Father Kenneth Smith, pastor of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Mechanicsburg, blesses the newly-installed canonization banner of the parish’s patron saint March 3. Parishioners gathered for the blessing of the banner to celebrate her feast day.

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Gives
Canonization Banner Permanent Home

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

The first parish in the world named for St. Katharine Drexel now has another distinct honor connecting it to America’s second-born saint – permanent guardianship of her canonization banner. The 14-by-11 banner was installed and blessed in the narthex of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Mechanicsburg on the saint’s feast day, March 3.

It is the same banner that hung from the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica as St. John Paul II canonized Mother Katharine Drexel on Oct. 1, 2000.

“What a wonderful gift this banner is to the parish,” said Father Kenneth Smith, pastor. “The banner is here to stay and we are very happy to have it.”

The parish received the banner from the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, the religious congregation that Mother Katharine founded in 1891. When their Motherhouse and Shrine in Bensalem, Pa., closed a little more than a year ago, the congregation offered the parish an opportunity to receive items from it.

The Motherhouse arranged professional movers to handle delivery of the banner and a prominent shrine statue to St. Katharine’s. The parish stored the banner while seeking advice from several museums on proper mounting and display for posterity.

Tom Sweeney, parish archivist, said people’s reaction to the banner has been the most rewarding part of the project. “So many people did double-takes when they came in and saw it. They couldn’t believe their eyes,” Sweeney told The Catholic Witness.
Bishop Gainer Concludes Listening Tour

By Rachel Bryson, M.S.

It has been seven months since the release of the Grand Jury Report and Bishop Ronald W. Gainer recently completed his listening session tour of the Diocese. During these sessions, Bishop Gainer has listened to the faithful, survivors and non-Catholics on the impact of the report. Many expressed dismay over the handling of sexual abuse cases in the past and a loss of trust in the leadership of the Church.

“Today is an opportunity to have a frank and open conversation about the past, present and future of the Church,” said Bishop Gainer at the beginning of many of the sessions.

Bishop Gainer hosted nine listening sessions throughout the Diocese from January through March. With attendance varying from 140 to more than 400 at some sessions, the bishop spoke to more than 2,240 people in total who attended the sessions.

While the sessions have been filled with raw emotion, these sessions are also a step in the healing process for the Diocese.

Comments, Questions, Feelings

The most common themes from the listening sessions have been related to transparency, the use of finances, hierarchy accountability and the statute of limitations. At each session, at least one person asked Bishop Gainer to provide more transparency than what has been seen in the past. The bishop acknowledged that one session is certainly not enough, but the listening sessions are the first step in the process the Diocese is taking to be transparent. He reiterated his commitment to communication and encouraged those attending to continue reading The Catholic Witness and visiting the Diocese’s website for the most updated information on Diocesan programs and operations.

Financial accountability has also been a common theme, especially regarding the Survivor Compensation Program.

“No amount of money will erase the harm or heal the permanent wounds done to survivors of abuse, but the (compensation) fund is a sign of amends,” said Bishop Gainer at the York session. He reiterated that the funding source for this program will be in the form of a loan from the Priests’ Pension Fund, other existing Diocesan assets and hopefully from insurance proceeds. Bishop Gainer added that as our compensation program includes abuse from clergy of other dioceses and religious orders, he has also asked these groups to assist with the financial compensation for survivors.

There has also been much anger and frustration expressed toward the Church hierarchy during the listening sessions. Bishop Gainer explained that the abuse cover up did stem from a culture that valued the institution over the person. Such a culture, he added, cannot be tolerated in the Church.

Bishop Gainer also devoted time during each session to address questions related to the statute of limitations.

“We have said many times that we support revising the criminal Statute of Limitations,” said the bishop. “The civil statute of limitations reform, specifically the so-called ‘window’ legislation, is not legislation we can support. There is the important issue of whether such legislation is possible under the Pennsylvania Constitution. An open window on old claims would force the Diocese into bankruptcy, causing the Diocese to severely curtail its ministries. Our Catholic schools, Religious Education programs, RCIA, Respect Life, campus ministry, hospital and nursing home chaplaincy, multicultural ministries, youth athletic programs and the more than 20 human services programs we partially support through Catholic Charities, would all be drastically impacted.”

Bishop Gainer went on to explain that as the steward of the Diocese and its resources, he has a responsibility to ensure the Diocese is assisting as many people as possible. Window legislation would make that impossible.

Bishop Gainer added that the Diocese wants to make restitution to survivors, which is why the compensation program has been established, in addition to the spiritual and mental health supports the Diocese offers. “The compensation program is a present reality and we invite survivors who qualify to take advantage of it,” he said.

Moving Forward

Bishop Gainer will consider all the feedback that has been received from the listening sessions when making plans for future programs for the Diocese. Recognizing that healing and restoring trust will take time, Bishop Gainer prays those who attended the sessions found them to be a helpful first step in this process.

During the sessions, Bishop Gainer also explained the many steps the Diocese has taken, some that have been in practice for more than 15 years, to protect children. These steps include:

• Turning every allegation of abuse over to law enforcement immediately for investigation.
• Having an intense seminarian formation program with psychological testing for indicators, and human formation.
• The reconstitution of the Diocesan Pastoral Council to give laity a clearer voice in addressing pastoral issues.
• The release of the names of the accused; the removal of names of bishops and priests from buildings throughout the diocese; and the lifting of non-disclosure agreements on August 1, 2018.
• The establishment of the Survivor Compensation Program with an independent administrator.
• Entering into a contract with Janet McNeal as the Safe Environment Coordinator.

Those who were unable to attend one of the listening sessions but would like to ask Bishop Gainer a question may do so by emailing AskBishopGainer@hbgdiocese.org. A selection of questions and answers from the listening sessions will be published in the next several issues of The Catholic Witness and on the Diocese’s Youth Protection website, at www.YouthProtectionHbg.com.

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Catholic Campus Ministry Brings Faith and Fellowship to Young People

By Rachel Bryson, M.S.
The Catholic Witness

Young people are bombarded daily with secular messages of how to live. College students especially are in a period of life when self-discovery and experimentation is more accepted. This period of change and discovery is one of the many reasons why Catholic Campus Ministry is a vital service in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Each of the campus ministries throughout the Diocese is unique, but all have the common goal of bringing students to Christ. “I think this ministry is essential because college is often considered a time of freedom and self-discovery in our culture – but not always for the right reasons,” said Nichole Schneider, associate director of Catholic Campus Ministry at Shippensburg University. “In campus ministry, we believe the ultimate freedom and self-discovery comes with knowing who we are as children of God and as followers of Christ, allowing Jesus to come into our lives and make us more like Him.”

Young people in this age are more intentional in their search to answer the big questions in life – who am I, what do I believe and why, where do I want to go, what do I want to do with my life. They are asking and challenging in a healthy way and asking these questions also means they are open, not stuck in their ways like when you get older,” said Nina Camaioni, associate director of Catholic Campus Ministry at Bloomsburg University. “A lot of the time the university culture and life will offer false answers and the Church needs to be present in this environment to offer the Truth of Christ, especially as they are intentionally searching and figuring out the bigger questions of life, because the answers they get during this part of their life will be what shape and form their thinking and direction for the rest of their life.”

Camaioni has been involved with campus ministry for six years – two years at Bloomsburg and four at a college in New Jersey. Schneider is still in her first year of ministry at Shippensburg. While their experiences might be slightly different, both women are passionate about their ministry.

“Our Campus Ministry provides a weekly fellowship dinner, a weekly co-ed small group that ranges in topic, a weekly Rosary prayer group, and a weekly Holy Hour with praise and worship,” said Schneider. Camaioni added the ministry at Bloomsburg includes small Bible groups, weekly dinners with fellowship and sometimes a speaker, retreats, service opportunities and one-on-one discipleship mentoring. Movie and game nights are also very popular, added Schneider.

Leading Students to Christ

All those involved in Catholic Campus Ministry have the goal of leading students to Christ and, for those students that have fallen away from their faith, to help them find their way back to the Church. “In order for college students to fully embrace the freedom they have in Christ, we need to teach them how to listen for the voice of God as opposed to some of the other messages they receive on the college campus about who they are,” said Schneider. “Our goals are to teach them to pray, to read Scripture, to serve others, to build healthy friendships, and to encounter the Lord’s love in some meaningful way that changes and convicts them forever.”

“If they find the answer Christ, they have a chance to form their lives in this pivotal period around Him as they enter full adulthood,” added Camaioni. “It’s important to say that statistics show that the greatest drop off in Church involvement, regardless of youth ministry involvement, happens when they enter college. The Church needs to be on campus!”

Both Camaioni and Schneider have personally witnessed students open their hearts and lives to Christ and say it is very humbling. “We have many young adults come back to the faith after falling away into partying and other college temptations and they are being incredible witnesses, including one young man applying for seminary and young ladies discerning religious life, as well as other students who are evangelizing to their peers,” said Camaioni.

“I have seen a lot of healing take place in their hearts and lives, even in the short amount of time I’ve been here,” Schneider added. “I’ve also seen friendships form that enable the students to have a greater community and accountability with one another. My most favorite moments with the students probably happen every week in our small group trainings – I’m able to listen to the students share deep parts of their hearts, wrestle with hard questions, lead prayer, and make goals for their spiritual lives.”

“It is not easy to be a Christian and to strive for holiness on campuses nowadays, and Father [Richard Mowery] and I have had to walk with students through atheist professors who threaten their grades, fellow students who isolate them, living chastely in this hook-up culture and amidst pressures to conform to the culture,” said Camaioni. “These students are truly admirable and courageous in the desire to follow Christ and share Him with others. Our work is humbling for sure and these young people are reason to hope for our Church.”

“The Lord is speaking to their souls! It is truly awesome,” Schneider added. “They need love, compassion, and the truth. They need Jesus and the Church to anchor them, offer hope, and give direction for their lives,” Camaioni said.

About Campus Ministry

The Diocese of Harrisburg supports Catholic Campus Ministry at 12 colleges and universities throughout the Diocese’s 15 counties. These programs are provided with resources and support from the Diocesan Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry. This ministry is one of the many programs supported by the Diocesan Annual Campaign. To learn more about Catholic Campus Ministry, please visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org.
Diocese’s 150th Anniversary Closes with ‘Lasting Remembrances’

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

“There is work to be done … there is work to be done, and it is the transcendent work of Jesus Christ. There is work to be done, and there is so little time for its doing. There are … priestly souls to be sanctified in the Holy Spirit of God, … flocks to be fed, … lost sheep to be found and rescued, … little ones to be taught, … youth to be trained, … poor and sick and suffering to be befriended. … There is work to be done. It is the work of Christ and only we … can do it.”

Quoting these words by the Ninth Bishop of Harrisburg, Bishop George L. Leech, on the occasion of the Diocese’s 75th anniversary, Bishop Ronald Gainer opened the Diocese’s 150th anniversary March 3, 2018, during a Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Harrisburg. Throughout this past year, members of the Diocese remembered its past while bearing witness to the Gospel in their daily worship, work and activities. The yearlong celebration, “For a lasting remembrance,” recounted the words inscribed on the papal bull establishing the Diocese of Harrisburg on March 3, 1868.

A closing Mass for the anniversary year was scheduled for March 3, but inclement weather forced its cancellation. Still, the Diocese and its people are taking the momentum of the yearlong celebration forward in faith.

“You know how it has been proclaimed the Word of God in Spanish, witnessing a beautifully sung Rosary prayer in Vietnamese or hearing Mass hymns in any other language, we all worshipped as one during this anniversary,” said Jaclyn Curran, Coordinator of the Diocesan Office of Divine Worship.

“As we end this anniversary year celebration, my prayer is that we continue to be aware of one another and that we lose all fear of new faces in our parishes. 150 years from now, our children will be blessed by having that pattern repeated over and over in parishes and institutions that make Christ present through worship, charitable works, teaching and healing. This year guided our eyes back to those individuals who were the living stones of our local Church.”

Visitors to the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg found unique displays, including Stations of the Cross from 1854-1897 and Archives’ display cases of artifacts, documents and photos.

The year brought out so many unique historical facts about our Diocese,” said Father Brommer, who is also pastor of the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick in Harrisburg. He noted Catherine Hershey, who used her husband’s wealth to endow the community of believers in Hershey, and “Chef Boyardee” (Catholic Italian immigrant Ettore Boiardi), who moved from Ohio to Milton in 1928, and established a factory for his soon-to-be famous products.

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In celebrating the sesquicentennial year, the people of the Diocese remembered those of the past who built up the local Church as witnesses to the Gospel, and are now looking forward to the future of the Church they serve today.

“I won’t forget Bishop Gainer’s reminder to us at the opening Mass when he quoted one of his predecessors: ‘There is work to be done. It is the work of Christ and only we… can do it.’” Father Brommer said. “For me personally, this is what I take away from the year as a personal call, to continue the work of the Church in our Diocese, to continue to proclaim the Gospel and do what Christ has called us to today. This call is more necessary and urgent as we move forward.”
Ancient Order of Hibernians Fosters ‘Friendship, Unity and Charity’ for Irish Catholics

By Mary Klaus Special to The Witness

Don’t let the title of the Ancient Order of Hibernians fool you. Tracing its roots to similar societies that existed in Ireland for more than three centuries and coming to America in 1836, this Irish Catholic fraternal society is anything but ancient. It’s alive and well in the Diocese of Harrisburg, where Irish Catholic parishes are the cornerstone. St. Patrick is both the patron saint of the Diocese and the name of its cathedral.

“The Ancient Order of Hibernians has over 300 members in four divisions in the Diocese of Harrisburg,” said Jerry McGlynn, a member of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg and a Hibernian for more than 30 years. “There’s a division in Dauphin County, one in Adams County and two in Cumberland County.”

Membership is open to men 16 years of age or older and of good Catholic standing and Irish descent. McGlynn said the organization was founded in the late 16th century in Ireland during the infamous Irish Penal Laws in which Catholics were persecuted by the Church of England for practicing their faith.

“At that time, under the reign of Cromwell, 400 priests were deported and there was a five pound sterling reward for the head of any priest who remained,” he said. “Secret Masses were celebrated at Mass-roads in glens and woodlands. The primary function of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was to protect the priests and parishioners from this tyranny.”

The Ancient Order was founded in the United States in May 1836, concurrently in the coal-mining region of Pennsylvania and New York City. McGlynn said the American-based Hibernians were formed to assist Irish Catholic immigrants and to protect Catholic churches from anti-Catholic forces.

At that time, large numbers of Irish immigrants coming to America to flee Ireland’s Great Hunger prompted a growth in Irish societies in the United States, with the Hibernians being the largest, said Jim Williams, president of the order’s Dauphin County division.

Several members of the State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are pictured. They include past State President Ed Haligan, back left; State Vice President Pat O’Brien, front center; State President Joe Hosie, second from right in the front row; and State Secretary Tim Carley, front right.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians was established in Dauphin County in the late 1890s, with two divisions in the Harrisburg area and one each in Steelton, Lykens and Williamstown.

In the Diocese of Harrisburg, Dauphin County Hibernians fought gallantly in the Civil War, serving in the PA 69th Irish brigade and the Pennsylvania 116 regiment. The Ancient Order of Hibernians paid for the prominent original stained-glass window of St. Patrick in the cathedral in Harrisburg that bears his name.

Over the years, the Hibernians in Dauphin County have sponsored corned beef and cabbage dinners, invited speakers from Ireland, promoted peace and justice in Northern Ireland and arranged Notre Dame football parties, Gettysburg Civil War tours and St. Patrick’s Day parties.

For many years, they ran the St. Patrick’s Day parade in Harrisburg, with Williams serving as parade president. Although another group now runs the parade, the Hibernians still participate in it. Hibernians also participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

In Adams County, 25 men, including three seminarians and two priests, belong to the PVT Barney Divine division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. This division president. That division was chartered in 1994 and named after Divine, a Gettysburg resident who fought in the Civil War.

“Our main program is the Great Hunger Fund which brings attention to the famine,” McKinney said. “For the past 19 years, the division has hosted the Adams County Irish Festival on the third Saturday of July at Moose Park in Gettysburg. This year’s festival will be held on July 20.”

Festival proceeds are donated to a local soup kitchen and a food pantry. “We have raised thousands of dollars over the years,” McKinney said. “The last few years, we also have given a donation to each member’s parish, which include parishes in Gettysburg, Abbottstown, Chambersburg, Fairfield and Waynesboro.”

The Hibernian motto, “Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,” was so popular that Father Michael McGivney modeled the Knights of Columbus after the Hibernians in structure and purpose.

Today, the Ancient Order of Hibernians is the most broadly based Irish-American organization with more than 46,000 members in 46 States, Canada and Ireland. It’s also the oldest lay Catholic ethnic organization operating in the United States.

The order seeks to help newly-arrived Irish, both socially and economically, Williams said, adding that the many divisions and club facilities in the country traditionally are among the first to welcome new Irish immigrants.

“Here, Irish art, dance, music, and sports are fostered and preserved,” he said. “The newcomers can meet some of their own and are introduced to the social atmosphere of the Irish-American community. The AOH has been at the forefront for issues concerning the Irish such as immigration reform, economic incentives here and in Ireland, human rights issues, right to life and peaceful and just solution to the issues that divide Ireland.”

Williams said the order also provides a connection to Ireland for people who are generations removed from their ancestral homeland. It sponsors an Irish Way Program, scholarships and a national history day.

“We invite Catholics of Irish birth or descent to seek admittance to the finest Irish Catholic organization in the world – all we would ask is for you to live our motto of “Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,” Williams said.

“Dia ’s Muire dhuit! (God and Mary be with you).”

McGlynn said men interested in joining the organization should contact Kyle Yurick at kyurick@gmail.com or 570-274-7100.

(Mary Klaus is a freelance reporter for The Catholic Witness.)

Annulment Presentations Scheduled

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will offer presentations concerning divorce and annulments from the Catholic perspective in the coming months. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, divorced people who wish to marry Catholics, parish leaders involved in the RCIJA process and those who have a vested interest because of family or friends.

Presentations will include a question-and-answer session and an opportunity for private conversation with Tribunal staff and representatives. For more information, call 717-657-4804 or send an e-mail to tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.

• March 21 – St. Joseph, York, 7 p.m.
• March 25 – Diocesan Conference Center, Harrisburg, 7 p.m.
• May 8 – St. Joseph, Danville, 7 p.m.
• June 4 – Our Lady of the Visitation, Shippensburg, 7 p.m.
• June 10 – St. Patrick, Carlisle, 7 p.m.

Job Opening ~ Social Media Specialist

The Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking a Social Media Specialist, responsible for planning, creating and implementing high-quality multimedia materials across several platforms in an integrated fashion. As a member of the Diocese’s communication department, the specialist will develop and maintain a robust online presence, specifically with social media, while also assisting with digital press materials, website content development, media production, and operation of the Diocese’s Cable TV channel and radio programs.

Education/Training:
• Bachelor’s degree in public relations, journalism, communication or similar field
• An equivalent amount of work experience in the communication industry may be considered in lieu of a degree

Professional Experience:
• At least 3 years of relevant experience
• Minimum of 2 years of experience using digital platforms for communication/public relation purposes
• Experience with video editing systems

Application Instructions:
Please submit a cover letter, résumé, salary requirements and a link to an online portfolio demonstrating digital communication experience to Rachel Bryson at rbryson@hbgdiocese.org. For best consideration, please submit all materials no later than April 12, 2019.

Full job description at www.hbgdiocese.org/jobs

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Black Bean Soup
Recipe from Guatemala

Gather your community, your friends or your family for a simple, meatless meal for an opportunity to eat while living in solidarity with your brothers and sisters around the world. When you’ve cleaned your plate, remember to put the money you saved by not buying meat – an average of $3 per person per meal – into your CRS Rice Bowl to feed your brothers and sisters in need. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Makes 4–6 servings
1 T fair trade olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 c water or vegetable broth
3 cans black beans, drained and rinsed
2 tomatoes, diced
1 green chili, diced
2 t ground cumin
2 t chili powder
½ t salt
Cilantro, minced (optional)

In a large pot, sauté onion and garlic in oil until brown. In a blender, combine 1 cup water/vegetable broth and 2 cans of beans. Blend until smooth. Add to onion mixture. Stir in tomatoes, chili, remaining beans, spices and water/broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Serve with cilantro.

St. Peter Parish in Elizabethtown (GPS 904 Mill Road), fish dinners Fridays through April 12 in the new parish hall from 4-7 p.m. Baked or fried fish, macaroni & cheese, French fries, stewed tomatoes, green beans, applesauce, coleslaw, roll & dessert. Adults $10; kids $5, children under 3 are free. New England clam chowder can be added to an adult meal for $2. Individual cups of chowder $2.50, bowls $4. Eat-in or take-out.

St. Peter Parish in Columbus, fish fry on Fridays through April 12 from 4-6:30 p.m. in the parish center. Fish platter with coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, french fries, french fries or coffee or tea. Home-made soups, weekly specials, a la carte items and desserts available. Eat-in or take-out. Stations of the Cross in the church at 7 p.m.

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Lykens, fish fry on Fridays through April 12 from 4-7 p.m. in the social hall. A variety of seafood, both baked and fried. Call 717-453-9931 for take-outs. No fish fry on Good Friday.

Immaculate Conception BVM Parish in Berwick, fish dinners on Fridays through April 12 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fried fish, baked fish, breaded shrimp, chicken tenders, French fries, baked potato, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, corn, coleslaw, French fries, desserts and beverages available for purchase.

Knights of Columbus of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in Millcreek, fish dinners on Fridays through April 12 from 4-7 p.m. in the social hall. All-you-can-eat fried and baked fish, popcorn shrimp, fried clams, French fries, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, puddings, and a selection of homemade desserts. Pay at the door: adults $12; ages 6-12 $6; children 5 and under free. For info, call Joe Zamowski, 908-892-0271.

Holy Spirit Parish in Palmyra, fish fry on Fridays through April 12 from 3-7 p.m. Baked or fried haddock, crab cakes, shrimp, clam strips, pierogies, seafood dinner, mac & cheese, homemade desserts. Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Shadow Stations are April 19 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Parish Center. Large menu, weekly specials, a la carte items and desserts available.

Knights of Columbus Council #15351 of St. Matthew Parish in Dauphin, fish dinners March 29 and April 12 from 4-6:30 p.m. Pierogies will also be available.

St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Parish in Harrisburg, fish and perogies dinners, Wednesdays during Lent from 4-6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Dinners are $11. Homemade soups, halushki, mac & cheese, side dishes and desserts available. Frozen pierogies will be sold Wednesdays during Lent and from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., as well as on Saturdays in Lent from 9 a.m.-noon. Fillings include potato and cheese, cabbage, sauerkraut, prune, farmer cheese and apple. Smoked Kielbasa rings and sticks also for sale. For information, call 717-652-0545 or visit www.stannbyz.org.

Holy Angels Parish in Kulpmont, fish dinners on Fridays during April 5 in the activity center from 4-6 p.m. Baked fish, potato, vegetable, soup and salad bar, fruit cup, bread, dessert and beverage. Cost is $9 for adults, $5 for children 5-12 and under.

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Gettysburg, fish fry on Fridays through April 12 from 5-7 p.m. in Xavier Center, 465 Table Rock Rd. Eat-in or take-out. Children under 5 eat free. Call 717-334-4048 or visit www.sftxcc.org for menu and more information.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Enola, Lenten dinners on Fridays March 15-April 12 from 4-7 p.m. in the parish social hall. Seasoned baked cod, church-made baked macaroni & cheese, church-made pierogies, veggie or stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, roll, dessert and coffee or punch. Baked fish dinner is $11 for adults. Mac & cheese and pierogi dinners are $10 for adults. Children’s meals are $5. Eat-in or take-out. Classical acoustic guitar dinner music provided by Nate.

St. Rose of Lima Parish in York, seafood dinners every Friday in Lent through April 12. Fried fish dinners from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and dinners from 4-7 p.m. For menus and additional information, visit www.saintroseoflimayork.org.

Sorrows BVM Parish in Middletown, fish fry on Fridays through April 12 from 5-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All-you-can-eat baked-dipped fish (eat-in only), lemon-pepper fish, crab cakes, jumbo fried shrimp, macaroni and cheese, pierogies, and a variety of desserts. New this year: lobster mac’n’cheese and crabby cheese fries. For take-out, speak with a volunteer at 717-944-5488 after 4 p.m. Handmade chocolate eggs in peanut butter, butter cream, cinnamon, and peppermint for the dinner. Eggs are dipped in white, dark, or milk chocolate, $1 each.

For information and menu, visit www.ssbbvm.org.

Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council #1426 in Chambersburg, fish fry on Fridays during Lent from 4:30-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All-you-can-eat baked-haddock, baked haddock, beer-battered shrimp, crab cake. Sides include French fries, coleslaw, green beans, macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes. Dinners range from $13-15.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Spring Grove, seafood dinners on Fridays during Lent from April 12 from 4-7 p.m. at the Parish Center. Large menu, weekly specials. For complete menu, visit www.sacredheartspringgrove.com.

St. Catherine Labouré Parish in Harrisburg, fish dinners Fridays through April 12 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Murray Hall. Fried and baked fish dinners, fish fried sandwiches, homemade mac and cheese, homemade pierogies, plus fish fry bites for those with smaller appetites. Eat-in or take-out. Stations of the Cross begin at 7 p.m.
Lenten Message from Bishop Gainer

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.” With these words from the opening prayer of Ash Wednesday we set off on our Lenten journey. Among the many spiritual weapons at our disposal during this holy season, the Church gives fasting a unique pride of place, alongside prayer and almsgiving, as a means of conquering our self-centeredness and mastering our impulses. It is a season of renewal and a return to our authentic identity in Christ.

The word “fasting” derives, in part, from the notion of fastening a boat to its mooring. The mooring provides stability and safe harbor, especially when storms arise. This beautiful image helps us to understand the deeper meaning of fasting in the spiritual life. Certainly as an act of sacrifice, fasting deepens our hunger for God and reminds us of the pain caused by sin. As an act of solidarity, fasting reminds us of the suffering of countless persons throughout the world and in our own community who suffer from lack of food and adequate healthcare.

For Christians, fasting has long been more than a private act of self-denial, it has interpersonal implications. Around 130 AD an apologist wrote: “When there are poor persons among those needing assistance, Christians fast for two or three days and customarily send them the food that they had prepared for themselves.” Similarly in “The Teaching of the Apostles” we read, “Christians having nothing to spare, will fast and bring to their brothers and sisters what they would have spent for food on that day.” Fasting helps to sensitize us to the needs of the many in our midst.

As a mooring post, fasting provides for us a return to the stability and safe harbor of our authentic life of faith. All too often we find ourselves adrift on the sea of daily life, without direction and reacting to the myriad of responsibilities and frustrations that storm down on us. Many of us have been swept away by frustrations with the Church and anger at the pain caused by members of the Church. Fasting gives us the grace of attaching ourselves to Christ and to His Gospel, of returning to the true “rock of our salvation” (Psalm 95:1), anchoring ourselves in the harbor of the Church.

The return to Christ and to His Church is a central theme of our entire Lenten journey, which calls us to prepare for the perfect reconciliation Jesus achieves for humanity in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This is the great Paschal event toward which we set our minds and hearts as the central orientation of Lent. For those preparing for Baptism throughout the Diocese, for the many who are preparing to come into full communion with the Catholic Church, and for each Catholic who will renew his or her Baptismal promises come Easter, these holy days of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, return us to our mooring post where we are called to be our true selves.

It cannot be forgotten that this return to Christ is undertaken not only by each Christian personally, but also by the entire Church. This last year has reminded us that institutions need purification and renewal, even the institution that supports the ministry of the Church. I invite you to offer your acts of sacrificial fasting for those who have been harmed by the Church in any way, especially those who are in need of healing because of clergy sexual abuse. This campaign of Christian service calls us not only to fight the spiritual evils that assail us, but also those areas of darkness that have overshadowed the lives of innocent children and their families. May the light of Christ dispel the darkness of sin and death from the lives of all men and women, bestowing upon all who embark on our Lenten voyage, the gifts of purification and peace.

May God Bless you this Lent and always.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg

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- Practicing, knowledgeable Catholic
- Thorough understanding of Catholic school philosophy
- Commitment to modeling the values of Catholic educational leadership
- PA Administrators Certificate (or in process)
- Catechetical Certification (or in process)
- 5 years of teaching experience

Preferred Qualifications (in addition to the minimum qualifications):
- 3 years of administrative experience
- Catechetical Certification (or in process)
- Master’s degree in educational administration

Send résumé and letter of interest to:
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Diocese of Harrisburg
4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710
(717) 657-4804, ext. 222
lriley@hbgdiocese.org

Job Opening ~ President of Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg

Minimum Qualifications:
- Practicing, knowledgeable Catholic in good standing with the Church and actively involved in the Catholic community
- Thorough understanding of Catholic school philosophy
- Commitment to modeling the values of Catholic educational leadership
- Catechetical certification (or in process)
- Bachelor’s degree in finance, business or education
- 5 years of progressive leadership and management in the field of education or an organization of equivalent complexity.

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Featuring Christopher West and Mike Mangione

April 2 at 7 p.m.
Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg

The national touring event, “Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land,” weaves music, video, images and the spoken word into a message of hope. Join Christopher West, world-renowned teacher of St. John Paul’s Theology of the Body, and folk/Americana musician Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you’ve never heard.

The Diocese is offering 2.5 hours of Catechetical Certification for attendance.

The evening is hosted by St. Joan of Arc Parish in Hershey and is co-hosted/sponsored by St. Catherine Labouré Parish in Harrisburg, Holy Spirit Parish in Palmyra, St. Matthew Parish in Dauphin, Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg, and Real Alternatives, which administers the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services for the states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Indiana.

Tickets are $20.
Contact Lou Felice at 717-215-4175 or mathfamily1@yahoo.com.
Tell me a little bit about your childhood.

I grew up in the coal region. The faith was very much a part of my upbringing. My mother was very devout. We went to church every week. She made sure we went to Confession regularly throughout the year. I was enrolled in a parochial school, so that was very instructive. After we made First Communion, I became an altar boy and served for several years. We were very much involved in parish life. I had two other brothers, but one of them has passed away.

As an altar server, being in the sanctuary and seeing up close all the things involved in celebrating Mass interested me at a young age. But I was a shy child and wasn’t sure that I would be outgoing enough to perform that kind of public role in the Church. My favorite subject in school was History, so I thought I would become a teacher. But the thought of being a priest was there at a pretty early age.

When did you decide to discern the priesthood?

I was active in the Newman Center while studying Social Studies at IUP. In college, I served as lector at Mass. After graduation, I was living in Arlington, Va., and served as a lector and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. I also assisted as a team member in a program for returning Catholics. One of the women who was on the team with me sent me a Christmas card. At the bottom she wrote, “Did you ever think about being a priest? I think you’d be good at it.” We only knew each other through the program at the parish. That card was really a catalyst to think more seriously about it. Within a couple of years, I approached the Diocese for an application for the seminary. I was 30 when I entered.

What have been some of your experiences as a priest?

My first assignment as parochial vicar was at St. Francis Xavier in Gettysburg, from 1998-2001. I got exposure to everything. It was like being a general practitioner as a doctor. Father Joseph Hilbert was the pastor. My first Tuesday there, he was taking me around the parish and asked, “When you were a deacon did you have a chance to officiate at weddings?” I said, “Yes, I did a wedding and a validation.” He said, “Great! We have two weddings Saturday. I’ll take the first one and you do the second one.” That was how it went. You did weddings, funerals, counseling people for marriage preparation or during a rocky time in their marriage. I served at Gettysburg Hospital on-call, and went into the parochial school. I really got my first taste of everything in that parish.

I was at St. Francis of Assisi in Harrisburg from 2001-2004 and lived there while working in the Diocesan Tribunal. I also was the Diocesan Director of Vocations for a brief period. Then I was assigned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Mechanicsburg and as chaplain at Trinity High School. I got my first shot at pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Abbottstown. While there, I was chaplain at Delone Catholic High School. I became pastor here at Sacred Heart in 2009, and I also serve as Catholic campus minister at Franklin & Marshall College.

In the winter of 2015, you suffered trauma from a fall at the parish and went through weeks of physical and cognitive therapy after hospitalization. Talk about the support you received from the parish and school communities.

I don’t have any memories of the fall. I remember waking up in the hospital thinking, “How did I get here?” The nurses explained the trauma I had from falling off the balcony. As time went by, the Sisters would visit me, and they said at every hour of the school day, they had the children stop and say a prayer for me. I heard from people in the parish that there was a special Rosary that was prayed for me, and that the line to get into the church stretched down the street.

The recovery was very good and faster than expected. I chalk that up to the prayers of the people, the students in the school and the religious communities praying for me. That was all the power of prayer. It made me think about not taking things for granted, and it inspired me to be a better pastor and a better priest. I felt like I had been blessed with a new lease on life, and that made me want to do my priestly ministry better. The experience made me want to be a better person.

Tell me something fun about you, or about your hobbies.

I’ve always been a history buff. I like reading about history and visiting historical places. Serving in Gettysburg was a bonanza for someone who was interested in history. Here in Lancaster, James Buchanan’s home is just down a few blocks. I enjoy visiting museums and visiting places.

Many years ago, I took a photography class with taking pictures and developing film. That was a hobby, but not something I’ve dabbled in for many years.

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Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s 94th Annual Convention

All women of the Diocese are cordially invited to attend

“Celebrating Mary Our Mother”

Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA.

Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass, Father David Danneker, Diocesan Vicar General

Keynote speaker Megan Murphy, Youth Minister and an Instructor for the Family Catechesis Program. For more information on Megan, visit meganmurphyministries.com.

• Afternoon workshops (opportunity to attend two sessions)
  • Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC – “Establishing a Relationship with Mary”
  • Terri Rosenstein – “Living the Joyful Mysteries”
  • June C. Alexander – “Boxes of Joy”
  • Ann Koshute, M.T.S. – “Holding my Mother’s Hand: Understanding the Perpetual Help Icon”

There will be a meditation room, exhibits, a religious items sale, a silent auction to benefit the HDCCW Scholarship Fund and a closing prayer service.

Cost: $25 - Includes registration fee, continental breakfast and lunch
Registration begins at 8 a.m., continental breakfast is until 9 a.m.
For more details visit http://hdccw.webs.com
Registration deadline is April 24
Contact Mary Ann Pitek, 1771 Wellington Dr., Middletown, PA 17057
Maryannpitez@gmail.com or 717-939-8852 (please no calls after 8:30 p.m.)
Cancellations must be received by May 1
Suffering with Christ

By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC

Special to The Witness

Many years ago, I had the privilege of working with an exceptionally joy-filled woman, Eileen Glynn. We worked together when I was in my 20s and she was in her 60s. She was a play therapist in a psychiatric treatment center run by Catholic Charities in another state. As we worked together, I learned that she had lost her five youngest children and her husband in a fire. Her oldest child had been playing with matches late one night and accidently started the fire. After burying her entire family, she had to hospitalize her surviving child in a center similar to the one in which we both worked.

When she told me this story, I asked, “How did you grieve all your losses?” She said, “In prayer I often pictured myself in one of two places: the Garden of Gethsemane or the foot of the cross. I would always wind up crawling into the lap of the Blessed Mother, allowing her to comfort me. As time went on, my sorrow turned into hope and my hope turned into joy. You see, because of the grief, my heart became more sensitive to the broken and the hurting around me.

I look at that fire as the most powerful grace of my life.” At the time, I had no clue how that could take place. With time and my own life journey, I now understand what she meant.

I could not help think about this story as I continue my reflection on Lent and suffering. Recently, I came across a wonderful reflection on suffering in a book called Fire Within by Father Thomas Dubay, S.M. He writes, “…There is a direct correlation between what and how one suffers and the depths of one’s [spiritual] growth. The ‘how’ transfigures a mere passive and undergoing into a newness of life, the new creation… suffering borne with much love and in union with Christ crucified purifies and Renewes… Christian communion is entirely a love matter wrapped up in the Cross.”

Every crucifix has an empty side on which, as disciples of Jesus, we are expected to hang, to call out with him, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” In the midst of dreadful pain, in the midst of the desperate cry, Jesus still trusted in his Father’s presence and love. This is how such pain can be transformative: the belief in someone who actually cares and is present even if everything appears dark and feels hopeless. Jesus becomes our example in trust when his pain becomes ours.

Even though we suffer individually, we never truly suffer alone. Christ never promised a life free of suffering; rather, he descended into our suffering and made it redemptive, and thus life-giving. He turned sorrow into joy. Remember, there could never be a Good Friday without an Easter Sunday!

When I was in my 20s, I could cognitively hear Eileen teach me this lesson. But my heart had no clue what she meant. It is my prayer that this Lenten season, you will experience the joys found in the cross.

1 Dubay, Thomas. Fire within: St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and the Gospel - on Prayer. Ignatius Pr., 1989. Pg. 126 (Sister Geralyn Schmidt is the Wide Area Network Coordinator at the Diocese of Harrisburg and the Director of Formation for Wives in the Diaconate 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.)

Spotlight on Adult Faith Formation: Catholic Distance University

The idea of “distance learning” may not raise many eyebrows in 2019, but when Catholic Distance University was established in 1983, it was undoubtedly a pioneer in the realm of distance education, committed to making faith formation available to Catholics throughout the world by means of the internet. For the past 35 years, CDU has provided global access to quality Catholic formation for individuals and organizations, and has partnered with dioceses to support the Church’s faith formation efforts.

Given that the entire scope of its services and programs are available online, Catholic Distance University can accommodate learners in a wide variety of settings and circumstances, provided they have internet access. For degree-seekers, CDU offers graduate degree programs in theology and undergraduate degree programs in theology, catechetical, and the liberal arts. Non-degree-seekers can take advantage of CDU’s continuing education certificate programs, available in various fields and designed especially for lay Catholics engaged in Church ministry. Additionally, CDU’s three-week online seminars and on-demand independent study courses are intended for casual learners.

If you would like to dip your toe into the waters of distance education, consider visiting Catholic Distance University’s website (www.cdu.edu), where you can access and view at your convenience any of a growing number of free archived hour-long webinars. If you like what you see, you can register with an e-mail address to receive reminders of upcoming live webinars. Among the archived webinars available on CDU’s website are the following:

- Raising a Catholic Family in the 21st Century
- The Enlightenment and the Catholic Church
- Marriage Today
- Decisions of Life and Death
- Understanding the Gospel Passion Narratives
- Islam and the Catholic Church: A Conversation
- The Legacy of the Protestant Reformation
- How to be a Missionary Disciple
- Do Catholics Still Need to Know About Philosophy?
- What Luther Got Right and Wrong in the Reformation
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Parables of Mercy

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“Thoughts from a Catholic Evangelist”

Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC

The mission of Catholic Distance University is to communicate the mind and heart of the Church in a digital world. Using distance education, the university educates teachers and learners worldwide in Catholic theology, the liberal arts, and faith development for the growth of faith, ecclesial service, and leadership for the New Evangelization.” (www.cdu.edu)
Rite of Election Celebrates God’s Call of New Members into the Church

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Celebrated throughout the Church on the first Sunday of Lent, the Rite of Election is a significant step for the men and women who will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at Easter. This year, 92 men and women from more than 30 parishes in the Diocese of Harrisburg were presented to Bishop Ronald Gainer at the Rite of Election at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg on March 10.

At the Rite of Election, names of the catechumens – those who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil – are written into the Book of the Elect. Catechumens are joined by their sponsors, catechists and godparents as a sign of support and preparedness.

The presence of the entire Diocesan Church, including family members and parishioners, represents the ongoing prayer and support offered by every member of the faithful for those who will be newly initiated at Easter.

In his homily, Bishop Gainer noted that the word “election” in the liturgy is not applied to a selection of leadership, human affirmations or even the catechumens’ decisions to enter into the fullness of the Catholic Church. Rather, “the election we celebrate today is about God’s free and mysterious choice of these sisters and brothers,” he said.

“Today is about God’s power at work in them and in us throughout their lives and especially in these last months leading up to this liturgy. In the midst of this great Diocesan assembly we give thanks to God for His power, His grace, God’s election,” the bishop remarked.

Addressing the catechumens, Bishop Gainer said, “you have had the courage to go down into the depths of yourselves and there you have found God’s election, God calling you to the fullness of the sacramental life of grace in the Catholic Church....”

“We rejoice in God’s election of you,” he said, “and the Church, through my voice, will recognize God’s choice of you and name you the Elect in our midst and point you to the Paschal Fire, Word, Water and Eucharist of the Easter Vigil.”

The congregation at the Rite of Election, including 92 men and women who will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, receives a blessing from Bishop Ronald Gainer.
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“The general reaction is that we are overjoyed and proud to have it, and that we can be the keeper of it for posterity,” he said.

An Authentic Disciple
Katharine Drexel was born into a wealthy family in Philadelphia in 1858. The family, known for practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, distributed food and rent money to those in need. As Katharine grew, she developed a passion for the well-being of African and Native Americans. In 1891, she made her first vows as a religious order for Indians and Colored. She opened schools across the country, and by the time of her death in 1955, more than 500 Sisters from her congregation were teaching in 63 schools throughout the country.

The installation of the banner is a significant moment in the history of the parish, which was established in 1988, several months before Mother Katharine’s beatification. Before their church was built, the faithful gathered for Masses in a local fire hall.

A day after he beatified her on Nov. 20, 1988, St. John Paul II granted the Diocese’s request that the parish be the first in the world named in honor of Blessed Katharine Drexel. The first Mass in the parish’s church was celebrated in 1991. Upon St. Katharine Drexel’s canonization in 2000, the parish’s named changed to reflect her sainthood.

Several members of the parish made the pilgrimage to Rome for her canonization. Photos from their experience accompany framed explanations of the parish’s acquisition of the banner. The description notes the installation of the banner is dedicated to the memory of Chesterann Monko, a founding parishioner whose canonization photos are included in the frames.

“For our parishioners who went to the canonization, this installation completes a circle for them,” Sweeney said.

Father Smith said St. Katharine Drexel offers an example for us today: “She teaches us to be authentic, credible and real disciples.”

“Of the reasons people do not go to church today is because they say we are hypocrites. ‘Hypocrite’ means to wear a mask and be an actor,” he said in his homily. “We are not supposed to judge. It is the source of vanity and pride…. Pride needs to be replaced by humility.

“Lent is a wonderful time to do this,” Father Smith said. “Lent is not a self-improvement class – it is not about that – it is about letting the image of Christ grow in us and be authentic…. We are all saints and sinners happy to grow in our discipleship.”

Diocesan Men’s Conference
April 6 from 8:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m.
Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. John Bergsma, popular author and speaker, Professor of Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville

“The Top 3 Reasons I Became Catholic... and Always Will Be: Perspectives from a Former Protestant Pastor”

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Bishop Ronald Gainer, DD, JCL, Principal Celebrant

Three workshop sessions
(Choose from more than 40 workshops)
Eucharistic Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
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Continental Breakfast, Boxed Lunch

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Lourdes Teacher Named STEM Ambassador

By Jacqueline O. Kerris
Special to The Witness

Ann Czeponis, faculty member at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School in Coal Township, has been accepted as one of 31 ambassadors in the Pennsylvania STEM Ambassador Program. The program aims to shape the future of STEM education in the commonwealth by targeting vital policy conversations to legislative leadership in the areas of STEM education policy issues.

Czeponis is a member of a cohort of teachers at Lourdes working on a new STEM initiative sponsored by Bose Corporation with the assistance of OLOL alumnus and Bose employee Bill Edmondson. Czeponis impacts the education of her students in her middle school classroom as well as her college classrooms at Luzerne County Community College and Alvernia University, where she is an adjunct instructor teaching Psychology and Elementary Education classes.

“Representing leaders and emerging leaders in corporate, PreK-12 and higher education, and afterschool programs from 22 counties, PA STEM Ambassadors have agreed to invest the next nine months in training and policy development to share expertise and knowledge with influential stakeholders to help develop a stronger voice in shaping STEM education policy issues,” Czeponis said.

St. Leo Students Learn about Consecrated Life, Discernment on Vocations Day

St. Leo the Great School in Rohrerstown celebrated its bi-annual Vocations Day last month. Thirteen priests, religious sisters and deacons visited students, sharing their vocations stories and providing a glimpse into the life of clergy and consecrated men and women. Each guest rotated through the different classrooms to speak to students.

Students inquired about priests’ collars and the sisters’ habits. Third-graders noticed Sister Anna Cosgrove’s accent and accurately guessed she was from Ireland. This segued into a brief talk about the patron saints of Ireland, Brigid and Patrick. Sister Mary Faithful Virgin from Bloomsburg explained to second graders the steps and stages of the discernment process, impressing on them the importance of learning and praying.

Father John Kuchinski, a graduate of LEO’s, made the trip from Gettysburg to support Vocations Day. He’s a favorite at the school because of his sense of humor.

In addition to talking with the children, guests joined the faculty for a luncheon, followed by praise and worship led by youth ministers Beth and John Christensen.

Vocations Day is planned and executed by the members of the school’s Spiritual Life Committee. The event is funded by donations from school families and supported by the work of parish and school volunteers.
McDevitt’s Shields Finishes Career as Three-Time State Finalist

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Bishop McDevitt High School’s Chase Shields capped off a tremendous high school wrestling career March 9 with his fourth state medal – a silver at 126 lbs. As a three-time state finalist, Shields was second among Pennsylvania’s top-20 wrestlers in his weight class as a sophomore, junior and senior. He placed sixth in his freshman year.

He finishes his career with 146 wins, four District 3 titles and four Southwest Regional championships.

In the PIAA State Wrestling Championships at the Giant Center in Hershey March 9, Shields came up short in the finals, 3-2, in a defensive match against Brock McMillen of Glendale High School.

Though dejected after the match, Shields – who will wrestle for Drexel next year – was gracious to speak about his career with the Crusaders.

“It’s been fun. It’s been a good ride. I wouldn’t trade it for anything else, being with the guys, the team, the coaches,” he said. “It’s something I’ll remember for a long time.”

Two of his teammates also made the podium at states: Nate Smith finished third at 120 lbs., and Tyler Martin finished sixth at 138 lbs.

Head coach Dean Shields expressed his pride for his son after the tournament.

“He is four-time district and regional champ, a four-time state medalist and three-time finalist. He’s got a lot to be proud of. My wife and I are very proud of him and love him,” he said. “This is just part of his journey, and part of who he is. He’s going on to the next phase of his life now, and we’re looking forward to seeing that, too.”

Saintly Send-Off

Since 1990, the Lady Saints of St. Theresa School in New Cumberland have won an impressive 12 CYO girls’ diocesan championships, including this year’s tournament. In 2017, the Saints won both the girls’ and boys’ diocesan championships. The school held a boisterous pep rally March 7 before the girls boarded a charter bus and departed for the Diocese of Scranton, where this year’s state tournament was played at Holy Redeemer High School, March 8-10. After beating a team from the Diocese of Scranton, the Lady Saints lost in the semifinals to the eventual winner of the state tournament from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 35-20. St. Theresa bounced back to win 44-30 against the Diocese of Pittsburgh to capture the third place medal.
Lourdes’ Program Thrills in District 4 Doubleheader
Girls Clinch Third Title in a Row; Boys Repeat as Champs

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

The Red Raiders made themselves at home at Danville High School for the District 4 Class A Basketball Championships in a double-header on Feb. 28. Playing in front of their supportive fan base from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School in Coal Township, the girls’ team tipped off the evening with a 35-29 win over Sullivan County to secure their third district title in a row. In the second game, the boys’ team completed the championship sweep, scoring a decisive 64-40 win over St. John Neumann for back-to-back titles.

For both teams, second-quarter scoring flourishes and solid rebounding were lynchpins to victory. In the girls’ match-up, Lourdes bested Sullivan County on the boards, 38-28, led by Frances Czeponis and Lilyauna Bickel. In the first half, the Red Raiders contained Sullivan County to near six-minute scoreless stretches while going on an 8-0 run. In the second half, coach Mike Klembara’s Red Raiders saw their 14-point lead dwindle to five, after suffering a handful of consecutive turnovers. Leading 32-27 with three minutes to play, Lourdes forced three turnovers to seal the game. The championship is Lourdes’ eighth in 11 seasons.

In the boys’ game, stellar rebounding by Thomas Shultz (a Division 1 commit to Vanderbilt for baseball) bolstered Lourdes over St. John Neumann’s Golden Knights for back-to-back titles. The two teams have won the last six District 4 Class A championships.

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Not since the early spring of 2017 have the Crusaders of Lancaster Catholic lost a basketball game. The girls’ program has won 60 games in a row, the 60th being the District 3 Class 4A championship win, 54-39, at Giant Center against Bishop McDevitt on Feb. 28.

Don’t let the 15-point victory margin fool you; Lancaster Catholic had their hands full with McDevitt. While Lancaster Catholic’s mantra this year is “Five playing as one,” if not for one very talented and gifted basketball player named Kiki Jefferson, most likely Lancaster Catholic’s remarkable winning streak and 17th District 3 title would not have happened.

Jefferson scored 31 points – 12 in the final quarter when McDevitt was making a serious run at the defending state champions – added 15 rebounds and shot 14 of 15 in free-throws. Great players rise to the occasion, and make no mistake, number 30 in purple and gold makes the gold around their necks happen. “This feels great,” Jefferson said after the game. “They punched us right in the face.”

“This team could be complacent, and it could be very easy for them to be so, but what I love about them is that they come to practice and work, and they come to play and play hard,” Lancaster Catholic head coach Charlie Detz said. Yet, perhaps lost in the glow of the milestone win was that McDevitt gave Lancaster Catholic fits with its ferocious full-court pressure, causing 19 turnovers. Good teams lurking in the state playoff brackets may take notice.

Winning five more in a row would mean a second straight PIAA state championship for Lancaster Catholic.

By Chris Heisey

McDevitt Boys
Edge Lancaster Catholic

“We knew this was going to be a rock fight against Lancaster Catholic and we prepared for a rock fight,” Bishop McDevitt head coach Mike Gaffey said after edging the opposing Crusaders, 53-48, at Giant Center to win the Class 4A championship and the school’s fourth district title in boys’ basketball. Both teams play gritty man-to-man, in-your-face defense that makes you earn every bucket. Although McDevitt (22-3) led by as many as 11, they clung to a one-point lead with under two minutes to go after Lancaster Catholic hit a couple clutch three-pointers and forced several McDevitt turnovers with their signature relentless full-court pressure on the ball. Lancaster Catholic also struggled bringing the ball up the floor against McDevitt’s press and half-court trap game. Four pressure packed free throws in the last minute by McDevitt senior playmaker Tarajae Davis sealed the win. No team in the PIAA Class 4A state tournament should wish to play either of these Crusader teams.
In their third meeting of the season, rivals Camp Hill and Trinity met for the District 3 Class 3A championship on Feb. 26 at the Giant Center in Hershey. Just like the first two meetings, the Shamrocks were pressed at times but eventually handily beat the Lions, 72-52, to win their sixth straight District 3 championship. No school had previously ever won six straight boys’ titles in the District 3 basketball championships, which are nearly a century old.

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Sometimes it’s most difficult to win when you are expected to, but the Trinity Shamrocks’ girls’ basketball program handled that expectation just fine in beating Delone Catholic, 44-33, in the Class 3A championship at Giant Center.

The Squirettes fell behind early and were never able to chip into Trinity’s double-digit lead all game long. Delone Catholic put size and speed on the floor and nobody plays defense as tenaciously as head coach Gerry Eckenrode’s Squirettes, but Trinity outrebounded their diocesan rival by 13 rebounds, and the talent the Rocks put on the floor took advantage of the second looks and fast-break opportunities off defensive rebounds.

Led by the 10 rebounds and 10 points of senior Sunshine McCrae, who will play college basketball at Division I UNC-Wilmington, Trinity’s win gave the program its 15th district title in girls’ basketball. Kassidy Ingram gave Trinity its early lead with several nifty put backs in the first half. “It’s amazing to win with the family like we have and the chemistry that we have on the court,” McCrae said while holding another piece for Trinity’s bulging trophy case.
March Means Gold in the Water for Diocesan Swimmers

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

The first weekend of March means the District 3 swimming championships are taking place before a jam-packed natatorium at Cumberland Valley High School. Boisterous and enthusiastic cheering from the crowd and fellow teammates makes for a celebratory atmosphere that encourages great, competitive swimming.

The Diocese has great swimmers in 2019, as the Bishop McDevitt boys’ team easily won the Class 2A championship with an impressive score of 304, some 120 points better than their closest pursuer. The Crusaders started strong by winning the 200 Medley Relay behind Josiah Lauver, Eli Cargas, Zack Miller and Patrick Hemingway. Zach Miller also won the 200 Individual Medley, Josiah Lauver won the 200 Freestyle, and Jonah Hancock won the 500 Freestyle.

The Crusaders closed the championship with another relay win in the 400 Freestyle. York Catholic’s Jessie McMurray displayed her gold medal in the 100-Breaststroke – the school’s first ever swimming gold medal.

York Catholic Falls to Linden Hall

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

No program has had more District 3 success on the basketball court than the Fighting Irish of York Catholic’s girls’ teams in the past 15 years. Now in Class 2A, the competition may not be as deep as classes above, but it boasts programs on the rise like Linden Hall in Lititz (a school that dates back to the mid-1700s), whom the Fighting Irish faced in the District 3 final at Hershey’s Giant Center, Feb. 26.

The Lions put size and athleticism on the floor and never trailed York Catholic, winning 52-27 to capture their first District 3 basketball championship. The Irish, who usually shoot the ball well, were colder than the weather outside, going 0-11 from three-point range in the first half. In the second half, the Lions’ defense allowed better looks and the Irish were able to penetrate to the basket, but could not finish against the imposing size inside.

Top, left: Gaby Coley, Fighting Irish center, ties up a Lions player.

Top, right: York Catholic’s Gina Citrone shows the never-say-die attitude of York Catholic by going for loose ball while down 20 points.

Right: York Catholic’s Katy Rader and Domenica Martello surround Linden Hall’s Mercy Ademusayo.

CHRIS HEISEY, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Bishop McDevitt’s Eli Cargas swims the breaststroke in the 200 Medley Relay for the District 3 Class 2A champions.
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**SPRITUAL OFFERINGS**

Christ the King Church in Benton, “Soup and Stations” every Friday in Lent. Soup at 6 p.m., Stations at 7 p.m.

Mass for healing in support of those who have lost a child, March 31 at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cornwall. Find comfort through prayer and support of others who have lost a child at any age, to abortion, an accident, disease, drug overdose, military service, miscarriage, stillbirth, suicide, etc. Call 717-273-1574.

40 Days for Life in Harrisburg, March 6-April 14. Pray and fast for an end to abortion. 40-day vigil in front of Planned Parenthood on North 2nd Street. For information, and to volunteer, contact Paul Dadowski at 412-849-1592 or dadowski@yahoo.com, or visit www.40daysforlife.com/HARRISBURG.

Stations of the Cross and Supper at St. Anne Church in Lancaster, Fridays during Lent, through April 12. Lenten meal from 4:30-6 p.m. and at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the parish library, located in the parish rectory. RSVP to the parish office at 717-392-2225. Free-will offering accepted. For details and menu, visit www.stannechurch.org.

Meditative organ music and Stations of the Cross at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Lancaster, Fridays through April 12. Music at 1 p.m., followed by Stations led by Resurrection Catholic School students at 1:30 p.m. On Good Friday, music begins at 11:30 a.m. and features organ, piano, guitar and vocals; at noon Good Friday, St. Anthony’s Youth Ministry presents Stations of the Cross for Families.

St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Mechanicsburg, Lenten Soup and Speaker Series, Wednesdays in Lent. Lunch/dinner followed by a speaker with a Lenten message of mercy. March 20 at 5 p.m., March 27 at noon, April 3 at noon, April 10 at noon, and April 17 at noon. Contact Becky at rdavis@skidparish.com.

St. Joseph Parish in Lancaster celebrates its feast day March 19. Latin Mass in the upper church at 5 p.m., followed by a dinner and dance in the social hall from 6-10 p.m. Sponsored by the young adults of the Latin Mass Community. Cost is $15 per person, $25 per couple. RSVP at www.StJosephsLanc.com or call 717-584-6986.

**PILGRIMAGES & RETREATS**

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for healing after an abortion, April 26-28 at a confidential location in Hanover. This weekend retreat is for anyone seeking healing after an abortion. Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org for information. To register, call 717-778-4959 or e-mail undeletedcourage@gmail.com. All inquiries are confidential.


Life Teen retreat on life’s big questions, March 23 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at St. Columba Parish in Bloomsburg. Hosted by Father Ryan Fischer of Divine Redeemer Parish in Mount Carmel. Bring a bagged lunch; dinner provided. Cost is $15. Register with Karen Konkokics, 570-441-3459 or kekkokokics@gmail.com.


Pilgrimage to historic Baltimore May 8 with St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Mechanicsburg. Father Ken Smith will celebrate a private Mass at Basilica of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pilgrimage also includes the St. John Paul II Garden, lunch and free time at Inner Harbor and the Fort William McHenry Monument and Historic Shrine. Cost is $55 for Non-National Park Service Pass holders, and $40 for NPS Pass holders. Register by April 5; contact Lou Schultz at 717-766-5322 or louissschultz@msn.com.

Pilgrimage to Germany and Austria for the Passion Play in Oberammergau featuring Father John Foote and St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Annville, Soup from 5-7 p.m., and the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. Cost of $3,959 includes round-trip airfare from Newark, daily Mass in historic churches, accommodations at first class and select hotels based on double occupancy, first class tickets to the Passion Play, breakfast daily and most dinners, English speaking tour director, round-trip private sightseeing and transfers by private motor coach. For more information or to RSVP, call Mary Langan at 717-867-1525 or 717-379-4779.

**EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT**

Pro-Life Benefit Breakfast at St. James Parish in Lititz, March 17 in the hall following 9 a.m. Mass. Guest speaker is Becky Biter, Director of Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats. The breakfast is a fundraiser for A Woman’s Concern, ForRM (House of His Creation), and North Star Initiative.

“Faith Understood: An Ordinary Man’s Journey to the Presence of God” author Paul Zucarelli will share his near-death experience April 7 at 6 p.m. at St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland. Zucarelli spends his life speaking to others about God’s love for them and the reality of their souls.

Randall Terry, founder of Operation Rescue, will speak on defending life, March 15 at 7:45 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill, following Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus 10685.

“Working for Peace and Justice: Wisdom from those Gone Before Us,” lecture at St. Francis Xavier School in Gettysburg, March 21 at 7 p.m. Father James M. Donohue, Professor of Theology at Mount St. Mary’s University, will speak on qualities for working for peace and justice, and examine the lives of Dorothy Day, Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Jean Vanier. Lecture is free. Sponsored by the Social Welfare and Justice Committee of St. Francis Xavier Parish and the Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice, Gettysburg.

Grieving with Great Hope workshop for people who are mourning the loss of a loved one, at St. Catherine Labouré Parish in Harrisburg, April 5 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and April 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Presented by John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy, founders of Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate. Cost is $20, includes all materials, snacks and lunch. For information or to register, visit www.sclhbg.org or contact the parish office at 717-564-1321.

“Into the Deep: Finding Peace through Prayer,” presented by speaker and writer Dan Burke, June 1 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception BVM Church in Fairfield. Talks on the secrets of the saints and deepening prayer life. Early-bird tickets are $20 through April 20, $25 after that date, and $30 at door. Call 717-642-8815 or register at www.Avila-Institute.org/events

“Theology on Tap in York, “Finding Virtue in Sports,” March 26 at The First Post (second floor), 3691 E. Market Street. Guest speaker is Father Benjamin Dunkelberger, parochial vicar at St. John the Baptist Parish in New Freedom and chaplain at York College. Happy half hour at 7 p.m., speaker at 7:30 p.m., followed by Q&A. All young adults (20s and 30s), single, married, Catholic or not, are invited. Visit Facebook.com/YorkTheology.

Workshop retreat by the Pastoral Care Department of Geisinger Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, “Greening Our Lives: Moving Toward Wholeness and Wellbeing,” April 26 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Presented by Sister Chris Koelbhofer, IHM. Call 717-763-2118 to register.

Afternoon of reflection, “Instructions for Life,” presented by Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC, May 5 from 2-4:45 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Millersville. Sponsored by the Formation Committee and Knights of Columbus Council 17028. Free-will offering will be collected.

**FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS**

St. Cecilia’s Big Bingo, March 17 at St. Cecilia Parish Center on State Drive in Lebanon. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Doors and kitchen open at 11 a.m., Bingo starts at 1 p.m. 24 cash games, 50/50 and jackpot. Tickets are $25.

Crusader Players present Rodgers & Hammerstein’s Enchanted Edition of Cinderella, March 14 and at 7:30 p.m., and March 16 at 3 p.m. Reserved tickets $12 at www.showtix4u.com/events/ musical2019. General admission tickets at the door: $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens, $5 for students.

Knights of Columbus Council #17028 of St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Millersville, final Toy Train meet of the season, March 16 from 9 a.m.-noon. Vendors buying and selling toy trains, operating train layouts. Admission is $4. Call Charlie Sauer at 717-872-6481.

Bingo of vintage Longaberger baskets, hosted by Knights of Columbus of St. Philip the Apostle Council #17028 in Millersville, March 31 at the parish. Doors at 1 p.m., games at 2:30 p.m. Proceeds to help repair church roof. Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. Contact Chris Smith at 717-808-6436.

The Catholic Woman’s Club, 51st Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, “Jewels of Spring – Wear Your Bling,” April 13 from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Country Club of York. Cost is $35 per person. Guests welcome. Contact Beth Brennan 717-495-0947 or bsbrennan@comcast.net. RSVP by March 31.

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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. Columbus:
Ralph Palmiero

Bonneauville
St. Joseph the Worker:
Richard Kuhn
Janet Staub

Camp Hill
Good Shepherd:
John “Terry” Boylan
Donald McDonald
Margaret Wire

Columbia
Holy Trinity:
Betty Klobid
Sue McVey
Robert C. Weisser

Conewago
Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Barbara Bowersox
Curtis Hardnock
Ronald Routsong

Danville
St. Joseph:
John Donegan
Helen Wagner

Elizabethtown
St. Peter:
Carole Kinney

Gettysburg
St. Francis Xavier:
Dr. John J. Tully

Hanover
St. Joseph:
Panos Panos
St. Vincent de Paul:
Doris Mary Lingg Morgret

Harrisburg
Holy Name of Jesus:
Robert R. Jones
Stephen T. Molnar
Patricia L. Schlab
Meghan A. Wilson
St. Margaret Mary:
Helen Lapinski
James Nice
Anthony Sansone

Hershey
St. Joan of Arc:
Dan Connolly
Jim Grup
Barbara O’Toole

Lancaster
Assumption BVM:
Betty Lou Mellinger
St. John Neumann:
Brian Biddle
John Motto, Jr.
Michael Riley
Trevor Solder

Lebanon
St. Cecilia:
Helen Shaud

Lewistown
Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Margaret Virginia Bell

Mechanicsburg
St. Katharine Drexel:
Edward Lynam

Milton
St. Joseph:
James Colna
Mary Anne Fleming
Anna C. Leitzel
Jean Machamer

Mount Carmel
Divine Redeemer:
Martha Pizzoli

New Bloomfield
St. Bernard:
Russel A. Montrose

New Oxford
St. John the Baptist:
Anita Duran

Quarryville
St. Catherine of Siena:
John Goff

Rohrerstown
St. Leo the Great:
George Fields
Timothy Johnson

Shamokin
Mother Cabrini:
Jeanne Bombarda
Anthony Coroniti
Dorothy Doncheski
Mary Kasankie
Robert Knaur
Florence Marut
Mary Pensyl

St. Patrick:
Jim Forjan

Quarryville
St. Catherine of Siena:
John Goff

Shippensburg
Our Lady of the Visitation:
Robert John Solder, Sr.

Steelton
Prince of Peace:
Gina Gilmore

York
Immaculate Conception BVM:
Antonio Xavier Fernandes
Theresa Rock

St. Patrick:
Jim Forjan

ia are $8.5 each, $5.10 per half dozen, $10.20 per dozen. Available at the parish office. To order, call the parish office at 570-648-4512 during business hours.

Holy Infant Parish in Manchester Easter eggs for sale. Homemade chocolate peanut butter and coconut, $1 each. Call the parish office at 717-266-5286 to order.

Seven Sorrows BVM Parish in Middletown Easter eggs for sale. Peanut butter, butter cream, coconut and peppermint in white, dark and milk chocolate. $1 each. Order for pick-up at www.ssvbm.org. Eggs also available at the parish after Mass, at Seven Sorrows School, and at the weekly fish fry.

JOB OPENINGS

St. Patrick Parish in Carlisle, seeking a Parish Finance Administrator, responsible for the financial management, human resource administration, and administrative support needs of the parish. Position reports to the pastor, with a close working relationship with the parish manager. Call the parish office at 717-243-4411 for the job description. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, résumé, and a pastor’s recommendation form to St. Patrick Church, 152 East Pomfret Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 (attn: Parish Finance Administrator), or email dshipman@saintpatrickchurch.org.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Marysville, seeking an Office Administrator, 20 hours a week, to provide for the administrative needs of the parish and St. Bernardine Mission in Duncan- non. Duties include clerical work, administrative functions and bookkeeping. Requires proficiency in Microsoft applications, especially Publisher, Word, Outlook, and Excel. An individual with a background in business and book- keeping or accounting is preferred. Submit résumé to the Parish Office, 121 William Street, Marysville, PA 17013-1438 or to FrDThomas@hbgdiocese.org.

Contact the parish at 717-957-2662 with questions. Our Lady of Good Counsel in Marysville, seeking a part-time Housekeeper, up to six hours a week, responsible for general cleaning and laundry. A clean PA driver’s license is required, as position is responsible for purchasing and maintaining a record of household supplies and grocery shopping as needed. Occasional cooking may be required. Submit résumé to the Parish Office, 121 William Street, Marysville, PA 17053-1438 or to FrDThomas@hbgdiocese.org. Contact the parish at 717-957-2662 with questions.

St. Joseph School in Hanover, is seeking a School Secretary. Qualified candidate will have strong interpersonal, computer, and organizational skills. Position requires solid, accurate typing skills, and the ability to multi-task effectively as well as being a self-starter. Position requires a team player, who is trustworthy, dependable and willing to maintain confidentiality. Forward cover letter and résumé to Mr. Terrance Golden, Principal, at tgolden@sjsjanover.org or via FAX at 717-632-0566. For additional information, call Mr. Golden at 717-632-0118.
Replica 19th Century Stations of the Cross on Display

Replica paintings of the Stations of the Cross created in 1877 for St. Joseph Church in Hanover are on display in the Archives cases at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg through Lent. Visitors are welcome to pray the Stations and learn about their historical significance.

The Stations were painted by Italian artist Lorenzo Scattaglia in 1877 for the construction of the original St. Joseph Church in Hanover. Scattaglia painted and framed a set of Stations, each one measuring six feet high.

The artist never signed his original paintings. Instead, he included his likeness in them, strategically painting himself onto a body part or article

Michael Yurich, Diocesan Archivist, and Dr. Carol Houghton, Diocesan Chancellor, finalize the arrangement of the replica Stations of the Cross painted for St. Joseph Church in Hanover in 1877. The Stations are on display in the Diocesan Center lobby throughout Lent.

Diocese of Harrisburg 2019
Facilities Maintenance Risk Management Safety Conference
Providing the tools you need to develop a responsive, customer-oriented support service for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of all physical facilities.

Wednesday, March 20th, 2019
9:00AM-3:00PM
Diocesan Conference Center
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Harrisburg, PA 17111

Continental Breakfast 8AM-9AM
Lunch will be provided at no cost
Guest Speakers, Vendors, Contractors, Consultants
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You can also spend some time with our vendors who can answer specific questions about your individual issues.

This conference will give you an opportunity to network with others who may have a source for the answer to your problems.

Please RSVP To
Terry Conner at tconnor@hbgdiocese.org by Friday, March 8th, 2019