Diocesan Seminarians Express Gratitude to 400 Benefactors at Fishers of Men Dinner

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

“We know that our future is bright and we know that these men merit your support,” Father Jonathan Sawicki, Diocesan Director of Vocations, told the crowd of 400 at the annual Fishers of Men Dinner.

The attendees filled the dining room at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg on Oct. 4 in a demonstration of their financial and prayerful support of seminarian education and formation.

“These men didn’t drop in out of the air,” Father Sawicki said of the Diocese’s 27 seminarians. “They come from our parishes, from our schools, from our religious education programs and campus ministries. But most of all, they come from our families.”

The average cost of one seminarian’s education is approximately $40,000. With 27 seminarians, the Diocese spends upwards of $1 million annually for their priestly formation.

“Thanks to all of your kind support, the Diocese has the ability to support a large number of seminarians, a much larger group in proportion to other dioceses,” seminarian Peter Rettig told the parishioners, clergy and religious in attendance.

“Because of your generosity, we have the means to be formed as holy men, and to learn the key truths of the faith to be ordained, offer the sacraments and, in the end, help guide all of you to heaven.”

Rettig, from St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Waynesboro, has studied at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, Pa., at the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain, where he advanced his Spanish-speaking skills, and is now in his third year of Theology at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.

“Thanks to the education and the formation that I’ve received, I can proudly say that I – and all the other seminarians present here tonight – are looking forward to serving you as priests...
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Many of you attended one of the nine listening sessions, held earlier this year in various Diocesan locations regarding the sexual abuse scandal. I am grateful for the opportunity to have met with you and to have listened to your frustrations, anger, thoughts and opinions. My heart continues to go out to everyone affected by this scandal, particularly survivors and their families.

More time was needed during those sessions to accommodate all the questions and comments. My sincere desire to reach out to you remains. I want to hear from everyone, especially anyone who did not have the opportunity to express your feelings and ideas at the sessions. If you were unable to attend a listening session, were reluctant to stand up before the audience or were concerned about anything at all and did not speak, I want to give you an opportunity to express yourself.

Restoring Catholic Trust, LLC, a group of laity in our Diocese, has undertaken a number of valuable initiatives, including the establishment of an Independent Laity Advisory Council. This Council is separate from any Diocesan Office, including my own. I have met with them and I recognize their merit and value as an engaged lay group. They have prepared a questionnaire survey which I invite you to consider completing. Your responses will be helpful in fulfilling my pastoral duties, as we go forward in our Diocese.

Please complete the survey by November 1, 2019. Since this is an independent survey, I ask that you return it to the address or email noted on the survey form. You may choose to remain anonymous. The final report will be sent to anyone who provided an email address with your completed questionnaire.

My prayers continue to be offered for the healing of all victims of abuse. Their pain remains our great concern. The atrocities they suffered must never happen again in the Church. In the words of Pope Francis: “Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of survivors and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and vulnerable adults.” (Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the People of God, August 20, 2018).

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer

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The objective of this survey is to solicit candid feedback which will serve as a helpful guide to the Catholic Church in restoring the bond of trust with the laity and the general public.

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Guardian Angels Give Weekly Meals in Kulpmont

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

Each Wednesday afternoon, Rose Witrosky waits for a special delivery at her home in Kulpmont. Driver volunteers from the Guardian Angels Outreach Center bring Rose – and 60 to 70 other residents in the coal region town – a hot and delicious meal.

The all-volunteer ministry also prepares and serves upwards of 45 meals to guests at its center, located on the grounds of Holy Angels Parish.

Rose is eager to share her gratitude for the weekly meal. She is 98, and was able to cook for herself until arthritis took a toll on her hands.

“I’m receiving a nutritious meal, and I am thankful for it. I cannot afford to pay for these four meals in a month,” she said. “I look forward to the meal and the volunteers who deliver; they are friendly. I pray for all who are involved with this meal. I pray for the hungry and those who provide food for them, and for the lonely and those who visit them. God bless them all!”

A Meal and Conversation

Guardian Angels Outreach began five years ago, born of a discussion among Holy Angels’ pastor, Father Andrew Stahmer, and parish council members seeking a way to assist the community.

Lena Leaveck was a recipient of one of the free meals at the outreach center, suffering pain and limitations in the aftermath of a broken neck. She is now a volunteer with the ministry, assisting with weekly meal prep, setting tables, serving guests and joining in the spirit of camaraderie.

“I started to help here to do things for other people. I finally felt like I had self-worth again,” Leaveck said. “When you get hurt and can’t work and do the things that you used to, it’s difficult. I started serving here as a way to help.”

Addressing the physical needs of hunger and the emotional needs of companionship go hand in hand at Guardian Angels Outreach.

“Sometimes the need is a hot meal. Other times, it’s socialization,” said Elaine Baksi, co-director.

“Those who receive a delivery might not always be considered homebound, but they are those folks who might have a difficult time finding a ride to get here, or might have a difficult time preparing the kind of meal we prepare,” Baksi said. “Some of them probably rely on quick things to make, and so to get a nice, hot meal is a real plus for them. And, they enjoy a five or ten minute visit from the delivery men and some conversation.”

“The guests who come here are very grateful. Some are from Kulpmont, and others are from neighboring towns. We get hugs as they go out, and you can just tell how appreciative they are,” she said.

“Father Andrew tells them that we appreciate them coming too, because we enjoy their friendship and the fact that they’re coming here to spend an hour with us.”

Matthew 25 Beneficiary

An average Wednesday of service at the outreach center begins at 11 a.m., as volunteers cook a meal for upwards of 115 people, set the tables, and prepare drinks and desserts. Drivers begin hour-long delivery routes at 3:15 p.m., guests are seated and served from 4:30-5:30 p.m., and clean-up ends at 6:30 p.m.

Food for the meals – chicken, lasagna, cheesesteaks, spaghetti – comes from local grocery stores or from volunteers who organize to purchase and cook on a routine basis.

“If you walk in the door and have a seat, we’ll serve you,” said Mary Ann Katchick, who has been a Guardian Angels volunteer since its inception. “We don’t ask any questions about why you’re here.”

As a ministry that provides food for people in need, the Guardian Angels Outreach Center is a recipient of grant money distributed from the Diocese of Harrisburg’s annual Matthew 25 Collection.

“On a weekly basis, the Matthew 25 grant helps us to supplement the donated items for our meals with something extra that we need – perhaps rolls, salads or something else that needs to be purchased fresh,” Baksi said. “We also need to purchase containers for the food to be sent to homes, so it helps with those purchases as well.”

“Guardian Angels Outreach gives them a meal once a week that they don’t have to worry about,” she said.

“That’s a big worry off Dolores Wojtkielewicz’s mind. “I have a bad arm and I can’t raise it very high. I can’t lift pans, I can’t reach into the oven, so without this meal, I’ll put something small in the microwave,” she said.

“This meal actually gives me two meals because I’m not a big eater. I’ll put half of it in a container for the next day.”

“When you’re alone and somebody brings you a meal like they do, I look forward to it every week,” said Wojtkielewicz, who is 89. “Where do you find people like that? They give their time to cook a meal and bring a meal. They must be something special, and I thank all of them. I don’t know them personally, but it’s a wonderful thing that they do for me and others.”

(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. 16. Learn more at www.hbgdiocese.org/m25.)
That Man is You' Program Helps Men Navigate Daily Demands and Challenges
Ministry Extends to 30 Parishes in Diocese of Harrisburg

By Jen Reed, The Catholic Witness

A prevalent men’s ministry is growing within the Diocese of Harrisburg and attracting several thousand to its 26 weekly meetings for enlightenment and camaraderie to live as Catholic men.

Now a successful and popular program, it was initially met with a negative reaction.

When Steve Bollman, founder of the national That Man Is You ministry, first got the idea for a weekly program of a video presentation and small group discussion for Catholic men, he asked his then-pastor, “How many do you think we’re going to get?”

“None,” his priest replied.

Staff members in his Houston, Texas, parish gave the same response.

“Catholic men just aren’t interested in this,” they said.

They were mistaken.

It drew 124 men in its first week.

Now in 700 parishes across the country – including 30 in the Diocese of Harrisburg – That Man Is You is drawing scores of Catholic men for an honest and practical examination of how they can handle life’s everyday pressures and struggles to be the man God called them to be.

“What men have responded to in this program is just the reality of family versus work pressures...and trying to live a Godly life in a culture that is not,” Bollman said.

“Many men feel isolated. When you have men with true desires to be good husbands and fathers, they need a place where they honestly see what they can do to live the life they want to live while connecting with other men on that journey.”

That Man Is You focuses on the three critical relationships in a man’s life: his relationship with God, his spouse and his children.

“What I think is engaging the men is that the program appeals to their nature, who they are, what their experiences are,” said John Rossi, who has coordinated the program at St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland for six years.

“Even if they’re not theologically formed in the faith, and although they’re at different stages in their life, Jesus desires to meet them where they are and take them forward.”

Concrete and Practical

Compelling and practical content draws men to the program, and ultimately keeps them coming back, program leaders and coordinators say.

That Man is You addresses specific ways in which a man can transform himself, his marriage and his family life in the following areas: honor your wedding vows, use money for other people, give God some of your time, set your mind on the things above, find God in yourself, find God in other people, and practice superabundant mercy.

The concrete examples are applied and adapted to meet men at any age and stage in life.

“If you’re not married, how do you honor your wedding vows?” Rossi asked.

“By living the celibate life today to honor your future spouse,” Bollman offered as an example. “If a man doesn’t have kids, we can adapt the seven steps to benefit his future parenting role.”

Rossi said the program is an answer to the crisis of male leadership in the culture.

“St. John Paul II said the future of the world and the Church passes through the family, and if you want to take out the family, you take out the father,” he said.

Rossi was instrumental in working to bring the program to the Diocese of Harrisburg after hearing about it from a student at Franciscan University in Steubenville.

“The program has exploded here in the Diocese,” he said. “Our first week at St. Theresa’s six years ago, we had 65 men. By January, we had over 200 registered. There were men coming from other parishes, and then we went out to give introductions for other parishes that wanted to start it. We still have a core group of 85-90 men who meet at St. Theresa’s every Saturday, and it’s still growing.”

“Through this program, men have taken a more active role in their families,” Rossi said. “Those who are extremely busy with work try to spend more time at home with their wives and families. I see more men from That Man is You at daily Mass and praying the Rosary. Those things are strengthening their thoughts and feelings,” he said.

Opening Up

Weekly meetings are an hour and a half in length. They begin with time for men to socialize, often over refreshments, and include a 20-minute video presentation followed by 30 minutes of small group discussion.

The compelling content is conducive for the men to share their thoughts and feelings.

“That Man is You helps build trust and friendships, and guys start to see that others are struggling with the same things, and soon they’re open to sharing,” said Rossi. “It’s humbling to sit with men who are willing to talk about things. It’s strengthening.”

Another motivator of the group discussion is familiarity with men of the parish.

“You’re participating with men that you see at Mass or in the parish,” said Bill Benning, who facilitates the program at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Mechanicburg.

“The walls come down, and over time they feel comfortable discussing their thoughts and concerns.”

“That Man is You gives men a place where they feel comfortable sharing and expressing their feelings,” Benning said. “I think that’s why they keep coming back throughout each 26-week session.... It fits a niche that guys are looking for, once they make themselves available to it. Once a guy who wants to live his faith finds an avenue with others to express that desire, he opens up.”

Bringing it Together

That Man is You integrates today’s pressures and issues with the teachings of the Church, the lives of the saints and the latest in scientific discovery. It builds camaraderie and strengthens family life as it bolsters the men who attend the program.

“Men start to clean up addictions, start to spend more time with family and get work under control. When you look at the parishes, the men are more involved in parish life. It’s amazing how it all comes together,” Bollman said.

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in the future," he said.

Rettig’s classmate, Aaron Lynch, also stepped to the podium during the dinner to express his gratitude for those who have financially supported seminarians in their education and formation.

“I realize the sacrifices you all must make in order to allow my brothers and I to devote so long a time to study and prayer,” said Lynch, a native son of St. Patrick Parish in Carlisle. He is in his seventh of eight years of formation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

“I cannot express the love and comfort you have been for me and for all my brothers, not only for these seven years, but for the years stretching back and the years ahead,” he said.

“Knowing of your love, I say that I am confident and unafraid, and that whatever God has planned for me, I’ll do it – not alone, but in unity with you. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for the generosity you show by being here. I hope that you can see that our future is strong in the Diocese of Harrisburg,” Lynch said.

Bishop Ronald Gainer also expressed gratitude for those supporting one of the most important aspects of the life of a diocese – preparing men for ordination to the priesthood.

The Diocese’s 27 seminarians range in age from 19 to 63. Five are in college, nine in pre-theology and 13 in theology.

The bishop asked those gathered to consider some statistics from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate regarding the 481 priests ordained in 2019, and how they can continue to encourage vocations to the priesthood.

“It took, on average, four people to regularly encourage a priestly discernment,” he said of the national statistics on newly ordained priests.

“Seventy percent said a parish priest was a major influence, 48 percent said a friend, 47 percent a parishioner, 37 percent a mother, 30 percent a teacher, 26 percent a father.”

The priests, parents, educators, Knights of Columbus councils and Serra Club members on hand were recognized for the important role they played in the seminarians’ discernment of the priesthood, and Bishop Gainer showed his appreciation for those who financially support their education and formation.

“It is money well spent on our future,” he said. “The need is great today, but the promise of our future is also great.”

(Learn more about the Diocese’s seminarians and how to support their education and formation at www.hbgdiocese.org/clergy/vocations/)
Members of Holy Infant Parish in Manchester were overjoyed to welcome a former pastor, Bishop Edward C. Malesic of Greensburg, on Sept. 29. The bishop visited his former parishioners during a potluck dinner before leading them in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as part of the parish’s Eucharistic Day.

Celebrating the third anniversary of the current church, Holy Infant Parish is launching a new capital campaign with the goal of raising $450,000. The Memorial and Gift Campaign offers donors the opportunity to memorialize various aspects of the church, including statues, Stations of the Cross, stained-glass windows and room. A memorial brick display is also planned for benefactors to purchase bricks inscribed with the names of family members or deceased loved ones. For information on the campaign, visit www.holyinfantcampaign.com or call the parish at 717-266-5286.

CHRIS HEISEY, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS
Administrator and then pastor of Holy Infant Parish from 2004-2015, Bishop Edward C. Malesic of Greensburg is gifted with a carved image of the church, which he dedicated on June 19, 2016.

Jo LaMattina embraces her former pastor during his visit to Holy Infant Church in Manchester.
Advance Medical Directives: Planning for Your Future

From the USCCB Respect Life Program

Rosa* knew from experience the difficulties and expenses of watching a loved one die. She was totally devoted to her husband as he suffered and died from cancer eight years earlier. The idea of high medical bills, “tubes” and pain upset her, and even though she had not viewed her husband as a burden, she feared being one to her family.

Then, Rosa was hospitalized with a terrible urinary tract infection which made her dehydrated, weak and confused. Her daughter Teresa had been appointed as her health care agent. Teresa met with the medical staff, who helped her understand that the proposed treatments would not cause an undue burden to her mother. In fact, they would be temporary and appropriate care in Rosa’s situation. Teresa was grateful that the medications, nutrition and hydration that Rosa was given, all through “tubes,” cured her infection. Rosa is now as active as she has ever been and realizes that there are certain situations that can’t be anticipated when illness comes. It’s best not to refuse future care that may turn out to be very welcome.

Human life is good and to be protected. All medical decisions ought to reflect this core belief. Yet black-and-white answers to our questions about end-of-life issues are not always possible, and it can be very difficult to know how to make medical decisions. Each and every human person is distinct and unrepeatable, and each medical situation may be unique. In each set of circumstances we need to judge whether a given treatment will provide real benefit to the patient, without causing harm or other burdens that are out of proportion to the good being done.

We should each be prepared for those difficult situations when medical decisions must be made. We can safeguard our Catholic values by appointing a responsible and trustworthy person now to make decisions for us, in the event that we are incapable of doing so, either physically or mentally. It is important to be aware of the different legal or medical documents that are available or are often used to define a patient’s care. Depending on how they are crafted, some documents can be counter to Catholic morality and more harmful than we might realize.

The safest option is to designate a health care agent who not only understands our Catholic values but also shares them and can apply them to current situations and respond to questions as they arise. This person, usually a close family member or friend, acts as a proxy decision maker if the patient is not able to make his or her own decisions. In choosing an agent or proxy, a person can declare in writing that all treatment and care decisions made on their behalf must be consistent with and not contradict the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

Less flexible is a living will, which simply lists treatment options or care that the patient wishes to accept or reject. No matter how well-crafted, such a document can never predict all the possible problems that may occur at a later time or anticipate all future treatment options. A living will can be misinterpreted by medical providers who might not understand the patient’s wishes.

Some states and healthcare systems have been implementing a troubling document known as a “Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment,” also called by a confusing array of acronyms (POLST, MOST, MOLST, or POST). The POLST document is filled out by a doctor or other medical professional to define treatments to be withheld or administered in a future situation. It has been criticized for placing more power in the hands of physicians than in patients’ hands. Indeed, in some cases the patient need not even sign the document. Once signed by the physician, it becomes a doctor’s order to other medical staff, and may override the patient’s own past advance directives and even the patient’s appointment of a health care agent. It may be applied to patients who are not in a terminal situation and who might only need antibiotics, nutrition and hydration, or other proportionate care. Yet a POLST document signed months or years before, stating that the patient should not receive antibiotics, could still be followed even if the patient, like Rosa, faced a simple urinary tract infection which is easily cleared up by antibiotics.

Of course there are times when failing health is not so easily remedied as in Rosa’s case. In some situations, procedures are appropriately refused. One should consider the benefits and burdens of a prospective procedure and conscientiously judge whether or not to accept it. However, because of the inherent dignity of the person and our moral obligation to protect each human life, our Church teaches that we should take reasonable steps to preserve life and should never withhold or administer treatment with the intention of ending the life of the person.

It is incredibly difficult to see someone we love suffering, and it is natural for us to want to alleviate their hardship. Additionally, we live in a culture that places value on productivity and prefers to get rid of what is deemed useless. Some people therefore support measures that, at first, might seem like a compassionate response, but in fact are not. Advocates for legalizing assisted suicide and euthanasia promote the illusion that we can “help” those in need by killing them or assisting them in killing themselves. However, this response ignores the person’s true needs and does not respect their dignity. Each person deserves real solutions and support when facing physical, emotional and spiritual challenges. Cutting someone’s life short before their time deprives them of unknown opportunities for God’s grace to work in their life.

God’s infinite love for each one of us helps us to grasp our identity and our worth. The recognition of this dignity leads us to respect and protect each person’s life, including our own, and ought to be at the core of whatever medical decisions we make. Let us place our trust in the Lord and ask for his continuous guidance, for these decisions and for all those we face in our lives.

(*The story of Rosa and Teresa – their names are changed for their privacy – is just one example of how important it is to reflect in advance on how we would want decisions made on our behalf if we cannot speak for ourselves.

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A Celebration of Hispanic Faith and Culture

More than 500 faithful gathered at Corpus Christi Church in Chambersburg for the annual Hispanic Cultural Mass on Sept. 29. Bishop Ronald Gainer was the main celebrant and homilist for the Mass in Spanish. The faithful joined the bishop for a social, featuring various Latino ethnic foods, costumed festive dances and family-oriented drama productions. Father Luis Rodriguez, pastor, and Father Richard Lyons, parochial vicar, concelebrated Mass and hosted the celebratory event.

The Mass is an annual activity of the Diocesan Hispanic Apostolate, which provides spiritual and pastoral services to the Hispanic community of the Diocese. It recently hosted a Couples Retreat in Spanish, focusing on the healing power of forgiveness and how to live a Christ-centered life as a family.

The first ever Hispanic Youth Council (Pastoral Juvenil Council) was inaugurated last month with the election of officers. The group will work jointly with the Diocesan Youth Council to advance the USCCB agenda in implementing the goals of the V National Encuentro. All youth are welcomed to join; contact Jaclyn Curran at 717-657-4804 or jcurran@hbgdiocese.org.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, October 20th marks a very special World Mission Sunday, our annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration of our shared call to mission. It takes place during an Extraordinary Missionary Month, called for by Pope Francis in honor of the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV’s Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud, which emphasized the missionary call to proclaim the Gospel.

During this month of October, Pope Francis invites us – all baptized Christians – to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through prayer, meditation on the Word of God, and pilgrimage. We move beyond the typical “heroic vision” of missionaries and reinforce the transforming relationship between faith and the world to which we are all called. Pope Francis reminds us that we are each “Baptized and Sent”; we are all the “Church of Christ on Mission in the World.”

I invite all of us in the Diocese of Harrisburg to take this opportunity to revitalize our ardor, passion, and zeal for the faith with loving missionary hearts. We can respond to our missionary call through charity, giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Your gifts support and sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

And we can also respond to this call through mirroring the loving witness exemplified by great missionaries. Great and holy women and men throughout the history of our Church have always responded generously by giving their lives to preaching the Gospel, celebrating the sacraments, and assisting others in discovering the true riches to be found in Christ.

As I thank you for your continuous commitment to mission, I share my personal gratitude for your generous response on this day, and throughout the Extraordinary Missionary Month, as you are able. Let us join our hearts in the prayer of our Holy Father for this special moment for the Missions: “May the love for the Church’s Mission, which is a passion for Jesus and a passion for His people, ‘grow ever stronger!’”

Gratefully in the Lord,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Harrisburg
At Red Mass, Parable of Rich Man and Lazarus Offers Message on Using Gifts from God

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

What does a holy lawyer look like?
Bishop Ronald Gainer posed this question in his homily at the Diocesan Red Mass, celebrated Oct. 7 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg.
The annual liturgy takes place as the U.S. Supreme Court begins its new session. The Mass invokes the Holy Spirit upon those involved in public service and law.

Reflecting on the Gospel Reading, the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, Bishop Gainer asked the congregation to consider which person in the passage best connects with their life. Is it the rich man, who lives a lavish life while showing no care for his fellow man, and finds himself in torment after death? Lazarus, who lives a life of pain and hunger, but is rewarded in heaven? Or the rich man’s brothers, whom he wishes to warn so that they change their selfish ways?

“I want to suggest that all of us – every one of us here – especially you who serve society through your professions, should identify with the five brothers,” the bishop said.

“You and I have all that we need,” he remarked.

“We have been given God’s law, we have the Scriptures, which inspires to live more faithfully as God intends us to live. We have the teachings of our Church, in which God’s revealed truths are clarified and applied to our lives. We have the Eucharist and the sacraments to sanctify us and strengthen us. We have the laws of our land, which are meant to order our society so that every person can achieve his or her God-given destiny. We have the example of many selfless and dedicated professionals at law, who prepared the way for us. We have our education in law, and the rich treasure of scholarship and jurisprudence to direct us.”

“And yes, above all else, we have been given the unsurpassable gift of Someone, Someone who has been raised from the dead; Someone who fulfills all that Moses and the prophets gave us. We have a Risen Savior. And we have the Holy Spirit, who inspires us and enables us to walk in truth and justice with God and with one another.”

“The question is, how will we use all that we have been given?” Bishop Gainer posed. “How well will we listen and heed? Toward whose good, whose wellbeing will we direct this treasure that has been entrusted to us?”

These questions, he said, are not pious musings, but rather are critical for our society and for our salvation.

“This Red Mass calls on the Holy Spirit to guide you in your profession, and therefore it means to aid to your sanctification, so that in and through your practice of the law, you can fulfill your baptismal call to holiness – the call we have all received from God to be saints,” the bishop said.

A banner of St. Thomas More, the patron saint of statesmen and politicians, is seen during the celebration of the Red Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral on Oct. 7.

CHRIS HESEY, THE CATHOLIC WITNESS

Judges attend the Diocesan Red Mass, an annual liturgy celebrated near the start of the U.S. Supreme Court’s new session. The Mass invokes the Holy Spirit upon those involved in public service and law.

Respect Life Baby Shower ~ Games, Refreshments, Fun!
Saturday, October 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg

Donate items for pro-life agencies:
Baby lotion, shampoo, wash and wipes
Washcloths, towels, bottles, pacifiers
Onesies, sizes 0-12
Diaper sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6, and pull-ups
Fall and winter clothing, preemie-toddler
Winter sleepers, newborn-toddler

Hosted by the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW)

RSVP to Kathy Kokoski at kakoko120@comcast.net or 717-448-8899 or Debbie Black at mvdb01@verizon.net or 717-514-8815.
If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, contact Kathy for arrangements.

GRAND ULTRAYE
Saturday, October 26, 2019
9:00am — 3:00pm
Diocesan Conference Center
4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17111
Doors Open 8:00am

Register by Oct. 21 for Lunch
Grand Ultreya Cost: $15.00 (Can pay at door)
Contact: Roseann Guerrini
Email: rose52g@comcast.net
Phone: 717-248-4328
Address: 409 Oak Ridge Rd., Lewistown, PA 17044
Bring your spiritual books for the Book Swap!!

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - 9:15am
Main Celebrant - Bishop Ronald Gainer

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Two Diocesan seminarians who are in formation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary were instituted into the Ministry of Lector on Sept. 14. The Ministry of Lector is one of the special ministries a man preparing for Sacred Orders receives. The Lector is given the official blessing of the Church to read the word of God in the liturgical assembly, along with the charge to catechize and prepare others to receive the Sacraments. Pictured from left are Rev. Thomas McKenna, C.M.; Bishop Timothy C. Senior, Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary; Thomas L. Meinert, seminarian; Bishop Edward C. Maleics of the Diocese of Greensburg; Joseph P. Creavey, seminarian; Father Joseph Shenosky, Vicerector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary; and Father Patrick J. Brady, Dean of the School of Diaconal Formation and Dean of the School of Theological Studies, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Recently, Knights of Columbus Councils presented Brother Knight Cole Mase with checks totaling $1,500. Cole began attending St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in August to begin studies for the priesthood. Council 10502 of Holy Spirit Parish in Palmyra presented $1,000, and the 4th Degree Msgr. John J. Lawley Assembly 973 presented $500.

The Knights of Columbus’ RSVP Program encourages local councils to adopt a seminarian, pledging prayers along with financial support to aid the seminarian in the course of his six to eight years in seminary. As seminarians are unable to have secular employment during their studies, this support is an important and valued means of supporting vocations.

Pictured from left in the photo at left are Bill Lavage, Deputy Grand Knight for Council 10502, Cole Mase, Tom Szeltner, Grand Knight, and Jim Albus, Recorder. Pictured from left in the photo at right are Jim Dezago, Faithful Navigator of Assembly 973, Mase, and Tom Szeltner, Grand Knight.

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The Knights of Columbus of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Buchanan Valley presented Bishop Ronald Gainer with a check for $500 to support vocations. The gift was made prior to the Fishers of Men Dinner on Oct. 4. From left are Dr. Paul Scarlata, Dr. Robert Ternes, Bishop Gainer, Karlton Smith and Bernie Cabana.
Parish Bazaars

(A listing of parish bazaars is also online at www.hbgdiocese.org. Submit parish bazaar announcements via e-mail to communications@hbgdiocese.org.)

The Columbiettes, St. Joseph’s Auxiliary 12788 in Mechanicsburg, seventh annual Christmas Fest on Nov. 23 at the St. Joseph Parish Life & Education Center, Mechanicsburg, from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch available for purchase, 60 craft vendors, a silent auction, Scholastic book sale, raffle, bake sale, musical performances, children’s games and a visit from St. Nicholas.

The CCW of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Hershey, Christmas bazaar on Nov. 9 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Grandma’s Attic treasures, flea market, baked goods, jewelry, crafts, Christmas decorations, toys and more! Breakfast and lunch available.

The Annunciation Women of Mercy and Joy, Christmas bazaar on Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the St. Teresa of Calcutta school hall in McSherrystown. Fall baskets, raffles, decorated wreaths and trees, outdoor wood pieces, craft creations, children’s and adult baskets, filled tubs with gift cards, baked goods and 50/50. Breakfast and lunch served with two soups.

St. Francis Xavier Gift Fair & Holiday Bazaar in Gettysburg, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Xavier Center. Local vendors and artisans. Fair trade items, collectibles, holiday gifts, baked goods, children’s activities. Café offering breakfast and lunch items. Door prizes, multi-item raffle and more. Free admission. Call 717-309-2485; www.sfxpccw.org.

The CCW of Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg, Holiday Craft Fair, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the parish center. 26 vendors with a variety of unique hand-sewn items, crafts, jewelry, home decor, baked goods and much more. Breakfast sandwiches, a warm lunch and dessert from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, contact Kathy at 717-352-7354.

The CCW of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Lykens, Christmas bazaar on Nov. 9 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the social hall. Food, Chinese auction, raffles, jewelry and craft stands, baked goods.

St. John the Baptist Parish in New Freedom, Christmas bazaar on Nov. 1 from 5-8 p.m., Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Nov. 3 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the social hall. Raffle and silent auction items (Nov. 1 and 2), gift baskets, Christmas crafts, vintage items, art gallery, delicious homemade baked goods, men’s warehouse, garden and religious tables, and much more! Kids’ activities are on Nov. 2 and include a visit with Santa (10 a.m.-2 p.m.), Secret Santa Shop, and make-your-own gingerbread house! Dinner on Nov. 1 and breakfast and lunch on Nov. 2 prepared by Knights of Columbus Council #8891. For information, call the parish office at 717-235-2156.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Hanover, Christmas bazaar on Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Vendors, raffle, kitchen items, bake sale. Sponsored by St. Vincent’s Knights of Columbus Council 14865.

Assumption BVM Parish in Lebanon, Christmas bazaar on Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parish center. Handmade items and craft items, pulled pork BBQ, soups, cakes, cookies, candy, assorted gift baskets, raffle gift items.

Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg to Host ‘You’re Amazing Experience’

Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg will host a one-of-a-kind evening of inspiration, encouragement, and faith on Nov. 8 with ‘The You’re Amazing Experience,’ presented by Hard as Nails Ministries.

The event is a unique spiritual encounter that features preaching, personal testimonies, audience interaction, storytelling, music, videos, entertainment and prayer, along with a number of exciting surprises. The evening’s theme is “God’s Favor in Your Life.” The event will be Nov. 8 from 6-8 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) at Corpus Christi, and is open to all (ages 12+, or at parents’ discretion). The event is free of charge.

Hard as Nails Ministries is a national Catholic evangelization apostolate with a special outreach to youth. It was founded in 2002 by Justin Fatica, star of the HBO Documentary Hard as Nails and the author of two best-selling books. Fatica and a team of 18-25-year-old-volunteer missionaries traverse the country evangelizing by way of 16 different types of Hard as Nails events, all in the promotion of its mission: “To awaken the world to the power of God’s love.”

At a ‘You’re Amazing Experience,’ people come to know God’s love for them in an intimate way. Struggles are put into perspective and burdens are lifted. Children have shared with their parents their own reignited experience of God. Relationships are repaired and reinvigorated so that families can realize how much they need one another and express their love for one another like never before. People leave the event more grateful for their families, for God...and even for their suffering! The experience of encouragement, forgiveness, and hope has moved people to come together as a community of believers and to commit to their faith with newfound fervor.

Hard as Nails presents a new way of evangelizing that focuses on caring for all people by accompanying them in their suffering. Offering an approach that is both innovative and a little edgy, HN has impacted thousands of lives and brought many of the disillusioned, the unchurched, “nones,” and young people back to church.

Register for the event at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hard-as-nails-corpus-christi-parish-community-event-tickets. For information, call 1-888-498-2255.
Listen with Your Eyes

By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

The newness of the school year had finally worn off. The morning rituals of getting everyone ready for school and work, and the evening rituals of preparing a meal started to become a chore rather than just a part of life.

In the midst of these doldrums, an eight-year-old boy became a prophetic influence to his mom.

You see, Mom picked Troy up at school, drove home and began preparing dinner for the family. She had Pinterest open on her phone, trying to follow directions from a recipe, was texting her mom about a concern her mom was having, all while trying to help Troy with his homework. She had one earbud in her ear, listening to the Diocesan podcast, Musings from a Catholic Evangelist, [yes, a shameless plug!] In short, life was running at a very fast pace; a typical evening experience.

Troy was chattering to his mom about his day. He shared how his classmates were playing a game of kickball and how he had kicked the ball so hard, he cleared all the bases! Without looking up, Mom said, “Really? Oh good!” It became obvious that Mom was only half listening. Testing this, Troy said, “After I came home, we all ate spuds as a snack.” Mom retorted, “That’s nice.” Frustrated, Troy looked up from his homework and tapped her on the hip. “Mom, can you listen to me with your eyes?”

“What?” she asked. A little more forcibly, Troy demanded, “Can you please listen to me with your eyes?” With that, Mom put the phone down, unplugged her earbud and sat down in front of Troy and listened to him with her eyes. When she did this, she pondered on the amazing gift of the life of her son and thought, “I am so blessed! What a great kid!”

This story reminds me of the fact that when we truly “listen with our eyes,” it is an invitation to experience the sacred. According to Kay Lindahl, author of The Sacred Art of Listening1, listening is “an awareness of what not only are we present to each other, we are present to something that is spiritual, holy, sacred.”

When we truly listen “with our eyes” and give someone our full attention, not only do we listen, we create a sacred silence that is present to the words being spoken and to the very being of another. By opening ourselves to another in this way, we also open ourselves to the very heart of another and, in turn, to the Creator of the other, thus deepening the cause for the sacred silence. It is almost as if the Spirit whispers, “Shh, God is present! Listen to Him!”

A challenge? Indeed! But this is just one way of being aware of the Divine in the daily happenings of life. So listen with not only your eyes, but also your heart!


(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.)

Holy Family Radio begins October Pledge Drive

Holy Family Radio, a listener-supported, independent Catholic apostolate and the only Catholic radio station in the Diocese of Harrisburg, is rolling out a new format for its October pledge drive.

“We’ve decided to have a silent pledge drive,” said Betty Girven, president of the Board of Directors of the ministry, which traditionally holds a three-day on-air pledge drive in the fall.

“We knew that our listeners understood the call for funds, and they tolerated the on-air pledging, but what they wanted was the programming that we were interrupting,” explained Girven, who is a retired elementary school teacher.

The ministry listened to those concerns and has rolled out a new format for the pledge drive.

This year, Holy Family Radio is holding a month-long October event and dedicating it to Mary and the month of the Rosary. Supporters may select any day during the month of October and send in their pledge drive donation. The station also encourages listeners to honor Mary by reciting the Rosary every day in October.

“This is an act of faith on our part,” explained Girven. “We most certainly need to have a successful campaign if we are to remain on the air. This is God’s station. We have faith that the listeners will respond.”

Donations can be made online at www.720whyf.com or via mail to Holy Family Radio, Inc., PO Box 6028, Lancaster, PA 17607-6028.

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The CrossWord

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Sunday readings: 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2Tm 1:6-8; 13-14; Lk 17: 5-10 and 2Tm 2: 8-13; Lk 17:11-19

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**SPRITUAL OFFERINGS**

**Public Rosary Rally**, Oct. 13 in the grotto at St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey following 11:30 a.m. Mass. Event is in conjunction with the 22,000 Rosary Rallies across the country honoring Our Lady’s message to the three Fatima children and the Miracle of the Sun. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers led by adults and children. Folding chairs available. In case of rain, Rosary will be in the church.

**Mass for Healing from Addiction**, St. Joseph Church in York. Oct. 12 at 5 p.m. Mass will be offered at the parish’s regular time of 5 p.m., followed by the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. For more information, or to speak with a priest about the Mass, contact the parish at 717-755-7503.

**FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS**

**The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona hosts the Vienna Boys Choir**, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken to support the Cathedral’s Concerts Under the Dome series.

**Catholic men and women volunteers for prison ministry team** (about three hours monthly), needed to visit Dauphin County Prison (Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings), Camp Hill Prison (Friday and Saturday mornings) and Keystone Work Release (Sunday afternoons). No experience necessary, orientation to be scheduled. Prison Christian Growth Group, call 717-571-4217.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School in Coal Township’s Diamond Celebration Gala**, Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Brady Banquet Hall in Ranshaw. Donations needed for gift certificates, bottles of wine and silent auction items. Live auction items valued above $200. Volunteers needed for decorating, auction, refreshments sponsorship and marketing. Classes and businesses can sponsor a table of eight for $450. Contact Jacqueline Kerris at jkerris@lourdes.k12.pa.us or 717-644-0375.

**Lancaster Catholic High School’s Open House and Youth Rally**, Oct. 27 from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Conference-style event will combine a traditional Open House and the I AM Rally. Mass and a keynote session featuring Father Brian Wayne, sessions on faith, academics, extra-curriculars, and affordability. Special sessions for parents to support the efforts of raising faith-filled children in the 21st century. Tours available all day. To register, visit www.lchsyes.org/alive/

**Our Lady of Hope Parish in Coal Township’s annualaffle**, Oct. 13 in the parish hall. Doors open at 11 a.m., raffle at 2 p.m. Prizes include an adult membership in adult ministry and evangelization outreach of the Diocese of Harrisburg. All young adults (20s and 30s) single, married, Catholic or not, are invited. For more information, visit Facebook.com/LYACatholic.

**Theology on Tap in York, featuring Scott Anthony on “How to Stay Married in a Throw Away Culture,” Oct. 22 at The First Post (second floor) in York. Anthony is Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries at St. Joseph Parish in York. Evening begins at 7 p.m. with a happy hour half hour. Presentation at 7:30 p.m., followed by a Q&A session. Theology on Tap is a young adult ministry and evangelization outreach of the Diocese of Harrisburg. All young adults, (20s and 30s) single, married, Catholic or not, are invited. For more information, visit Facebook.com/YorkTheology.

**Theology on Tap in Harrisburg, featuring Warren Herman on “Defeating Deception: Combating the New Age with Catholic Truth,” Oct. 17 at Gilligan’s Bar and Grill in Mechanicsburg. Drawing on personal involvement in the New Age, Herman will examine how alternative spirituality is saturating the culture and Christianity. Evening begins at 7 p.m. with dinner and drinks, followed by the presentation at 7:30 p.m. Theology on Tap is a young adult ministry and evangelization outreach of the Diocese of Harrisburg. All young adults, (20s and 30s) single, married, Catholic or not, are invited. For more information, visit Facebook.com/groups/harrisburgyoungadultcatholics.

**Bishop Robert Barron’s study program, “The Mass,” begins at Annunciation BVM Parish in McSherrystown on Oct. 12. Program is every Saturday from 8:30-10 a.m. in the parish center for seven weeks. Learn to fully understand and appreciate the source and summit of the Catholic faith. To register, or for more details, contact Connie Klunk at connieklunk61@gmail.com or 717-634-9319.

**Pilgrimages & Retreats**

Celebrate 100 years since the birth of John Paul II with Father Tukura Pius Michael, O.P., pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Selinsgrove. The 2-day pilgrimage, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 2020, will visit Poland and Prague. Land-only price is $2,950 pp in double occupancy, first class hotels accommodations, private motor-coach transportation, all breakfasts and eight dinners, and professional guided sightseeing. Contact Catholic Heritage Tours at 1-800-290-3876 or www.catholicheritagetours.com/ PPRC or Mark Filisko 570-374-3933.

**Diocesan Notebook**

(Submit typed announcements to witness@hbgdiocese.org, nine days before their desired dates or pay, please. See the bottom of the Notebook section on page 15 for next issue’s deadline.)
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.

Berwick
Immaculate Conception BVM:
Joseph Kitta
Frances O’Dell
Columbia
St. Peter:
Robert Dean Saxman
Charles Shring
Danville
St. Joseph:
Pietro Guarino
Harrisburg
Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick:
Nancy Stilo
Holy Family:
Carmela Hettes
Holy Name of Jesus:
Walter W. Segebart
St. Catherine Labouré:
Jean Lebo
Hershey
St. John of Arc:
Ralph “Barney” Warnaumont
Lancaster
Assumption BVM:
Peter Bukowski
St. John Neumann:
Charles Harach
Robert Hart
Donald Roland
William Wiernicki
St. Joseph:
Lee A. LeFeber
Doroles M. Mcnee
Carolyn Schultker
Patricia Wisniewski
Lebanon
Assumption BVM:
Louise Johnson
Marian Kohlman
Lewisburg
Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Stephen Pakovic
David Smith
Littlestown
St. Aloysius:
Mary Catharine “Kay” Lehr
Lykens
Our Lady, Help of Christians:
Michael F. Staken, Jr.
McSherrystown
Annunciation BVM:
Mary Kenworthy
Philip Mullard
Mechanicsburg
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:
Sally Cawthra
Rene Lavoye
Francis (Mike) Melichini
Doris Turbett
St. Joseph:
Michael Swetra
Joseph Tozlosky, Jr.
Middletown
Seven Sowers BVM:
Richard Costik
Thomas D’Annunzio
William Darragh
Mount Carmel
Divine Redeemer:
Anna M. DeRienzo
Helen Shawda
Christina Marie Wert
Helen M. Yodzis
Our Lady of Mount Carmel:
Janet Birster
Deborah Kanowicz
William McCarthy
New Cumberland
St. Theresa:
Regine Roberts
New Freedom
St. John the Baptist:
Joan Keller
Bernard “Bernie” Strait
New Oxford
Immaculate Conception BVM:
Joseph Pirozzi
Palmyra
Holy Spirit:
Patricia L. Geib
Dorothy A. Shelly
Rohrerstown
St. Leo the Great:
Sally Chille
Catherine M. “Cass” Fuhrman

DECEASED CLERGY

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

Father Walter Halaburda, 2000
Father Edward J. Barrett, 2001
Father John Suknaic, 2004
Father Bernard Quinn, 2006
Deacon Edwin Fitzpatrick, 2008

Father Stephen Sheetz, 2009
Father Kevin Kayda, 2013
Father Andrew J. Fontanella, 2014
Msgr. Vincent Topper, 2016
Father Walter Sempko, 2017
Father Paul Theisz, 2017

Beginning Experience Weekend for those Suffering the Loss of a Spouse

Camp Hebron in Halifax, Pa.
November 8-10

The eumcological Beginning Experience weekend is 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. Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing and spiritual restoration. In the Diocese of Harrisburg, the program is under the Office of Family and Respect Life Ministries. Visit the Diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org, and go to Marriage and Family, or visit 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.

JOB OPENINGS
York Catholic High School seeks a Boys’ Lacrosse Head Coach. Previous high school age level experience required. Submit a non-teaching application, resume, and cover letter to Principal Katie Seufer, YCHS, 601 E Springettsbury Ave, York PA 17403, kseufer@yorkcatholic.org, no later than Oct. 17. Recent clearances are required as a condition of hiring. Complete details online at https://yorkcatholic.org/about-ychs/employment/.

St. Joseph School in York seeks a part-time classroom supervisor for the after school program. Create and supervise activities for 13 children and help with homework. No ads, posters or PDFs, please. A link to the submission deadlines for all editions in 2019 is posted on The Witness’ page at www.hbgdiocese.org.

Next Deadline: October 16
The deadline for submissions for the October 25 edition of The Witness is Wednesday, October 16 4:30 p.m.
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Trinity Golfers Place Well at Districts, Look Forward to Returning to States

By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness

Every first weekend of October, golfers from District 3 gather at Briarwood Golf Course in York to compete in the team and then individual championships.

In the Class AA team championships won by Lancaster Mennonite, York Catholic placed third, just ahead of Trinity. The Blazers had four scores in the 70s to easily win the team competition played on the East Course under sunny skies and light winds on Sept. 28.

The 36-hole individual competition featured the boys playing on the East Course with the girls playing on the newer West Course. Played on Oct. 4 and 5, both days featured gusty, swirling winds that challenged the players. In Class AA, defending champion James Ulsh of Trinity placed second behind Lancaster Mennonite’s Gavin Baer, who shot a total of 152 to win by two shots over Ulsh, who won the championship last year as a freshman. After Baer double bogeyed the first hole in the final round, Ulsh had Baer in his sights the entire round as both were in the final group. Both Ulsh and Baer scrambled extremely well in the windy conditions, saving par from a number of difficult predicaments, but Baer was able to drain several crucial putts to win the gold medal.

“My goal all year has been to win states,” a visibly disappointed Ulsh said. “And that goal has not changed. I am confident I can do it.”

The state regional tournament is Oct. 14 at Golden Oaks near Reading, where the top finishers will move on to the PIAA state championship at Heritage Hills in York.

In the girls’ Class AA championship, Trinity’s Olivia Maddux battled the stiff breezes to finish fourth (85-86) behind Camp Hill’s Paige Richter, who won the gold medal by shooting two impressive 75s. Maddux’s top-five performance earned her a return trip to the regionals, where the junior will compete for a spot to play at Heritage Hills on Oct. 21 and 22 in the PIAA state championships where she competed last year also. After the round, Maddux said, “My scores this year had not been what I hoped for, but I was pleased with the way I played at districts, especially with how windy the first day was.”

The West Course is far more tight of the tee than the East Course where as the latter as greens with ample slope and pace.