.org.

Obituaries

The names of the following deceased persons have been submitted by their parishes. Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of these recently departed souls and the consolation of their loved ones.

Bloomburg
St. Columba:
Mary Jankowski

Camp Hill
Good Shepherd:
Juliette Desanto
Robert Jekes
Bridget Kotalic
Rose Placey
Dr. Thomas Sexton, Jr.

Columbia
Holy Trinity:
Timothy R. Williams

Dallastown
St. Joseph:
Regina Bunnell
Kathleen Ciccone
Susan Henshaw
Nathan McNew
Lenora Piasta Cyr
Paul Reineberg

Gettysburg
St. Francis Xavier:
Ralph Bowling
Sally O’Brien
Robert “Bob” Ormdorff
Salvador Prezioso
Fernando Salazar-Carranza

Green Castle
St. Mark the Evangelist:
Wayne Hartman

Hanover
St. Joseph:
Richard Mattias
Gloria McMaster
Gary Riley
Patricia Shank

Harrisburg
Holy Name of Jesus:
Tristan A. Crum
Joel R. Manzolillo
Rose M. Musti

St. Catherine Labouré:
Chris Huntzinger
Alice “Sandy” Zelko

St. Margaret Mary:
Dominic Bartholomeo
Mary Fornwald
Gloria Paulinellie
Marcie Sansone

Hershey
St. Joan of Arc:
Beth Gattens
Marion Lang
Stephen Turato
Margaret Weeter

Kulp Mont:
Holy Angels:
Leon A. Domanski
Chester Gard
William Nagy
Joseph Sheganski, Jr.

Lancaster
Assumption BVM:
Blanche Kaiser
St. John Neumann:
Jadwiga Guzy

Dolores J. Clerico
Vearl W. Danz, Sr.
Regina D. Draude
David H. Hain
Norman C. Hohenwartier, Sr.
Frances B. Zelenski
Walter Howard Zimmerman

Lebanon
Assumption BVM:
Dale Stevenson

St. Cecilia:
Larry Flocken

Manheim
St. Richard:
Clayton W. Shutt

McSherrystown
Annunciation BVM:
Anna Pryor
Joan Rudisill

Mechanicsburg
St. Joseph:
Josephine Barchak
Eugene Krueck
Joseph Schwab

St. Katharine Drexel:
Norma Shoppell

Middletown
Seven Sorrows BVM:
John Diffendall
Dorothy McMahon

Evan L. Porter
Carl Bivens
Jacqueline McCardell

St. Philip the Apostle:
Charles Thourou
Frances Wagner

Mount Carmel
Divine Redeemer:
Catherine Pedergnana

Our Lady of Mount Carmel:
Anna Mae Augustine
Helen Blasé

Mount Joy
Mary, Mother of the Church:
James Beck

Quarryville
St. Catherine of Siena:
Richard Abel

Shippensburg
Our Lady of the Visitation:

Remember our Deceased Clergy

Please pray for the following clergy who died in October during the past 25 years:

Father Stephen Sheeetz, 2009
Father Kevin Kayda, 2013

Father Walter Halaburda, 2000
Father Andrew J. Fontanella, 2011

Father Edward J. Barrett, 2001
Msgr. Vincent Topper, 2016

Father John Suknaic, 2004
Father Walter Sempko, 2017

Father Andrew J. Fontanella, 2014
Father Bernard Quinn, 2006

Deacon Edwin Fitzpatrick, 2008
Father Paul Theisz, 2017

St. Patrick School, Carlisle, seeks a full-time teacher aide and a part-time (2-5:30 p.m., M-F) after-school position for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. All necessary diocesan clearances need to be completed. Applications and résumés can be sent to Mrs. Antoinette Oliverio, Principal, at aoliverio@spscarlisle.org.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Annually, the next-to-last Sunday of October marks the Church’s Eucharistic celebration for the Missions, World Mission Sunday.

In his message for this year’s celebration on October 21, Pope Francis explains that “life is a mission...Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: ‘I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world’ (Evangelii Gaudium 273).” Focusing on young people, he notes: “In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God.”

I invite all of us in this Diocese to see World Mission Sunday as a special moment to live out the mission we share as God’s children, the mission to bring the Gospel to the whole world. I encourage you to be a “voice for mission” through your prayers and through the help that you are able to give in support of the priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders who work tirelessly, day in and day out, proclaiming the Gospel, building the Church, and serving the poor in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe.

The prayers and material aid generously given to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday, the pope explains, continue to support the “preaching of the Gospel to every nation,” thus “contributing to the human and cultural growth of all those who thirst for knowledge of the truth.”

“Mission revitalizes faith,” Pope Francis reminds us, quoting Saint Pope John Paul II in Redemptoris Missio (#2). May your commitment to the Lord’s continuing mission renew your faith and be a blessing in your life. And may you know of my personal gratitude for your generous response on this unique day for the entire Church, and throughout the year, as you are able.

Faithfully yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Harrisburg

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...where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution.

IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS...
...where 3,500 religious bring the Lord’s mercy and peace to those in need.

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...where catechists and youth travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of God’s great love to families.

IN AFRICA...
...where those who are sick are provided loving care at 6,500 Catholic hospitals and small clinics, and where 19,000 young men are preparing to be priests to uplift the poor, celebrate the Sacraments, reach out to children and families, and comfort the sick and dying.

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...where six million children receive an education from religious Sisters in more than 15,000 Church-run elementary schools.

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